

HPA Health preface — attachment

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Table HPA.1

Table HPA.1 Indigenous health workforce, by State/Territory, 2006 (a), (b)

| | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust (c) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Number of Indigenous health workers | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of total health workforce | 1 743 | 381 | 1 343 | 486 | 302 | 196 | 47 | 390 | 4 891 |
| Indigenous health workforce as a proportion of total health workforce | 159 158 | 125 749 | 93 404 | 47 749 | 42 386 | 11 820 | 7 613 | 4 428 | 492 342 |
| | 1.1 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 8.8 | 1.0 |
| Indigenous population | 85 320 | 19 017 | 77 958 | 37 017 | 16 268 | 10 687 | 2 471 | 35 014 | 283 911 |
| Total population | 5 250 262 | 3 982 037 | 3 097 997 | 1 562 653 | 1 233 516 | 382 453 | 262 107 | 145 290 | 15 918 080 |
| Indigenous health workers as a proportion of the Indigenous population | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| Proportion of State/Territory population that is Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1.6 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 24.1 | 1.8 |

(a) Aged 15 years and over.

(b) Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data.

(c) Includes Other Territories.

Source: ABS (unpublished); ABS 2007, *Census of Population and Housing, Canberra*; 2008 Report, table EA.10.

Table HPA.2

Table HPA.2 **Indigenous people in health workforce as a proportion of total health workforce, by age group and sex, 2006 (a)**

| <i>Age group</i> | <i>15-24</i> | <i>25-34</i> | <i>35-44</i> | <i>45-54</i> | <i>55-64</i> | <i>Total (b)</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Indigenous persons in health workforce, by age by sex | | | | | | |
| Males | 108 | 301 | 388 | 314 | 104 | 1 223 |
| Females | 406 | 803 | 1 100 | 984 | 347 | 3 666 |
| Total | 518 | 1 098 | 1 486 | 1 290 | 453 | 4 891 |
| All persons in health workforce, by age by sex | | | | | | |
| Males | 5 604 | 24 496 | 31 374 | 32 748 | 19 048 | 119 386 |
| Females | 30 549 | 78 498 | 97 751 | 110 928 | 49 611 | 372 961 |
| Total | 36 150 | 102 996 | 129 125 | 143 676 | 68 658 | 492 342 |
| Proportion of total health workforce (per cent) | | | | | | |
| Males | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Females | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Total | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 |

(a) Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data.

(b) Includes persons aged 65 years and over.

Source: ABS (unpublished); ABS 2007, *Census of Population and Housing*, Canberra; 2008 Report, table EA.11.

Table HPA.3

Table HPA.3 **Indigenous persons employed in selected health-related occupations, 2006 (a)**

| | <i>Indigenous people</i> | <i>All persons</i> | <i>Percent of Indigenous people in selected health-related occupations</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Health and Welfare Services Managers (b) | 141 | 10 807 | 1.3 |
| Psychologists (c) | 39 | 13 437 | 0.3 |
| <i>Health diagnostic and promotion professionals</i> | | | |
| Medical Imaging Professionals (d) | 18 | 10 147 | 0.2 |
| Environmental Health Officer | 98 | 3 907 | 2.5 |
| Occupational Health and Safety Adviser | 50 | 6 840 | 0.7 |
| Health Promotion Officer | 437 | 3 898 | 11.2 |
| Other health diagnostic and promotion professionals (e) | 45 | 23 287 | 0.2 |
| Total | 648 | 48 079 | 1.3 |
| <i>Health therapy professionals</i> | | | |
| Dental Practitioners (f) | 16 | 9 065 | 0.2 |
| Dental Hygienists, Technicians and Therapists (g) | 22 | 5 169 | 0.4 |
| Dental Assistant | 171 | 15 378 | 1.1 |
| Physiotherapist | 54 | 12 286 | 0.4 |
| Other health therapy professionals (h) | 58 | 22 699 | 0.3 |
| Total | 321 | 64 597 | 0.5 |
| <i>Medical practitioners</i> | | | |
| General Medical Practitioner | 60 | 29 920 | 0.2 |
| Other medical practitioners, Internal Medicine (i) specialists, Psychiatrists & Surgeons | 40 | 25 155 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100 | 55 075 | 0.2 |
| <i>Midwifery and nursing professionals</i> | | | |
| Midwives (j) | 53 | 13 164 | 0.4 |
| Nurse Educators and Researchers (k) | 17 | 3 762 | 0.5 |
| Nurse Manager | 46 | 10 899 | 0.4 |
| Registered Nurse (Aged Care) | 239 | 25 070 | 1.0 |
| Registered Nurse (Community Health) | 51 | 8 771 | 0.6 |

