EXPERIMENTAL INDIGENOUS ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, 30 JUNE 2001

			Both	
		Torres	Aboriginal	
		Strait	and Torres	
	Aboriginal	Islander	Strait	Total
	only(a)	only(a)	Islander	Indigenous
		MALES		
0–4	27 063	1 890	1 598	30 551
5–9	28 580	1 934	1 551	32 065
10-14	26 111	1 782	1 259	29 152
15-19	21 049	1 494	983	23 526
20-24	16 557	1 295	748	18 600
25-29	16 190	1 184	695	18 069
30-34	14 936	1 032	598	16 566
35–39	13 181	887	544	14 612
40-44	11 140	797	534	12 471
45–49	8 854	706	373	9 933
50–54	6 731	562	318	7 611
55–59	4 500	365	224	5 089
60–64	3 191	292	140	3 623
65–69	2 143	248	98	2 489
70–74	1 277	142	54	1 473
75 or over	1 436	188	72	1 696
Total	202 939	14 798	9 789	227 526
		FEMALES	6	
0–4	26 359	1 752	1 542	29 653
5–9	26 789	1 796	1 382	29 967
10–14	24 448	1 593	1 263	27 304
15–19	20 671	1 399	983	23 053
20-24	16 826	1 241	742	18 809
25-29	17 409	1 207	733	19 349
30-34	16 572	1 032	692	18 296
35–39	14 561	883	621	16 065
40–44	11 885	773	456	13 114
45–49	9 307	737	381	10 425
50–54	7 128	574	316	8 018
55–59	4 799	353	211	5 363
60–64	3 685	344	156	4 185
65–69	2 498	248	113	2 859
70–74	1 692	223	66	1 981
75 or over	2 161	286	106	2 553
Total	206 790	14 441	9 763	230 994

⁽a) Excludes people of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Source: ABS, Experimental Estimates and Projections, Indigenous Australians (cat. no. 3238.0)

ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS OF THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION, 1991 TO 2009

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	New							Australian	
	South			South	Western		Northern	Capital	
	Wales	Victoria	Queensland	Australia	Australia	Tasmania	Territory	Territory	Australia(a)
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	Е	XPERIME	NTAL ESTI	MATED R	ESIDENT	POPULAT	ION		
1991	107 329	22 283	100 219	20 558	52 887	13 907	46 707	2 870	366 943
1992	110 115	22 885	102 867	21 116	54 211	14 263	47 722	2 966	376 331
1993	112 974	23 485	105 568	21 651	55 575	14 651	48 756	3 072	385 923
1994	115 793	24 049	108 216	22 176	56 905	15 021	49 804	3 183	395 343
1995	118 679	24 655	110 887	22 685	58 264	15 419	50 894	3 298	404 984
1996	121 533	25 196	113 552	23 183	59 611	15 727	51 978	3 405	414 390
1997	124 284	25 753	116 159	23 646	60 837	16 056	52 979	3 499	423 424
1998	127 022	26 317	118 605	24 124	62 117	16 381	53 820	3 606	432 207
1999	129 680	26 892	121 039	24 625	63 441	16 726	54 752	3 715	441 092
2000	132 304	27 380	123 493	25 105	64 704	17 063	55 784	3 807	449 868
2001	134 888	27 846	125 910	25 544	65 931	17 384	56 875	3 909	458 520
Median age (years)	20.1	20.8	20.1	20.8	20.6	19.5	21.8	20.7	20.5
		PRO	JECTED PO	PULATIO	N—LOW	SERIES			
2001	134 888	27 846	125 910	25 544	65 931	17 384	56 875	3 909	458 520
2002	137 061	28 435	128 606	26 046	67 162	17 614	57 758	4 008	466 925
2003	139 280	29 050	131 302	26 551	68 403	17 848	58 634	4 107	475 412
2004	141 533	29 683	134 013	27 060	69 665	18 087	59 508	4 204	483 992
2005	143 824	30 329	136 754	27 578	70 945	18 333	60 373	4 300	492 677
2006	146 159	30 988	139 527	28 105	72 243	18 586	61 232	4 396	501 479
2007	148 542	31 660	142 333	28 641	73 563	18 846	62 085	4 490	510 405
2008	150 971	32 345	145 174	29 185	74 903	19 115	62 932	4 586	519 459
2009	153 454	33 045	148 055	29 736	76 264	19 387	63 775	4 680	528 645
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		PRO	JECTED PO	PULATION	N—HIGH	SERIES			
2001	134 888	27 846	125 910	25 544	65 931	17 384	56 875	3 909	458 520
2002	140 108	29 152	130 823	26 313	68 051	17 689	57 888	4 133	474 392
2003	145 539	30 529	135 855	27 095	70 224	17 999	58 895	4 366	490 739
2004	151 182	31 969	141 023	27 893	72 457	18 317	59 899	4 607	507 586
2005	157 046	33 469	146 344	28 710	74 753	18 644	60 896	4 856	524 959
2006	163 141	35 031	151 825	29 550	77 113	18 982	61 886	5 115	542 886
2007	169 479	36 660	157 467	30 410	79 541	19 329	62 870	5 385	561 387
2008	176 072	38 360	163 282	31 290	82 039	19 683	63 848	5 664	580 486
2009	182 932	40 134	169 277	32 189	84 602	20 045	64 820	5 953	600 201

⁽a) Includes Jervis Bay. Source: ABS, 2004e

DISABILITY OR LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITION

Criteria used in non-remote areas (Computer-assisted interview)

Criteria use in remote areas (Pen and paper interview)

COMMON CRITERIA

Sight problems not corrected by glasses or contact lenses

Hearing problems Speech problems

Blackouts, fits or loss of consciousness Difficulty learning or understanding things

Limited use of arms or fingers Difficulty gripping things Limited use of legs or feet

Shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing

Chronic or recurring pain

Long term effects as a result of a head injury, stroke or other brain damage

A long term condition that requires treatment or medication

Any other long term condition such as arthritis, asthma, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia etc.

