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**SOCIAL CAPITAL: NEW ZEALAND'S MEASUREMENT FRAMEWORK**

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**ABSTRACT**

1. This information paper discusses New Zealand's framework for measuring social capital developed in 2001. Using an operational definition of social capital, the framework draws on the work of James Coleman, a Maori concept and the experience of overseas field researchers to propose four structural components. These relate to behaviours, attitudes and values, population groups, and organizations. Several indicators are suggested for each component along with a list of possible key indicators.
2. More recently, Statistics New Zealand has begun to coordinate a whole of government Programme of Official Social Statistics (POSS). Whether social capital indicators will be developed from the programme has not yet been determined.

**INTRODUCTION**

3. Statistics New Zealand has been involved in work on social capital since 1997 when it developed a draft framework for the measurement of social capital. This was done to assist discussions on whether social capital had potential for policy development, both at the central and local government levels. The department continued work on developing a measurement framework, publishing the "Framework for the Measurement of Social Capital in New Zealand" in March 2001.
4. This paper is structured around that framework and discusses the operational definition of social capital along with the four inter-connected dimensions. It also describes a list of possible indicators and suggests key indicators that could be collected for New Zealand.

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## **WHAT IS SOCIAL CAPITAL?**

5. Human beings are social animals. They spend their lives living and interacting with others. Almost everything people do is done as members of distinct social groups. We are members of immediate and extended families, we live in local neighbourhoods as members of communities, we socialise and network with friends and acquaintances, we belong to both professional and recreational clubs and societies, and we work alongside friends and colleagues at our place of employment.

6. Social capital is a resource that exists because of, and arises out of, these relationships. For the purposes of developing a measurement framework for New Zealand, we defined social capital as “*relationships among actors (individuals, groups, and/or organizations) that create a capacity to act for mutual benefit or a common purpose*”.

7. In summary, social capital is the social resource that is embodied in the relations between people. It resides in and stems from the contact, communication, sharing, cooperation and trust that are inherent in ongoing relationships. It is described as capital because it can be accumulated over time and then draw on in the future for use in achieving certain goals. Social capital is a collective resource rather than one accruing to an individual. However, the circumstances surrounding an individual or household may result in their having access to greater or lesser stocks of the community’s social capital.

## **NEW ZEALAND FRAMEWORK FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF SOCIAL CAPITAL**

8. The measurement framework is shown on the following page. It has four interconnected dimensions: behaviours (what people do), attitudes and values (what people feel or believe), population groups (what people are) and organizations (where organizations are viewed as social structures).

### **BEHAVIOURS**

9. This component of the framework deals with people’s behaviours, in particular the activities that indicate high levels of social capital but also behaviours that are capable of dissolving it. The focus is on what people do, and in particular their participation and engagement in social networks.

### **ATTITUDES AND VALUES**

10. In the second component of the framework the focus is how people feel, what they believe and what they value. It is accepted that people’s behaviour may not always equate with their stated beliefs and opinions. However, honestly expressed attitudes and values reflect people’s view of the world and the ideological base from which they operate. Attitudes and values are important to measuring social capital because of the ideas, assumptions and obligations that motivate and protect the transactions and social exchanges within a civil society.

### **POPULATION GROUPS**

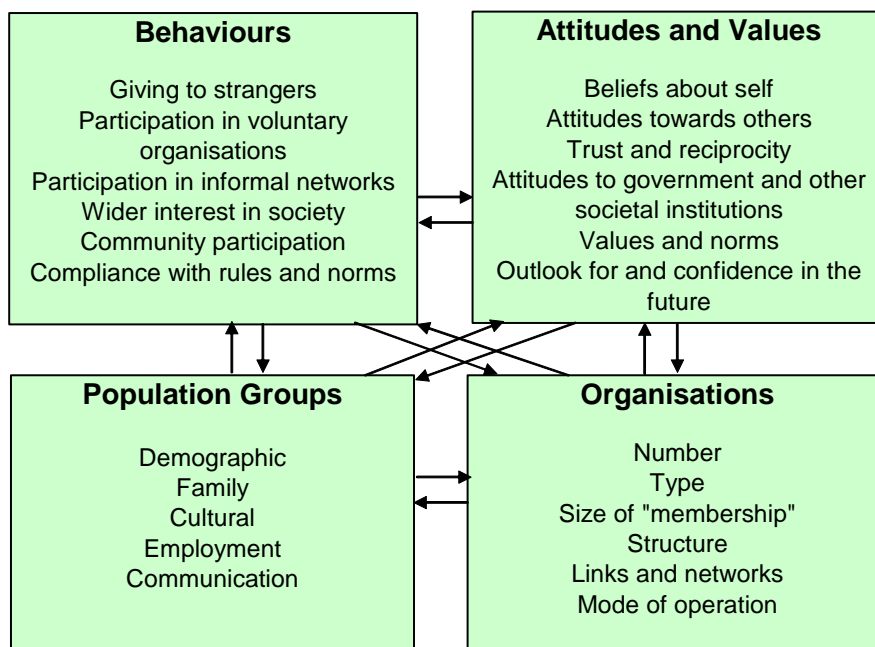
11. As the third component of the framework, it is necessary to understand the community (or society) under study. This means having knowledge of the different groups of people

