

Leader table – Australia

Childcare access in Australia: Best to lowest access in 2024 by State or Territory

State	2024 results (Places per child)	2020 results (Places per child)	Percent in desert (2024)	Percent change
1. Australian Capital Territory	0.636	0.584	14%	9%
2. Victoria	0.519	0.451	14%	15%
3. Queensland	0.514	0.456	23%	13%
4. Northern Territory	0.495	0.429	24%	15%
5. South Australia	0.479	0.420	21%	14%
6. New South Wales	0.431	0.386	28%	12%
7. Western Australia	0.358	0.305	39%	17%
8. Tasmania*	0.352	0.326	57%	8%

Find this data [here](#)

Accessibility has improved across all states and territories since [the last report](#), but not evenly. Tasmania is notable for its slower growth while Western Australia has grown the quickest but still has some of the lowest levels of accessibility. *Data excludes preschool delivery for Tasmania.

Find embeddable and interactive state maps (which breakdown by suburb in the table below)

State or territory	Capital city map	State / Territory map	Best access / Lowest access
NSW	Link	Link	Link
VIC	Link	Link	Link
QLD	Link	Link	Link
SA	Link	Link	Link
WA	Link	Link	Link
TAS	See state map	Link	Link
NT	See territory map	Link	Link
ACT	See territory map	Link	Link

Source: *International childcare report: Mapping the deserts.*

The full international study: *International childcare report: Mapping the deserts* will be released from early September. Australian data can be found [here](#).