

Appendix A: Mapping the indicators to Government priorities and reform

The following high-level objectives, set by government, underpin current reforms that will impact on the health and wellbeing of children and adolescents, as well as the broader society. While COAG has established seven Working Groups to drive the reform work program, only four of these relate directly to children and youth, and have been described below.

To improve health outcomes for all Australians and the sustainability of the Australian health system

—COAG Working Group on Health and Ageing

To pursue substantial reform in the areas of education, skills and early childhood development, to deliver significant improvements in human capital outcomes for all Australians. To strengthen Australia's economic and social foundations through this reform workplan

—COAG Working Group on the Productivity Agenda (Education, Skills, Training & Early Childhood Development)

To develop service delivery improvements to reduce homelessness (one of the 5 objectives of this Working Group)

—COAG Housing Working Group

To close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage and in particular close the life expectancy gap within a generation; halve the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children under 5 within a decade; and halve the gap in reading, writing and numeracy achievements within a decade—in partnership between all levels of government and Indigenous communities. The pathway to closing the gap is inextricably linked to economic development and improved education outcomes

—COAG Working Group on Indigenous Reform

All Australians need to be able to play a full role in all aspects of Australian life.

—The Social Inclusion Agenda

The following table shows how the indicators presented in this report relate to each of these high level objectives. A number of indicators are of relevance to more than one area of reform.

Indicators	COAG Working Groups				
	Health & Ageing	The Productivity Agenda	Housing	Indigenous Reform	Social inclusion
Mortality	✓			✓	
Disability	✓				✓
Jobless families				✓	✓
Family economic situation					✓
Child abuse & neglect				✓	✓
Homelessness			✓		✓
Teenage births	✓			✓	
Birthweight	✓			✓	
Breastfeeding	✓				
Childhood immunisation	✓				
Access to child care		✓			
Early childhood education		✓			
Injury and poisoning	✓			✓	
Chronic disease	✓			✓	
Mental health	✓			✓	✓
Dental health	✓			✓	
Physical activity	✓				
Overweight & obesity	✓			✓	
Literacy & numeracy		✓		✓	
Crime				✓	✓
Substance use	✓			✓	
Year 12 retention & completion		✓		✓	
Youth participation		✓			

Appendix B: About the data

The data and analysis included in this report builds on previous work that the AIHW has undertaken in the areas of child and youth health, development and wellbeing. Over the last decade the AIHW has produced six comprehensive national statistical reports on patterns and trends in child and youth health, development and wellbeing.^{1,2,119} The indicators included in these reports cover a broad range of areas including health and health risk factors, learning and development, family and community environments, and safety and security (further information on these reports can be found at www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm). This report builds on the work of these detailed reference documents by drawing together key summary statistics on selected indicators integral to child and youth health and wellbeing.

Data sources

Various data sources were used to compile this report, including administrative data (for example, hospital and mortality data), survey data, longitudinal data and published data. In all cases, the data used in this report have been the most recently available at the time of writing. For many of the selected indicators more than one data source was available to report on the specific indicator, and the data source chosen for a particular indicator was dependent on the availability of data for the selected age groups and for the subpopulations examined in this report.

Table 1 provides information on the data sources used, in terms of data availability and where further information can be found for each of these data sources.

Data analysis

Various statistical methods have been used in the analysis and presentation of data in this report. The majority of the rates presented are age-specific or crude rates, either presented as a percentage or as a rate indexed to 1,000 or 100,000 (see the AIHW report *Australia's health 2008* for definitions of these methods).

The ABS estimated resident population (ERP) data were used to calculate most rates presented in this report, except for rates by Indigenous status. The ABS experimental projections, based on the 2001 Census, were the most recent available population data for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

Measures presented by geographical remoteness (such as major cities versus remote and very remote areas) use the Accessibility-Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+), except for breastfeeding data, which was based on the classification of area health services in NSW, and literacy and numeracy data which uses the MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification Scale.

Trend data has been presented where available, and has been calculated by examining the percentage change between the two time-periods.