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| | <i>Indigenous people</i> | <i>All persons</i> | <i>Percent of Indigenous people in selected health-related occupations</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Registered Nurse (Critical Care and Emergency) | 44 | 9 917 | 0.4 |
| Registered Nurse (Mental Health) | 48 | 7 712 | 0.6 |
| Registered Nurse (Perioperative) | 46 | 10 009 | 0.5 |
| Other Registered Nurses (l) | 679 | 111 096 | 0.6 |
| Total | 1 223 | 200 400 | 0.6 |
| <i>Health and welfare support workers</i> | | | |
| Ambulance Officers and Paramedics | 153 | 9 098 | 1.7 |
| Diversional Therapist | 41 | 4 078 | 1.0 |
| Enrolled and Mothercraft Nurses | 215 | 19 397 | 1.1 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker | 965 | 1 010 | 95.5 |
| Massage Therapist | 54 | 8 200 | 0.7 |
| Hospital Orderly | 165 | 9 939 | 1.7 |
| Nursing Support Worker | 442 | 22 380 | 2.0 |
| Personal Care Assistant | 339 | 21 956 | 1.5 |
| Other Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers (m) | 39 | 3 899 | 1.0 |
| Total | 2 413 | 99 957 | 2.4 |
| Total aged 15 years and over | 4 891 | 492 342 | 1.0 |

(a) Aged 15 years and over.

(b) Comprises Health and Welfare Services Managers, nfd, Medical Administrator, Nursing Clinical Director, Primary Health Organisation Manager, Health and Welfare Services Managers, nec.

(c) Comprises Psychologists, nfd, Clinical Psychologist, Educational Psychologist, Organisational Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Psychologists, nec.

(d) Comprises Medical Imaging Professionals, nfd, Medical Diagnostic Radiographer, Medical Radiation Therapist, Nuclear Medicine Technologist, Sonographer.

(e) Comprises Health Professionals, nfd, Health Diagnostic and Promotion Professionals, nfd, Dietician, Occupational and Environmental Health Professionals, nfd, Optometrists and Orthoptists, nfd, Optometrist, Orthoptist, Pharmacists, nfd, Hospital Pharmacist, Industrial Pharmacist, Retail Pharmacist, Other Health Diagnostic and Promotion Professionals, nfd, Orthotist or Prosthetist, Health Diagnostic and Promotion Professionals, nec.

(f) Comprises Dental Practitioners, nfd, Dental Specialist, Dentist.

(g) Comprises Dental Hygienists, Technicians and Therapists, nfd, Dental Hygienist, Dental Prosthetist, Dental Technician, Dental Therapist.

(h) Comprises Health Therapy Professionals, nfd, Chiropractors and Osteopaths, nfd, Chiropractor, Osteopath, Complementary Health Therapists, nfd, Acupuncturist, Homeopath, Naturopath, Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner, Complementary Health Therapists, nec, Occupational Therapist, Podiatrist, Speech Professionals and Audiologists, nfd, Audiologist, Speech Pathologist.

Table HPA.3 Indigenous persons employed in selected health-related occupations, 2006 (a)