Problems with your sight or seeing things and cannot see normally

wearing glasses or contact lenses

Problems hearing Problems speaking Blackouts or fits

Problems learning or understanding things Problems using your arms and fingers Problems holding things or picking things up

Problems using your legs and feet

Trouble breathing that makes doing things difficult

Pain that makes doing things difficult

Problems doing things now because of a knock to the head or a

Going to the doctor or clinic or taking any medicine for any other health problems

Going to the doctor/clinic or taking medicine, but still having

problems because of these/this health condition

BROADER CRITERIA

Any condition that restricts physical activity or physical work (e.g. back problems,

Any disfigurement or deformity

Any mental illness for which help or supervision is required

Restricted in everyday activities due to a nervous or emotional condition

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LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS APPENDIX 4

Specific limitations and restrictions are:

Core activity limitations; and/or

Schooling or employment restrictions (non-remote only)

Core activities are:

Self care-bathing or showering, dressing, eating, using the toilet and managing incontinence;

Mobility-moving around at home and away from home, getting into or out of a bed or chair; and using public transport;

Communication-understanding and being understood by others: strangers, family and friends.

Core activity limitation may be:

Non-remote and remote

Profound-unable to perform a core activity, or always needing assistance; Severe-sometimes needing assistance to perform a core activity.

Moderate—not needing assistance, but having difficulty performing a core activity; Mild-having no difficulty performing a core activity, but using aids or equipment because of disability.

DISABILITY TYPE

DISABILITY TYPE

In the 2002 NATSISS, people identified as having a disability or long-term health condition were further categorised as having one or more types of disability. Disability types were determined using the following criteria.

Sight, hearing or speech

Sight problems not corrected by glasses or contact lenses; hearing problems; or speech problems.

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Blackouts, fits, loss of consciousness; limited use of arms or fingers; difficulty gripping things; limited use of legs or feet; restricted in everyday activities due to shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; restricted in everyday activities due to chronic or recurring pain; or restricted in everyday activities as a result of head injury, stroke or other brain damage.

People (excluding those living in very remote communities) were also asked about: any condition that restricts physical activity or physical work (e.g. back problems, migraines); or any disfigurement or deformity.

Intellectual

Difficulty learning or understanding things.

Psychological (excludes those living in very remote communities)

Any mental illness for which help or supervision is required; or the person is restricted in everyday activities due to a nervous or emotional condition.

Disability type not specified

Restricted in everyday activities due to a long-term condition that requires treatment or medication; or restricted in everyday activities due to any other long-term condition such as arthritis, asthma, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia etc.

LANGUAGE AND EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS, TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES, 2001

	TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER(a)					
		••••••	••••••	••••••		
		Torres	Balance			
		Strait	of			
		Area	Australia	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Census counts(b)						
15 years or over	no.	3 626	22 598	26 224	249 073	14 006 987
18 years or over	no.	3 337	20 124	23 461	222 361	13 261 409
25–64 years	no.	2 310	14 329	16 639	162 416	9 414 910
Language spoken at home(c)						
English only	%	17.9	86.5	76.8	83.2	83.4
Oceanian Pidgin or Creole	%	52.1	4.6	11.3	1.3	_
Australian Indigenous language	%	28.5	5.7	8.9	14.5	_
Other language	%	1.5	3.2	3.0	0.9	16.6
Proficiency in English(d)						
Speaks English well or very well	%	83.6	86.9	85.4	83.6	81.8
Does not speak English well or at all	%	16.4	13.1	14.6	16.4	18.2
Highest year of school completed(e)(f)						
Year 12	%	32.6	27.3	28.0	20.3	43.6
Year 10 or Year 11	%	37.1	43.2	42.3	41.0	36.8
Year 9 or below(g)	%	30.3	29.6	29.7	38.7	19.6
Highest non-school qualification(h) Bachelor degree or higher	%	2.1	4.3	4.0	4.4	18.0
Certificate or diploma	70	2.1	4.5	4.0	4.4	10.0
Certificate level III or above(i)	%	11.7	17.0	16.2	14.0	24.9
Certificate level I/II	%	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.7
Level not determined	%	6.7	4.5	4.8	3.6	3.9
Total with a non-school qualification	% %	6.1 22.5	4.5 28.2	4.8 27.3	24.0	3.9 49.5
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No non-school qualification	%	77.5	71.8	72.7	76.0	50.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
- (a) Includes people who are of both Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal origin.
- (b) 2001 Census counts on a usual residence basis.
- (c) Proportions are based on the 15 years or over population, excluding not stated responses.
- (d) Proportions are of people aged 15 years or over who spoke a language other than English at home, excluding not stated responses.
- (e) Proportions are based on the 18 years or over population, excluding not stated responses.

 (f) Includes people with a non-school qualification. Excludes
 - people who were still at school.
 - (g) Includes people who never attended school.
 - (h) Proportions are based on the 25-64 years population, excluding not stated responses.
 - (i) Includes people with a diploma or advanced diploma. Source: ABS, 2001 Census of Population and Housing

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		TORRES S	TRAIT ISLANDER	(a)		
		Torres Strait Area	Balance of Australia	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Census counts(b) 18–64 years						
Males	no.	1 494	9 270	10 764	102 048	5 492 391
Females	no.	1 563	9 480	11 043	108 876	5 573 057
Persons	no.	3 057	18 750	21 807	210 924	11 065 448
18 years or over in occupied private dwellings Labour force status(c) Employed	no.	3 229	19 178	22 407	209 999	12 854 941
CDEP	%	32.1	2.7	6.9	8.2	_
Other	%	35.2	48.1	46.3	38.0	70.4
Total employed	%	67.3	50.8	53.2	46.2	70.4
Unemployed	%	3.6	12.5	11.2	11.0	5.2
Not in the labour force	%	29.1	36.7	35.6	42.8	24.3
Labour force participation rate(c)						
Males	%	83.2	73.8	75.2	66.3	84.0
Females	%	59.0	53.0	53.9	48.7	67.4
Persons	%	70.9	63.3	64.4	57.2	75.7
Employment to population ratio(c)						
Males	%	78.9	58.3	61.2	52.2	77.7
Females	%	56.1	43.5	45.3	40.5	63.3
Persons	%	67.3	50.8	53.2	46.2	70.4
Unemployment rate(c)						
Males	%	5.2	21.1	18.6	21.2	7.6
Females	%	4.8	17.9	15.9	16.8	6.2
Persons	%	5.0	19.8	17.5	19.3	6.9

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

Source: ABS, 2001 Census of Population and Housing

⁽a) Includes people who are of both Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal origin.

