

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	PI 14b-Level of workforce participation (survey data), 2020
METEOR identifier:	718502
Registration status:	Indigenous , Standard 23/08/2019
Description:	There are three measures for this indicator: (a) Employment to population ratio, by Indigenous status. (b) Unemployment rate, by Indigenous status. (c) Labour force participation rate, by Indigenous status.
Rationale:	Participation in employment has important consequences for living standards, social and emotional wellbeing and participation in the community. This is a key measure for the Closing the Gap target 'Halve the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade (by 2018).
Indicator set:	National Indigenous Reform Agreement (2020) Indigenous , Standard 23/08/2019
Outcome area:	Indigenous people of working age participate effectively in all sectors and at all levels of the labour market Indigenous , Standard 21/07/2010
Data quality statement:	National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 14b-Level of workforce participation (survey data), 2020: Quality Statement Indigenous , Standard 06/02/2020

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	15 years			
Population group age to:	64 years			
Computation description:	Presentation: Number and percentage (per 100 persons). Relative standard errors and 95% confidence intervals are calculated for proportions. Rate ratios and rate differences are calculated for comparisons between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.			
Computation:	Rate: $100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$. Rate ratio: Indigenous rate divided by non-Indigenous rate. Rate difference: Indigenous minus non-Indigenous rate.			
Numerator:	(a) Number of employed people aged 15–64. (b) Number of unemployed people aged 15–64. (c) Number of people aged 15–64 in the labour force.			
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[ABS Survey of Education and Work \(SEW\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey.

Based on 2018 SEW.

Main non-Indigenous numerator data source.

Data Element / Data Set

Person—labour force status

Data Source

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[ABS 2018-19 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey.

Main Indigenous numerator data source.

Data Element / Data Set

Person—labour force status

Data Source

[ABS 2018-19 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey.

Main Indigenous numerator data source.

Denominator:

For (a) and (c) Total population aged 15–64.

For (b) Total number of people in the labour force aged 15–64.

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Person—age

Data Source

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Guide for use

Data source type: Survey.

Based on 2018 SEW.

Main non-Indigenous denominator data source.

Data Element / Data Set

Person—age

Data Source

[ABS 2018-19 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey.

Main Indigenous denominator data source.

Disaggregation:

Disaggregation: National and state/territory by remoteness area by Indigenous status.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

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Data Element / Data Set

Person—Indigenous status

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Comments:

Most recent data available for the 2020 National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA) Report (2018–19 reporting cycle). Data are presented for:

- Indigenous: NATSIHS 2018-19;
- non-Indigenous: SEW 2018

The 2017 NIRA report (2015–16 reporting cycle) presented data for:

- Indigenous: NATSISS 2014–15.
- Non-Indigenous: SEW 2014.

The baseline NIRA Report presented data from the 2008 NATSISS (Indigenous) and 2008 SEW (non-Indigenous) as the main data collection.

The 2014 NIRA Report presented data from the NATSIHS component of the 2012–13 Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (AATSIHS) and the 2012 SEW.

Prior to 2010, the SEW did not include people living in very remote areas. From 2010 onwards, the SEW includes people living in very remote areas except discrete Indigenous communities.

Prior to 2010, the SEW did not include the remoteness variable. Therefore, a non-Indigenous comparator for remoteness for the 2008 NATSISS is not reported.

The size of the standard errors mean that SEW data may not be adequate for measuring change over time.

Baseline year for the Council of Australian Governments' Closing the Gap target (Halve the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade) is 2008; baseline year for this indicator is 2008; target year is 2018.

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 to assist readability.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Percentage
Data type:	Real
Unit of measure:	Person
Format:	N[N].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions:	Socioeconomic Factors
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Data source attributes

Data sources:**Data Source**

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Frequency

Annual

Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Data Source

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Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Accountability attributes

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 14b-Level of workforce participation \(survey data\), 2019](#)

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

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

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