

Australian Early Development Index 2009 (AEDI)

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Description: The Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) was completed nationwide for the first time in 2009. Information was collected on over 260,000 Australian children (97.5 per cent of the estimated five-year-old population) in their first year of fulltime school between 1 May and 31 July. COAG has endorsed the AEDI as a national progress measure of early childhood development in Australia. The AEDI is a population measure of children's health and development, based on the scores from a teacher-completed checklist in their first year of formal schooling. It aims to provide communities with a basis for reviewing the services, supports and environments that influence children in their first 5 years of life. The AEDI measures development in five domains:

- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills (school-based)
- communication skills and general knowledge.

The AEDI is funded by the Australian Government and is conducted by the Centre for Community Child Health (at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne and a key research centre of the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute) in partnership with the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, Perth.

Link to data source: <https://data.gov.au/dataset/australian-early-development-index>

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Source and reference attributes

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