making up the population because the nature of the relationships different people have with others (and therefore the social capital in a particular area) will differ according to basic characteristics.

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

12. The final component of the framework covers organizations in the community under study. An organisation's terms of engagement bring together norms, mandate, sanctions, etc. The existence of social capital is not guaranteed by the mere presence of organizations that bring people together for a common purpose. However, it is still important to identify how they relate to one another. The relationship between community, business and government is particularly important. For the purposes of investigating social capital, some organizations will be particularly significant in some areas (eg those that dominate a community, such as a very large employer, or organizations that play a major role in other ways, for example the territorial authority).

### Framework for the Measurement of Social Capital in New Zealand



### SUGGESTED MEASURES FOR INDICATORS OF SOCIAL CAPITAL

13. Potential measures and areas of measurement in the framework are listed against each indicator in the following section.

#### Behaviours

Giving to strangers	Measures of the propensity people have to give willingly to stranger. This includes such things as giving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time (volunteering)</li> <li>• Money (donations)</li> <li>• Experience and expertise (voluntary advice)</li> <li>• "Oneself" (blood donations, organ donations)</li> <li>• Information (participating in surveys)</li> </ul>
Participation in voluntary organizations	Measures of the propensity people have to give their time to causes from which they will not necessarily directly benefit. Also, measures of the social interactions people have with others through formal organizations. This includes active membership of a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports club</li> <li>• Special interest or hobby club</li> <li>• Service organisation</li> <li>• Trade Union</li> </ul>
Participation in informal networks	Measures of the relationships and interactions people have with others on an informal basis. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact with neighbours</li> <li>• Extent of borrowing from neighbours, family or friends</li> <li>• Doing favours for sick neighbours or friends</li> <li>• Frequency of contact with family</li> <li>• Frequency of socialising with friends or workmates</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propensity to discuss personal problems with friends</li> <li>• Propensity to discuss political matters with friends</li> </ul>
Wider interest in society	<p>Measures of who pays attention to what is going on in the world (particularly in their own community). Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading local (and national) newspapers</li> <li>• Being aware of who runs the local council ( and the country)</li> <li>• Knowing how the country is governed</li> <li>• Discussing who to vote for</li> <li>• Voting in local (and national) elections</li> <li>• Listening to or watching the news on the radio or television</li> </ul>
Compliance with rules and norms that support the formation and maintenance of social capital	<p>Measures of who takes on responsibilities by complying with rules (written and unwritten) and by taking responsibility for others. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picking up rubbish</li> <li>• Mowing lawns</li> <li>• Obeying traffic rules</li> <li>• Having children immunised</li> <li>• Offering help to strangers/ sharing space with strangers</li> <li>• Knowing people and greeting them</li> <li>• Helping other people/ sharing resources</li> <li>• Speaking out about problems</li> <li>• Making sure children are cared for</li> <li>• Turning up when they promise</li> <li>• Taking part in local activities</li> </ul> <p>Equally important here are measures of who is rejecting commonly-accepted norms of behaviour. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theft or cheating</li> <li>• Vandalism</li> <li>• Abuse</li> <li>• Neglect</li> <li>• Violence against others</li> <li>• Road rage</li> <li>• Alcohol abuse</li> <li>• Drug abuse</li> <li>• Self-harm and suicide</li> </ul>