⁽b) 2001 Census counts on a usual residence basis.

⁽c) Proportions are based on the 18–64 years population, excluding not stated responses.

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TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER(a)

		Torres Strait Area	Balance of Australia	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Household tenure type(b)						
Owner/purchaser						
Fully owned	%	7.6	16.9	15.5	11.9	43.4
Being purchased	%	1.4	16.4	14.2	15.5	29.2
Total	%	9.0	33.2	29.8	27.4	72.6
Rented						
Privately	%	3.8	29.6	25.9	22.1	18.5
State/Territory housing authority	%	13.8	21.3	20.2	21.0	3.5
Community or co-op housing group	%	58.0	7.3	14.5	21.1	0.3
Other	%	8.2	3.1	3.8	2.9	1.4
Total(c)	%	85.2	62.4	65.6	68.0	24.1
Other tenure types	%	5.8	4.4	4.6	4.6	3.3
Total(d)	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

⁽b) Proportions are based on the 18 years or over population living in occupied private dwellings.

⁽c) Includes people in rented dwellings where landlord was not stated.

⁽d) Includes people in dwellings being purchased under a rent/buy scheme, or being occupied rent-free or under a life tenure scheme.

GLOSSARY

Ability to raise \$2000 within a week

The household spokesperson's perception of whether they or other members of the household combined could obtain \$2000 within a week for something important.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages Languages in the Australian Indigenous Languages group of the Australian Standard Classification of Languages. Excludes Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles and 'Aboriginal English'. See also Indigenous language speaker.

Aboriginal people

People identified as being of Aboriginal origin. May also include people identified as being of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin. See also Indigenous people.

Access to motor vehicle(s)

Access that a person has to any motor vehicle to drive. Such motor vehicles include vehicle(s) which they wholly or jointly own, vehicle(s) belonging to another member of the household, and company, work or government vehicle(s) which they or someone else in the household have access to for personal use. This item does not measure the extent of the respondent's access to motor vehicles, only whether access exists or not. Access can be occasional, regular, frequent or only in an emergency. See also Motor vehicle(s).

Administrative data

Data that are routinely collected in the course of general administration. Includes data from the Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages, and hospital morbidity data.

Age-specific rate

A rate for a specific age group. The numerator and the denominator relate to the same age group.

Age standardisation

A method of removing the influence of age when comparing populations with different age structures. There are two methods of age standardisation: direct and indirect.

For direct standardisation, estimates are age standardised to the age composition of the total estimated resident population of Australia as at 30 June 2001. The age standardised rate is that for which would have prevailed if the studied population had the standard age composition.

For indirect standardisation, a standardised ratio is calculated by comparing the actual number of events with the number expected if the age-specific rates in the standard population applied to the population of interest. A ratio of greater than one indicates more events than expected, whereas a ratio of less than one indicates fewer events than expected.

Alcohol consumption risk level

Two measures of alcohol consumption risk were derived from the 2002 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS). The first measure was based on a person's reported usual daily consumption of alcohol and the frequency of consumption in the previous 12 months. Chronic risk levels as defined by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) are as follows:

RISK OF HARM IN THE LONG TERM, consumption on an average day

Relative
riskMalesFemalesLowLess than 50 mlsLess than 25 mlsModerate50–75 mls25–50 mlsHighGreater than 75 mlsGreater than 50 mls

Note: One standard drink contains 12.5ml of alcohol.

Alcohol consumption risk level continued

The second measure was based on the largest quantity of alcohol consumed in a single day during the fortnight prior to interview. The NHMRC guidelines for acute risk level are:

RISK OF HARM IN THE SHORT TERM

Relative
riskMalesFemalesLowLess than 75 mlsLess than 50 mlsModerate75–125 mls50–75 mlsHighGreater than 125 mlsGreater than 75 mls

Note: One standard drink contains 12.5ml of alcohol.

It should be noted that the acute measure of alcohol consumption in the NATSISS did

not take into account whether the largest quantity of alcohol consumed in a single day during the previous fortnight was more, less, or the same as usual.

Apparent retention rates

Apparent retention rates are the percentage of full-time students of a given cohort group who continue from the first year of secondary schooling to a specified year level. Care should be taken in interpreting apparent retention rates, as they do not account for students repeating a year of school or migrating in or out of the Australian school student population. Ungraded secondary students and those enrolled in alternative secondary programs are also not included in retention calculations. See ABS 2004h for more information.

Attended cultural event(s)

Participation in traditional or contemporary Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural activities and events in the 12 months prior to interview. Events include funerals, ceremonies, Indigenous festivals and carnivals, arts, craft, music, dance, writing or telling stories, and involvement with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisations. Participation may be for payment or without payment.

Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) The ASCED is a national standard classification which includes all sectors of the Australian education system, that is, schools, vocational education and training, and higher education. See *Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)*, 2001 (ABS cat. no. 1272.0).

Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) The ASCO is a skill-based classification of occupations which covers all jobs in the Australian workforce. See *Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition, 1997* (ABS cat. no. 1220.0).

Before/after school care

Provides care for school-aged children before and/or after school during the school term.

Body mass index (BMI)

A measure of body weight relative to height. Calculated from weight (kg) divided by square of height (m). BMI categories are as follows:

<18.5—underweight

18.5–25—healthy weight

25-30—overweight

>30—obese

Care and protection orders

Children subject to a care and protection order are those for whom the Community Services Department has a responsibility as a result of some formal legal order or an administrative/voluntary arrangement. Only orders issued for protective reasons are included.

