

Health preface — attachment

Table HPA.1

Table HPA.1 **Mortality rates, age standardised for all causes (per 1000 people)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
All Australians, Annual (a)									
1998	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.0	7.3	7.7	6.6	10.1	7.2
1999	7.1	6.8	7.3	6.9	6.8	7.8	6.5	9.9	7.1
2000	6.9	6.7	6.9	6.5	6.9	7.5	6.1	10.0	6.8
2001	6.6	6.5	6.7	6.3	6.8	7.6	6.3	9.4	6.6
2002	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.4	6.7	7.6	5.9	9.0	6.7
All Australians, three year average (b)									
2000-2002	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.4	6.8	na	na	11.8	6.7
Indigenous, three year average (c)									
2000-2002	12.2	9.6	15.5	17.5	16.1	na	na	25.4	na

(a) Calculated using direct methods of age standardisation. Revised using the 2001 Census population. Figures for Australia include 'Other Territories'.

(b) Calculated using indirect methods of age standardisation. Figure for Australia based on NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT. Uses age specific death rates for the total population as the standard.

(c) Calculated using indirect methods of age standardisation. Uses the low series of the projected Indigenous populations. Based on registered deaths with no adjustment for undercoverage of Indigenous death registrations. The accuracy of Indigenous mortality data is variable. Based on the ABS 2001 Census, ABS assessments indicate that the coverage of death registrations for Indigenous people in Queensland, WA, SA and the NT is higher than that for other jurisdictions. Estimated data coverage of Indigenous deaths in NSW and Victoria are below 50 per cent.

na Not available.

Source: ABS (unpublished); ABS 2003, *Deaths, Australia 2002*, Cat. no. 3302.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2005 Report, table EA.10.

Table HPA.2 **Infant mortality rate, three year average (per 1000 live births)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (a)</i>
All Australians									
1992–1994	6.6	5.4	7.0	6.2	5.3	6.7	5.1	14.0	6.3
1993–1995	6.1	5.1	6.5	5.5	5.2	6.4	4.6	13.3	5.9
1994–1996	5.9	5.0	6.3	5.7	5.1	5.9	5.1	12.0	5.8
1995–1997	5.6	4.9	6.2	5.6	5.1	5.6	4.8	12.4	5.6
1996–1998	5.1	4.9	6.2	5.6	4.5	5.6	5.2	12.1	5.4
1997–1999	5.1	5.1	6.0	5.0	4.3	6.6	5.1	12.2	5.3
1998–2000	5.1	4.9	6.1	4.7	4.3	6.4	5.3	11.9	5.3
1999–2001	5.4	5.0	5.9	4.7	4.5	6.5	4.3	11.4	5.4
2000–2002	5.0	4.8	6.0	4.6	4.8	6.1	3.5	11.2	5.2
Indigenous (b), (c)									
1992–1994	na	na	na	na	16.0	na	na	25.4	na
1993–1995	na	na	na	18.0	13.7	na	na	22.2	15.0
1994–1996	na	na	na	20.6	12.2	na	na	18.8	13.3
1995–1997	na	na	na	18.7	12.3	na	na	22.2	12.8
1996–1998	na	na	11.7	18.3	8.3	na	na	23.7	12.7
1997–1999	na	na	12.6	15.8	6.9	na	na	23.5	13.0
1998–2000	11.8	na	12.5	16.9	7.8	na	na	21.5	13.5
1999–2001	10.9	na	11.7	16.6	8.0	na	na	19.2	12.7
2000–2002	9.5	na	11.5	16.5	10.4	na	na	18.1	na

(a) Figures for Australia include 'Other Territories'.

(b) Indigenous data are subject to uncertainty as a result of the underreporting of both births and deaths. The accuracy of Indigenous mortality data is variable due to varying rates of coverage across jurisdictions and over time, and changes in the estimated Indigenous population caused by changing rates of identification in the Census and births data.

(c) SA figure for 2000-2002 based on deaths for 2001 and 2002.

na Not available.

