

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P18a- Proportion of 20-24 year olds having attained at least a Year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II (Census Data), 2010 QS

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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Data quality

Institutional environment:	For information on the institutional environment of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), including the legislative obligations of the ABS, financing and governance arrangements, and mechanisms for scrutiny of ABS operations, please see the ABS Institutional Environment.
Timeliness:	The <i>Census and Statistics Act 1905</i> requires the Australian Statistician to conduct a Census on a regular basis. Since 1961 it has been conducted every five years. The 2006 Census was the 15th national Census for Australia and was held on 8 August 2006. For the 2006 Census, first release data was available on the ABS website on 27 June 2007, and second release data on 25 October 2007.
Accessibility:	An extensive range of 2006 Census data is freely available from the ABS website and accessible from publications or electronic products. See Census Products for the full range. For complex and specialised requests that cannot be sourced freely online, the ABS Information Consultancy Service can provide data on a fee for service basis.
Interpretability:	To aid interpretation of Census data, a comprehensive range of reference material and information is available under Census on the ABS website.
Relevance:	The Census collects information on Year 12 completion and qualifications. In the Census, information may have been supplied by one household resident on behalf of another person. The person reporting may not know all details of the educational attainment of the other. In other cases, the answer to a question is not supplied. Hence, judgement may be required in classifying people for this measure.

Accuracy:

There are four principal sources of error in Census data: respondent error, processing error, partial response and undercount. Results from the post-enumeration survey reveal an undercount of the Indigenous population. This undercount may introduce bias into the results which may affect comparability of estimates among jurisdictions. The net undercount for all Indigenous Australians was estimated at 11.5 per cent, calculated as the difference between the Census count of Indigenous people and the estimated Indigenous population on Census night (note that people who were counted in the Census but whose Indigenous status was not stated are included in estimates of net undercount). Estimates of the Indigenous net undercount for all jurisdictions is included below:

Estimated Indigenous net undercount by state/territory:

Undercount rate %

NSW 8.6

Vic. 9.4

Qld 11.6

SA 8.6

WA 16.6

Tas. 8.8

NT 16.0

ACT 8.8

Australia 11.5

Source: ABS 2008 (cat no. 3238.0.55.001).

Concerning potential error due to partial response, the level of not stated responses to this indicator was over 10 per cent for Indigenous people at the national level. While, for this indicator, not stated responses have been excluded from the denominator, rates of attainment of Year 12 or equivalent based on Census data would be considerably lower if the not stated responses were included.

The quality of information on qualifications is also affected by the level of detail provided and the ease with which responses can be coded. Quality statements for the data items are available, which include further information on non-response, see particularly: Highest year of school completed, Non-School Qualification, and Indigenous Status.

Coherence:

The Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) has been used in all surveys with education items since 2001 and allows the education and training items between different surveys to be compared. Different collection techniques and treatment of 'Not Stated' responses, should be considered when comparing the Census with other collections.

Relational attributes**Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12a- Attainment of Year 12 or equivalent \(Census data\), 2013 QS Indigenous](#), Superseded 25/06/2014

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