### Attitudes and values

Beliefs about self	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How you view your “place” in society</li> <li>• Whether you feel valued by society</li> <li>• Whether you believe you would be missed if you died</li> <li>• Whether you feel angry or depressed</li> <li>• Whether you think life is meaningful</li> <li>• Whether you feel connected to other people or lonely and isolated</li> <li>• Perceived ability to change personal life situation</li> <li>• Perceived ability to influence politics or make claims on</li> </ul>
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Attitudes towards others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether everyone is of equal value</li> <li>• Whether society needs to care for people who cannot look after themselves</li> <li>• Whether you would help a stranger</li> <li>• Opinion of a range of social and political activities</li> <li>• Tolerance towards outsiders</li> <li>• Tolerance towards marginalised people</li> <li>• Whether you enjoy living amongst a diversity of people</li> <li>• Fears of people who are different (eg ethnically, in religion or in sexual orientation)</li> </ul> <p>Some attitudes are best measured by indicative behaviours, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether you would cheat on your taxes if you had the chance</li> <li>• Whether you have ever avoided a fare on public transport</li> <li>• Whether you would claim a benefit to which you were not entitled</li> </ul>
Trust and reciprocity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trust in other people, including strangers</li> <li>• Belief about whether people would try to take advantage of others if they got the chance</li> <li>• Whether you feel safe in your local area</li> <li>• Optimism about others' motivation</li> <li>• Whether you see any personal advantage in cheating</li> </ul>
Attitudes to government and other societal institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confidence in Cabinet and MPs generally</li> <li>• Trust in Parliament</li> <li>• A belief that politicians are interested in people's welfare</li> <li>• A belief that government officials care about public interests</li> <li>• Trust in the judicial system</li> <li>• Opinion of the education system</li> <li>• Faith in the health system</li> </ul>
Values and norms that support the development of social capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which ideas and concepts are most important (eg giving and getting a "fair go")</li> <li>• Attitudes towards caring, cooperating, tolerance and other "social capital-related" norms</li> <li>• Perceived freedom to speak out in opposition to a commonly-accepted norm</li> </ul>
Outlook for and confidence in the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether you have a positive outlook for the future</li> <li>• Goals for the future</li> <li>• Expectation of achievement of goals</li> </ul>

**Population groups**

Demographic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sex</li> <li>• Age</li> <li>• Ethnicity</li> </ul>
Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether partnered</li> <li>• Family type</li> <li>• Number of children</li> <li>• Ages of children</li> </ul>

Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birthplace</li> <li>• Length of residence</li> <li>• Religion</li> </ul>
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labour force status</li> <li>• Status in employment</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Occupation</li> <li>• Industry</li> <li>• Hours of work</li> <li>• Income</li> </ul>
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health/disability status</li> <li>• Literacy level</li> <li>• Language spoken</li> <li>• Presence of a telephone</li> <li>• Presence of computer/internet access</li> <li>• Availability of a vehicle</li> <li>• Geographic isolation</li> </ul>

### **Organizations**

Number	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of organizations</li> </ul>
Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service organizations</li> <li>• Sports clubs</li> <li>• Churches/places of worship</li> <li>• Marae</li> <li>• Performing arts/cultural groups</li> <li>• Special interest or hobby clubs</li> <li>• Schools</li> <li>• Etc</li> </ul>
Size of “membership”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of members (if applicable)</li> <li>• Number of employees</li> <li>• Number of volunteers</li> </ul>
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top position</li> <li>• Tiers of management</li> <li>• Committee structures</li> <li>• Public access routes into organisation</li> <li>• Etc</li> </ul>
Links between organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership of network, association, cluster</li> </ul>
Mode of operation/terms of engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choice of officers</li> <li>• Number and frequency of meetings</li> <li>• Consultation with community</li> <li>• Involvement of community in decision making</li> </ul>

## PROPOSED KEY INDICATORS

14. To date, no specifically-focused, wide coverage data on social capital has been gathered in New Zealand. A list of proposed indicators was suggested in the paper subject to more validation,

- Trust (both the degree to which other people or institutions are trusted and the degree to which individuals feel they themselves are trusted or valued)
- Civic engagement
- Voluntary activity
- Participation
- Giving
- Meeting obligations

15. These factors could be organised in different ways:

- By individual activity (what people do; how they behave) In this case, the following could be examined:  
Civic engagement – voting , standing for election to school boards of trustees, etc  
Voluntary activity – volunteering for others, both formal and informal activities  
Participation – in sports, arts, culture (club rather than social service activity)  
Giving – time, money, blood, information  
Meeting obligations – family, cultural, religious obligations; paying taxes
- By opportunities (the presence of institutions that are inductive to the building and use of social capital, ie a social capital rich environment) Organised this way, the following factors would be important:  
Voluntary associations – How many? What type?  
Elected boards and committees versus appointed or bureaucratic management  
Public meetings – forums for dialogue

## CONCLUSIONS

16. Since the release of the discussion paper in March 2001, the focus has shifted more towards measuring social well-being, driven by a number of legislative and policy influences.