Source: ABS (unpublished); ABS (various years), *Deaths*, Australia, Cat. no. 3302.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2005 Report, table EA.11.

Table HPA.3

Table HPA.3 Causes of death by Indigenous status, age standardised death rates, 1999–2001 (per 100 000 people) (a), (b)

	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>NT</i>
Non-Indigenous Australians				
Lung cancer	24.5	22.4	21.3	30.5
Diabetes (c)	18.5	16.7	23.3	30.3
Circulatory diseases (d)	73.2	59.1	72.3	90.1
Coronary heart disease	47.3	37.1	44.3	63.5
Rheumatic heart disease	0.6	0.6	0.7	np
Respiratory diseases	17.1	13.8	15.9	22.8
Pneumonia	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.7
Injury and poisoning (e)	35.9	32.8	31.5	52.5
Road vehicle accidents	8.9	8.4	8.9	18.7
Self harm	14.1	14.9	11.9	18.2
Assault	1.5	1.0	1.4	2.3
Indigenous Australians				
Lung cancer	65.6	25.7	42.1	53.2
Diabetes (c)	243.3	265.7	284.4	277.8
Circulatory diseases (d)	296.5	317.3	341.4	446.3
Coronary heart disease	201.4	181.1	217.5	251.0
Rheumatic heart disease	11.9	5.8	np	30.8
Respiratory diseases	82.7	80.0	123.5	141.4
Pneumonia	19.2	25.9	31.6	27.9
Injury and poisoning (e)	70.6	115.3	116.6	113.9
Road vehicle accidents	9.9	29.6	31.7	29.7
Self harm	55.1	48.2	51.2	56.1
Assault	8.1	13.2	7.1	23.4

(a) Age standardised death rates per 100 000 people aged less than 75 years. Data available for Qld, WA, SA and NT only.

(b) Excludes deaths for which Indigenous status was not stated.

(c) Diabetes as an underlying cause or part of a multiple cause.

(d) Includes all heart disease, acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) and cerebrovascular diseases (stroke).

(e) Includes land and water transport accidents, falls, poisonings, drownings, other accidents, self-harm and assault.

np Not published.

Source: SIMC (Statistical Information Management Committee) 2004, *National summary of the 2001 and 2002 jurisdictional reports against the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health performance indicators*, AIHW Cat. no. IHW 12, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Canberra; 2005 Report, table EA.13.

Table HPA.4

Table HPA.4 **Leading causes of death for Indigenous Australians, 2002 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Leading causes of death by number of deaths										
Indigenous males										
Malignant neoplasms	no.	46	5	43	22	5	na	na	37	164
Diabetes mellitus	no.	16	na	25	10	na	na	na	21	79
Mental and behavioural disorders	no.	11	–	9	3	na	na	na	12	36
Diseases of the circulatory system	no.	104	na	88	47	10	na	na	69	337
Ischaemic heart diseases	no.	67	na	61	23	7	na	na	47	215
Cerebrovascular diseases (stroke)	no.	21	na	6	11	na	na	na	6	50
Diseases of the respiratory system	no.	28	4	26	24	8	na	na	21	111
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	no.	15	4	18	12	na	na	na	15	69
Diseases of the digestive system	no.	15	na	19	13	5	na	na	8	64
<i>External causes</i>	no.	47	10	65	26	11	na	na	62	225
Transport accidents	no.	11	na	11	8	3	na	na	16	52
Intentional self-harm	no.	21	3	28	na	3	na	na	28	91
Assault	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	8	21
Total of categories above	no.	267	19	275	145	39	na	na	230	1 016
Total deaths	no.	299	41	328	183	55	na	na	261	1 184
Indigenous females										
Malignant neoplasms	no.	43	7	43	28	5	na	na	29	159
Diabetes mellitus	no.	11	na	27	22	na	na	na	18	83
Mental and behavioural disorders	no.	4	–	4	3	na	na	na	11	23
Diseases of the circulatory system	no.	79	na	84	35	17	na	na	48	268
Ischaemic heart diseases	no.	40	na	41	19	10	na	na	22	134
Cerebrovascular diseases (stroke)	no.	23	na	17	8	na	na	na	6	57

