

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 15a— Proportion of Indigenous 20–64 year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in Certificate level III or above, (Census data) 2017

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	PI 15a—Proportion of Indigenous 20–64 year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in Certificate level III or above (Census data), 2017
METEOR identifier:	645416
Registration status:	Indigenous , Superseded 06/06/2017
Description:	Proportion of people aged 20–64 years with, or working towards, post-school qualifications in Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate level III or above, by Indigenous status.
Rationale:	Post-secondary education leads to better employment prospects and, for Indigenous people, will help to achieve the target to halve the gap in employment outcomes within a decade.
Indicator set:	National Indigenous Reform Agreement (2017) Indigenous , Superseded 06/06/2017
Outcome area:	The Indigenous workforce age population has the depth and breadth of skills and capabilities required for the 21st century labour market Indigenous , Standard 21/07/2010
Data quality statement:	National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 15a-Proportion of Indigenous 20-64 year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in Certificate level III or above, (Census data) 2015-16: Quality Statement Indigenous , Superseded 07/02/2018

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	20 years
Population group age to:	64 years
Computation description:	Presentation: Number and percentage (per 100 persons).
Computation:	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$.
Numerator:	People aged 20–64 years who have attained a post-school qualification at the AQF Certificate level III or above, or are currently studying a non-school qualification at any level.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Person—age

Data Source

[ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Level of study completed

Data Source

[ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Person—level of highest educational attainment

Data Source

[ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Person—student/employment training indicator

Data Source

[ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census

Denominator:

Census counts of persons (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) aged 20–64 years.

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Person—age

Data Source

[ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census

Disaggregation:

National and state/territory by Indigenous status by remoteness area, by:

- completed study/currently studying.
- level of study (completed study only).

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Level of completed study

Data Source

[ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 1 (SA1) (ASGS 2011)

Data Source

[ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Person—Indigenous status

Data Source

[ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census

Comments:

There are no updated data available for this cycle of reporting.

Most recent available data are from the ABS 2011 Census reported in the 2014 NIRA report.

2011 Census data were provided for 2013 reporting but were not available disaggregated by remoteness. 2011 Census data were resupplied for 2014 reporting disaggregated by remoteness.

The baseline report reported data from the 2006 Census as the main data collection.

For people 'with' a non-school qualification:

- People whose level of education was inadequately described are excluded from the calculation (numerator and denominator).
- The Census measure excludes people whose level of highest non-school qualification or attendance status is not stated or inadequately described if they fail to meet the indicator criteria for either variable.
- People whose level of non-school qualification is determined to be certificate level but is not able to be further defined (that is, Certificate nfd) are assumed to have attained a qualification below Certificate level III and are therefore excluded from the numerator for this indicator.

For people 'working towards' a non-school qualification:

- Level of qualification is not available for people 'working towards' post-school qualifications. Therefore, people who are currently studying a non-school qualification at any level are included in the calculations for this indicator.

The denominator excludes people whose level of non-school qualification or attendance status was not stated.

At this stage, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) advises that information is only available on qualification levels for those who have completed studies (not those who are currently studying). Therefore, the ABS recommended restricting the definition for baseline reporting accordingly to those who have completed Certificate Level III or above, and those currently studying a non-school qualification.

Baseline year for NIRA target (Halve the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade) is 2008; baseline year for this measure is 2006.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Socioeconomic Factors](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source

[ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing](#)

Frequency

Every 5 years.

Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Accountability attributes

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Interim.

Data are required on the level of qualification for those currently studying (working towards a qualification).

The ABS has collected level and field of current study in the 2012–13 Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey and the 2014–15 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey. These data are also available in the annual ABS Survey of Education and Work.

Source and reference attributes

Steward: [National Indigenous Reform Agreement Performance Information Management Group](#)

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 15a—Proportion of Indigenous 20–64 year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in Certificate level III or above, \(Census data\) 2016](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 01/07/2016

Has been superseded by [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 15a- Proportion of Indigenous 20–64 year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in Certificate level III or above \(Census data\), 2018](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 31/07/2018

See also [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 15b—Proportion of Indigenous 20–64 year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in Certificate level III or above \(survey data\), 2016](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 01/07/2016

See also [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 15b—Proportion of Indigenous 20–64 year olds with or working towards a post-school qualification in Certificate level III or above \(survey data\), 2017](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 06/06/2017