17. More recently, Statistics New Zealand has begun to coordinate a whole of government Programme of Official Social Statistics (POSS). Included in the objectives for the programme are the production of comprehensive and cohesive statistics on social well-being and social outcomes that will provide a sound basis for assessing progress towards the achievement of the government's social goals in the areas of social development, education, health, the labour market, and crime and justice. Whether social capital indicators will be developed from the programme has not yet been determined.

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## ITEMS& CATEGORIES

## POPULATION

### 1. Demographics

#### 1.1 Person

##### 1.1.1 Age group (years)

All persons

1. 18 - 19
2. 20 - 24
3. 25 - 29
4. 30 - 34
5. 35 - 39
6. 40 - 44
7. 45 - 49
8. 50 - 54
9. 55 - 59
10. 60 - 64
11. 65 - 69
12. 70 - 74
13. 75 - 79
14. 80 - 84
15. 85 years and over

##### 1.1.2 Sex

All persons

1. Male
2. Female

##### 1.1.3 Social Marital Status

All persons

1. Married in a registered marriage
2. Married in a de facto marriage
3. Not married

##### 1.1.4 Registered Marital Status

All persons

1. Never married
2. Widowed
3. Divorced
4. Separated
5. Married

##### 1.1.5 Family Composition

All families

1. Couple family with children under 15, non-dependent children and other related individuals

2. Couple family with children under 15, non-dependent children and no other related individuals
3. Couple family with children under 15, no non-dependent children and with other related individuals
4. Couple family with children under 15, no non-dependent children and with no other related individuals
5. Couple family with dependent students, non-dependent children and other related individuals
6. Couple family with dependent students, non-dependent children and no other related individuals
7. Couple family with dependent students, no non-dependent children and with other related individuals
8. Couple family with dependent students, no non-dependent children and with no other related individuals
9. Couple family with children under 15, dependent students, non-dependent children and other related individuals
10. Couple family with children under 15, dependent students, non-dependent children and no other related individuals
11. Couple family with children under 15, dependent students, no non-dependent children and with other related individuals
12. Couple family with children under 15, dependent students, no non-dependent children and no other related individuals
13. Couple family with non-dependent children and other related individuals
14. Couple family with non-dependent children and no other related individuals
15. Couple family with no children and with other related individuals
16. Couple only family
17. One-parent family with children under 15, non-dependent children and other related individuals
18. One-parent family with children under 15, non-dependent children and no other related individuals
- 19.. One-parent family with children under 15, no non-dependent children and with other related individuals
20. One-parent family with children under 15, no non-dependent children and with no other related individuals
21. One-parent family with dependent students, non-dependent children and other related individuals
22. One-parent family with dependent students, non-dependent children and no other related individuals
23. One-parent family with dependent students, no non-dependent children and with other related individuals
24. One-parent family with dependent students, no non-dependent children and with no other related individuals

25. One-parent family with children under 15, dependent students, non-dependent children and other related individuals
26. One-parent family with children under 15, dependent students, non-dependent children and no other related individuals
27. One-parent family with children under 15, dependent students, no non-dependent children and with other related individuals
28. One-parent family with children under 15, dependent students, no non-dependent children and no other related individuals
29. One-parent family with non-dependent children and other related individuals
30. One-parent family with non-dependent children and no other related individuals
31. Other family
32. Outside scope of classification

## **1.2 Income Unit**

### **1.2.1 Number of persons in income unit** All income units

1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four
5. Five
6. Six
  
7. Seven
8. Eight
9. Nine
10. Ten or more

### **1.2.2 Number of dependent children in income unit** All income units

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three
5. Four
6. Five or more

### **1.2.3 Number of dependent children aged 0-4 years in income unit** All income units

1. None
2. One
3. Two

4. Three
5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.2.4 Number of dependent children aged 5-14 years in income unit**

All income units

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three
5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.2.5 Number of dependent children aged 15-17 years in income unit**