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Table HPA.4 **Leading causes of death for Indigenous Australians, 2002 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Diseases of the respiratory system	no.	18	3	21	21	6	na	na	14	84
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	no.	11	3	15	7	na	na	na	8	46
Diseases of the digestive system	no.	7	na	13	9	4	na	na	7	41
External causes	no.	19	3	26	24	4	na	na	33	109
Transport accidents	no.	4	na	5	9	4	na	na	12	35
Intentional self-harm	no.	5	–	12	na	–	na	na	5	24
Assault	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	9	17
Total of categories above	no.	181	13	218	142	36	na	na	160	767
Total deaths	no.	217	23	262	188	52	na	na	201	952
Leading causes of death by proportion of deaths										
Indigenous males										
Malignant neoplasms	%	15.4	12.2	13.1	12.0	9.1	na	na	14.2	13.9
Diabetes mellitus	%	5.4	na	7.6	5.5	na	na	na	8.0	6.7
Mental and behavioural disorders	%	3.7	–	2.7	1.6	na	na	na	4.6	3.0
Diseases of the circulatory system	%	34.8	na	26.8	25.7	18.2	na	na	26.4	28.5
Ischaemic heart diseases	%	22.4	na	18.6	12.6	12.7	na	na	18.0	18.2
Cerebrovascular diseases (stroke)	%	7.0	na	1.8	6.0	na	na	na	2.3	4.2
Diseases of the respiratory system	%	9.4	9.8	7.9	13.1	14.5	na	na	8.0	9.4
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	%	5.0	9.8	5.5	6.6	na	na	na	5.7	5.8
Diseases of the digestive system	%	5.0	na	5.8	7.1	9.1	na	na	3.1	5.4
External causes	%	15.7	24.4	19.8	14.2	20.0	na	na	23.8	19.0
Transport accidents	%	3.7	na	3.4	4.4	5.5	na	na	6.1	4.4
Intentional self-harm	%	7.0	7.3	8.5	na	5.5	na	na	10.7	7.7
Assault	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	3.1	1.8
Total	%	89.3	46.3	83.8	79.2	70.9	na	na	88.1	85.8

Table HPA.4

Table HPA.4 **Leading causes of death for Indigenous Australians, 2002 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Indigenous females										
Malignant neoplasms	%	19.8	30.4	16.4	14.9	9.6	na	na	14.4	16.7
Diabetes mellitus	%	5.1	na	10.3	11.7	na	na	na	9.0	8.7
Mental and behavioural disorders	%	1.8	–	1.5	1.6	na	na	na	5.5	2.4
Diseases of the circulatory system	%	36.4	na	32.1	18.6	32.7	na	na	23.9	28.2
Ischaemic heart diseases	%	18.4	na	15.6	10.1	19.2	na	na	10.9	14.1
Cerebrovascular diseases (stroke)	%	10.6	na	6.5	4.3	na	na	na	3.0	6.0
Diseases of the respiratory system	%	8.3	13.0	8.0	11.2	11.5	na	na	7.0	8.8
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	%	5.1	13.0	5.7	3.7	na	na	na	4.0	4.8
Diseases of the digestive system	%	3.2	na	5.0	4.8	7.7	na	na	3.5	4.3
External causes	%	8.8	13.0	9.9	12.8	7.7	na	na	16.4	11.4
Transport accidents	%	1.8	na	1.9	4.8	7.7	na	na	6.0	3.7
Intentional self-harm	%	2.3	–	4.6	na	–	na	na	2.5	2.5
Assault	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	4.5	1.8
Total	%	83.4	56.5	83.2	75.5	69.2	na	na	79.6	80.6

(a) Indigenous deaths registrations data. Excludes Indigenous origin not stated.

