

Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage

Key Indicators 2020

Fact sheet 1



Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators 2020 – trends in national outcomes

COAG targets and headline indicators	
COAG Targets	Headline Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 4.1 Life expectancy ✓ 4.2 Young child mortality ✓ 4.3 Early childhood education ? 4.4 Reading, writing and numeracy ✗ 4.5 Year 1 to 10 attendance ✓ 4.6 Year 12 attainment ? 4.7 Employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 4.8 Post-secondary education – participation and attainment – 4.9 Disability and chronic disease ✓ 4.10 Household and individual income ✗ 4.11 Substantiated child abuse and neglect ? 4.12 Family and community violence ✗ 4.13 Imprisonment and youth detention

Strategic areas for action

Number beside indicator refers to section numbers in main report. Code for each indicator determined using criteria on previous page. Timeframes for trend assessment differ across indicators.

Governance, leadership and culture	Early child development	Education and training	Healthy lives	Economic participation	Home environment	Safe and supportive communities
5.1 Valuing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their cultures ✓	6.1 Antenatal care ✓	7.1 Teacher quality DG	8.1 Access to primary health care –	9.1 Employment by full time/part time status, sector and occupation ✓	10.1 Overcrowding in housing ✓	11.1 Alcohol consumption and harm –
5.2 Participation in decision-making DG	6.2 Health behaviours during pregnancy ✓	7.2 School engagement DG	8.2 Potentially preventable hospitalisations ?	9.2 Indigenous owned or controlled land and business ✓	10.2 Rates of disease associated with poor environmental health ?	11.2 Drug and other substance use and harm ✗
5.3 Engagement of services ✓	6.3 Teenage birth rate ✓	7.3 Transition from school to work –	8.3 Potentially avoidable deaths ✓	9.3 Home ownership ✓	10.3 Access to clean water, functional sewerage and electricity services –	11.3 Youth diversions DG
5.4 Case studies in governance*	6.4 Birthweight ✓		8.4 Tobacco consumption and harm ✓	9.4 Income support ?		11.4 Repeat offending –
5.5 Indigenous language revitalisation and maintenance –	6.5 Early childhood hospitalisations ?		8.5 Obesity and nutrition ✗			11.5 Community functioning –
5.6 Indigenous cultural studies DG	6.6 Injury and preventable disease ?		8.6 Oral health DG			
5.7 Participation in community activities ?	6.7 Ear health ✓		8.7 Mental health ✗			
5.8 Access to traditional lands and waters ✓	6.8 Basic skills for life and learning ✓		8.8 Suicide and self-harm ✗			

- ✓ The main measure has shown progress
- No significant change
- ✗ The main measure has shown regress
- DG Data Gap
- ? Results are unclear
- *Not applicable (case studies only)

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How have trends in outcomes over time been assessed?

The figure on the previous page summarises changes in outcomes over time. The following approach was taken to assessing change over time:

- The key consideration was change over time in outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people NOT the gap to non-Indigenous people. It is important to acknowledge improvements in outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, even if improvements for non-Indigenous people mean that the gap has not narrowed and/or the outcomes for non-Indigenous people are significantly better.
- Change has been assessed by comparing the latest available data to the earliest available data for each indicator in this Report. Therefore, the time period may be different for different indicators.
- If apparent change was not statistically significant this was recorded as no significant change.
- The focus has been on the main measure/s identified for each indicator. Supplementary measures for some indicators may show different trends.
- No trend has been identified where it is not clear whether an observed change in the main measure is positive or negative, or where improvements to data collections have created a break in series.

Results have been summarised into the following five categories:

-  **progress** — where the main measure for an indicator shows outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people improving over time
-  **no significant change** — where the main measure for an indicator shows no meaningful change in outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
-  **regress** — where the main measure for an indicator shows a decline in outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
-  **data gap** — where no suitable trend data are available (this does not include indicators where improvements to data collections have created a break in series, which are labelled 'unclear')
-  **unclear** — where it is not clear whether an observed change in the main measure is positive or negative, or where improvements to data collections have created a break in series. Results should be considered in the light of the contextual material in the relevant section of the Report.

There are 52 indicators in this Report. However, one indicator (5.4 *Case studies in governance*) is not designed to include quantitative measures.

For more information

Information in this fact sheet is from *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key indicators 2020*, produced by the Productivity Commission for the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision. The report can be found on the review website: www.pc.gov.au/oid2020.

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Photo: Uncle Rod Mason talks bush tucker, Sydney NSW. Courtesy of NSW AECG Inc. Photo by Jamie James