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# Community based FDC services: the leaders in ethical FDC provision

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# FAMILY DAY CARE IN THE NEWS



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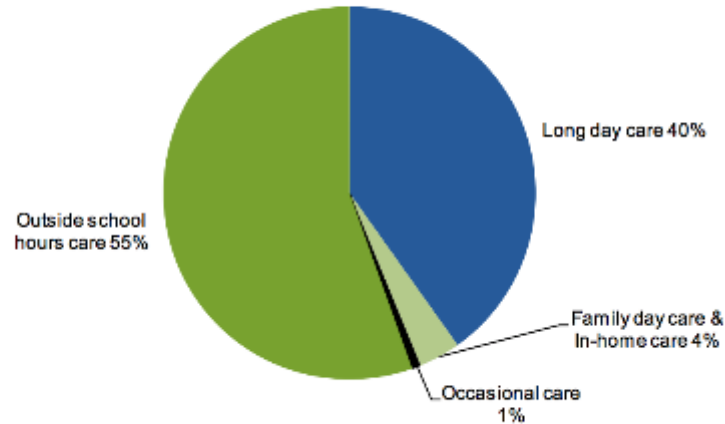
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# How much of the education and care sector is FDC?

Figure 2.2 **Approved childcare services by service type**  
June 2013



Source: Department of Education (2013b).



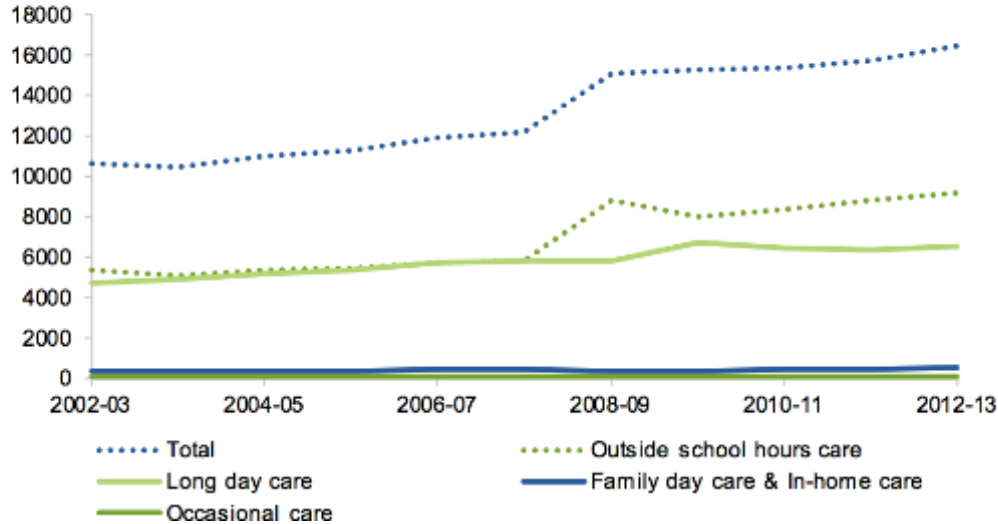
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# How did we get to where we are?

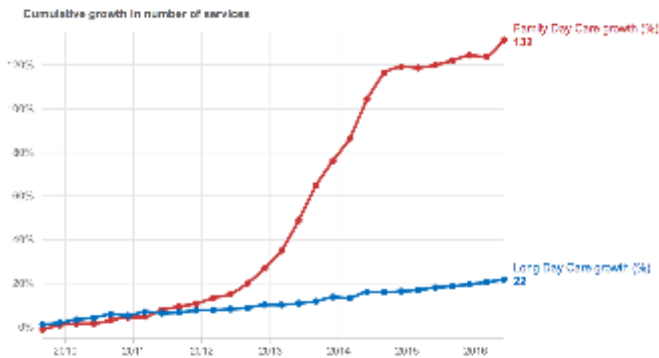
Figure 2.3 Number of approved childcare services<sup>a,b</sup>



# Suddenly there was a big growth in FDC services

Growth in number of Family Day Care services

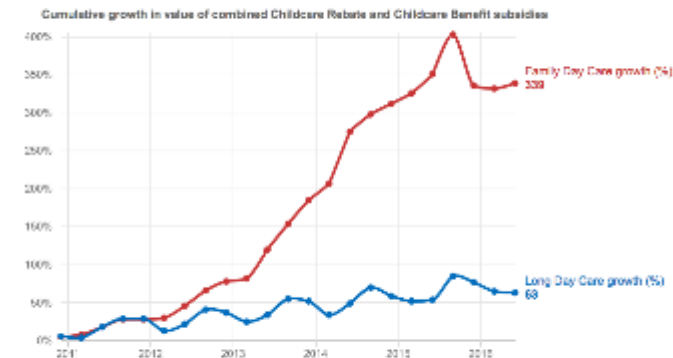
There are 857 Family Day Care services and 6832 Long Day Care services in Australia