(b) Percentages based on actual recorded deaths for the period. Categories do not cover all deaths, so percentages do not total 100.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available. **np** Not published.

Source: ABS 2003, *Causes of Death, Australia 2002*, Cat. no. 3303.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2005 Report, table EA.14.

Table HPA.5

Table HPA.5 **Average life expectancy at birth (years)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (a)</i>
All Australians									
Males									
1996–1998	75.8	76.3	75.6	76.1	76.0	75.1	77.5	70.6	75.9
1997–1999	76.1	76.7	76.0	76.4	76.4	75.4	77.9	70.6	76.2
1998–2000	76.4	77.1	76.4	76.9	76.6	75.7	78.3	70.3	76.6
1999–2001	76.9	77.5	76.9	77.3	77.0	76.0	78.5	70.8	77.0
2000–2002	77.3	77.8	77.2	77.9	77.3	76.5	79.2	71.3	77.4
Females									
1996–1998	81.6	81.7	81.5	81.9	81.6	80.4	81.6	75.0	81.5
1997–1999	81.7	82.0	81.7	82.1	82.1	80.7	81.8	75.1	81.8
1998–2000	81.9	82.3	81.9	82.6	82.3	81.2	82.3	75.2	82.0
1999–2001	82.4	82.7	82.3	82.5	82.8	81.2	82.9	76.5	82.4
2000–2002	82.6	82.8	82.4	82.9	82.6	81.3	83.3	76.7	82.6
Indigenous (b), (c), (d), (e)									
Males									
1996–1998	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1997–1999	55.6	56.1	55.9	54.9	54.4	na	na	56.3	55.6
1998–2000	56.3	56.1	56.2	55.5	55.3	na	na	55.9	56.0
1999–2001	56.8	57.0	56.6	55.5	55.2	na	na	55.7	56.3
1996–2001 (revised) (f)	60.0	60.0	58.9	58.5	58.5	60.0	60.0	57.6	59.4
Females									
1996–1998	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1997–1999	64.0	65.2	62.5	62.8	62.5	na	na	61.4	63.0
1998–2000	63.6	63.5	62.7	62.6	61.2	na	na	61.6	62.7
1999–2001	63.6	63.8	62.5	63.0	61.7	na	na	62.1	62.8
1996–2001 (revised) (f)	65.1	65.1	62.6	67.2	67.2	65.1	65.1	65.2	64.8

(a) Figures for Australia from 1995 onwards include 'Other Territories'.

(b) Data for 1996–1998 to 1999–2001 are based on experimental population estimates from ABS (various years) *Deaths*.

(c) NSW figure for 1997–99 based on deaths for 1998 and 1999.

(d) Figures for Australia for 1996–1998 to 1999–2001 exclude Tasmania and the ACT.

(e) The accuracy of Indigenous mortality data is variable due to varying rates of coverage across jurisdictions and over time and changes in the estimated Indigenous population caused by changing rates of identification in the Census and births data.

(f) Figures for Australia for 1996–2001 include all states and territories. Based on new experimental population estimates and projections (see ABS cat. no. 3106.0.55.003). States with small numbers of Indigenous deaths were grouped together on the basis of geographic proximity. NSW and Vic were combined. SA and WA were combined. For this reason, estimates for NSW and Vic are the same and SA and WA are the same. Indigenous life tables were not produced for Tasmania and the ACT. ABS used mortality estimates for NSW and Vic (combined) to produce Indigenous estimates and projections for Tasmania and the ACT. The difference between these life expectancy estimates and those previously produced by the ABS, using a method no longer recommended for a population which is not closed, should not be construed as a change over time in actual life expectancy.

na Not available.

Table HPA.5 Average life expectancy at birth (years)

Source: ABS (unpublished); ABS (various years), *Deaths Australia*, Cat. no. 3302.0, ABS, Canberra; ABS (2004), *Calculating Experimental Life Tables for Use in Population Estimates and Projections of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians*, Demography Working Paper 2004-3, Cat. no. 3106.0.55.003, ABS Canberra; 2005 Report, table EA.15.

