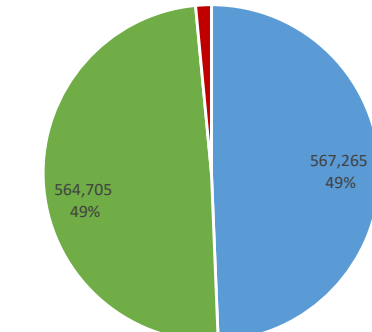
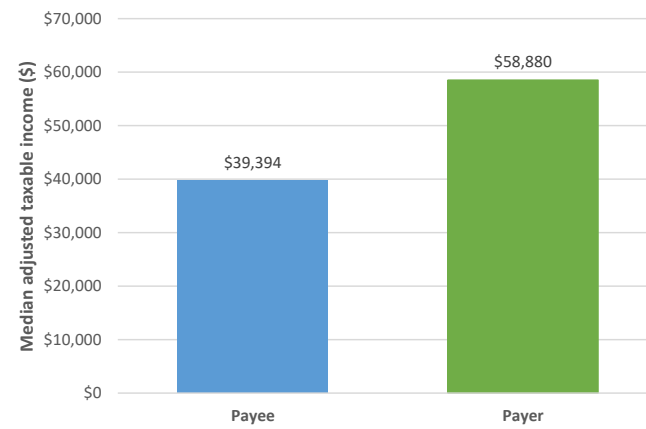
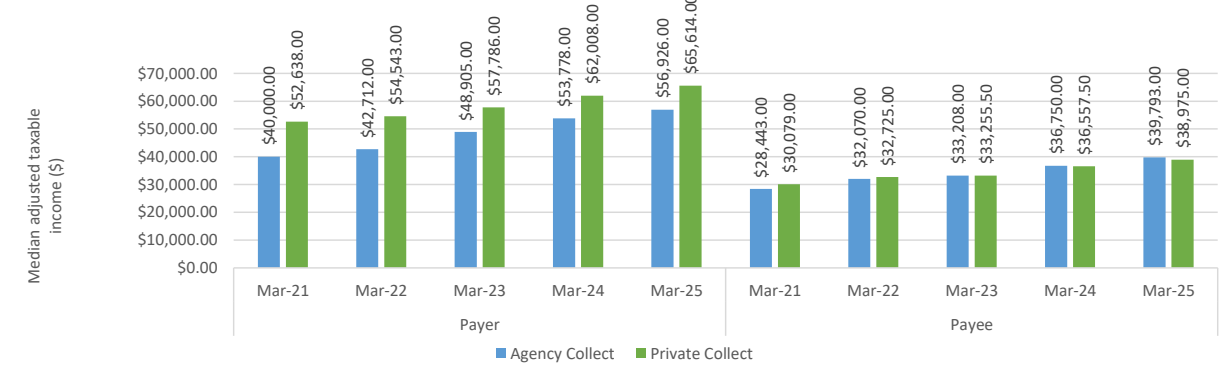
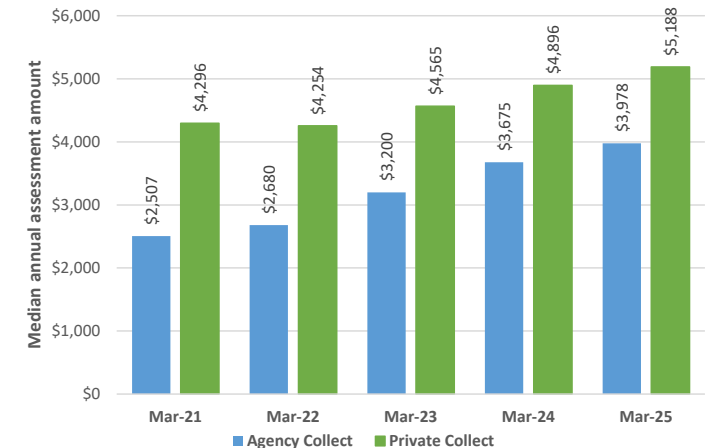
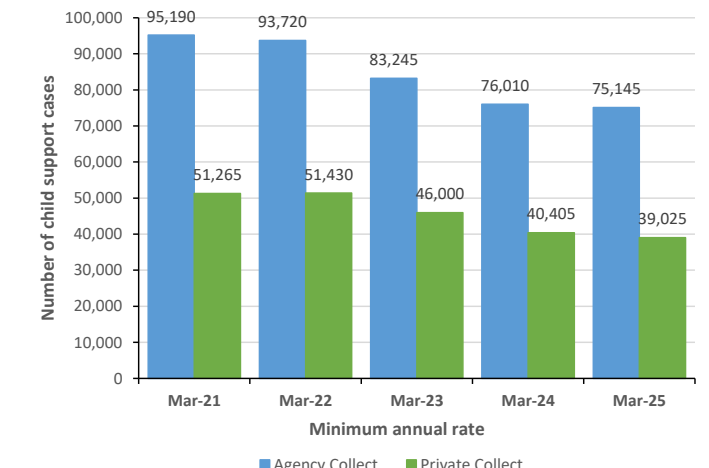
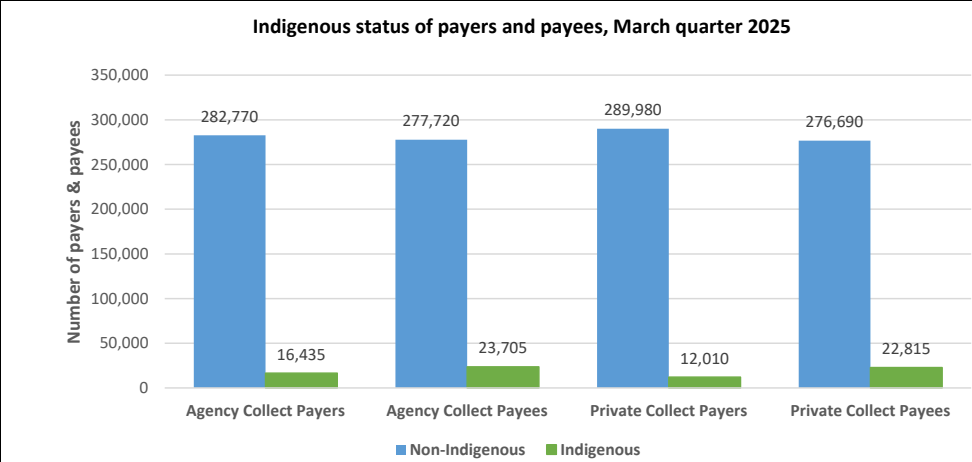
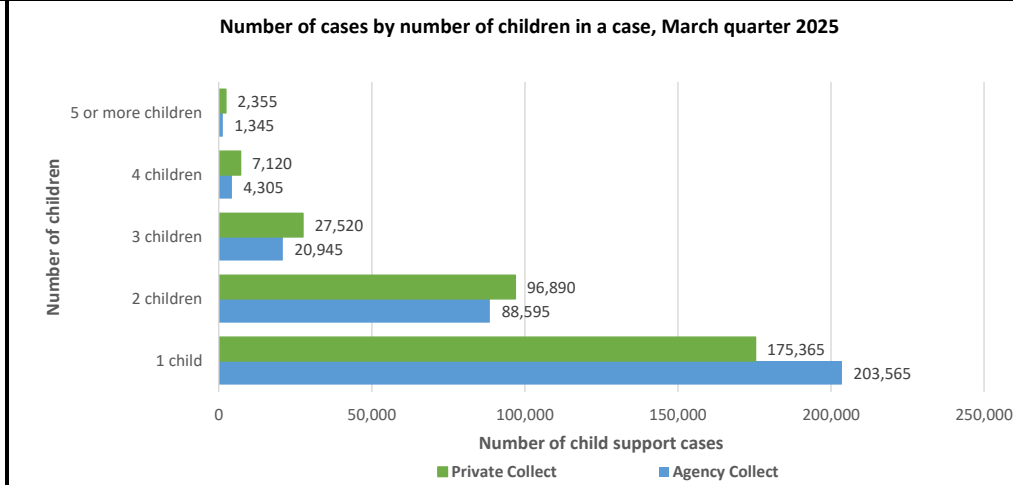


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About Child Support			Number of active child support cases, parents and children, March quarter 2021 to March quarter 2025							Percentage of child support cases by collection method, March quarter 2021 to March quarter 2025		Number of payers and payees, March quarter 2025										
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 financial capacities - 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.			Quick Facts		Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24	Mar-25	Change Mar 21 to Mar-25	Change Mar-21 to Mar-25											
					Active Cases	Agency Collect	337,780	332,235	328,120	321,715	318,750			-5.6%	-0.9%							
			Private Collect	335,740		330,220	323,920	315,280	309,250	-7.9%	-1.9%											
			Total	673,520		662,455	652,040	636,995	628,000	-6.8%	-1.4%											
			Parents/ carers	Agency Collect	634,005	624,085	616,565	605,465	600,625	-5.3%	-0.8%											
				Private Collect	653,550	642,525	630,000	613,160	601,500	-8.0%	-1.9%											
				Total*	1,229,145	1,208,635	1,189,835	1,164,040	1,149,065	-6.5%	-1.3%											
			Children ¹	Agency Collect	500,755	491,225	484,140	473,305	468,040	-6.5%	-1.1%											
				Private Collect	539,565	530,055	518,480	503,275	492,910	-8.6%	-2.1%											
				Total	1,040,320	1,021,280	1,002,625	976,580	960,950	-7.6%	-1.6%											
Payers	Male	529,610	516,840	506,895	493,390	484,815	-8.5%	-1.7%														
	Female	72,520	72,980	71,545	69,940	69,195	-4.6%	-1.1%														
	Total**	625,430	615,240	605,555	592,010	584,355	-6.6%	-1.3%														
Payees	Male	70,720	70,970	69,245	67,465	66,335	-6.2%	-1.7%														