| | <i>Indigenous people</i> | <i>All persons</i> | <i>Percent of Indigenous people in selected health-related occupations</i> |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (i) | Comprises Medical Practitioners, nfd, Generalist Medical Practitioners, nfd, Resident Medical Officer, Anaesthetist, Internal Medicine Specialists, nfd, Specialist Physician (General Medicine), Cardiologist, Clinical Haematologist, Clinical Oncologist, Endocrinologist, Gastroenterologist, Intensive Care Specialist, Neurologist, Paediatrician, Renal Medicine Specialist, Rheumatologist, Thoracic Medicine Specialist, Internal Medicine Specialists, nec, Psychiatrist, Surgeons, nfd, Surgeon (General), Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Neurosurgeon, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Otorhinolaryngologist, Paediatric Surgeon, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Urologist, Vascular Surgeon, Other Medical Practitioners, nfd, Dermatologist, Emergency Medicine Specialist, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Ophthalmologist, Pathologist, Radiologist, Medical Practitioners, nec. | | |
| (j) | Comprises Midwifery and Nursing Professionals, nfd, Midwife. | | |
| (k) | Comprises Nurse Educators and Researchers, nfd, Nurse Educator, Nurse Researcher. | | |
| (l) | Comprises Registered Nurses, nfd, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse (Child and Family Health), Registered Nurse (Developmental Disability), Registered Nurse (Disability and Rehabilitation), Registered Nurse (Medical), Registered Nurse (Medical Practice), Registered Nurse (Surgical), Registered Nurses, nec. | | |
| (m) | Comprises Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers, nfd, Therapy Aide. | | |
| (n) | Components may not add to total due to perturbation of component data. | | |

Source: ABS 2007, *2006 Census of Population and Housing*, Canberra; 2008 Report, table EA.12.

Table HPA.4

Table HPA.4 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 (b)</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| All Australians, annual (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2003 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 5.8 | 9.0 | 6.4 |
| 2004 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 5.6 | 8.2 | 6.3 |
| 2005 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 8.6 | 6.0 |
| Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999–2003 | na | na | 12.0 | 12.6 | 11.7 | na | na | 17.2 | 13.2 |
| 2000–2004 | na | na | 12.1 | 12.8 | 11.7 | na | na | 17.1 | 13.3 |
| 2001–2005 | na | na | 11.8 | 12.9 | 11.1 | na | na | 16.7 | 13.0 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999–2003 | na | na | 6.7 | 6.2 | 6.5 | na | na | 7.3 | 6.5 |
| 2000–2004 | na | na | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.4 | na | na | 6.9 | 6.4 |
| 2001–2005 | na | na | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.3 | na | na | 7.2 | 6.2 |

(a) Standardised death rates use 2001 Australian population as standard.

(b) For Australia, Indigenous and non-Indigenous mortality rates are for Qld, WA, SA and NT combined.

na Not available.

Source: ABS (unpublished); ABS 2006, *Deaths 2005*, Australia, Cat. no. 3302.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2008 Report, table EA.13.

Table HPA.5

| Table HPA.5 | Infant mortality rate, three year average (per 1000 live births) (a) | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|----------|
| | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust (b) |
| All Australians | | | | | | | | | |
| 1994–1996 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 12.1 | 5.8 |
| 1995–1997 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 12.5 | 5.6 |
| 1996–1998 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 12.1 | 5.4 |
| 1997–1999 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 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 | 6.6 | 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 |
| 2001–2003 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 10.1 | 5.0 |
| 2002–2004 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 10.1 | 4.8 |
| 2003–2005 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 6.1 | 9.5 | 4.8 |
| Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 2003–2005 | 8.4 | na | 10.9 | 12.8 | 7.7 | na | na | 15.6 | na |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 2003–2005 | 4.4 | na | 4.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | na | na | 5.0 | na |

(a) Infant deaths per 1000 live births.

(b) Figures for Australia include 'Other territories'.

na Not available.

Source: ABS (various years), *Deaths 2005*, Australia, Cat. no. 3302.0, AusInfo, Canberra; and ABS (various years), *Births 2005*, Australia, Cat. no. 3301.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2008 Report, table EA.14.

Table HPA.6

Table HPA.6 Indigenous Infant mortality rates, three year average (a), (b), (c)

| | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1999–2001 | 10.9 | 11.7 | 16.6 | 8.0 | 19.2 |
| 2000–2002 | 9.5 | 11.5 | 16.5 | 10.4 | 18.1 |
| 2001–2003 | 8.6 | 11.2 | 15.9 | 9.1 | 14.8 |
| 2002–2004 | 8.5 | 10.9 | 14.1 | 9.4 | 15.4 |
| 2003–2005 | 8.4 | 10.9 | 12.8 | 7.7 | 15.6 |

(a) Per 1000 live births.

