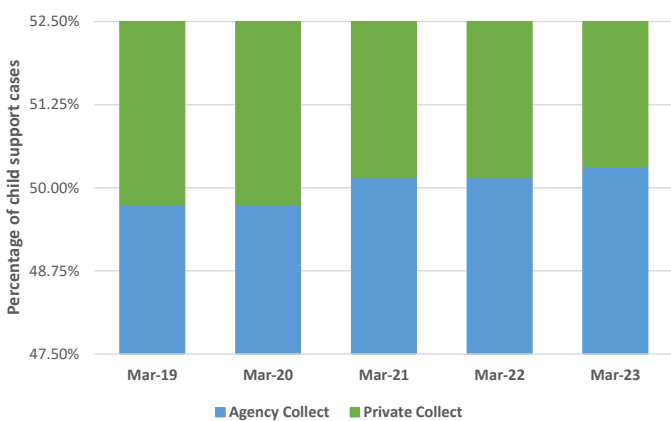
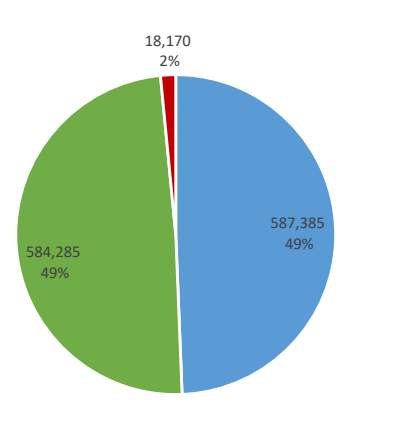
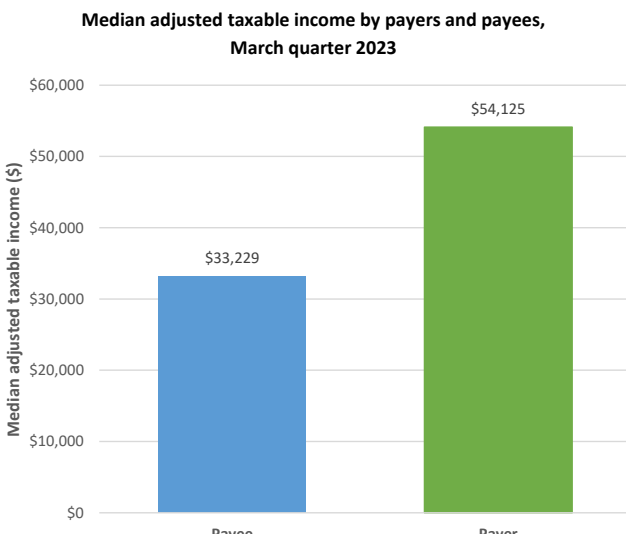
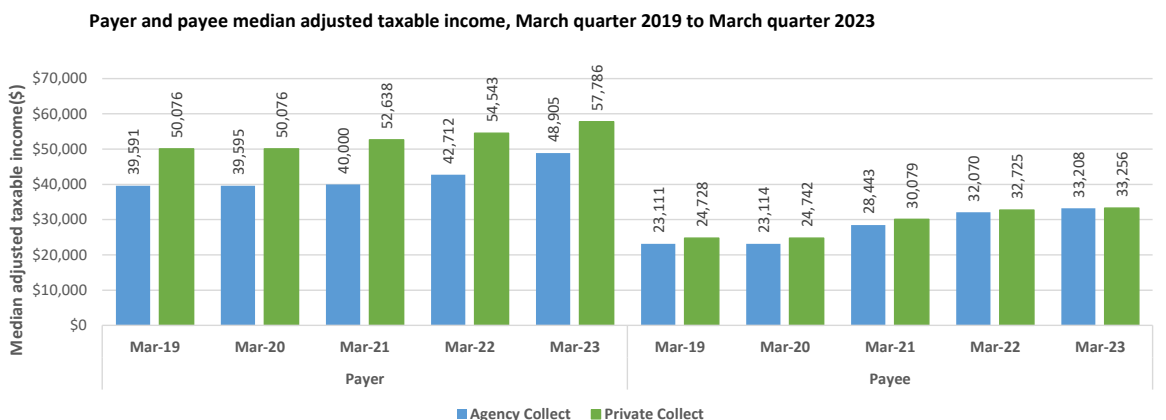
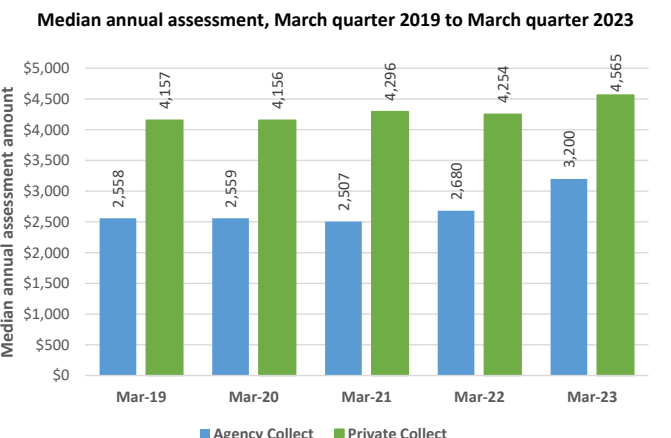
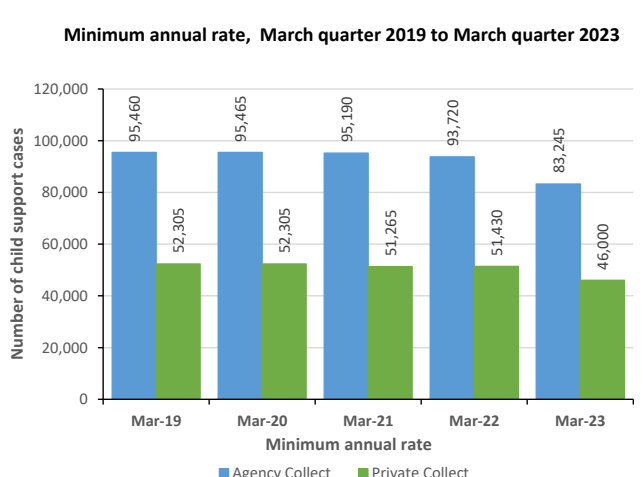
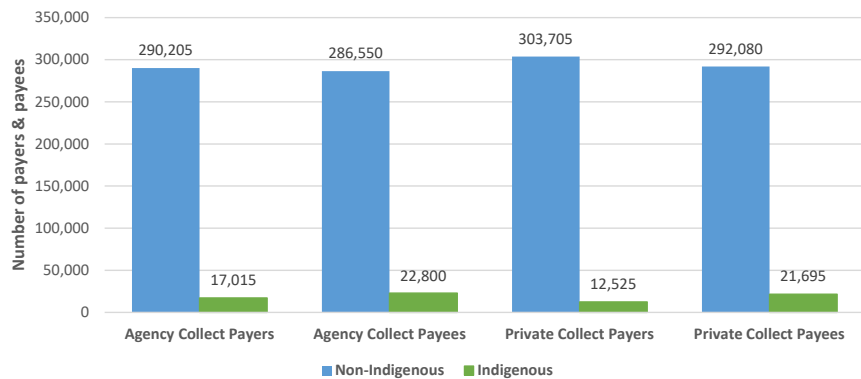