Table HPA.6

Table HPA.6	Median age at death (years)								
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (a)
All Australians									
Males									
1997	74.3	74.7	73.3	73.6	75.2	75.2	72.5	56.3	74.2
1998	74.5	75.0	74.0	73.7	75.4	75.0	72.7	52.2	74.5
1999	74.8	75.2	74.2	74.3	75.8	75.4	72.3	55.5	74.8
2000	75.3	75.8	75.0	74.4	76.1	75.1	73.5	55.7	75.3
2001	75.6	76.1	74.7	74.8	76.7	76.0	72.1	55.6	75.5
2002	76.2	76.8	75.6	75.4	77.2	76.2	76.4	55.9	76.2
Females									
1997	81.1	81.4	80.4	80.8	81.5	80.2	78.8	57.5	81.0
1998	80.9	81.7	80.3	80.8	82.0	80.9	78.8	58.0	81.0
1999	81.3	81.8	81.2	81.5	82.2	80.5	79.5	61.7	81.4
2000	81.9	82.0	81.4	81.1	82.2	81.0	79.9	57.8	81.7
2001	81.8	82.1	81.4	81.5	82.4	81.2	81.3	61.4	81.8
2002	82.2	82.5	81.9	81.8	82.7	81.9	81.5	55.8	82.2
Indigenous (b)									
Males									
1997	np	np	50.6	48.6	50.3	np	np	48.7	np
1998	50.3	np	46.9	45.0	44.0	np	np	45.5	np
1999	51.3	np	48.9	49.3	46.5	np	np	47.5	np
2000	53.9	np	53.9	46.6	49.5	np	np	46.2	np
2001	56.3	np	52.5	51.0	51.0	np	np	45.1	np
2002	56.3	np	51.8	51.2	48.9	np	np	47.1	np
Females									
1997	np	np	57.7	57.8	52.5	np	np	52.3	np
1998	58.0	np	59.3	57.0	50.5	np	np	49.7	np
1999	60.8	np	60.3	55.3	50.5	np	np	56.3	np
2000	59.4	np	61.3	56.0	56.3	np	np	54.0	np
2001	62.9	np	54.1	53.5	55.5	np	np	52.8	np
2002	61.9	np	58.8	53.0	55.0	np	np	50.0	np

(a) Figures for Australia include 'Other Territories'.

(b) Indigenous median age at death as published in ABS (2003), *Deaths Australia 2002*, Cat. no. 3302.0. The accuracy of Indigenous mortality data is variable due to varying rates of coverage across jurisdictions, over time and across age groups, and changes in the estimated Indigenous population caused by changing rates of identification in the Census and births data.

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Source: ABS (various years), *Deaths, Australia*, Cat. no. 3302.0, Canberra; 2005 Report, table EA.16.