(b) Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT are excluded due to poor coverage rates or small numbers.

(c) Deaths for whom the Indigenous status was not specified have not been prorated over Indigenous and non-Indigenous deaths. As a result, Indigenous and non-Indigenous infant mortality rates may be underestimated.

Source: ABS 2006, *Deaths 2005*, Australia, Cat. no. 3302.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2008 Report, table EA.15.

Table HPA.7 Causes of death by Indigenous status, age standardised death rates, 2001–2005 (per 100 000 people) (a)

| | <i>Indigenous age standardized rate per 100 000</i> | <i>Non-Indigenous age standardized rate per 100 000</i> | <i>Ratio</i> |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Underlying causes of death</i> | | | |
| Circulatory disease | 783.9 | 228.9 | 3.4 |
| Accidents, poisonings and violence | 123.5 | 39.3 | 3.1 |
| Cancer | 306.9 | 179.8 | 1.7 |
| Lung cancer | 79.3 | 34.9 | 2.3 |
| Cervical cancer | 5.8 | 1.1 | 5.3 |
| Endocrine, metabolic and nutritional disorders | 204.3 | 21.6 | 9.5 |
| Diabetes | 202.8 | 14.8 | 13.7 |
| Respiratory diseases | 243.2 | 54.1 | 4.5 |
| Digestive diseases | 131.0 | 20.6 | 6.4 |
| Conditions originating in the perinatal period | 7.9 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| Nervous system diseases | 50.4 | 20.7 | 2.4 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases | 39.1 | 7.3 | 5.4 |
| Kidney disease | 64.0 | 9.6 | 6.7 |
| Other causes | 143.7 | 37.1 | 3.9 |
| All causes | 2 043.7 | 621.7 | 3.3 |

(a) Calculations of rates for the Indigenous population as based on ABS Experimental Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (low series, 2001 base). There are not comparable population data for the Non-Indigenous population. Calculations of rates for the Non-Indigenous population are based on data derived by subtracting Indigenous population projections from total population estimates and should be used with care.

Source: ABS 2006, *Causes of Death 2005*, Cat. no. 3303.0 (unpublished); 2008 Report, table EA.17.

Table HPA.8

Table HPA.8 All Australians 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 Aust (a)</i> | |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------|------|
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2001–2003 | 77.7 | 78.2 | 77.6 | 78.1 | 77.7 | 76.6 | 79.2 | 72.0 | 77.8 |
| 2002–2004 | 78.0 | 78.5 | 77.8 | 78.6 | 78.0 | 76.7 | 79.7 | 72.3 | 78.1 |
| 2003–2005 | 78.5 | 79.0 | 78.3 | 78.8 | 78.1 | 77.2 | 79.9 | 72.5 | 78.5 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 82.8 | 82.5 | 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 |
| 2001–2003 | 82.9 | 83.1 | 82.8 | 83.0 | 82.7 | 81.4 | 83.8 | 77.3 | 82.8 |
| 2002–2004 | 83.3 | 83.3 | 82.9 | 83.3 | 83.1 | 81.8 | 83.9 | 78.0 | 83.0 |
| 2003–2005 | 83.3 | 83.6 | 83.2 | 83.8 | 83.4 | 82.1 | 84.0 | 78.2 | 83.3 |

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

Source: ABS 2006, *Deaths 2005, Australia*, Cat. no. 3302.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2008 Report, table EA.18.

Table HPA.9 **Indigenous life expectancy at birth (years) (a), (b), (c)**

| | <i>Indigenous males born 1996–2001</i> | <i>Indigenous females born 1996–2001</i> | <i>Total males born 1997–1999</i> | <i>Total females born 1997–1999</i> |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| NSW/Vic | 60.0 | 65.1 | na | na |
| Qld | 58.9 | 62.6 | 76.0 | 81.7 |
| SA/WA | 58.5 | 67.2 | na | na |
| NT | 57.6 | 65.2 | 70.6 | 75.1 |
| Australia | 59.4 | 64.8 | 76.2 | 81.8 |

(a) Indigenous data are for the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, and include an adjustment for undercoverage of Indigenous deaths.