	Female	530,210	517,505	507,555	494,410	485,760	-8.4%	-1.7%														
	Total**	622,180	612,135	602,450	589,470	581,800	-6.5%	-1.3%														
							* A parent can be in both collection methods for different children. Therefore, the components won't add to total.		In the March quarter 2025, child support cases with a liability being collected privately made up 49.2% of the active caseload, the remaining 50.8% are collected by Services Australia.													
							** Total includes payers and payees with no gender recorded.															
Payment by collection method and care arrangements, March quarter 2025 ²								Payer and payee median adjusted taxable income, March quarter 2021 to March quarter 2025														
Amount of Care		Agency Collect		Private Collect																		
		Payers	Payees	Payers								Payees										
Below regular care (0 to 51 nights per year or < 14%)		214,670	1,875	167,340				3,225														
Regular care (52 to 127 nights per year or 14% to < 35%)		57,580	360	78,290				950														
Shared care (128 to 237 nights per year or 35% to 65%)		31,705	31,845	56,000				55,990														
Primary care (238 to 313 nights per year or > 65% to 86%)		355	57,740	945				78,250														
Above primary care (314 to 365 nights per year or > 86%)		1,830	214,420	3,190				168,110														
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. Around 14% of child support parents have shared care arrangements.								In the March quarter 2025, the median adjusted taxable income for payers in Private Collect cases is almost \$8,700 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 \$820 lower than for payees in Agency Collect cases.														
Median annual assessment, March quarter 2021 to March quarter 2025					Number of payers in child support active cases by income type, March quarter 2021 to March quarter 2025					Minimum annual rate, March quarter 2021 to March quarter 2025			Number of child support cases by annual rate payable, March quarter 2021 to March quarter 2025									