Child Support Program - March quarter 2023																			
About Child Support		Number of active child support cases, parents and children, March quarter 2019 to March quarter 2023							Percentage of child support cases by collection method, March quarter 2019 to March quarter 2023		Number of payers and payees, March quarter 2023								
<p>The Department of Social Services is seeking feedback from interested stakeholders on publically available child support data. To discuss or provide feedback, please email data@dss.gov.au.</p> <p>Objectives of the Child Support Scheme :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- parents share in the costs of children according to financial capacity- children are adequately financially supported by 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 are not impaired, and- the overall arrangements are non-intrusive to personal privacy and are simple, flexible and efficient. <p>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.</p>		Quick Facts		Mar-19	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Change Mar-19 to Mar-23	Change Mar-22 to Mar-23									
				Active Cases	Agency Collect	339,870	339,835	337,780	332,235	328,120			-3.5%	-1.2%					
		Private Collect	343,260		343,295	335,740	330,220	323,920	-5.6%	-1.9%									
		Total	683,130		683,130	673,520	662,455	652,040	-4.6%	-1.6%									
		Parents/ carers	Agency Collect	637,050	636,955	634,005	624,085	616,565	-3.2%	-1.2%									
			Private Collect	668,695	668,755	653,550	642,525	630,000	-5.8%	-1.9%									
			Total*	1,245,910	1,245,910	1,229,145	1,208,635	1,189,835	-4.5%	-1.6%									
		Children ¹	Agency Collect	501,925	501,890	500,755	491,225	484,140	-3.5%	-1.4%									
			Private Collect	551,400	551,485	539,565	530,055	518,480	-6.0%	-2.2%									
			Total	1,053,325	1,053,375	1,040,320	1,021,280	1,002,625	-4.8%	-1.8%									
		Payers	Male	542,895	543,005	529,610	516,840	506,895	-6.6%	-1.9%									
			Female	70,850	70,765	72,520	72,980	71,545	1.0%	-2.0%									
			Total**	633,745	633,755	625,430	615,240	605,555	-4.4%	-1.6%									
		Payees	Male	69,535	69,425	70,720	70,970	69,245	-0.4%	-2.4%									
			Female	544,410	544,475	530,210	517,505	507,555	-6.8%	-1.9%									
			Total**	630,585	630,555	622,180	612,135	602,450	-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.												
Payment by collection method and care arrangements, March quarter 2023 ²																			
Amount of Care		Agency Collect										Private Collect							
		Payers	Payees									Payers	Payees						
Below regular care (0 to 51 nights per year or < 14%)		221,220	1,675									175,595	2,960						
Regular care (52 to 127 nights per year or 14% to < 35%)		61,095	405									84,435	1,015						
Shared care (128 to 237 nights per year or 35% to 65%)		29,900	30,085									55,685	55,715						
Primary care (238 to 313 nights per year or > 65% to 86%)		405	61,235	1,015	84,425														
Above primary care (314 to 365 nights per year or > 86%)		1,645	220,915	2,940	176,490														
<p>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 parents who use Agency Collect.</p>						<p>In the March quarter 2023, the median adjusted taxable income for payers in Private Collect cases is around \$8,900 higher than for payers in Agency Collect cases. For the same quarter, the median adjusted taxable income for payees in Private Collect cases is around \$48 higher than for payees in Agency Collect cases.</p>													
				Number of payers in child support active cases by income type, March quarter 2019 to March quarter 2023						Minimum annual rate, March quarter 2019 to March quarter 2023				Number of child support cases by annual rate payable, March quarter 2019 to March quarter 2023					
				Income type		Mar-19	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23					Annual rate range		Mar-19	Mar-20	Mar-21
Actual, declared or derived (e.g. ATO, ISO, overseas)	473,240	473,265	464,665			476,740	467,055	\$0 - \$500	205,265	205,270							203,405	200,030	178,635
Default or deemed (e.g. 2/3 MTawe, indexed, nil)		123,005	123,050	112,140	97,490	103,795					\$501 - \$2,000		73,865	73,860	73,255	70,905	69,470		
Estimated income		38,890	38,830	49,775	41,845	35,365					\$2,001 - \$5,000		142,435	142,440	131,705	127,070	125,680		
Post-separation income or no income details		940	935	695	765	770					\$5,001 - \$10,000		148,935	148,930	145,145	140,700	144,015		
Total ***		633,745	633,755	625,430	615,240	605,555					\$10,001 - \$20,000		89,690	89,695	94,050	96,145	102,745		
<p>*** Payers in multiple cases can have different incomes for different cases. Therefore, the components won't add to total.</p> <p>Declared taxable income was used to calculate child support payable for the majority (around 77%) of payers in active cases from March 2019 to March 2023 and the proportion has remained stable over this period.</p>												\$20,001 +		22,935	22,940	25,960	27,605	31,495	
												Total		683,130	683,130	673,520	662,455	652,040	
<p>The median annual assessment for Private Collect cases is much higher than for Agency Collect cases across all quarters</p>														<p>The proportion of active cases with an annual liability of \$0-\$500 has stayed relatively constant (30%) over the 4 years to March 2022 dropping to around 27% of cases (178,635) having an annual liability of \$0-\$500 in the March quarter 2023.</p>					

