



How healthy are Australia's children?

Mortality	Infant mortality rate ^(a) Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) rate Death rate for children aged 1–14 years
Morbidity	Proportion of children aged 0–14 years with asthma as a long-term condition New cases of cancer per 100,000 children aged 0–14 years New cases of insulin-dependent diabetes per 100,000 children aged 0–14 years
Disability	Proportion of children aged 0–14 years with severe or profound core activity limitations
Mental health	Proportion of children aged 4–14 years with mental health problems Proportion of children aged 6–14 years with mental health disorders (ADHD, depressive disorder, conduct disorder)

How well are we promoting healthy child development?

Breastfeeding	Proportion of infants exclusively breastfed at 4 months of age ^(a)
Dental health	Proportion of children decay-free at age 6 years and at age 12 years Mean number of decayed, missing or filled teeth (dmft/DMFT) among primary school children ^(a)
Physical activity	Under development
Early learning	Proportion of children aged <1 year old who are read to by an adult on a regular basis

How well are Australia's children learning and developing?

Transition to primary school	Proportion of children entering school with basic skills for life and learning ^(a)
Attending early childhood education programs	Proportion of children attending an early education program in the 2 years prior to beginning primary school ^(a)
Attendance at primary school	Attendance rate of children at primary school ^(a)
Literacy and numeracy	Proportion of primary school children who achieve the literacy benchmarks ^(a) Proportion of primary school children who achieve the numeracy benchmarks ^(a)
Social and emotional development	Under development

What factors can affect children adversely?

Teenage births	Age-specific fertility rate for 15–19 year old women ^(a)
Smoking in pregnancy	Proportion of women who smoked during the first 20 weeks of pregnancy ^(a)
Alcohol use during pregnancy	Proportion of women who consume alcohol during pregnancy
Birthweight	Proportion of live born infants of low birthweight ^(a)
Overweight and obesity	Proportion of children whose body mass index (BMI) score is above the international cut off points for 'overweight' and 'obese' for their age and sex ^(a)
Environmental tobacco smoke in the home	Proportion of households with children aged 0–14 years where adults smoke inside
Tobacco use	Proportion of children aged 12–14 years who are current smokers
Alcohol misuse	Proportion of children aged 12–14 years who have engaged in high-risk drinking (5 or more drinks in a row) at least once in the last 2 weeks

What kind of families and communities do Australia's children live in?

Family functioning	Under development
Family economic situation	Average real equivalised disposable household income for households with children in the 2 nd and 3 rd income deciles ^(a)
Children in non-parental care	Rate of children aged 0–14 years in out-of-home care Under development—Children in grandparent families
Parental health status	Proportion of parents rating their health as 'fair' or 'poor' Proportion of parents with disability Proportion of parents with mental health problems
Neighbourhood safety	Proportion of households with children aged 0–14 years where neighbourhood is perceived as unsafe
Social capital	Proportion of households with children under 15 years of age where respondent was able to get support in time of crisis from persons living outside the household

How safe and secure are Australia's children?

Injuries	Age-specific death rates from all injuries for children aged 0–4, 5–9 and 10–14 years ^(a) Road transport accident death rate for children aged 0–14 years Accidental drowning death rate for children aged 0–14 years Intentional self-harm hospitalisation rate for children aged 0–14 years Assault death rate for children aged 0–14 years Assault hospitalisation rate for children aged 0–14 years Injury hospitalisation rate for children aged 0–14 years
School relationships and bullying	Under development
Child abuse and neglect	Rate of children aged 0–12 years who were the subject of child protection substantiation in a given year ^(a) Rate of children aged 0–12 years who are the subject of care and protection orders
Children as victims of violence	Rate of children aged 0–14 years who have been the victim of physical and sexual assault
Homelessness	Rate of children aged 0–15 years seeking assistance from the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (accompanied and unaccompanied)
Children and crime	Rate of children aged 10–14 years who are under juvenile justice supervision

How well is the system performing in delivering quality health, development and wellbeing actions to Australia's children?

Congenital anomalies	Under development—Rate of selected congenital anomalies among infants at births
Newborn screening (hearing)	Under development
Immunisation	Proportion of children on the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register who are fully immunised at 2 years of age ^(a)
Survival for leukaemia	Five-year relative survival rate for leukaemia in children aged 0–14 years
Quality child care	Under development
Child protection re-substantiations	Rate of children aged 0–12 years who were the subject of child protection re-substantiation in a given year

(a) Headline Indicator.