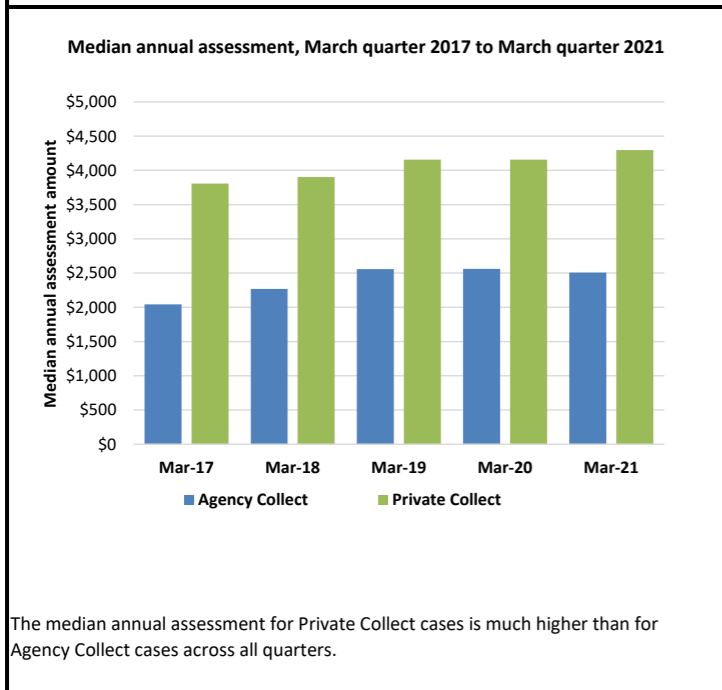
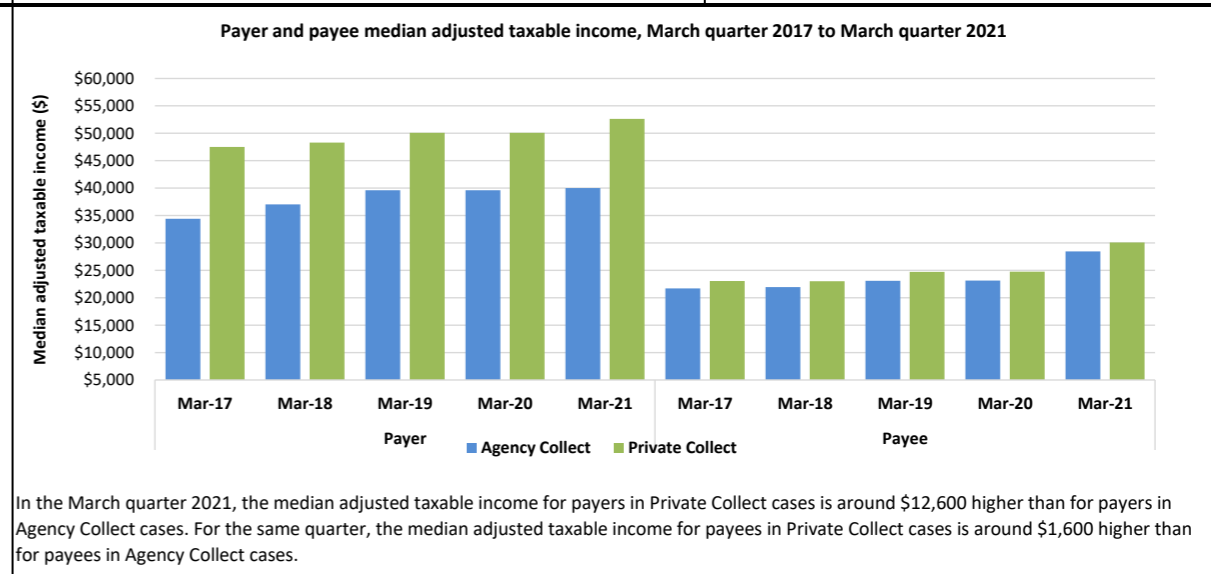
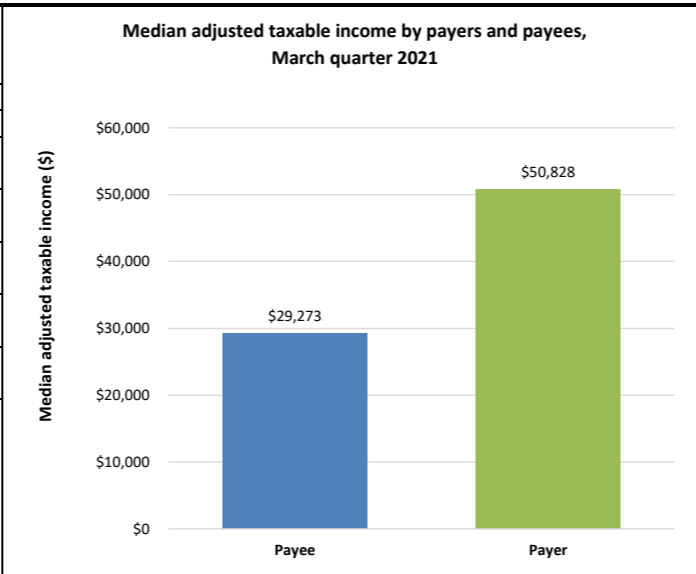