Cash flow problems

Having insufficient funds to meet basic household running costs such as payment for utilities (electricity, gas and telephone) or car registration or insurance, credit card repayments, mortgage or rent payments. The frequency of the occurrence of each event or action was not collected in the 2002 NATSISS. Information on cash flow problems was

Cash flow problems continued

not collected in very remote communities and represents the cash flow problems of a household, as reported by the household spokesperson.

Census

A census is a count of a whole population. The Census of Population and Housing measures the number of people in Australia and their key characteristics, at a given point in time. The ABS conducts the Census every five years; the last was in August 2001. In this publication the word 'Census' indicates the ABS Census of Population and Housing.

Child care

Both formal and informal care provided for dependent children. In the 2002 NATSISS, questions about child care use were only asked of respondents with primary responsibility for children aged 12 years and under in their household. See also Formal child care and Informal child care.

Clan, tribal or language group

A group of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people who share a common language and/or clan or tribal membership.

Clinically significant emotional or behavioural difficulties

The Western Australia Aboriginal Child Health Survey administered a version of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire that was specifically modified for Aboriginal children. The responses from the 20 questions about emotional symptoms, conduct problems, hyperactivity and peer problems were combined to produce an overall score ranging from 0–40. The following ranges indicate the risk of clinically significant emotional or behavioural difficulties in Aboriginal children and young people:

Low risk—score of 0-13

Moderate risk-score of 14-16

High risk—score of 17-40.

Commonwealth Rent
Assistance (CRA) — Income

A CRA income unit is defined as either a single person or a couple with or without dependants. Children over 16 years of age are not regarded as dependent unless they are full-time secondary students aged under 18 years and do not receive social security payments.

Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme The CDEP scheme enables participants (usually members of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities) to exchange unemployment benefits for opportunities to undertake work and training in activities which are managed by a local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community organisation. Participants in the program are classified as employed.

Community health centre

A facility that provides a range of medical and health-related services to the community. The centre may also provide advice to people on issues such as sexually transmitted diseases, immunisation and family planning. In remote areas some of these services may not be available, but the centre would usually have nurses, health workers and/or doctors in regular attendance.

Comorbidity

When a person has two or more health conditions at the same time.

Core activity limitation

A limitation in the performance of one or more core activities such as self-care (eating, washing, dressing, toileting); mobility or communication. In the 2002 NATSISS, a person's overall level of core activity limitation was determined by their highest level of limitation in any one of these activities. Core activity limitation may be profound (always needs help or supervision); severe (sometimes needs help or supervision); moderate (has difficulty but does not need assistance); or mild (uses aid(s) to assist with core activities). See also Disability or long-term health condition.

Current daily smoker

A person who was smoking one or more cigarettes (or cigars or pipes) per day, on average, at the time of interview. See also Smoker status.

Dialysis (haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis)

A treatment for end-stage renal disease, where the work of the kidneys is performed artificially. In haemodialysis, the patient's blood is passed through a semi-permeable tube where it is cleansed and pumped back into the body. Haemodialysis needs to be performed a few times a week for several hours at a time, either at a hospital/clinic, or at home. In peritoneal dialysis, the patient's abdomen is used instead of the tube. Fluid is

Dialysis (haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis) *continued*

passed into the abdomen via a semi-permanent catheter. As the patient's blood is cleansed, the fluid is drained and refilled, using gravity. This takes place 4–5 times daily. Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis, where the patient is able to move around, is the most common form of peritoneal dialysis. It can be performed either at home or in a hospital or clinic.

Difficulty communicating with service providers

The extent to which a person has difficulty communicating with service providers, such as Government organisations, due to language difficulties.

Disability or long-term health condition

A limitation, restriction, impairment, disease or disorder, which had lasted, or was likely to last for six months or more, and which restricted a person's ability to perform everyday activities. Based on this information, some people were identified as having a schooling or employment restriction only, while others were restricted in the performance of one or more core activities such as self-care, mobility and communication.

In order to take into account language use and life circumstances, there were some differences in the collection of disability information in the 2002 NATSISS for people in remote and non-remote areas. See also Core activity limitation, Employment restriction and Schooling restriction.

Discrete Indigenous community

A geographical location with a physical or legal boundary that is inhabited or intended to be inhabited predominantly (more than 50%) by Indigenous people, with housing and infrastructure that is either owned or managed on a community basis.

dmft (child teeth)

Used to measure the number of decayed, missing or filled deciduous (child) teeth. It is derived by adding the number of teeth which are decayed, missing or have been filled due to caries (i.e. tooth decay).

DMFT (adult teeth)

Used to measure the number of decayed, missing or filled permanent (adult) teeth. It is derived by adding the number of teeth which are decayed, missing or have been filled due to caries (i.e. tooth decay).

Dwelling

In general terms, a dwelling is a structure which is intended to house people. The exact definition of 'dwelling', however, varies slightly between data sources. Within this publication, dwellings are referred to as 'private dwellings', as reported in the Census, and 'permanent dwellings', as reported in the Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey. The term 'occupied private dwelling' is used interchangeably with the term 'private dwelling'.

- A private dwelling is normally a house, flat or even a room occupied by one or more people. It can also be a caravan, houseboat, tent, or a house attached to an office, or rooms above a shop. Houses under construction, derelict houses and vacant tents are not counted, nor are hotels, guest houses, prisons, hospitals or other communal dwellings.
- Permanent dwellings are buildings designed for people to live in, with fixed walls, roof and doors. They usually have kitchen and bathroom facilities, although this is not necessary provided that these facilities could be built into the dwelling. These dwellings are made from regular building materials and are intended for long-term residential use. Dwellings were not considered to be permanent unless they have internal walls dividing the living space into separate rooms.

Educational attainment

The highest level of education attained. Includes both primary and secondary school and non-school qualifications. See also Highest year of school completed and Non-school qualification.

