Child Support Program - June quarter 2023 Number of active child support cases, parents and children, **About Child Support**

Child Support is a private transfer of money between separated parents for the support of their children.

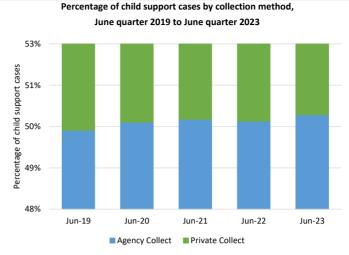
The objective of the Child Support Scheme is to ensure that:

- parents share in the costs of supporting their children according to their financia
- adequate financial support is available to all children not living with both parents Commonwealth involvement and expenditure is limited to the minimum amount necessary for ensuring children's needs are met
- work incentives for both parents to participate in the labour force are not impaired, and
- the overall arrangements are non-intrusive to personal privacy and are simple, flexible and efficient.

Cases that involve parents/carers who transfer child support through Services Australia are referred to as Agency Collect Cases. Cases that transfer child support by private arrangement are referred to as Private Collect Cases.

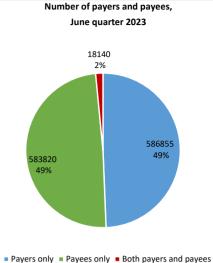
June quarter 2019 to June quarter 2023								
Quick Facts		Jun-19	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22	Jun-23	Change Jun- 19 to Jun- 23	Change Jun- 22 to Jun- 23
Active Cases	Agency Collect	340,750	340,155	338,365	332,020	328,045	-3.7%	-1.2%
	Private Collect	342,330	338,360	335,395	329,850	323,420	-5.5%	-1.9%
	Total	683,080	678,515	673,760	661,870	651,465	-4.6%	-1.6%
Parents/ carers	Agency Collect	638,760	638,005	635,000	623,695	616,650	-3.5%	-1.1%
	Private Collect	666,925	658,795	652,885	641,700	629,005	-5.7%	-2.0%
	Total*	1,246,040	1,237,970	1,229,410	1,207,395	1,188,815	-4.6%	-1.5%
Children ¹	Agency Collect	503,690	504,070	501,705	491,185	484,095	-3.9%	-1.4%
	Private Collect	549,945	544,080	539,335	529,585	517,930	-5.8%	-2.2%
	Total	1,053,635	1,048,155	1,041,040	1,020,770	1,002,030	-4.9%	-1.8%
Payers	Male	542,710	536,300	528,925	515,900	505,910	-6.8%	-1.9%
	Female	70,815	71,635	72,640	73,015	71,405	0.8%	-2.2%
	Total**	633,815	629,795	625,565	614,770	604,995	-4.5%	-1.6%
Payees	Male	69,400	70,025	70,740	70,925	69,030	-0.5%	-2.7%
	Female	544,145	537,165	529,480	516,470	506,690	-6.9%	-1.9%
	Total**	630,620	626,455	622,315	611,505	601,960	-4.5%	-1.6%

A parent can be in both collection methods for different children. Therefore, the components won't add to total. * Total includes payers and payees with no gender recorded



n the June quarter 2023, child support cases with a liability being collected privately made up 50% of the active caseload, the remaining 50% are collected by Services Australia.

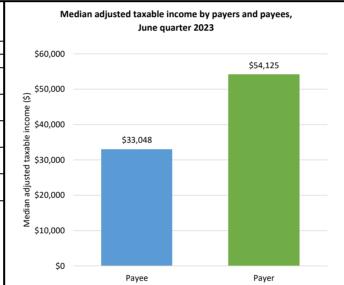
Payer



Payment by collection method and care arrangements, June quarter 2023²

	Agency	Collect	Private Collect	
Amount of Care	Payers	Payees	Payers	Payees
Below regular care (0 to 51 nights per year or < 14%)	221,320	1,710	175,120	3,065
Regular care (52 to 127 nights per year or 14% to < 35%)	60,795	405	84,075	1,025
Shared care (128 to 237 nights per year or 35% to 65%)	30,175	30,345	55,900	55,925
Primary care (238 to 313 nights per year or > 65% to 86%)	405	60,920	1,025	84,060
Above primary care (314 to 365 nights per year or > 86%)	1,685	221,020	3,025	175,970

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 13% 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

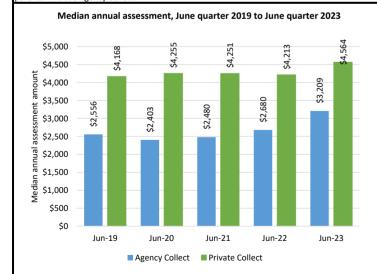


\$60,000 \$40,000 \$30,000 \$10,000

Payer and payee median adjusted taxable income, June quarter 2019 to June quarter 2023

■ Agency Collect ■ Private Collect

n the June quarter 2023, the median adjusted taxable income for payers in Private Collect cases is around \$10,100 higher than for payers in Agency Collect cases. or the same quarter, the median adjusted taxable income for payees in Private Collect cases is \$210 higher than for payees in Agency Collect cases.



