

AIR - State and Territory Vaccine Objection (Conscientious Objection) Data

This page provides state and territory conscientious objection data for 2012 - 2015.

Conscientious objection data broken down by state and territory was produced from 2012 to 2015.

Conscientious objection statistics are given as at a point in time, not a total number recorded each year. This is because the data collected for conscientious objection reporting is based on the age cohort, birth to under 7 years of age; new born children are added to the conscientious objection data when they are registered for Medicare and are then removed once they turn 7 years of age.

Since 1 January 2016, only families who fully immunise their children, are on a recognised immunisation catch up schedule or have an approved medical exemption can receive family assistance payments linked to immunisation status such as childcare assistance and Family Tax Benefit Part A Supplement. Conscientious objection has been removed as a valid reason for a vaccination exemption. As of 1 January 2016, historical conscientious objection data only is published on this page. For further information refer to the [Department of Human Services website](#).

The category of Other is used where it is unclear in which state the child resides. For example, this may occur where parents live in different states, and they both have the child on their Medicare card.

As at December 2015

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	39,501	371	0.94%
NSW	704,431	8,113	1.15%
NT	27,014	199	0.74%
QLD	445,808	8,188	1.84%

SA	141,228	2,237	1.58%
TAS	42,074	579	1.38%
VIC	541,568	6,441	1.19%
WA	241,821	3,500	1.45%
OTHER*	59,480	464	0.78%
AUS	2,242,925	30,092	1.34%

As at September 2015

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	39,447	393	1.00%
NSW	705,696	8,642	1.22%
NT	26,989	213	0.79%
QLD	447,621	8,692	1.94%
SA	141,746	2,415	1.70%
TAS	42,499	625	1.47%
VIC	541,289	6,855	1.27%

WA	241,617	3,717	1.54%
OTHER*	58,104	467	0.80%
AUS	2,245,008	32,019	1.43%

As at June 2015

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	39,320	425	1.08%
NSW	703,438	9,203	1.31%
NT	26,890	227	0.84%
QLD	445,677	9,209	2.07%
SA	141,077	2,558	1.81%
TAS	42,425	671	1.58%
VIC	537,145	7,294	1.36%
WA	240,013	3,954	1.65%
OTHER*	64,137	522	0.81%
AUS	2,240,122	34,063	1.52%

As at March 2015

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	39,186	436	1.11%
NSW	704,754	9,732	1.38%
NT	27,368	253	0.92%
QLD	448,275	9,747	2.17%
SA	141,385	2,724	1.93%
TAS	42,800	713	1.67%
VIC	536,223	7,748	1.44%
WA	240,539	4,207	1.75%
OTHER*	58,608	498	0.85%
AUS	2,239,138	36,058	1.61%

As at December 2014

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	38,933	472	1.21%
NSW	702,361	10,668	1.52%

NT	27,491	287	1.04%
QLD	447,843	10,659	2.38%
SA	141,189	2,984	2.11%
TAS	42,963	778	1.81%
VIC	533,301	8,459	1.59%
WA	240,072	4,642	1.93%
OTHER*	57,052	574	1.01%
AUS	2,231,205	39,523	1.77%

As at September 2014

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	38,731	485	1.25%
NSW	703,288	10,820	1.54%
NT	27,685	306	1.11%
QLD	448,851	10,781	2.40%
SA	141,699	3,064	2.16%
TAS	43,163	789	1.83%

VIC	533,606	8,596	1.61%
WA	240,160	4,673	1.95%
OTHER*	54,493	543	1.00%
AUS	2,231,676	40,057	1.79%

As at June 2014

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	38,504	478	1.24%
NSW	703,541	10,679	1.52%
NT	27,467	306	1.11%
QLD	448,982	10,688	2.38%
SA	141,665	3,057	2.16%
TAS	43,493	795	1.83%
VIC	531,918	8,468	1.59%
WA	239,216	4,618	1.93%
OTHER*	51,911	498	0.96%
AUS	2,226,697	39,587	1.78%