All income units

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three
5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.2.6 Number of dependent children aged 18-24 years in income unit**

All income units

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three
5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.2.7 Number of persons aged 65 years and over in income unit**

All income units

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three
5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.2.8 Number of income units in household - parametric**

All income units

**1.3 Household**

**1.3.1 Household Composition**

All households

1. One family household with only family members present
2. One family household with non-family members present
3. Two family household with only family members present
4. Two family household with non-family members present
5. Three or more family household with only family members present
6. Three or more family household with non-family members present
7. Lone person household
8. Group household
8. Not classifiable visitor only dwelling
9. Other not classifiable
10. Not stated/Inadequately described

**1.3.2 Relationship in household**

All persons

1. Husband, wife or partner
2. Lone parent
3. Child under 15
4. Dependent student
5. Non-dependent child
6. Other related individual
7. Unrelated individual living in a family household
8. Group household member
9. Lone person

**1.3.3 Number of persons in household**

All households

1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four
5. Five
6. Six
7. Seven
8. Eight
9. Nine
10. Ten or more

**1.3.4 Number of dependent children in household**

All households

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three

5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.3.5 Number of dependent children aged 0-4 years in household**

All households

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three
5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.3.6 Number of dependent children aged 5-14 years in household**

All households

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three
5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.3.7 Number of dependent children aged 15-17 years in household**

All households

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three
5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.3.8 Number of dependent children aged 18-24 years in household**

All households

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three
5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.3.9 Number of persons aged 65 years and over in household**

All households

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three

5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.3.10 Whether household has Indigenous resident(s)** All households

1. Household with Indigenous resident(s)
2. Household with no Indigenous residents

**1.3.11 Number of persons aged 18 years and over in household** All households

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three
5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.3.12 Number of persons aged 15 years and over in household** All households

1. None
2. One
3. Two
4. Three
5. Four
6. Five or more

**1.4 Geography**

**1.4.1 State/Territory of usual residence** All persons

1. New South Wales
2. Victoria
3. Queensland
4. South Australia
5. Western Australia
6. Tasmania
7. Northern Territory
8. Australian Capital Territory

**1.4.2 Capital city/Balance of state** All persons

1. Capital city
2. Balance of state

**1.4.3 Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA) category** All persons



0. Major cities of Australia
1. Inner regional Australia
2. Outer Regional Australia
3. Remote Australia
4. Very Remote Australia
5. Migratory

**1.4.5 Index of Disadvantage (1 digit) - quintiles** All persons

1. Lowest 20%
2. Second quintile
3. Third quintile
4. Fourth quintile
5. Highest 20%

**1.4.6 Index of Disadvantage (4 digit) - quintiles** All persons

1. Lowest 20%
2. Second quintile
3. Third quintile
4. Fourth quintile
5. Highest 20%

**1.4.7 Statistical Local Area** All persons  
Refer to the 2005 Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)

**1.4.8 Section of State** All persons

1. Major urban
- 2 Other urban
- 3 Bounded locality
- 4 Rural balance
- 5 Migratory

**1.5 Cultural diversity**

**1.5.1 Indigenous status** All persons

1. Indigenous
2. Non-Indigenous
3. Not stated

**1.5.2 Country of birth** All persons

1. Australia
2. New Zealand
3. United Kingdom
4. Germany
5. Italy
6. Greece
7. Viet Nam
8. Philippines
9. China (excl. SARs and Taiwan Province)
10. India

All persons born  
overseas

### **1.5.3 Year of Arrival**

1. Arrived before 1990
2. Arrived 1990-1994
3. Arrived 1995-1999
4. Arrived 2000
5. Arrived 2001
6. Arrived 2002
7. Arrived 2003
8. Arrived 2004
9. Arrived 2005
10. Arrived 2006
11. Not stated/inadequately described

All persons born  
overseas

### **1.5.4 Year of Arrival - Detailed**

0. Not applicable
- Continuous

All persons born  
overseas

### **1.5.5 Age when first arrived in Australia**

Single years 1 - 99

### **1.5.6 Main language other than English spoken at home** All persons

- 1 Speaks English only
- 2 Northern European Languages (excluding english)
- 3 Southern European Languages
- 4 Eastern European Languages
- 5 Southwest Asian and Central Asian Languages
- 6 Southern Asian Languages
- 7 South East Asian Languages
- 8 Eastern Asian Languages
- 9 Other Languages

