

# National Indigenous Reform Agreement (2020)

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Indicator Set

**Indicator set type:** COAG IGA

**METEOR identifier:** 718468

**Registration status:** [Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

**Description:** Through the National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA), the Parties commit to working together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to Close the Gap in Indigenous disadvantage.

In 2008, all governments in Australia committed to work towards Closing the Gap, with the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreeing to 6 specific targets and timelines (COAG 2012). The targets are set out in the NIRA between the Australian Government and the state and territory governments (COAG 2012). In May 2014, COAG agreed to a seventh target in relation to school attendance (PM&C 2015). In December 2015 COAG renewed the early childhood education target (COAG 2015).

COAG has agreed to the following targets:

1. close the gap in life expectancy within a generation (by 2031)
2. halve the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children under 5 within a decade (by 2018)
3. ensure 95% of all Indigenous 4 year-olds are enrolled in early childhood education (by 2025)
4. halve the gap for Indigenous students in reading, writing and numeracy within a decade (by 2018)
5. halve the gap for Indigenous people aged 20–24 years in Year 12 attainment or equivalent attainment rates (by 2020)
6. halve the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade (by 2018)
7. close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous school attendance within 5 years (by the end of 2018).

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [National Indigenous Reform Agreement \(2019\)](#)  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 23/08/2019

**Outcome areas linked to  
this Indicator set:**

[Indigenous Australians achieve health outcomes comparable to the broader population](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 25/02/2024

[Indigenous children are born and remain healthy](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 21/07/2010

[Indigenous children have access to affordable, quality early childhood education in the year before full-time schooling](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 01/07/2016

[Indigenous children have the same health outcomes as other Australian children](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 21/07/2010

[Indigenous people of working age participate effectively in all sectors and at all levels of the labour market](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 21/07/2010

[Indigenous people remain healthy and free of preventable disease](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 21/07/2010

[Indigenous students meet basic literacy and numeracy standards and overall levels of literacy and numeracy are improving](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 21/07/2010

[Schooling promotes social inclusion and reduces the educational disadvantage of children, especially Indigenous children](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 01/07/2016

[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

**Indicators linked to this Indicator set:**

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 01-Estimated life expectancy at birth, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 02-Mortality rate by leading causes, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 17/11/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 03-Rates of current daily smokers, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 17/11/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 04-Levels of risky alcohol consumption, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 05-Prevalence of overweight and obesity, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 06-Under five mortality rate by leading cause, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 17/11/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07-Proportion of babies born of low birthweight, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 08-Tobacco smoking during pregnancy, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 10-Proportion of Indigenous children who are enrolled in \(and attending, where possible to measure\) a preschool program in the year before formal schooling, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 17/11/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 11-Percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard in reading, writing and numeracy for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12a-Attainment of Year 12 or equivalent \(Census data\), 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12b-Attainment of Year 12 or equivalent \(survey data\), 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 13-Attendance rates Year 1 to Year 10, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 14a-Level of workforce participation \(Census data\), 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 14b-Level of workforce participation \(survey data\), 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[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 \(Census data\), 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[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 \(survey data\), 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

## Collection and usage attributes

**Comments:** The term 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' is preferred when referring to the separate Indigenous peoples of Australia. However, the term 'Indigenous' is used interchangeably with 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander' in this indicator set to assist readability.

## Source and reference attributes

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

**Reference documents:** COAG 2012. National Indigenous Reform Agreement. Canberra: COAG. Viewed 24 July 2017, [http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/health/\\_archive/indigenous-reform/national-agreement\\_sept\\_12.pdf](http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/health/_archive/indigenous-reform/national-agreement_sept_12.pdf)

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