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Parents by collection method and care arrangements, March quarter 2021 ²				
Amount of Care	Agency Collect		Private Collect	
	Payers	Payees	Payers	Payees
Below regular care (0 to 51 nights per year or < 14%)	228,831	1,454	184,569	2,765
Regular care (52 to 127 nights per year or 14% to < 35%)	63,911	383	88,677	990
Shared care (128 to 237 nights per year or 35% to 65%)	28,319	28,449	53,919	53,957
Primary care (238 to 313 nights per year or > 65% to 86%)	383	63,998	994	88,712
Above primary care (314 to 365 nights per year or > 86%)	1,418	228,839	2,744	185,340

The majority (around two-thirds) of payees have care of their child support child for more than 313 nights a year, whereas the majority (around two-thirds) of payers have care for less than 52 nights a year. Over 12% of child support parents have shared care arrangements. The number of parents with a shared care arrangement who use Private Collect is around double that of parents who use Agency Collect.

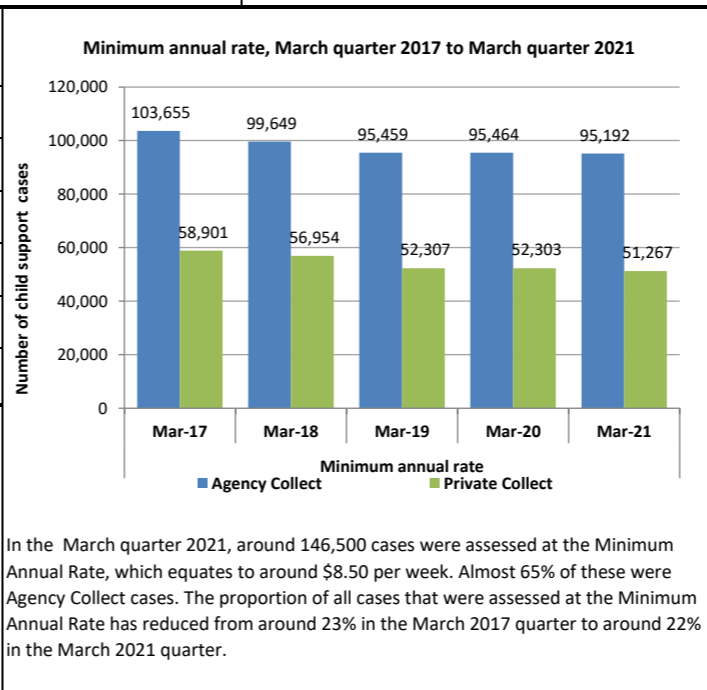


Number of payers in child support active cases by income type, March quarter 2017 to March quarter 2021

Income type	Mar-17	Mar-18	Mar-19	Mar-20	Mar-21
Actual, declared or derived (e.g. ATO, ISP, overseas)	478,610	482,589	473,239	473,263	464,664
Default or deemed (e.g. 2/3 MTAW, indexed, nil)	123,663	121,975	123,006	123,048	112,139
Estimated income	46,823	38,782	38,890	38,831	49,774
Post-separation income or no income details	1,032	958	938	937	697
Total ***	647,065	641,700	633,747	633,753	625,431

*** Payers in multiple cases can have different income for different cases. Therefore, the components won't add to total.

Declared taxable income was used to calculate child support payable for the majority (around 74%) of payers in active cases from March 2017 to March 2021, and the proportion has remained stable over this period.