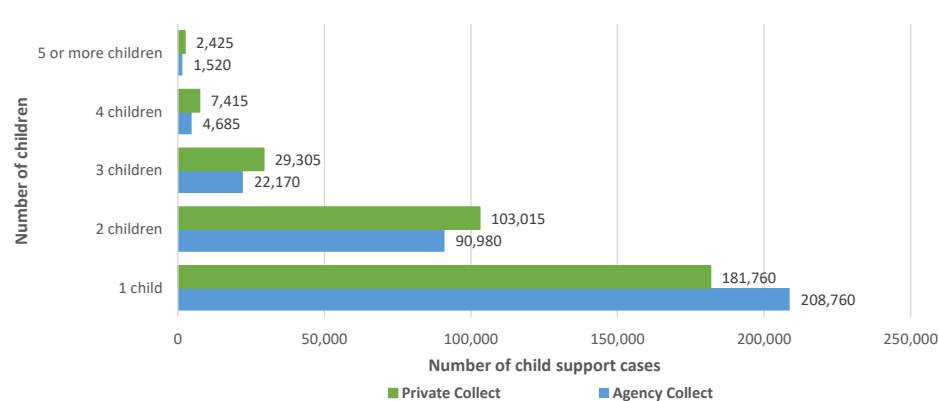
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Indigenous status of payers and payees, March quarter 2023



