

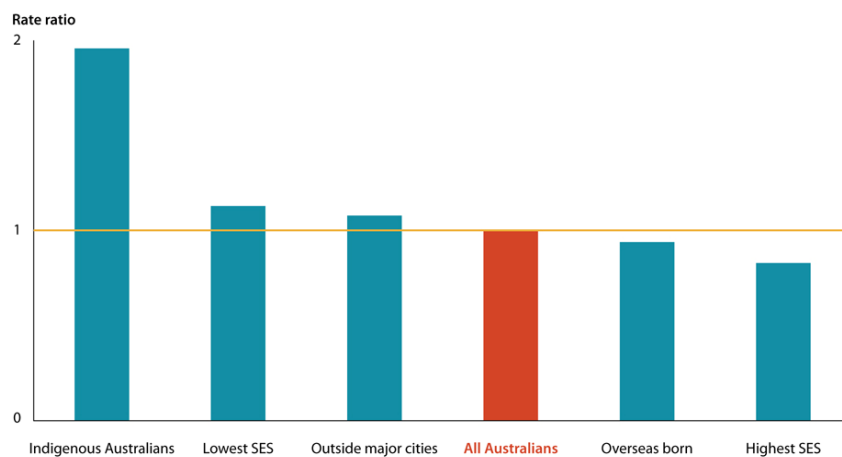


Mortality

Extracted from *Australia's health 2010*
Pages 227–280

Overall death rates vary a lot across different groups. Indigenous people have almost twice the rate for Australia as a whole. For the most disadvantaged fifth of Australians (the lowest socioeconomic status: SES), the rate is about 13% higher than the national rate and for those living outside capital cities it is around 8% higher. On the other hand, the rate for overseas-born Australians is 6% lower than the national rate and for the most advantaged fifth (the highest SES) it is about 17% lower.

Death rates compared



When Australians are grouped according to their social and economic position, the patterns are compelling. Not only do groups with the most disadvantage tend to have much worse health than the best-off groups, there is a clear graded effect on the groups in between. As in the case of Indigenous Australians, the health disadvantage is very wide-ranging. Given the vast numbers of Australians affected by disadvantage, this poses a great public health and society-wide challenge. As just one example from the period 2002–2006, death rates among 15–64 year olds in the lowest of five socioeconomic status (SES) groups were 70% higher than those in the highest SES group.

Premature deaths at ages 15–64 years, by SES