(b) Indigenous life expectancy excludes Tasmania and the ACT. For Tasmania and the ACT, use data for Victoria and NSW.

(c) Life expectancy data for Indigenous males and Indigenous females are for the period 1996-2001. Data for total males and females cover the period 1997-1999, the approximate mid-point of the Indigenous data.

na Not available

Source: ABS (various years), *Deaths 2005*, 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; 2008 Report, table EA.19.

Table HPA.10

Table HPA.10 Median age at death (years) (a), (b)

| | <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> |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| All Australians | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2003 | 76.3 | 76.8 | 75.6 | 75.5 | 77.5 | 75.9 | 73.9 | 56.7 | 76.2 |
| 2004 | 76.9 | 77.3 | 75.9 | 75.6 | 77.5 | 76.5 | 75.2 | 55.0 | 76.6 |
| 2005 (d) | 77.0 | 77.5 | 76.0 | 76.0 | 77.5 | 76.2 | 75.3 | 56.6 | 76.8 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2003 | 82.6 | 82.6 | 81.9 | 82.1 | 83.1 | 82.1 | 81.5 | 63.8 | 82.4 |
| 2004 | 82.7 | 83.0 | 82.2 | 81.9 | 83.2 | 82.5 | 80.8 | 61.2 | 82.6 |
| 2005 (d) | 83.1 | 83.2 | 82.3 | 82.8 | 83.6 | 82.7 | 82.0 | 56.9 | 82.9 |
| Indigenous (e), (f) | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 53.9 | np | 53.9 | 46.1 | 49.5 | np | np | 46.2 | np |
| 2001 | 56.3 | np | 50.4 | 51.0 | 51.0 | np | np | 45.1 | np |
| 2002 | 56.3 | np | 51.8 | 49.3 | 48.9 | np | np | 47.1 | np |
| 2003 | 56.8 | np | 51.2 | 49.8 | 48.8 | np | np | 46.3 | np |
| 2004 | 55.8 | np | 53.7 | 49.5 | 49.5 | np | np | 43.6 | np |
| 2005 | 54.3 | np | 51.1 | 52.8 | 42.4 | np | np | 45.8 | np |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 59.4 | np | 61.3 | 56.0 | 56.3 | np | np | 54.0 | np |
| 2001 | 62.9 | np | 54.1 | 51.8 | 55.5 | np | np | 52.8 | np |
| 2002 | 61.9 | np | 58.8 | 51.6 | 55.0 | np | np | 49.5 | np |
| 2003 | 58.9 | np | 62.1 | 55.0 | 50.0 | np | np | 52.8 | np |
| 2004 | 62.7 | np | 57.9 | 63.6 | 53.5 | np | np | 54.0 | np |
| 2005 | 65.8 | np | 59.5 | 57.8 | 47.5 | np | np | 50.4 | np |
| Non-Indigenous (e), (f) | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 75.5 | np | 75.3 | 75.1 | 76.3 | np | np | 61.1 | np |
| 2001 | 75.7 | np | 75.1 | 75.4 | 76.9 | np | np | 63.2 | np |
| 2002 | 76.5 | np | 75.9 | 75.8 | 77.3 | np | np | 63.0 | np |
| 2003 | 76.5 | np | 75.9 | 76.1 | 77.7 | np | np | 65.8 | np |
| 2004 | 77.0 | np | 76.2 | 76.3 | 77.6 | np | np | 63.0 | np |
| 2005 | 77.2 | np | 76.4 | 76.6 | 77.9 | np | np | 63.7 | np |

Table HPA.10 **Median age at death (years) (a), (b)**

| | <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> |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 82.1 | np | 81.7 | 81.6 | 82.3 | np | np | 63.0 | np |
| 2001 | 81.9 | np | 81.7 | 81.9 | 82.4 | np | np | 71.5 | np |
| 2002 | 82.3 | np | 82.1 | 82.2 | 82.8 | np | np | 70.5 | np |
| 2003 | 82.7 | np | 82.2 | 82.4 | 83.2 | np | np | 74.5 | np |
| 2004 | 82.8 | np | 82.5 | 82.3 | 83.3 | np | np | 71.3 | np |
| 2005 | 83.1 | np | 82.6 | 83.2 | 83.7 | np | np | 70.5 | np |