As at March 2014

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	38,309	437	1.14%
NSW	702,089	9,681	1.38%
NT	26,916	273	1.01%
QLD	449,055	9,706	2.16%
SA	141,428	2,820	1.99%
TAS	43,616	697	1.60%
VIC	530,050	7,767	1.47%
WA	238,384	4,267	1.79%
OTHER*	50,049	461	0.92%
AUS	2,219,896	36,109	1.63%

As at December 2013

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	38,028	425	1.12%

NSW	699,736	9,456	1.35%
NT	27,347	273	1.00%
QLD	448,629	9,609	2.14%
SA	141,298	2,795	1.98%
TAS	43,734	705	1.61%
VIC	528,230	7,728	1.46%
WA	237,424	4,252	1.79%
OTHER*	51,399	455	0.89%
AUS	2,215,825	35,698	1.61%

As at 30 September 2013

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	37,787	416	1.10%
NSW	698,503	9,353	1.34%
NT	26,964	261	0.97%
QLD	448,259	9,507	2.12%
SA	141,059	2,811	1.99%

TAS	43,833	706	1.61%
VIC	526,453	7,724	1.47%
WA	236,237	4,193	1.77%
OTHER*	49,448	461	0.93%
AUS	2,208,543	35,432	1.60%

As at 30 June 2013

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	37,524	401	1.07%
NSW	697,288	8,902	1.28%
NT	27,091	249	0.92%
QLD	447,690	9,117	2.04%
SA	140,412	2,709	1.93%
TAS	44,058	669	1.52%
VIC	524,321	7,413	1.41%
WA	234,600	4,020	1.71%
OTHER*	47,103	406	0.86%

AUS	2,200,087	33,886	1.54%
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As at 31 March 2013

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	37,302	384	1.03%
NSW	695,088	8,396	1.21%
NT	26,853	233	0.87%
QLD	446,347	8,725	1.95%
SA	140,244	2,551	1.82%
TAS	43,952	628	1.43%
VIC	521,332	7,054	1.35%
WA	233,066	3,827	1.64%
OTHER*	46,813	331	0.71%
AUS	2,190,997	32,129	1.47%

As at 31 December 2012

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	36,899	376	1.02%
NSW	691,354	8,345	1.21%
NT	26,860	228	0.85%
QLD	443,814	8,665	1.95%
SA	139,795	2,548	1.82%
TAS	44,093	633	1.44%
VIC	517,312	6,917	1.34%
WA	230,689	3,771	1.63%
OTHER*	45,463	317	0.70%
AUS	2,176,279	31,800	1.46%

As at 30 September 2012

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	36,674	372	1.01%
NSW	690,634	8,326	1.21%

NT	26,854	230	0.86%
QLD	443,077	8,704	1.96%
SA	139,494	2,568	1.84%
TAS	44,321	655	1.48%
VIC	516,042	6,877	1.33%
WA	228,795	3,669	1.60%
OTHER*	44,221	330	0.75%
AUS	2,170,112	31,731	1.46%

As at 30 June 2012

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	36,256	374	1.03%
NSW	687,699	8,173	1.19%
NT	26,715	222	0.83%
QLD	441,859	8,619	1.95%
SA	138,592	2,509	1.81%
TAS	44,530	632	1.42%

VIC	513,094	6,746	1.31%
WA	226,264	3,488	1.54%
OTHER*	42,464	286	0.67%
AUS	2,157,473	31,049	1.44%

As at 31 March 2012

State	Total children	Number children with conscientious objection recorded	% Children with conscientious objection recorded
ACT	35,968	357	0.99%
NSW	686,265	8,027	1.17%
NT	26,874	227	0.84%
QLD	441,339	8,452	1.92%
SA	138,627	2,443	1.76%
TAS	44,760	599	1.34%
VIC	510,379	6,586	1.29%
WA	224,386	3,366	1.50%
OTHER*	39,622	279	0.70%
AUS	2,148,220	30,336	1.41%