Table HPA.7

Table HPA.7 **Birthweights of babies of all mothers, 2001**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Mean birthweight	grams	3 383	3 369	3 392	3 348	3 368	3 395	3 381	3 268	3 375
Number of babies by birthweight										
Less than 1000g	no.	372	284	233	112	105	19	23	19	1 167
1000–1499g	no.	486	356	326	154	107	29	44	34	1 536
1500–1999g	no.	1 001	805	600	325	199	80	70	62	3 142
2000–2499g	no.	3 242	2 398	1 929	1 031	699	236	162	209	9 906
2500–2999g	no.	12 735	9 544	6 940	3 965	2 665	800	629	704	37 982
3000–3499g	no.	30 279	22 162	17 266	9 009	6 273	1 953	1 507	1 379	89 828
3500–3999g	no.	26 522	18 769	15 574	7 452	5 429	1 758	1 477	997	77 978
4000–4499g	no.	9 052	6 257	5 439	2 348	1 778	659	472	290	26 295
4500g and over	no.	1 603	1 109	1 017	373	328	111	90	49	4 680
Not stated	no.	28	6	3	4	1	11	4	1	58
All births	no.	85 320	61 690	49 327	24 773	17 584	5 656	4 478	3 744	252 572
Less than 1500g	no.	858	640	559	266	212	48	67	53	2 703
Less than 2500g	no.	5 101	3 843	3 088	1 622	1 110	364	299	324	15 751
Proportion of babies by birthweight										
Less than 1000g	%	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
1000–1499g	%	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.6
1500–1999g	%	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.2
2000–2499g	%	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.2	3.6	5.6	3.9
2500–2999g	%	14.9	15.5	14.1	16.0	15.2	14.1	14.0	18.8	15.0
3000–3499g	%	35.5	35.9	35.0	36.4	35.7	34.5	33.7	36.8	35.6
3500–3999g	%	31.1	30.4	31.6	30.1	30.9	31.1	33.0	26.6	30.9
4000–4499g	%	10.6	10.1	11.0	9.5	10.1	11.7	10.5	7.7	10.4
4500g and over	%	1.9	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.3	1.9
Not stated	%	–	–	–	–	–	0.2	0.1	–	–
All births	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1500g	%	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.5	1.4	1.1
Less than 2500g	%	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.4	6.7	8.7	6.2

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Laws, P and Sullivan, E. 2004, *Australia's Mothers and Babies 2001*, AIHW Cat. No. PER 25, AIHW Perinatal Statistics Unit (Perinatal Statistics Series No. 13), Sydney; 2005 Report, table EA.17.

Table HPA.8

Table HPA.8 **Birthweights of babies of Indigenous mothers, 2001 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
Mean birthweight	grams	3 186	3 205	3 213	3 100	3 095	na	2 955	3 138	3 166
Number of babies by birthweight										
Less than 1500g	no.	45	6	62	47	15	na	6	30	211
1500–2499g	no.	218	42	239	193	49	na	9	158	908
2500–2999g	no.	463	96	570	360	83	na	6	345	1 923
3000–3499g	no.	697	128	904	508	131	na	12	542	2 922
3500–3999g	no.	494	100	656	306	80	na	14	312	1 962
4000–4499g	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
4000–4499g	no.	159	32	222	101	24	na	6	79	623
4500g and over	no.	31	8	41	18	7	na	–	17	122
Not stated	no.	2	–	1	1	–	na	–	–	4
All births	no.	2 109	412	2 695	1 534	389	na	53	1 483	8 675
Less than 2500g	no.	263	48	301	240	64	na	15	188	1 119
Proportion of babies by birthweight										
Less than 1500g	%	2.1	1.5	2.3	3.1	3.9	na	11.3	2.0	2.4
1500–2499g	%	10.3	10.2	8.9	12.6	12.6	na	17.0	10.7	10.5
2500–2999g	%	22.0	23.3	21.2	23.5	21.3	na	11.3	23.3	22.2
3000–3499g	%	33.0	31.1	33.5	33.1	33.7	na	22.6	36.5	33.7
3500–3999g	%	23.4	24.3	24.3	19.9	20.6	na	26.4	21.0	22.6
4000–4499g	%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
4000–4499g	%	7.5	7.8	8.2	6.6	6.6	na	11.3	5.3	7.2
4500g and over	%	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.8	na	–	1.1	1.4
Not stated	%	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–	–
All births	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	na	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 2500g	%	12.5	11.7	11.2	15.6	16.5	na	28.3	12.7	12.9

(a) Data are for babies born to Indigenous mothers only. Babies with Indigenous fathers and non-Indigenous mothers are not included.

(b) This is a new table and cannot be compared to birthweight for all births to Indigenous mothers in previous AIHW reports.

(c) Excludes Tasmania.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

Source: Laws, P and Sullivan, E. 2004, *Australia's Mothers and Babies 2001*, AIHW Cat. No. PER 25, AIHW Perinatal Statistics Unit (Perinatal Statistics Series No. 13), Sydney; 2005 Report, table EA.18.