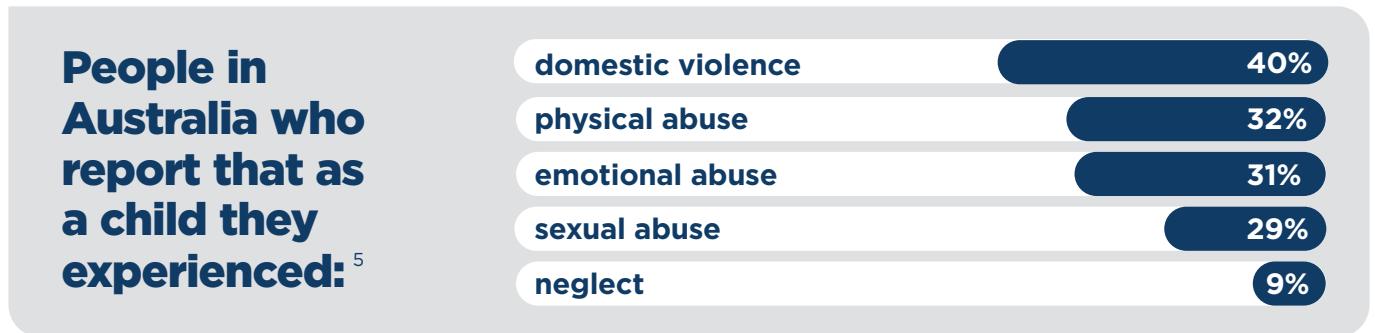
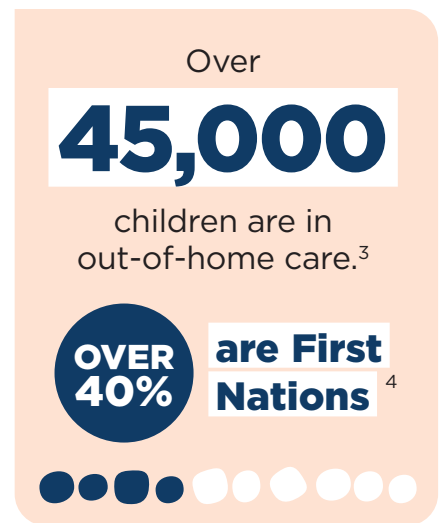
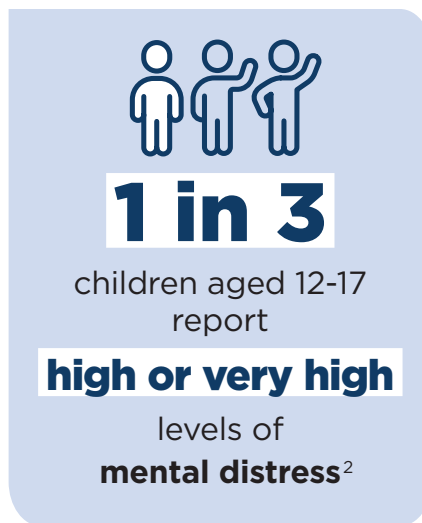


Children's rights



In Australia, most children enjoy their right to education, healthcare, and a good standard of living. Most live in safe, caring homes and communities where they can grow and develop, play and have fun, be involved in activities, and look forward to the future. But some children need more support to enjoy all their rights and freedoms.

Children and their caregivers tell us, and national data shows us, that there is more work to be done to support children in the areas of disability, mental health, safety (including online safety), housing, and child justice, among others.



Over **1 in 5 students** in Australian schools received an educational adjustment due to a disability⁸

1 in 6 children live in poverty⁹

On Census night in 2021, nearly **29,000** children were experiencing homelessness¹⁰

In most parts of Australia, the minimum age of criminal responsibility is **10 years** while the United Nations recommends that it be at least **14 years**¹²

On an average day in Australia in 2022-23, **over 4,500** children were under youth justice supervision.

- 82%** were supervised in the community
- 18%** were in detention¹³

Over 1 in 2 young people report feeling **fearful about their future due to climate change.**¹⁴

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