- (a) Median age at death does not adjust for the age structure of the populations involved.
- (b) Based on deaths registered to 31 December 2005.
- (c) Figures for Australia include 'Other Territories'.
- (d) Data for 2005 are incomplete due to the delay between the occurrence and registration of a death.
- (e) Deaths for whom the Indigenous status was not specified have not been prorated over Indigenous and non-Indigenous deaths. As a result, Indigenous and non-Indigenous deaths may be underestimated.
- (f) Care should be exercised when comparing median age at death of Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians. For example, higher coverage of Indigenous infant deaths compared with older age groups may result in the median age at death being underestimated.

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Source: ABS 2006, *Deaths 2005*, Australia, Cat. no. 3302.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2008 Report, table EA.20.

Table HPA.11

Table HPA.11 Birthweights of babies of Indigenous mothers, live births, by State and Territory 2004 (a)

| Unit | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas (b) | ACT (c) | NT | Aust |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Mean birthweight | grams | 3 110 | 3 187 | 3 129 | 3 073 | na | 3 084 | 3 115 | 3 158 |
| Number of babies by birthweight | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1500g | no. | 45 | 67 | 36 | 22 | na | 6 | 38 | 227 |
| 1500–2499g | no. | 239 | 252 | 181 | 63 | na | 8 | 148 | 948 |
| 2500–2999g | no. | 496 | 593 | 365 | 110 | na | 14 | 327 | 2 006 |
| 3000–3499g | no. | 771 | 990 | 475 | 140 | na | 19 | 453 | 2 983 |
| 3500–3999g | no. | 569 | 642 | 330 | 109 | na | 19 | 246 | 2 002 |
| 4000–4499g | no. | 164 | 182 | 100 | 33 | na | np | 98 | 616 |
| 4500g and over | no. | 29 | 45 | 19 | 6 | na | <5 | 16 | 123 |
| Not stated | no. | – | – | – | – | na | – | – | – |
| All births | no. | 2 313 | 2 771 | 1 506 | 483 | na | np | 1 326 | 8 905 |
| Less than 2500g | no. | 254 | 319 | 217 | 85 | na | 14 | 186 | 1 175 |
| Proportion of babies by birthweight | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1500g | % | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 4.6 | na | 8.2 | 2.9 | 2.5 |
| 1500–2499g | % | 10.3 | 9.1 | 12.0 | 13.0 | na | 11.0 | 11.2 | 10.6 |
| 2500–2999g | % | 21.4 | 21.4 | 24.2 | 22.8 | na | 19.2 | 24.7 | 22.5 |
| 3000–3499g | % | 33.3 | 35.7 | 31.5 | 29.0 | na | 26.0 | 34.2 | 33.5 |
| 3500–3999g | % | 24.6 | 23.2 | 21.9 | 22.6 | na | 26.0 | 18.6 | 22.5 |
| 4000–4499g | % | 7.1 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.8 | na | np | 7.4 | 6.9 |
| 4500g and over | % | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.2 | na | np | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Not stated | % | – | – | – | – | na | – | – | – |
| All births | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | na | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Less than 2500g | % | 12.3 | 11.6 | 14.4 | 17.6 | na | 19.2 | 14.0 | 13.2 |

(a) This table cannot be compared with birthweight for all births to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander mothers in previous reports.

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| <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas (b)</i> | <i>ACT (c)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|

(b) Data for Tasmania were not available because the 'Not stated' category for Indigenous status was not able to be distinguished from the 'Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin' category.

(c) In the ACT, 16.3 per cent of women who gave birth were non-ACT residents. Care must be taken when interpreting percentages. For example, the proportion of liveborn low birthweight babies for ACT Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander residents was 17.9 per cent in 2004.

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

Source: Laws P. & Sullivan E., 2006, *Australia's Mothers and Babies 2004*, AIHW Cat. No. PER 34, AIHW National Perinatal Statistics Unit (Perinatal Statistics Series No. 18), Sydney; 2008 Report, table EA.22.