Employed

Persons who had a job or business, or who undertook work without pay in a family business, in the week prior to the survey for a minimum of one hour per week. Includes persons who were absent from a job or business and CDEP participants. See also Labour force status.

Employed full-time

Persons who usually work 35 hours or more per week.

Employed part-time

Persons who usually work at least one hour, but less than 35 hours, per week.

Employment restriction

A person under 65 years of age who has experienced difficulties with employment but has no core activity limitation. See also Core activity limitation and Disability or long-term health condition.

Equivalised gross household income

Equivalence scales are used to adjust the actual incomes of households in a way that enables the analysis of the relative economic wellbeing of people living in households of different size and composition. For example, it would be expected that a household comprising two people would normally need more income than a lone person household if all of the people in the two households are to enjoy the same material standard of living. Adopting a per capita analysis would address one aspect of household size difference, but would address neither compositional difference (i.e. the numbers of adults compared with the numbers of children) nor the economics derived from living together. When household income is adjusted according to an equivalence scale, the equivalised income can be viewed as an indicator of the economic resources available to a standardised household. For a lone person household, it is equal to income received. For a household comprising more than one person, equivalised income is an indicator of the household income that would be required by a lone person household in order to enjoy the same level of economic wellbeing as the household in question.

In this publication, a 'modified OECD' equivalence scale has been used, the scale widely accepted among Australian analysts of income distribution. This scale allocates 1.0 point for the first adult (aged 15 years or over) in a household; 0.5 for each additional adult; and 0.3 for each child. Equivalised household income is derived by dividing total household income by the sum of the equivalence points allocated to household members. For example, if a household received combined gross income of \$2100 per week and comprised two adults and two children (combined household equivalence points of 2.1), the equivalised gross household income for each household member would be calculated as \$1000 per week. For more information on the use of equivalence scales, see *Household Income and Income Distribution, Australia, 2003–04* (ABS cat. no. 6523.0).

Equivalised gross household income — deciles

Groupings of 10% of the total population of Australia when ranked in ascending order according to equivalised gross household income. The population used for this purpose includes all people living in private dwellings, including children and other persons under the age of 15 years.

Equivalised gross household income — quintiles

Groupings of 20% of the total population of Australia when ranked in ascending order according to equivalised gross household income. The population used for this purpose includes all people living in private dwellings, including children and other persons under the age of 15 years.

Estimated resident population (ERP)

The official ABS estimate of the Australian population. The ERP is based on results of the Census of Population and Housing and is compiled as at 30 June of each census year, and is updated quarterly between censuses. These intercensal estimates of the resident population are revised each time a population census is taken. Rates are calculated per 1,000 or 100,000 mid-year (30 June) ERP. The Indigenous ERP is considered to be experimental because satisfactory data on births, deaths and migration are not generally available, and because of the volatility of counts of the Indigenous population between censuses. See Chapter 2 for more details.

Family

A family is defined by the ABS as two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household. Some households contain more than one family. Unrelated persons living in the same household are not counted as family members (unless under 15 years of age).

Family day care

A network of caregivers who provide care for children aged 0–12 years in the carer's own home.

Financial stress

Three measures aimed at identifying households that may have been constrained in their activities because of a shortage of money. These measures are the ability to raise 'emergency money'; the existence of cash flow problems; and dissaving actions (e.g. pawning or selling something, or using short-term loans). Information on financial stress represent the problems of a household, as reported by the household spokesperson. See also Ability to raise \$2000 within a week and Cash flow problems.

First aid clinic

A facility where an individual can receive life-saving or pain-relieving primary health care.

Foetal death

Death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception of 20 or more completed weeks of gestation or of 400 grams or more of birthweight (criteria used for the state and territory perinatal collections).

Foetal death rate

The number of foetal deaths in a year per 1,000 total births in the same year.

Formal child care

Types of formal child care include before and/or after school care, long day care centres, family day care, occasional care programs and preschool/kindergarten. See also Child care and Informal child care.

Gross household income

See Equivalised gross household income.

Gross personal income

Refers to regular gross weekly income, which is the income before tax, superannuation, health insurance, or other deductions are made. Gross personal income includes family allowance, family allowance supplement, pensions, unemployment benefits, student allowances, maintenance (child support), superannuation, wages, overtime, dividends, rents received, interest received, business or farm income (less operation expenses) and workers compensation received.

Health Care Card

These cards provide for medical and/or related services free of charge or at reduced rates to recipients of Commonwealth government pensions or benefits.

Health status

See Self-assessed health status.

Highest year of school completed

The highest year of primary or secondary school completed, irrespective of the type of educational institution attended, or where that education was undertaken. In this publication, people who were still attending a secondary school were excluded when calculating proportions for this data item.

High level residential aged care

Residential aged care services delivered to residents with high levels of dependency. These are approximately equivalent to the services delivered by nursing homes in the past.

High volume form

Most Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) agencies use the general client form to collect data for the SAAP Client collection. This form has 29 questions. 'High volume' agencies have a large number of clients and a high client throughput and use a 'high volume' client form with a subset of questions from the general client form.

Generally, high volume agencies include those providing accommodation to more than 50 people per night, telephone referral agencies, day centres, and information and referral centres.

Homelands/traditional country

An area of land with which Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people have ancestral and/or cultural links.

Hospitalisation

Refers to the process by which an admitted patient completes an episode of care in hospital, by being discharged, transferring to another hospital or care facility, or dying. A hospital separation record is a patient's administrative record on discharge from hospital. The record gives demographic details such as age, sex and Indigenous status, as well as reasons for hospitalisation, and treatments or procedures performed.

Household

A household is defined as a group of two or more related or unrelated people who usually reside in the same dwelling, who regard themselves as a household, and who make common provision for food or other essentials for living; or a person living in a dwelling who makes provision for his/her own food and other essentials for living,

Household continued

without combining with any other person (i.e. a lone-person household). In this publication, households are separated into those containing at least one Indigenous person (referred to as Indigenous households) and Other households.