The mortality classification for coding causes of death used in Australia, and in this report, is the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10). This international classification has been modified for morbidity coding in health services in Australia, and the ICD-10-AM has been used as the classification for hospital data in the National Hospital Morbidity Database. Specific ICD and ICD-AM codes used throughout the report can be supplied on request.

Table 1: National and international data sources used in this report for child and youth indicators

Data source	Data availability	Further information
AIHW and collaborating units data sources		
AIHW Child Protection Database	Annual from 1991 onwards	www.aihw.gov.au/childyouth/childwelfare/childprotection/index.cfm
AIHW National Drug Strategy Household Survey (NSDHS)	1985, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004 and 2007	www.aihw.gov.au/drugs/ndshs07.cfm
AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)	Annual from 1993–94 onwards	www.aihw.gov.au/hospitals/nhmdatabase.cfm
AIHW National Mortality Database	Annual from 1964 onwards	www.aihw.gov.au/mortality/index.cfm
Child Dental Health Survey	Annual from 1990	AIHW DSRU: Armfield et al. 2007
Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set (JJ NMDS)	Annual from 2000–01	www.aihw.gov.au/childyouth/juvenilejustice/index.cfm
National Diabetes Register (NDR)	Annual from 1999 onwards	www.aihw.gov.au/diabetes/ndr.cfm
National Perinatal Data Collection (NPDC)	Annual from 1991 onwards	www.npsu.unsw.edu.au/NPSUweb.nsf/page/NPDC
Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) National Data Collection	Annual from 1996–97	www.aihw.gov.au/housing/sacs/saap/index.cfm
ABS data sources		
ABS Census of Population and Housing	Five-yearly from 1981	www.abs.gov.au/WEBSITEDBS/D3310114.nsf/Home/census
ABS Child Care Survey	Three-yearly from 1993	www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4402.0
ABS National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS)	2001, 2004–05	www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4715.0
ABS National Health Survey (NHS)	1995, 2001, 2004–05	www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4364.0
ABS Recorded Crime—Victims	Annual from 1993	www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4510.0
ABS Schools, Australia	Annual from 1960	www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4221.0
ABS Survey of Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities	Three-yearly from 2000	www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4901.0
ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC)	1981, 1988, 1998 and 2003	www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4430.0
ABS Survey of Education and Work (previously Transition from Education to Work)	Annual from 1994 (except 1995)	www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6227.0
ABS Survey of Income and Housing (SIH)	Annual from 1994–95 to 2003–04 (except 1998–99 and 2001–02), 2005–06	www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DOSSbyTopic/F0CDB39ECC092711CA256BD00026C3D5?OpenDocument
Other data sources		
Australian Childhood Immunisation Register	Quarterly from March 1998 onwards	www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/patients/acir/statistics.jsp
OECD Education Database	Varies by indicator	www.oecd.org/education/database
OECD Family Database	Varies by indicator	www.oecd.org/els/social/family/database
OECD Health Data	Selected indicators from 1960 onwards	www.oecd.org/health/healthdata

Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACER	Australian Council for Educational Research
ACIR	Australian Childhood Immunisation Register
AESOC	Australian Education Systems Officials Committee
AHMAC	Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council
AHMC	Australian Health Ministers' Conference
AIFS	Australian Institute of Family Studies
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
CDSMAC	Community and Disability Services Ministers' Advisory Council
CDSMC	Community and Disability Services Ministers' Conference
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
DoHA	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
FaHCSIA	Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
MCEETYA	Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
SAAP	Supported Accommodation Assistance Program
SES	socioeconomic status
UN	United Nations
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
WHO	World Health Organization

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Ensuring that children get the best possible start in life is a key priority for the Australian Government. This report delivers the latest and most reliable information on how, as a nation, we are faring according to key statistical indicators of child and youth health, development and wellbeing.

The report covers children and young people aged 0–19 years, and includes indicators for the entire 0–19 year age range as well as indicators for three different stages of development:

1. infancy and early childhood;
2. school age childhood; and
3. adolescence.

Information is presented on important issues such as mental health, disability, risk factors for chronic disease, mortality, education, homelessness, crime, jobless families and family economic situation. Particular attention is given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth, and to how Australia compares internationally.

This is an essential resource for policy makers, researchers, practitioners and anyone interested in the progress of Australia's children and youth.