					Income type		Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24	Mar-25				Annual rate range		Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24	Mar-25	
					Tax assessment		361,270	370,895	380,115	364,565	353,765				\$0 - \$500		203,405	200,030	178,635	148,410	42,355	
					Provisional income		215,055	202,995	190,390	192,795	195,595				\$501 - \$2,000		73,255	70,905	69,470	78,315	176,245	
					Estimated income		49,775	41,845	35,365	34,990	35,390				\$2,001 - \$5,000		131,705	127,070	125,680	120,455	109,175	
					Post-separation income		45	120	180	210	180				\$5,001 - \$10,000		145,145	140,700	144,015	144,095	145,600	
					No income details		655	645	590	545	515				\$10,001 - \$20,000		94,050	96,145	102,745	109,795	114,095	
					Total ***		625,430	615,240	605,555	592,010	584,355				\$20,001 +		25,960	27,605	31,495	35,925	40,530	
					*** Payers in multiple cases can have different incomes for different cases. Therefore, the components won't add to total.										Total		673,520	662,455	652,040	636,995	628,000	
					Assessed taxable income was used to calculate child support payable for the majority of payers in active cases, increasing from 57.8% in March 2021 to 60.5% in March 2025. Tax returns are not due to be lodged until 31 October (if self-lodged) or later if lodged by a tax agent.												The proportion of active cases with an annual liability of \$0-\$500 has dropped significantly, from 23.3% in March 2024 to 6.7% in March 2025, with a corresponding increase in active cases with an annual liability of \$501-\$2000 from 12.3% to 28.1% over the same period. This reflects that the Minimum Annual Rate for child support periods beginning in 2025 increased to \$534 from \$519 in 2024. However, the proportion of cases below the \$2,000 liability level has been stable over time, from 35.6% in March 2024 to 34.8% in March 2025.					