Household tenure type

The nature of a household's legal right to occupy the dwelling in which they usually reside. Includes home purchasing, renting, rent/buy or shared equity schemes and other tenure types.

Households with Indigenous person(s)

See Household.

Illicit substance use

The use of substances for non-medical purposes. Substances include analgesics, tranquillisers, amphetamines, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, hallucinogens (both synthetic and naturally occurring), ecstasy and other designer drugs, petrol and other inhalants, and kava. The 2002 NATSISS collected information on a person's substance use in the 12 months prior to interview and their overall substance use to date. Information on substance use has not been released for persons living in remote areas due to data quality concerns.

In the 2001 National Drug Strategy Household Survey, the term 'illicit drugs' included marijuana/cannabis, pain-killers/analgesics, tranquillisers/sleeping pills, steroids, barbiturates, inhalants, heroin, methadone, other opiates, amphetamines, cocaine, hallucinogens, ecstasy/designer drugs, and injected drugs.

Incarceration

In the 2002 NATSISS, incarceration refers to time spent in jail in the last five years, regardless of the length of time spent in prison.

Incidence

The number of new cases of a particular illness commencing during a given period in a specified population. See also Prevalence.

Income

See Gross personal income or Gross household income

Income deciles

See Equivalised gross household income — deciles.

Income quintiles

See Equivalised gross household income — quintiles.

Income sources

See Main current source of personal income.

Independent housing

Housing which is categorised as owner-occupied, a rooming house, hostel, hotel or private board, public or community housing, private rental, living rent-free or in a car, tent, park, street or squat.

Indigenous household

An Indigenous household is one that contains one or more Indigenous people. See also Household.

Indigenous Housing

Organisation

Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation which is responsible for managing housing for Indigenous people. This includes community organisations, such as Resources Agencies and Land Councils, that have a range of functions, provided that they manage housing for Indigenous people.

Indigenous income unit

An income unit in which the client of a community services program, or their partner, has been identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in origin. See also Commonwealth Rent Assistance — Income unit.

Indigenous language speaker

A person who speaks an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language well enough to hold a conversation. May exclude some speakers of Oceanian Pidgins or Creoles. See also Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

Indigenous people

People who identified themselves, or were identified by another household member, as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

Infant mortality rate

The number of deaths of infants under one year of age (between 0 and 364 days after birth) per 1,000 live births during a given period of time.

Informal child care

Includes non-regulated care provided by siblings, a parent who does not live with the child, grandparents, other relatives or unrelated people such as friends, neighbours, nannies or baby-sitters, either within the home or elsewhere. Informal care may be paid or unpaid. See also Child care and Formal child care.

International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10) The tenth revision of the *International Classification of Diseases and Health Related Problems* (ICD-10). The Australian modification of the ICD-10 (ICD-10-AM) was adopted for Australian use for deaths registered from 1 January 1999 and superseded ICD-9. The ICD, which is endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO), is primarily designed for the classification of diseases and injuries with a formal diagnosis. See NCCH 2000 for more information

Involvement in social activities

Participation in social activities in the three months prior to interview including: recreational or cultural group activities; community or special interest group activities; church or religious activities; outings to a cafe, restaurant or bar; involvement in sport or physical activities; attendance at a sporting event as a spectator; visiting a library, museum or art gallery; going to the movies, theatre or concert; visiting a park, botanic gardens, zoo or theme park; attending Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission or Native Title meetings; attending funerals, ceremonies or festivals; and fishing or hunting in a group.

Labour force participation rate

Number of persons in the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) expressed as a percentage of the population. Both the numerator and denominator may be restricted to derive labour force participation rates for particular age groups, e.g. persons aged 18–64 years. Persons who did not report their labour force status are excluded when calculating the participation rate. See also Employed, Labour force status, Not in the labour force and Unemployed.

Labour force status

Identifies whether a person is employed, unemployed or not in the labour force. See also Employed, Not in the labour force and Unemployed.

Landlord

The person or organisation that provides housing in exchange for rent.

Life table

A life table is a statistical model used to show the life expectancy and hence levels of mortality at different ages. It depicts the mortality experience of a hypothetical group of newborn babies throughout their lifetimes. Life tables may be complete or abridged, depending on the age interval used in their compilation. Complete life tables such as those for the Australian population contain data by single years of age, while abridged life tables, such as those for the Indigenous population, contain data for five-year age groups. Life tables are presented separately for males and females.

Long-day care centre

A day care centre that is open for at least eight hours a day and at least 48 weeks a year. Caters mostly for under school-age children whose parents are in the paid workforce, are looking for work, or are in education or training.

Long-term health condition

See Disability or long-term health condition.

Low birthweight

Birthweight of less than 2,500 grams.

Low income households

See Persons in low income households.

Main current source of personal income

A person's current primary source of income. Sources of income include: cash income received for work in a CDEP scheme; non-CDEP wages or salary; profit or loss from own unincorporated enterprise; property income (rent, interest or dividends); Government cash pensions or allowances; superannuation pensions; and other regular sources (e.g. child support and worker's compensation). If total current income was nil or negative the main source was undefined.

Mainstream employment

Non-CDEP jobs. See also Community Development Employment Projects scheme.

Major cities

Geographical areas within the 'Major cities of Australia' category of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) Remoteness Structure. See Remoteness Area.

Major structural problems Refers to the general condition of a dwelling and identifies specific structural problems

such as rising damp; major cracks in walls/floors; sinking or moving foundations; sagging floors; walls or windows that are not plumb, wood rot or termite damage; major

electrical problems; major plumbing problems; and major roof defects.

Median The median is a midpoint of a distribution. Half the values occur above this point and

half below.

Median income The midpoint of the distribution of income values.

Morbidity Any departure, subjective or objective, from a state of physiological or psychological

wellbeing.

Motor vehicle(s) Includes all cars, station wagons, trucks, utilities, vans, motorbikes, motorised bicycles,

mopeds and motor scooters. It does not include caravans, horse floats, boats and trailers. Vehicles being purchased (jointly or alone) are regarded as belonging to the respondent

or another household member. See also Access to motor vehicle(s).