### **1.5.7 Proficiency in spoken English**

1. Very well
2. Well
3. Not well
4. Not at all
5. Not stated

Persons whose main language spoken at home is other than English

### **1.5.8 Main language other than English spoken at home (ASCL)**

Refer to the 2005/06 Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL)

All persons

### **1.5.9 Country of birth (COB PSO)**

Refer to the 1998 Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC)

All persons

## **2. Health**

### **2.1 Status**

#### **2.1.1 Self-assessed health status**

1. Excellent
2. Very good
3. Good
4. Fair
5. Poor

All persons

#### **2.1.2 Whether has disability or long-term health condition**

1. Has disability or long-term health condition
2. Has no disability or long-term health condition

All persons

#### **2.1.3 Disability status**

1. Has profound core activity restriction
2. Has severe core activity restriction
3. Has moderate core activity restriction
4. Has mild core activity restriction
5. Has a schooling/employment restriction only
6. Has no specific restriction

All persons

7. Has no disability or long-term health condition

**2.1.4 Disability type**

All persons

0. Not applicable
1. Sight, hearing, speech
2. Physical
3. Intellectual
4. Psychological
5. Type not specified
6. Has no disability or long-term health condition

Persons aged less than  
65 years with a  
disability

**2.1.5 Has education restriction**

1. Has an education restriction
2. Has no education restriction

Persons aged less than  
65 years with a  
disability

**2.1.6 Has employment restriction**

1. Has an employment restriction
2. Has no employment restriction

**3. Housing**

**3.1 Characteristics**

**3.1.1 Tenure type**

All households

1. Owner without a mortgage
2. Owner with a mortgage
3. Life tenant
4. Participant of rent/buy (or shared equity) scheme
5. Renter
6. Rent-free
7. Other

**3.1.2 Landlord type**

All households who  
make rent payments

- 1 Real estate agent
- 2 State or Territory Housing Authority
- 3 Person not in the same household
- 4 Person in the same household
- 5 Owner/Manager of caravan park

- 6 Employer
- 9 Other
- 10 Not known or not stated

**3.1.3 Number of bedrooms**

All households

- 0. Bedsitter
- Single numbers 1 - 9

**3.1.4 Dwelling structure**

All households

- 11. Separate house
- 21. One storey
- 22. Two or more storeys
- 31. In a 1 or 2 storey block
- 32. In a 3 storey block
- 33. In a 4 or more storey block
- 34. Attached to a house
- 91. Caravan, tent, cabin, etc. in caravan park, houseboat in a marina, etc.
- 92. Caravan not in caravan park, houseboat not in a marina, etc.
- 93. Improvised home, campers out
- 94. House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc.

**3.2 Costs**

All households who  
make mortgage  
payments

**3.2.1 Weekly mortgage payments**

- 1. \$1-49
- 2. \$50-99
- 3. \$100-149
- 4. \$150-199
- 5. \$200-249
- 6. \$250-299
- 7. \$300 - 349
- 8. \$350 - 399
- 9. \$400 or more

**3.2.2 Weekly rent payments**

All households who  
make rent payments

- 1. \$1-49
- 2. \$50-99
- 3. \$100-149

4. \$150-199
5. \$200-249
6. \$250-299
7. \$300 - 349
8. \$350 - 399
9. \$400 or more

### **3.2.3 Weekly mortgage payment - parametric**

All households who  
make mortgage  
payments

### **3.2.4 Weekly rent payment - parametric**

All households who  
make rent payments

## **4. Education**

### **4.1 Attainment**

#### **4.1.1 Highest educational attainment**

1. Postgraduate degree
2. Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate
3. Bachelor Degree
4. Advanced Diploma/Diploma
5. Certificates III/IV
6. Certificates I/II
7. Certificate not further defined
8. Year 12
9. Year 11
10. Year 10 or below
11. No non school qualification
12. Never attended school and no non school qualification
13. Level not determined

#### **4.1.2 Main field of highest educational attainment**

1. Natural and physical sciences
2. Information technology
3. Engineering and related technologies
4. Architecture and building
5. Agriculture, environmental and related studies
6. Health

All persons with a  
qualification

7. Education
8. Management and commerce
9. Society and culture
10. Creative arts
11. Food, hospitality and personal services
12. Mixed field programmes
13. Field not determined