The median annual assessment for Private Collect cases is much higher than for Agency Collect cases across all quarters

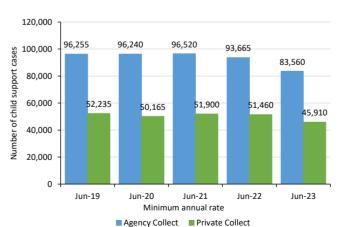
Number of payers in child support active cases by income type, June guarter 2019 to June guarter 2023

June quarter 2015 to June quarter 2025							
Income type	Jun-19	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22	Jun-23		
Actual, declared or derived (e.g. ATO, ISO, overseas)	493,025	490,430	487,700	496,775	485,825		
Default or deemed (e.g. 2/3 MTAWE, indexed, nil)	97,535	86,050	84,500	72,525	80,130		
Estimated income	43,630	53,835	53,855	45,675	39,180		
Post-separation income or no income details	970	760	710	800	775		
Total ***	633,815	629,795	625,565	614,770	604,995		

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

Declared taxable income was used to calculate child support payable for the majority of Annual Rate, which equates to around \$9.50 per week. Over 64% of these were agency payers in active cases from June 2019 to June 2023. The proportion has remained stable cases. The proportion of all cases that were assessed at the Minimal Annual Rate has over this period, from 77% to 80%.

Minimum annual rate, June quarter 2019 to June quarter 2023



In the June quarter 2023, more than 129,000 cases were assessed at the Minimum reduced from around 22% in the June 2019 quarter to around 20% in the June 2023 guarter.

Number of child support cases by annual rate payable,

June quarter 2019 to June quarter 2023							
Annual rate range	Jun-19	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22			
60 - \$500	205,760	203,650	205,885	199,995	178,745		
5501 - \$2,000	73,795	75,775	73,115	71,310	69,725		
52,001 - \$5,000	140,795	136,420	130,100	126,030	124,670		
55,001 - \$10,000	148,330	145,485	143,790	139,515	142,955		
510,001 - \$20,000	90,885	92,385	94,450	96,835	103,205		
520,001 +	23,515	24,805	26,420	28,185	32,165		
otal	683,080	678,515	673,760	661,870	651,465		

he proportion of active cases with an annual liability of \$0-\$500 stayed relatively onstant over the 4 years to June 2022 with around 30% of cases having an annual ability of \$0-\$500, falling to 27% in the June quarter 2023.

Child Support Program - June quarter 2023 Number of cases by number of children in a case, June quarter 2023 Indigenous status of payers and payees, June quarter 2023 Number of payers & payees involved in one or more child support cases, June quarter 2023 350,000 303.290 291,425 290,235 286.430 5 or more children 300 000 500,000 250,000 4 children 200,000 400,000 29,300 3 children 150,000 € 300.000 102,880 100.000 2 children 200,000 50,000 23 010 16,980 21.850 12,445 181,380 100.000 46 010 42,830 Agency Collect Payers Agency Collect Payees Private Collect Payers Private Collect Payees 50,000 150,000 200,000 250,000 100.000 ■ Non-Indigenous ■ Indigenous Number of child support cases Payees ■ Multiple cases ■ Single cases Pavers ■ Private Collect Agency Collect n Agency Collect cases, over 7% of payees and over 5% of payers identify as Indigenous. In Private Collect cases, The majority of both Agency Collect and Private Collect cases involve one child. Cases involving two or more children are 42,830 payers (7.1%) and 46,010payees (7.6%) had a more than one active case in the June quarter 2023. almost 7% of payees and almost 4% of payers identify as indigenous. nore likely to be Private collect cases. Amount of child support assessments raised and liabilities collected by Services Number of children by age, FTB Part A children by Maintenance Action Test (MAT) Category, International child support cases by payer residency, June quarter 2023 Australia for Agency Collect cases, 2018-19 to 2022-233 June quarter 2019 to June quarter 2023**** June quarter 2023 Child age category (years) Raised by Services Australia (\$m) Collected by Services Australia (\$m) \$1,880 0 to 4 5 to 9 10 to 14 15 and over \$2,000 \$1,823 \$1,738 \$1 698 Jun-19 97,800 160,515 183,730 107,900 Exempted from MAT \$1,646 \$1,800 lun-20 94 245 156 825 184 715 108 300 \$1,600 ■ Passed MAT **Private Collect** Jun-21 90,870 154,325 183,600 110,540 \$1,400 Paver is in Australia 87.215 181.025 112.050 Jun-22 149.295 ■ Failed MAT \$1 200 Jun-23 83,440 143,670 176,910 113,910 \$1,000 MAT decision pending Jun-19 55.885 138,655 189,655 119,495 25 900 \$800 Paver lives outside 54,130 137,450 192,195 120,290 un-20 \$600 Unknown MAT status Australia **Agency Collect** Jun-21 52,030 135,605 191,690 122,380 48,195 129,820 188,355 124,815 Jun-22 \$200 45,605 124,965 185,765 127,760 Jun-23 \$0 *** There are children with missing age values. Therefore, row totals for a quarter may In the June guarter 2023, there were 35,595 international child support cases. In 9,695 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 not match with the child population shown elsewhere. cases, a payer living in Australia sent child suport to a payee and child(ren) living overseas. In 25,900 cases, the payer lived overseas and sent child support to a payee Under the Family Tax Benefit Part A Maintenance Action Test, separated parents must

and child(ren) living in Australia.

Source: Services Australia - International Business Area.

2022-23, Services Australia collected around \$1.88 billion in child support

gency Collect cases.

iabilities. In the same period, around \$1.93 billion of child assessments were raised in

Source

Services Australia 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.

Note

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

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.

- 2. The data excludes 4,505 children in 2,550 cases for whom payer and payee care details cannot be determined (e.g. data invalid as it exceeds 365 care nights combined). As the care levels that payers and payees have of different children in a case may vary, a payer or payee may be counted in more than one category.
- 3. This figure includes child support received by Services Australia in the financial year for liabilities raised in previous years. The percentage collected for assessments raised in the financial year is not able to be calculated based on current available data.

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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.