Multiple causes of death
All morbid conditions, diseases and injuries entered on the death certificate. These

include those involved in the morbid train of events leading to death which were classified as either the underlying cause, the immediate cause, or any intervening causes and those conditions which contributed to death, but were not related to the disease or condition causing death. For deaths where the underlying cause was identified as an external cause (injury or poisoning) multiple causes include circumstances of injury, the

nature of injury as well as any other conditions reported on the death certificate.

Neonatal death Death of a liveborn infant within 28 days of birth.

Neonatal mortality rate The number of neonatal deaths in a year per 1,000 live births in the same year.

Non-remote Geographical areas within the 'Major cities of Australia', 'Inner regional Australia' and

'Outer regional Australia' categories of the Australian Standard Geographical

Classification (ASGC) Remoteness Structure. See Remoteness Area.

Non-school qualification A non-school qualification is awarded for post-school educational attainment. Includes

Certificates, Diplomas, Bachelor degrees, Graduate certificates, Graduate Diplomas and Postgraduate degrees. Non-school qualifications may be attained concurrently with school qualifications. Responses have been coded according to the *ABS Australian*

Standard Classification of Education (ASCED), 2001.

Not in the labour force Includes persons who are retired; no longer working; do not intend to work in the

future; permanently unable to work; or who have never worked and never intend to

work. See also Labour force status.

Obese See Body Mass Index.

Occasional care Provides care mainly for under school-age children. These services cater mainly for

families who require short-term care for their children.

Other households See Household.

Overcrowding See Proxy Occupancy Standard.

Participation in sport and Participation in a sport or physical recreational activity in the last 12 months. Includes

physical recreation activities persons involved in 'non-playing roles', such as coaches, officials, umpires and

administrators.

Perinatal death/mortality A foetal or neonatal death.

Perinatal mortality rate The number of perinatal deaths per 1,000 total births in the same year.

Permanent dwelling See Dwelling.

Persons in low income households

The 20% of people with equivalised gross household incomes between the bottom 10% and the bottom 30% of incomes. People with equivalised gross household income in the lowest decile (including those with negative income) have been excluded since they tend to have expenditure patterns more in common with higher income households than with other households at the bottom of the income distribution. For more information on this issue, see *Household Income and Income Distribution*, *Australia 2003–04* (cat. no. 6523.0) See also Equivalised gross household income and Equivalised gross household income — deciles.

Prevalence

The number of instances of a specific disease present in a given population at a designated point in time. See also Incidence.

Principal diagnosis

The diagnosis established to be chiefly responsible for a patient's hospitalisation.

Private dwelling

See Dwelling.

Procedure (hospital)

Procedures encompass surgical procedures and also non-surgical investigative and therapeutic procedures such as x-rays and chemotherapy. Because a procedure is not undertaken every time a patient visits hospital, the number of hospital separations always exceeds procedures recorded.

Profound core activity limitation

See Core activity limitation and Disability or long-term health condition.

Proxy Occupancy Standard

This standard considers households requiring two or more additional bedrooms to be overcrowded. Standard bedroom requirements for specified households are as follows:

- single adult 1 bedroom
- single adult (group) 1 bedroom per adult
- couple with no children 2 bedrooms
- sole parent or couple with 1 child 2 bedrooms
- sole parent or couple with 2 or 3 children 3 bedrooms
- sole parent or couple with 4 or more children 4 bedrooms.

Public transport

Modes of transport that travel on fixed routes, at regular times, and which are available to everybody in the area being serviced. Includes buses, trains, trams or light rail, and boat or ferry services. Transport services available on demand (e.g. taxis) are excluded.

Puerperium

The period from the birth of a child until the mother is again restored to ordinary health. This period is generally regarded as lasting for one month.

Rate ratio

Indigenous to non-Indigenous rate ratios are calculated by dividing the proportion of Indigenous people with a particular characteristic by the proportion of non-Indigenous people with the same characteristic. A rate ratio of 1.0 indicates that the prevalence of the characteristic is the same in the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations. Rate ratios of greater than 1.0 indicate higher prevalence in the Indigenous population and rate ratios less than 1.0 indicate higher prevalence in the non-Indigenous population. For example, the age standardised proportion of Indigenous people aged 18 years or over with a disability or long-term health condition in non-remote areas was 56.6% while the comparable proportion for non-Indigenous people was 40.0%. Dividing 56.6% by 40.0% produces an Indigenous to non-Indigenous age standardised rate ratio of 1.4. That is, after taking into account age differences between the populations, the disability rate for Indigenous people is 1.4 times that of non-Indigenous people.

Regional

Geographical areas within the 'Inner regional Australia' and 'Outer regional Australia' categories of the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) Remoteness Structure*. See Remoteness Area.

Remote

Geographical areas within the 'Remote Australia' and 'Very remote Australia' categories of the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) Remoteness Structure*. This term has been abbreviated to 'Remote' in this publication. See Remoteness Area.

Remoteness Area

Within a state or territory, each Remoteness Area represents an aggregation of non-contiguous geographical areas which share common characteristics of remoteness, determined in the context of Australia as a whole.

The delimitation criteria for Remoteness Areas are based on the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA) developed by then Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care and the National Key Centre for Social Applications of GIS. ARIA measures the remoteness of a point based on the physical road distances to the nearest Urban Centre in each of the five size classes. Therefore, not all Remoteness Areas are represented in each state or territory.

There are six Remoteness Areas in this structure:

- Major Cities of Australia: Collection Districts (CDs) with an average ARIA index value of 0 to 0.2
- Inner Regional Australia: CDs with an average ARIA index value greater than 0.2 and less than or equal to 2.4
- Outer Regional Australia: CDs with an average ARIA index value greater than 2.4 and less than or equal to 5.92
- Remote Australia: CDs with an average ARIA index value greater than 5.92 and less than or equal to 10.53
- Very Remote Australia: CDs with an average ARIA index value greater than 10.53
- Migratory: composed on off-shore, shipping and migratory CDs.