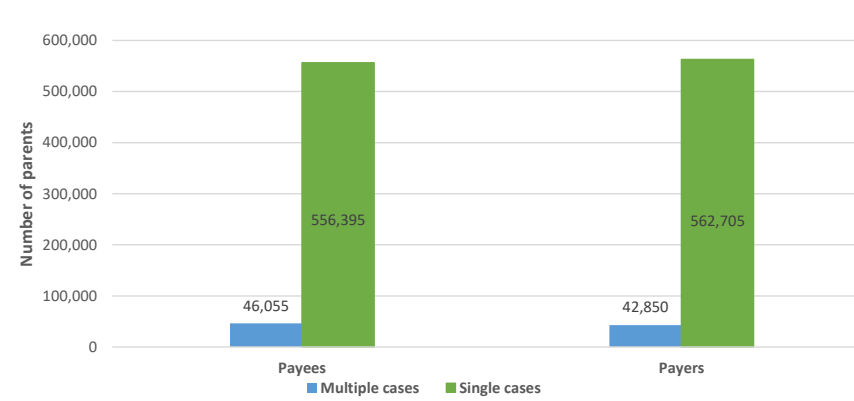
In Agency Collect cases, over 7% of payees and over 5% of payers identify as Indigenous. In Private Collect cases, almost 7% of payees and 4% of payers identify as indigenous.

Number of cases by number of children in a case, March quarter 2023



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.