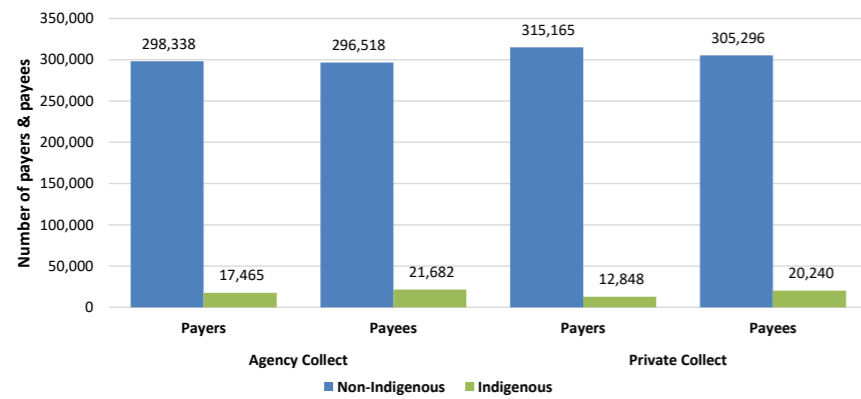
Number of child support cases by the annual rate payable, March quarter 2017 to March quarter 2021

Annual rate range	Mar-17	Mar-18	Mar-19	Mar-20	Mar-21
\$0 - \$500	225,276	217,623	205,267	205,270	203,403
\$501 - \$2,000	77,276	75,878	73,865	73,859	73,256
\$2,001 - \$5,000	146,305	145,510	142,434	142,438	131,707
\$5,001 - \$10,000	145,143	145,817	148,935	148,931	145,143
\$10,001 - \$20,000	82,849	85,489	89,692	89,693	94,050
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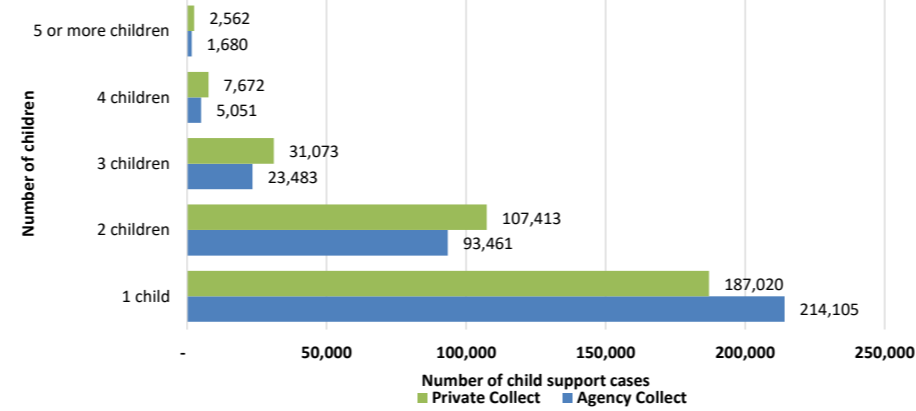
The proportion of active cases with an annual liability of \$0-\$500 has stayed relatively constant over the five years to March 2021, with over 30% of cases (203,403) having an annual liability of \$0-\$500 in the March quarter 2021.

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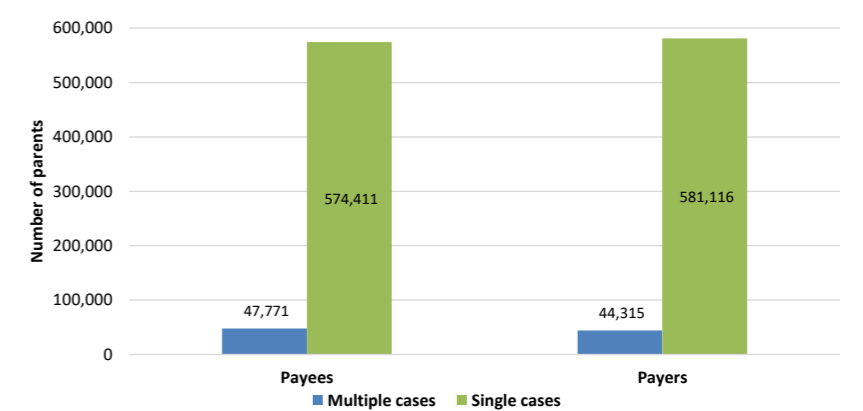
Indigenous status of payers and payees, March quarter 2021



Number of cases by number of children in a case, March quarter 2021



Number of payers & payees involved in one or more child support cases, March quarter 2021



In Agency Collect cases, almost 7% of payees and around 6% of payers identify as Indigenous. In Private Collect cases, over 6% of payees and almost 4% of payers identify as Indigenous.