**4.1.3 Highest year of school completed** All persons

1. Year 12
2. Year 11
3. Year 10
4. Year 9
5. Year 8 or lower
6. Never attended school

**4.1.4 Level of highest non-school qualification** All persons

1. Postgraduate degree
2. Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate
3. Bachelor Degree
4. Advanced Diploma/Diploma
5. Certificates III/IV
6. Certificates I/II
7. Certificate not further defined
8. No non school qualification
9. Level not determined

**4.1.5 Highest educational attainment - detailed** All persons

Refer to the 2001 Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)

**4.1.6 Level of highest non-school qualification - detailed** All persons

Refer to the 2001 Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)

**4.2 Current study**

**4.2.1 Full-time/part-time study** All persons

1. Full-time study
2. Part-time study
3. Not studying

**4.2.2 Type of educational institution** All persons studying

1. Secondary school
2. University or other higher education
3. TAFE or technical college
4. Business college
5. Industry skills centre
6. Other

### **4.3 Barriers to education**

#### **4.3.1 Reasons did not study although wanted to**

1. Too much work
2. Other work-related reasons
3. Caring for family members
4. Personal or other family reasons
5. Course or qualification-related reasons
6. No time
7. Financial reasons
8. Other
9. Did not want to study
10. Not applicable

All persons wanting to study

#### **4.3.2 Main reason did not study although wanted to**

1. Too much work
2. Other work-related reasons
3. Caring for family members
4. Personal or other family reasons
5. Course or qualification-related reasons
6. No time
7. Financial reasons
8. Other
9. Did not want to study

All persons wanting to study

#### **4.3.3 Reasons did not do training although wanted to**

1. Too much work
2. Lack of employer support
3. Other work-related reasons
4. Caring for family members
5. Personal or other family reasons
6. Course-related reasons
7. No time

Wage and salary earners who want training



8. Financial reasons
9. Other
10. Did not want to do training
11. Not applicable

Wage and salary  
earners who want  
training

#### **4.3.4 Main reason did not do training although wanted to**

1. Too much work
2. Lack of employer support
3. Other work-related reasons
4. Caring for family members
5. Personal or other family reasons
6. Course-related reasons
7. No time
8. Financial reasons
9. Other
10. Did not want to do training

## **5. Work**

### **5.1 Status**

#### **5.1.1 Labour force status**

All persons

1. Employed
2. Unemployed
3. Not in the labour force

#### **5.1.2 Number of employed persons in household**

All households

##### **0. None**

1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four
5. Five or more

#### **5.1.3 Retirement status**

All persons aged 45  
and over

1. Employed
2. Looking for full-time work
3. Looking for part-time work
4. Retired from the labour force

5. Intends to look for full-time work
6. Intends to look for part-time work
7. Has never worked for 2 weeks or more and never intends to

**5.1.4 Duration of Unemployment - detailed** Unemployed  
Continuous number of weeks

**5.1.5 Duration of Unemployment - categories** Unemployed

1. Under 4 weeks
2. 4 weeks to under 13 weeks
3. 13 weeks to under 26 weeks
4. 26 weeks to under 52 weeks
5. 52 weeks to under 104 weeks
6. 104 weeks and over

## **5.2 Employment characteristics**

**5.2.1 Multiple job holder** All employed persons

1. One job only
2. More than one job

**5.2.2 Full-time/part-time status** All persons

1. Employed full-time
2. Employed part-time
3. Unemployed looking for full-time work
4. Unemployed looking for part-time work
5. Not in the Labour Force

**5.2.3 Hours usually worked in all jobs** All employed persons

0. Not applicable
1. 1-15 hours
2. 16 - 24 hours
3. 25 - 34 hours
4. 35 - 39 hours
5. 40 hours
6. 41 - 48 hours
7. 49 hours and over
8. Not stated

**5.2.4 Status in employment in main job** All employed persons

1. Employee
2. Employer

3. Own account worker
4. Contributing family member

#### **5.2.5 Occupation in main job**

All employed persons

1. Managers and Administrators
2. Professionals
3. Associate Professionals
4. Tradespersons and Related Workers
5. Advanced Clerical and Service Workers
6. Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers
7. Intermediate Production and Transport Workers
8. Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers
9. Labourers and Related Workers

#### **5.2.6 Whether work allows for family/community responsibilities**

All employed persons

0. Not applicable
1. Can meet responsibilities
2. Can not meet responsibilities
3. Doesn't have family/community responsibilities
4. Don't know