Source: Dept of Education  
Credit: ABC

Family Day Care and Long Day Care sectors

Government subsidies for Family Day Care are \$465 million and for Long Day Care \$1.03 billion



Source: Dept of Education  
Credit: ABC



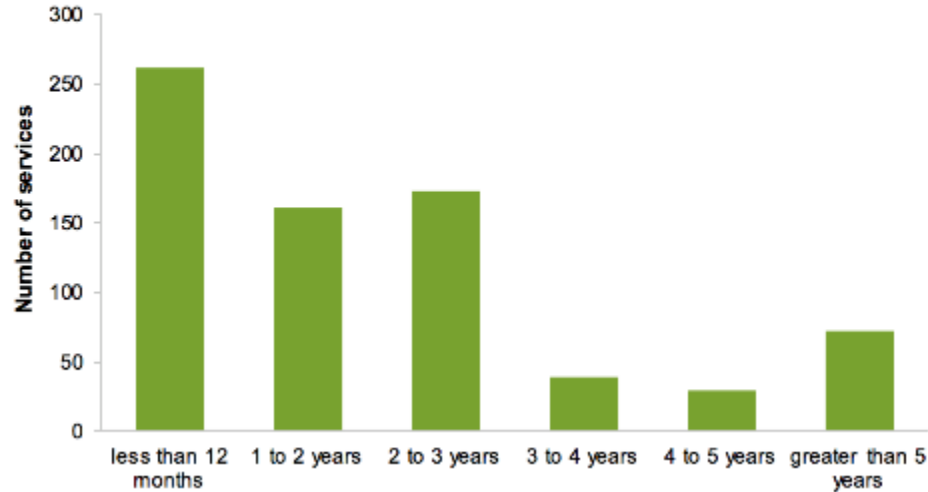
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# By June 2014 most FDC services were new services

Figure 9.2 **Family day care services have increased dramatically**  
Number of currently operating services, by number of years the service has been in operation (as of June 2014)



# Community based FDC faced competition

- Not for children, but for educators
- New providers were offering
  - lower levies
  - less supervision from co-ordination units
  - less rigorous VET training
  - more freedom



# Dodgy started to become a word linked with FDC



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# But still the growth continued



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# Governments failed to act



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# States blamed the Feds ...Feds blamed the States



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# Doing something about the dodgy operators took time



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# Suddenly there was action



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# Finally the growth in FDC services was arrested

what's the  
opposite of  
growth?



decrease, decline, failure,  
decay, reduction, fall,  
decrement, loss, halt,  
stagnation



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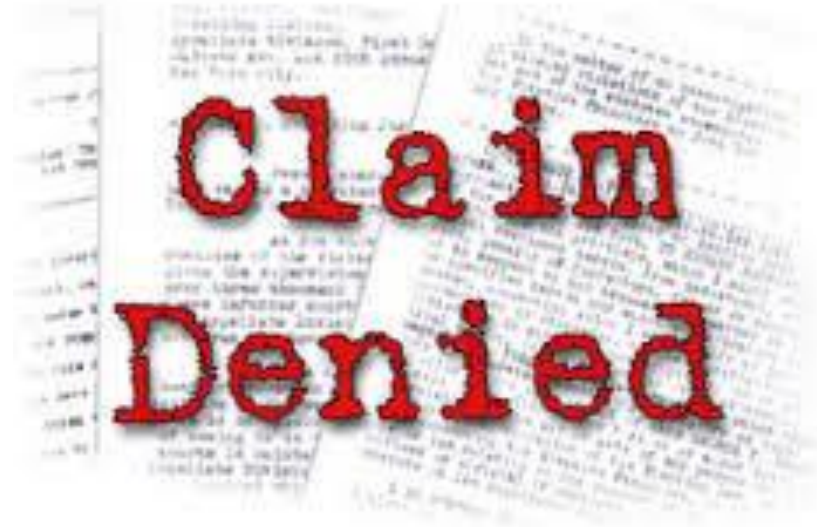


