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# Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Quality Statement

Synonymous names: Data quality statement — Indicator 14 Level of workforce participation (Census

data)

METEOR identifier: 567234

**Registration status:** <u>Indigenous</u>, Superseded 17/02/2016

**Data quality** 

Institutional environment: The Census is collected by the ABS under the Census and Statistics Act 1905.

For information on the institutional environment of the ABS, including the legislative obligations of the ABS, financing and government arrangements, and mechanisms for scrutiny of ABS operations, see ABS Institutional Environment (ABS website).

**Timeliness:** The Census is conducted every five years in August. Results from the 2011 Census

were released in 2012 and 2013.

Accessibility: An extensive range of Census online products are available from the Data &

Analysis page.

If the Census information you require is not available as a standard product or service, then ABS Consultancy Services can help you with customised services to suit your needs. Contact 1300 135 070 from within Australia or +61 2 9268 4909 from overseas for all your Census and other information needs. Alternatively,

please email client.services@abs.gov.au.

Interpretability: The 2011 Census Dictionary (cat. no. 2901.0) is a comprehensive reference guide

designed to assist users to determine and specify their data requirements, and to understand the concepts underlying the data. It provides details of classifications

used and a glossary of definitions of Census terms.

A number of other resources can be accessed from the Data quality page, including Data Quality Statements for these data items and Fact sheets, although

information on Labour Force Status has not yet been released.

**Relevance:** Census data are available by state/territory and by statistical areas. The Census

collects data from all people in Australia on Census night, except foreign diplomats

and their families. Norfolk Island is outside the scope of the Census.

The Census collects information on labour force status. The Census Dictionary provides a list of the classifications used in the labour force status variable, see

2901.0 Census Dictionary, 2011.

#### Accuracy:

The 2011 Post Enumeration Survey, which is run a month after each Census is completed, found a net undercount for the 2011 Census of 1.7 per cent. This means over 98 per cent of all people in Australia on Census night were counted; this was an improvement of 1 per cent on the undercount from 2006. The Census is self-enumerated; respondents sometimes do not return a Census form or fail to answer every applicable question. While some data is imputed, the majority of output classifications include a 'Not Stated' category to record the level of non-response for that data item.

Labour Force Status is the main census data item used to provide data for these indicators. The non-response rate for this variable in the 2011 Census was 5.6 per cent (down from 6.5 per cent in 2006).

The Indigenous Status item is used to ascertain Indigenous status of persons. The non-response rate for this variable was 4.9 per cent (down from 5.7 per cent in 2006).

For further information see specific data quality statements and the non-response rate quality statement.

#### Coherence:

It is important for Census data to be comparable and compatible with previous Censuses and also with other data produced by the ABS and wider community. The ABS, and the Census, uses Australian standard classifications, where available and appropriate, to provide data comparability across statistical collections.

The 2006 Census dictionary provides some information on the differences and similarities between the Census and the labour force survey, see: 2901.0 Census Dictionary, 2006.

The Labour Force Survey is also a source of information for labour force concepts and information: Labour Force, Australia: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families.

### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Origin: ABS Census of Population and Housing (Census). Data are available every five

years.

## Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 14a-Level of workforce participation (Census data), 2013 QS

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Indicators linked to this Data Quality statement:

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 14a-Level of workforce participation

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