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Identifying and definitional attributes

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Data quality

Institutional environment: The Census of Population and Housing is collected by the Australian Bureau of

Statistics (ABS) under the Census and Statistics Act 1905.

For information on the institutional environment of the ABS, including the legislative obligations of the ABS, financing and government arrangements, and mechanisms

for scrutiny of ABS operations, see ABS Institutional Environment.

Timeliness: The Census is conducted every five years in August. Results from the 2011 Census

were released in 2012 and 2013.

Accessibility: An extensive range of Census online products are available from the Data &

Analysis page.

If the Census information required is not available as a standard product or service, then ABS Consultancy Services can provide customised services to suit your needs. Contact 1300 135 070 from within Australia or +61 2 9268 4909 from overseas for all your Census and other information needs. Alternatively, email

client.services@abs.gov.au.

Interpretability: The 2011 Census Dictionary (ABS 2011) is a comprehensive reference guide

designed to assist users to determine and specify their data requirements, and to understand the concepts underlying the data. It provides details of classifications

used and a glossary of definitions of Census terms.

A number of other resources can be accessed from the <u>Data quality page</u>,

including <u>Data Quality Statements</u> for these data items and <u>Fact sheets</u>. Census data are available by state/territory and by statistical areas. The Census

collects data from all people in Australia on Census night, except foreign diplomats

and their families. Norfolk Island is outside the scope of the Census.

The Census collects information on the highest level of non-school qualification, student status and type of educational institution attending for each individual. The

classification used is the Australian Standard Classification of Education

(ASCED) 2001 (ABS 2001).

Relevance:

Accuracy:

The 2011 Post Enumeration Survey, which is run a month after each Census is completed, found a net undercount for the 2011 Census of 1.7%. This means over 98% of all people in Australia on Census night were counted; this was an improvement of 1% on the undercount from 2006. The Census is self-enumerated; respondents sometimes do not return a Census form or fail to answer every applicable question. While some data is imputed, the majority of output classifications include a 'Not stated' category to record the level of non-response for that data item.

This indicator uses four Census data items.

Non-school qualification: Level of education is used to ascertain level of highest qualification (for qualifications at or above Certificate III level). Non-response rate for this variable in the 2011 Census was 2.6% (down from 3.8% in 2006).

Level of current study isn't collected in the Census. The combination of Full-time/Part-time student status (for whether studying or not) and Type of educational institution attending (to exclude school students) can be used to give the number of persons studying for a non-school qualification. Non-response rates for these variables were 6.2% and 4.4% respectively (compared to 7.5% and 4.5% in 2006).

An estimated 4% (Type of educational institution attending) and 1% (other variables) of responses are incorrect; in these cases responses are accepted in the order they appear on the form and extra responses are rejected.

The Indigenous status item is used to ascertain Indigenous status of persons. The non-response rate for this variable was 4.9% (down from 5.7% in 2006).

For further information see specific <u>Data Quality Statements</u> and the <u>non-response</u> <u>rate quality statement</u>.

Coherence:

It is important for Census data to be comparable and compatible with previous Censuses and also with other data produced by the ABS and wider community. The ABS, and the Census, uses Australian standard classifications, where available and appropriate, to provide data comparability across statistical collections.

The Australian Standard Classification of Education has been used in all surveys with education items since 2001 and allows the education and training items between different surveys to be compared.

The Survey of Education and Work (ABS 2016b), Qualifications and Employment Outcomes (ABS 2016c) and the upcoming Work-Related Training and Adult Learning (ABS 2013) also provide information on educational participation and attainment.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Origin: ABS Census of Population and Housing. Data are available every five years.

Reference documents: ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2001. Australian Standard Classification of

Education (ASCED), 2001. ABS Cat. no. 1272.0. Canberra: ABS.

ABS 2013. Work-Related Training and Adult Learning, Australia, Apr 2013. ABS

Cat. no. 4234.0. Canberra: ABS.

ABS 2016a. Census Dictionary, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 2901.0. Canberra: ABS.

ABS 2016b. Education and Work, Australia, May 2016. ABS Cat. no. 6227.0.

Canberra: ABS.

ABS 2016c. Qualifications and Work, Australia, 2015. ABS Cat. no. 4235.0.

Canberra: ABS.

Relational attributes

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