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# But not all the rorting stopped



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# Impact on community based sector



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# Running a FDC service is harder now



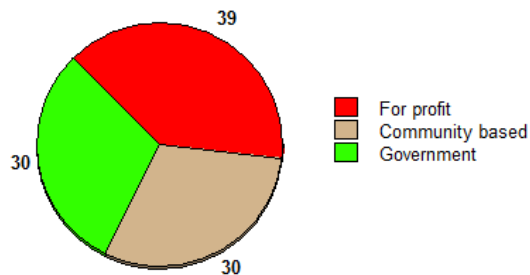
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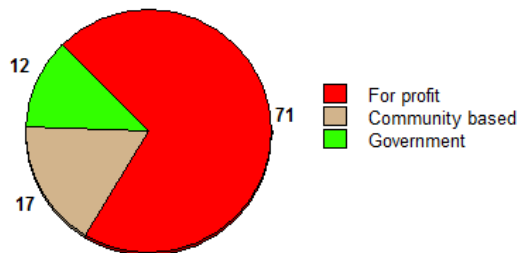
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# The sector is different now

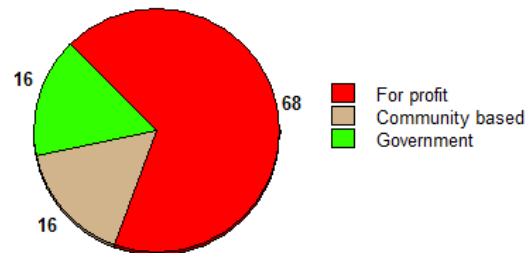
## 2014 Sector Makeup



## 2018 Sector Makeup



## 2018 NSW Sector Makeup



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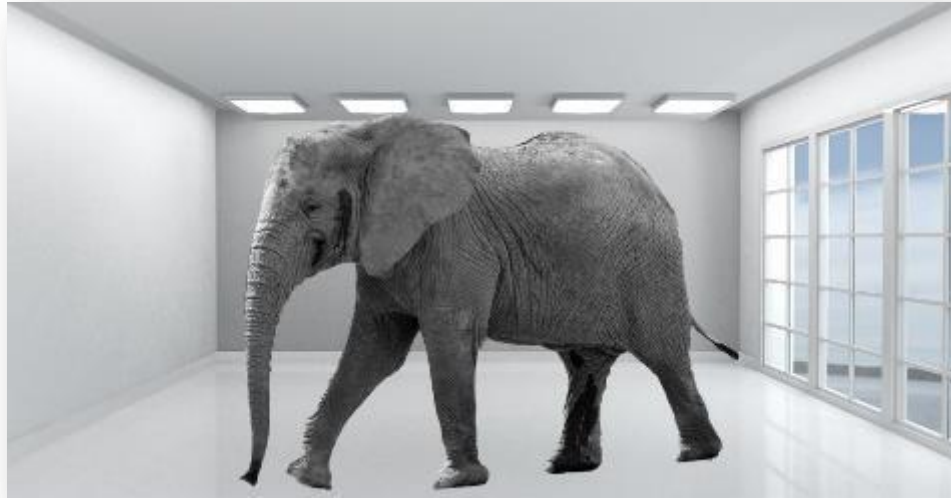
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# Is FDC high quality education and care?



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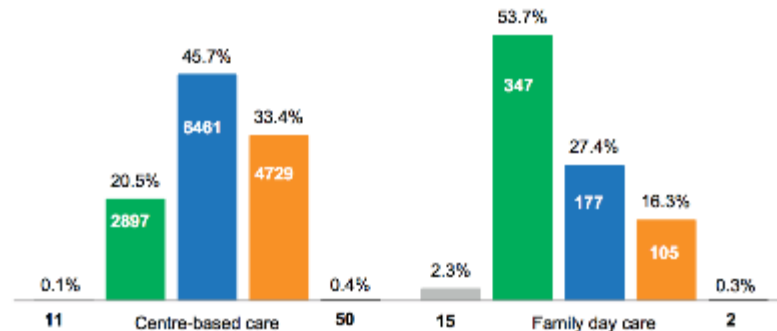
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# What do the ratings say?