The majority of both Agency Collect and Private Collect cases involve one child. Cases involving two or more children are more likely to be Private Collect cases.

44,315 payers (7.1%) and 47,771 payees (7.7%) had more than one active case in the March quarter 2021.

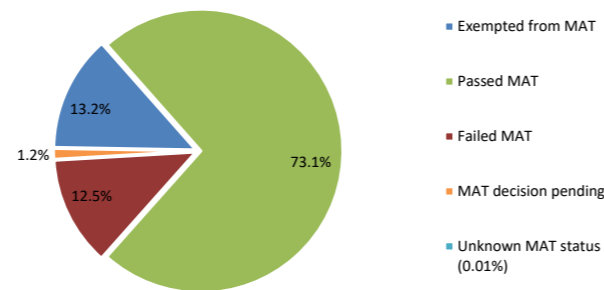
Number of children by age, March quarter 2017 to March quarter 2021 ****

		Child age category (years)			
		0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 and over
Private Collect	Mar-17	111,181	168,869	178,773	111,476
	Mar-18	106,552	166,435	182,148	108,979
	Mar-19	99,405	161,442	183,199	107,348
	Mar-20	99,399	161,466	183,270	107,346
	Mar-21	91,701	155,153	183,980	108,733
Agency Collect	Mar-17	59,874	140,634	180,664	120,863
	Mar-18	57,711	139,943	184,832	118,843
	Mar-19	56,375	139,211	188,487	117,853
	Mar-20	56,374	139,194	188,476	117,845
	Mar-21	52,604	136,314	191,897	119,934

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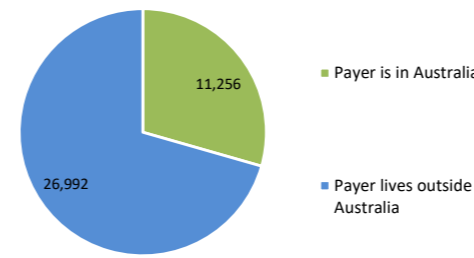
Agency Collect cases have a smaller number of children aged 0-4 years and a larger number involving 15 years and over, compared to Private Collect cases.

FTB Part A children by Maintenance Action Test (MAT) Category, March quarter 2021



Under the Family Tax Benefit Part A Maintenance Action Test, separated parents must take reasonable action to obtain child support to be eligible for more than the base rate of FTB Part A. In certain circumstances parents may be exempt from the Maintenance Action Test. Percentages in this chart may not total 100 per cent due to rounding.

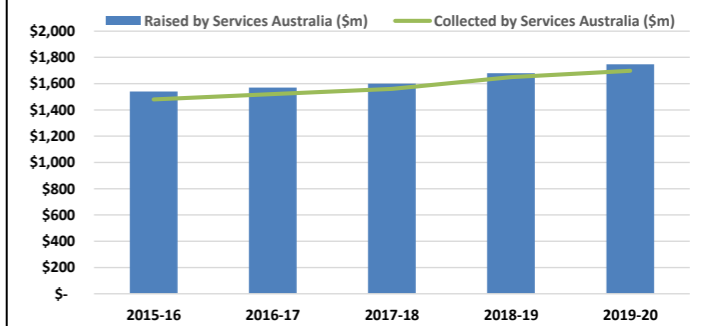
International child support cases by payer residency, March quarter 2021



In the March quarter 2021, there were 38,248 international child support cases. In 11,256 cases, a payer living in Australia sent child support to a payee and child(ren) living overseas. In 26,992 cases, the payer lived overseas and sent child support to a payee and child(ren) living in Australia.

Source: Services Australia's International Business Area.

Amount of child support assessments raised and liabilities collected by Services Australia for Agency Collect cases, 2015-16 to 2019-20³



In 2019-20, Services Australia collected around \$1.70 billion in child support liabilities. In the same period, around \$1.75 billion of child support assessments were raised in Agency Collect cases.

Source:

Services Australia's Child Support Extract Data (CSED) unless stated otherwise. Data is based on the relationship case count, excludes spousal maintenance cases, and includes Agency Collect and Private Collect cases. These figures may not align with those published elsewhere due to different reporting methodologies.

Notes:

- The number of children includes child support children only and excludes other dependent children.
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