					The median annual assessment for Private Collect cases is much higher than for Agency Collect cases across all quarters.																	

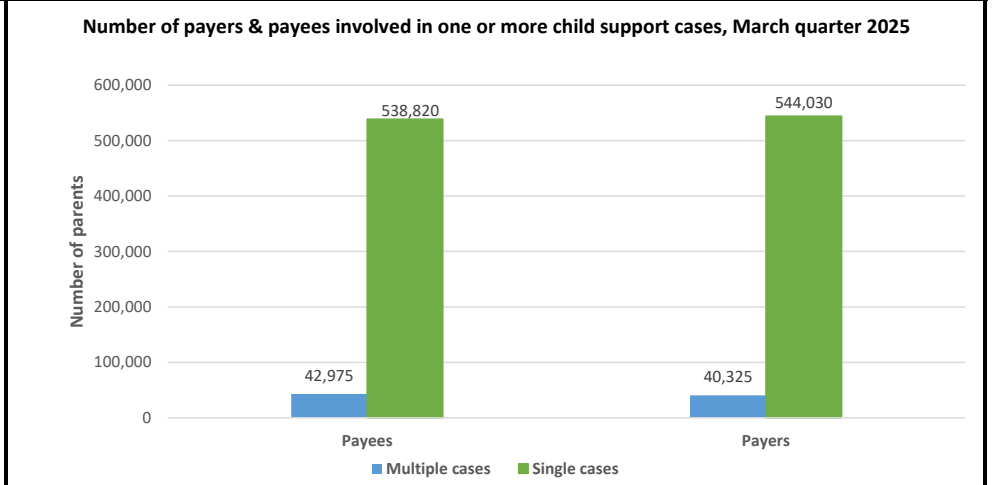
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In Agency Collect cases, almost 8% of payees and over 5% of payers identify as Indigenous. In Private Collect cases, over 7% of payees and 4% of payers identify as indigenous.



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.

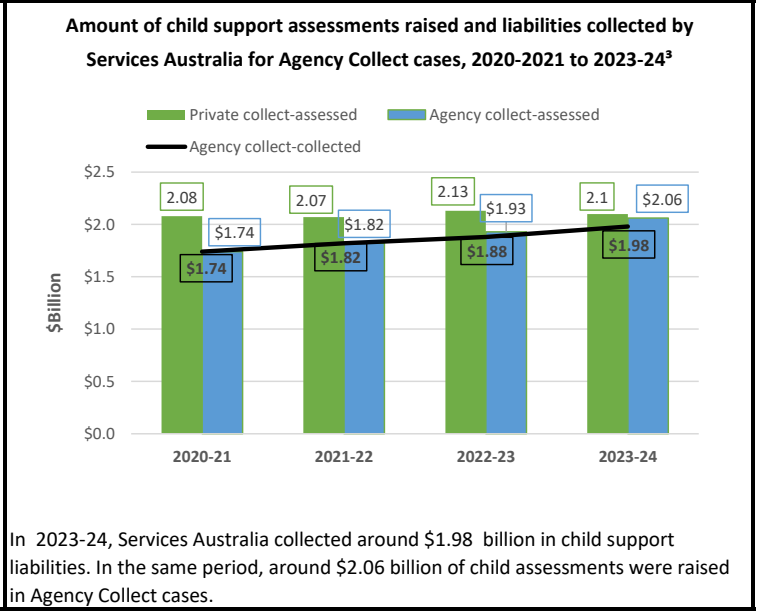
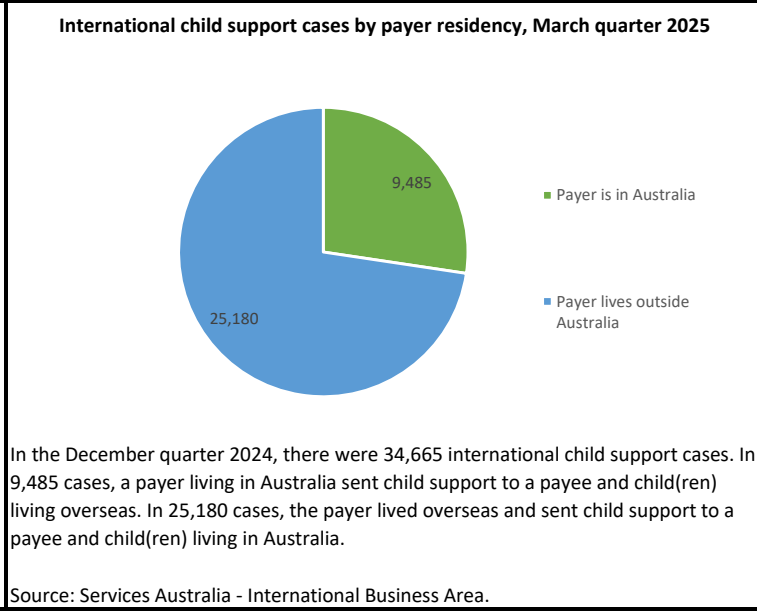
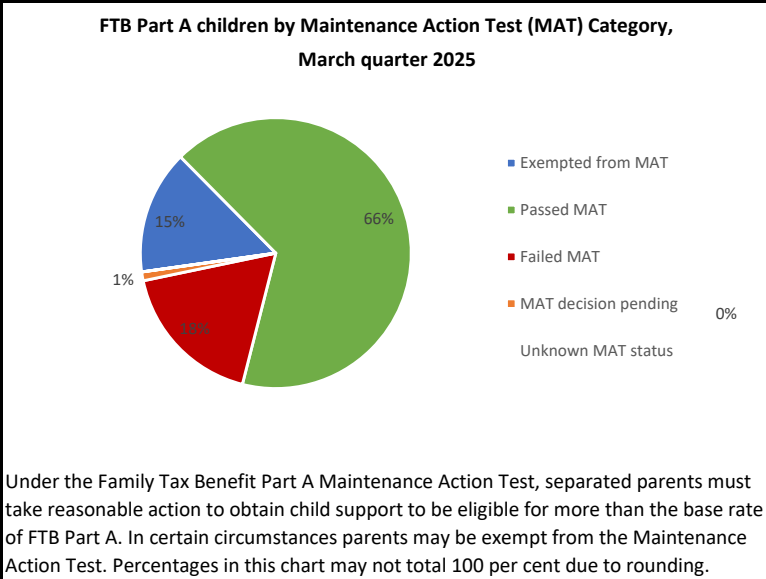


40,325 payers (6.9%) and 42,975 payees (7.4%) had a more than one active case in the March quarter 2025.

Number of children by age, March quarter 2021 to March quarter 2025****					
		Child age category (years)			
		0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 and over
Private Collect	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
	Mar-24	79,160	138,475	173,475	112,160
	Mar-25	77,285	133,685	170,400	111,535
Agency Collect	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
	Mar-24	43,145	121,080	182,855	126,230
	Mar-25	42,450	117,745	181,110	126,735

**** 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.



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 4,115 children in 2,375 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.
 - To protect individuals' privacy, all cells including any totals and subtotals have been rounded to the nearest 5, values from 1 to 7 are rounded to 5. Zero cells are actual zeros. This may result in non-additivity for some totals. Caution should be taken in re-calculating totals from rounded data, as this may compound the effects of rounding.