## Overall quality ratings by service type

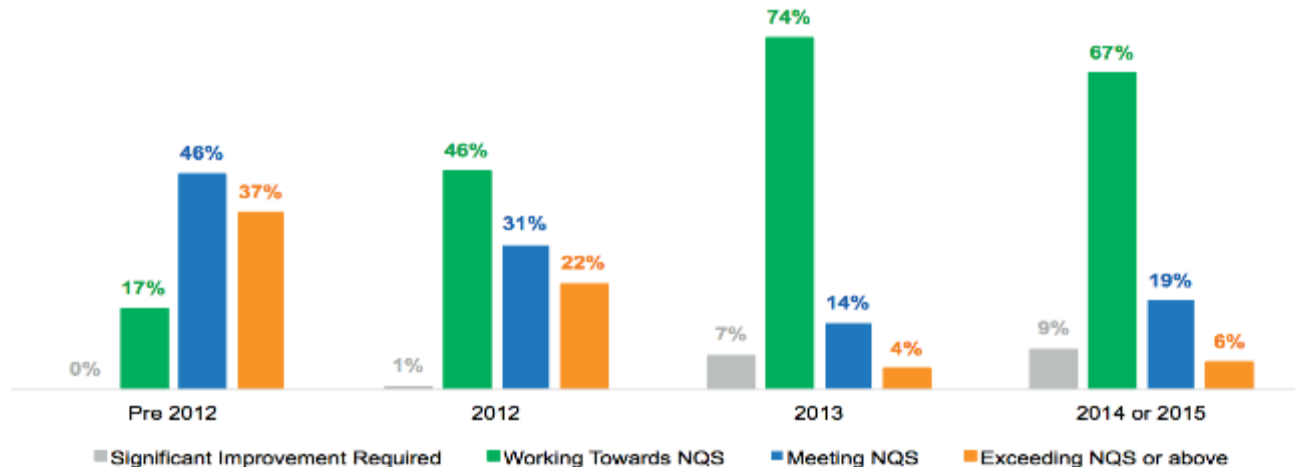
Figure 8: Overall quality ratings by service type

- Significant Improvement Required
- Meeting NQS
- Excellent
- Working Towards NQS
- Exceeding NQS



# But if you look deeper?

Figure 8: Overall quality ratings for family day care services, by year in which the service approval was granted



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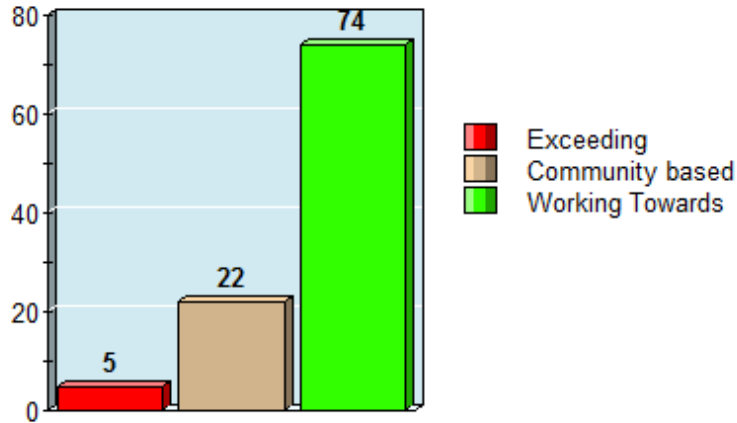
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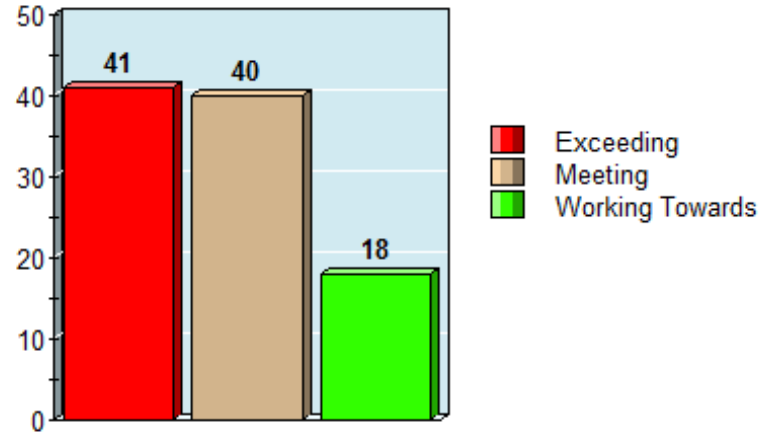
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# And, if you look at provider type today

## For profit FDC ratings July 2018



## Not for profit FDC ratings July 2018



# Quality FDC needs to be supported



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