

APPENDIX

More detailed definitions and data sources are on the PHIDU web site pages associated with this atlas at www.publichealth.gov.au.

Table A1: Data definitions for demography and socioeconomic status indicators

Topic and variable name	Numerator	Denominator
Demography		
children aged 0 to 4 yrs	all children aged from 0 to 4 yrs	total population
children aged 5 to 14 yrs	all children aged from 5 to 14 yrs	total population
young people aged 15 to 24 yrs	all young people aged from 15 to 24 yrs	total population
people aged 65 yrs and over	all people aged 65 yrs and over	total population
Families		
single parent families	single parent families with children under 15	all families
low income families ¹	families with income less than \$26,000 p.a. [\$500 per week]	all families with an income
jobless families with children aged under 15 yrs	families with children under 15 yrs in which no parent is employed	all families with children under 15 yrs
high income families ²	families with income of \$62,400 or more p.a. [\$1,200 per week]	all families with an income
Labour force		
unemployment	population 15-64 yrs unemployed	population 15-64 yrs in labour force
unskilled and semi-skilled workers	intermediate production & transport workers; labourers & related workers	employed labour force
female labour force participation	females 20-54 yrs in the labour force	females 20 to 54 yrs
high status occupations ²	managers & administrators; professionals	employed labour force
Education		
participation at age 16 yrs	people aged 16 years participating in full-time secondary education	all 16 year olds
Technology		
people who used the Internet at home	people who used the Internet at home in a one-week period	total population
Indigenous status		
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	people identifying in the Census as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders	total population
People born in predominantly non-English speaking countries		
resident for 5 yrs or more	number born in predominately non-English speaking countries, resident for 5 yrs or more	total population
resident for less than 5 yrs	number born in predominately non-English speaking countries, resident for less than 5 yrs	total population
proficiency in English	people aged 5 yrs and over born in predominately non-English speaking countries who speak English 'not well' or 'not at all'	population aged 5 yrs and over
Housing		
public rental dwellings	occupied private dwellings rented from the State housing authority	all occupied private dwellings
rent assistance	renters receiving assistance from Centrelink	all households
Transport		
dwellings with no motor vehicle	occupied private dwellings with no motor vehicle garaged or parked on Census night	all occupied private dwellings

¹When interpreting the figures for low income families in the text, it should be noted that the indicators of low income used in the comparisons (\$12,000 per annum or less in 1986, \$16,000 per annum or less in 1991, and \$21,000 per annum or less in 1996) do not equate to equivalent incomes and have thus not been adjusted based on changes to buying power. Rather, they are based on categories of income available from the Census and denote comparability of income in 1986, 1991, 1996 and 2001, based on levels of income of recipients of the sole parents' pension and unemployment benefits.

²These variables were not mapped but are included in the correlation analysis.

³Also referred to as Aboriginal people, and the Indigenous population.

Source: Compiled from project sources