For more information, see *Statistical Geography Volume 1, Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), 2001* (ABS cat. no. 1216.0).

Removal from natural family

A person that has been 'taken away' from their natural family. Includes the removal, as a child, from natural family as part of government policy, and which may have occurred under old welfare policies as well as more recent ones. 'Family' may include extended family members such as aunts, uncles and grandparents. Interviewers were instructed to exclude persons who had been removed from their family for a period of less than six months and those who had been separated from their family for other reasons, such as family dissolution or traditional adoption.

Repairs and maintenance

Work carried out on a dwelling in order to prevent deterioration or to repair or restore the dwelling to its original condition. Repairs and maintenance work is usually of a lesser value than renovations, alterations or additions. Types of repairs and maintenance include: painting; roof repair and maintenance, tile repair and maintenance, electrical work and plumbing.

Risk factor

An aspect of lifestyle or behaviour, a health condition, an environmental exposure, or an inborn or inherited characteristic, known to be associated with health-related conditions considered important to prevent.

Schooling restriction

Difficulty with education of a person aged 18–20 years who otherwise had no core activity limitation. See also Core activity limitation and Disability or long-term health condition.

Self-assessed health status

A person's general assessment of their own health against a five-point scale which ranged from excellent through to poor.

Separation (hospital)

See Hospitalisation.

Severe core activity restriction

See Core activity limitation and Disability or long-term health condition.

Smoker status

In the 2002 NATSISS, smoker status was collected from persons aged 15 years or over and referred to the extent to which a person was smoking at the time they were interviewed. People were categorised as occasional smokers (less than one smoke per day, on average); regular smokers (at least one smoke per day); ex-smokers; and those who have never smoked. Smoking in this context includes the regular smoking of tobacco (both manufactured (packet) cigarettes and roll-your-own cigarettes), cigars and pipes. Excludes chewing tobacco and non-tobacco products (e.g. marijuana).

Smoker status continued

In the 2001 National Health Survey, smoking status was collected from adults aged 18 years or over, and referred to regular smoking (at the time of the interview) of tobacco, including manufactured (packet) cigarettes, roll-your-own cigarettes, cigars and pipes, but excluded chewing tobacco and smoking of non-tobacco products. 'Regular smoking' was defined as one or more cigarettes (or pipes or cigars) per day on average as reported by the respondent.

Social housing

Rental housing provided by state or territory housing authorities, Indigenous Housing Organisations and mainstream community housing organisations.

Source of income

See Main current source of personal income.

Source(s) of support

Family members, friends, neighbours, work colleagues and various community, government and professional organisations that a person has nominated as source(s) of support to them in times of crisis. See also Support in time of crisis.

Stressor(s)

One or more events or circumstances which a person considers to have been a problem for themself or someone close to them in the last 12 months. Personal stressors in the 2002 NATSISS included: serious illness; accident or disability; the death of a family member or close friend; mental illness; divorce or separation; inability to obtain work; involuntary loss of a job; alcohol or drug-related problems; witnessing violence; being the victim of abuse or violent crime; trouble with the police; gambling problems; incarceration of self or a family member; overcrowding; pressure to fulfil cultural responsibilities; and discrimination or racism.

Support in time of crisis

The existence of a support network outside a person's household. Such support could be called on in a time of crisis and could take the form of emotional, physical and/or financial help. See also Source(s) of support.

Torres Strait Islander people

People identified as being of Torres Strait Islander origin. May also include people identified as being of both Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal origin. See also Indigenous people.

Total Fertility Rate

The number of children a woman would bear during her lifetime if she experienced current age-specific fertility rates throughout her reproductive life.

Transport difficulties

A person's perceived level of difficulty in accessing or using transport to get to places as needed e.g. work; school; the shops; government services; health services and hospitals; or anywhere else the respondent considers they need to go on a regular basis. Temporary difficulties such as a car breaking down are excluded. According to their responses a person may then be categorised as being easily able to get to places as needed; sometimes having difficulty; often having difficulty; or unable to get to places as needed.

Underlying cause of death

The disease or injury which initiated the morbid train of events leading directly to death. Accidental and violent deaths are classified to the external cause, that is, to the circumstance of the accident or violence which produced the fatal injury rather than to the nature of the injury.

Unemployed

Persons who were not employed and actively looking for work in the four weeks prior to the survey, and were available to start work in the week prior to the survey. See also Labour force status.

Unemployment rate

The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed persons).

Usual daily serves of fruit

Refers to the number of serves of fruit (excluding drinks and beverages) usually consumed each day, as reported by the respondent. A serve is approximately 150 grams of fresh fruit or 50 grams of dried fruit. Low usual daily fruit intake is defined as eating one serve or less per day, which includes not eating fruit at all.

Usual daily serves of vegetables

Refers to the number of serves of vegetables (excluding drinks and beverages) usually consumed each day, as reported by the respondent. A serve is approximately half a cup of cooked vegetables or one cup of salad vegetables — equivalent to approximately 75 grams. Low usual daily vegetable intake is defined as eating one serve or less per day, which includes not eating vegetables at all.

Usual residence

Refers to the place where a person has lived or intends to live for a total of six months or more.

Victim of physical or threatened violence

A person who had physical force or violence used against them, or threatened to be used against them, in the 12 months prior to the survey. Includes violence or threats made by persons known to the respondent.

Vocational education and training

Vocational training delivered by publicly funded training providers (e.g. TAFE, agricultural colleges, and some schools and private providers).

Voluntary work

The provision of unpaid help in the form of time, service or skills to an organisation or community group in the 12 months prior to interview. 'Unpaid' means the person is not paid in cash or in kind for the work they do. The reimbursement of expenses in full or part (e.g. token payments) or small gifts (e.g. sports club T-shirts or caps) does not constitute payment of a salary, thus people who receive these are still included as voluntary workers.

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