Number of payers & payees involved in one or more child support cases, March quarter 2023



42,850 payers (7.1%) and 46,055 payees (7.6%) had a more than one active case in the March quarter 2023.

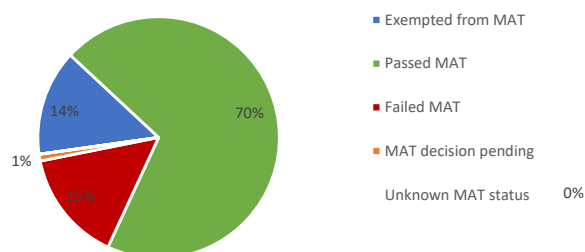
Number of children by age, March quarter 2019 to March quarter 2023****

		Child age category (years)			
		0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 and over
Private Collect	Mar-19	99,405	161,440	183,200	107,350
	Mar-20	99,400	161,465	183,270	107,345
	Mar-21	91,700	155,155	183,980	108,735
	Mar-22	88,085	150,505	181,515	109,945
	Mar-23	83,985	144,530	177,315	112,655
Agency Collect	Mar-19	56,375	139,210	188,485	117,855
	Mar-20	56,375	139,195	188,475	117,845
	Mar-21	52,605	136,315	191,895	119,935
	Mar-22	49,115	131,455	188,995	121,655
	Mar-23	46,220	126,325	186,250	125,350

**** There are children with missing age values. Therefore, row totals for a quarter may not match with the child population shown elsewhere.

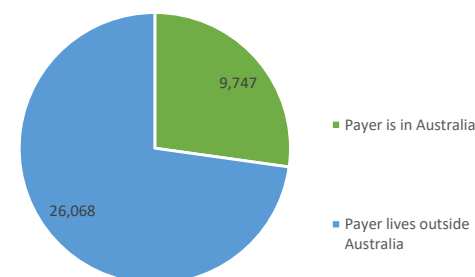
Agency Collect cases have a smaller number of children aged 0-4 years and a larger number involving 15 years and over, compared to Private Collect cases.

FTB Part A children by Maintenance Action Test (MAT) Category, March quarter 2023



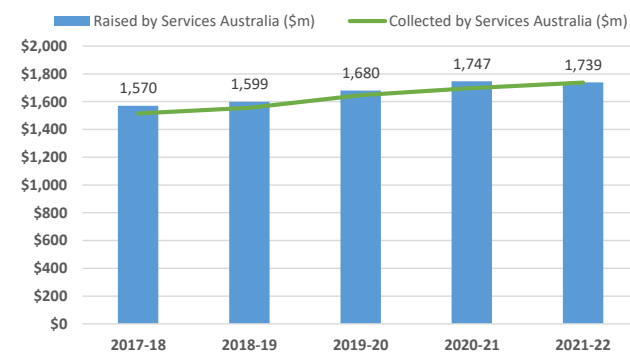
Under the Family Tax Benefit Part A Maintenance Action Test, separated parents must take reasonable action to obtain child support to be eligible for more than the base rate of FTB Part A. In certain circumstances parents may be exempt from the Maintenance Action Test. Percentages in this chart may not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

International child support cases by payer residency, March 2023



In the March quarter 2023, there were 35,815 international child support cases. In 9,747 cases, a payer living in Australia sent child support to a payee and child(ren) living overseas. In 26,068 cases, the payer lived overseas and sent child support to a payee and child(ren) living in Australia. Source: Services Australia - International Business Area.

Amount of child support assessments raised and liabilities collected by Services Australia for Agency Collect cases, 2017-18 to 2021-22³



In 2021-22, Services Australia collected around \$1.74 billion in child support liabilities. In the same period, around \$1.74 billion of child assessments were raised in Agency Collect cases.

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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.

Notes:

- The number of children includes child support children only and excludes other dependent children
- The data excludes 4,590 children in 2,610 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.
- 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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