#### **5.2.7 Occupation in main job - detailed**

All employed persons

Will be released using the latest ABS occupation classification coder

#### **5.2.8 Hours usually worked in all jobs - detailed**

All employed persons

### **5.3 Precariousness**

#### **5.3.1 Expected future duration in current job**

All employed persons

1. Expect to have same employment in 12 months time
2. Does not expect to have same employment in 12mths time due to vol/non economic reasons
3. Does not expect to have same employment in 12mths time due to invol/economic reasons
4. Does not expect to have same employment in 12mths time due to end of fixed term contract

#### **5.3.2 Leave entitlements in main job**

All employees

1. With leave entitlements
2. Without leave entitlements

### **5.3.3 Employment type**

All employed persons

1. Employee, not an owner-manager with paid leave entitlements
2. Employee, not an owner-manager without paid leave entitlements
3. Owner-manager of incorporated enterprises
4. Owner-manager of unincorporated enterprises
5. Contributing family worker

## **6. Income**

### 6.1 Level of income

#### **6.1.1 Personal gross weekly income - quintiles**

All persons

1. Lowest quintile
2. Second quintile
3. Third quintile
4. Fourth quintile
5. Highest quintile
6. Not stated

#### **6.1.2 Income unit gross weekly income - quintiles**

All income units

1. Lowest quintile
2. Second quintile
3. Third quintile
4. Fourth quintile
5. Highest quintile
6. Not stated

#### **6.1.3 Household gross weekly income - quintiles**

All households

1. Lowest quintile
2. Second quintile
3. Third quintile
4. Fourth quintile
5. Highest quintile
6. Not stated

#### **6.1.4 Equivalised household gross weekly income - quintiles**

All households

1. Lowest quintile
2. Second quintile
3. Third quintile
4. Fourth quintile

5. Highest quintile
6. Not stated

**6.1.5 Personal gross weekly income - parametric** All persons

**6.1.6 Income unit gross weekly income - parametric** All income units

**6.1.7 Household gross weekly income - parametric** All households

**6.1.8 Equivalised household gross weekly income - parametric** All households

## **6.2 Source of income**

### **6.2.1 All sources of personal income**

1. Wages or salary
2. Profit or loss from own unincorporated business or share in a partnership
3. Profit or loss from rental property
4. Dividends or interest
5. Any Government pension or allowance
6. Child Support or maintenance
7. Superannuation, Annuity or allocated pension
8. Workers' Compensation
9. Other
10. Not stated
11. Not applicable

All persons with an income

### **6.2.2 Principal source of personal income**

1. Wages or salary
2. Profit or loss from own unincorporated business or share in a partnership
3. Profit or loss from rental property
4. Dividends or interest
5. Any Government pension or allowance
6. Child Support or maintenance
7. Superannuation, Annuity or allocated pension
8. Workers' Compensation
9. Other
10. Not stated

All persons with an income

11. Undefined

All persons who receive government cash pensions and allowances

**6.2.3 Type of government pension/allowance (principal)**

1. Australian Age Pension
2. Newstart Allowance
3. Mature Age Allowance
4. Service Pension (DVA)
5. Disability Support Pension (Centrelink)
6. Wife Pension
7. Carer Payment
8. Sickness Allowance
9. Widow Allowance (Widow B Pension) (Centrelink)
10. Special Benefit
11. Partner Allowance
12. None of these
13. Don't know

All persons who receive government cash pensions and allowances

**6.2.4 Type of government pension/allowance (auxiliary)**

1. War Widow's Pension (DVA)
2. Disability Pension (DVA)
3. Carer Allowance (Child Disability Allowance)
4. Overseas pensions/benefits
5. Family Tax Benefit
6. Parenting Payment
7. Youth Allowance
8. Other
9. None of these
10. Don't know

**6.2.5 Whether government support has been main source of income in last 2 years**

All persons

1. Has been main source of income
2. Has not been main source of income
3. Refusal

**6.2.6 Time spent on government support as main source of income in the last 2 years**

All persons who have had government support as their main source of income in last

2 years

1. Less than 3 months
2. 3-5 months
3. 6-8 months
4. 9-11 months
5. 12-17 months
6. 18-23 months
7. 24 months
8. Not known or not stated

**6.2.7 Principal source of income unit income**

All income units

1. Employee
2. Unincorporated business
3. Property
4. Government cash pensions and allowances
5. Other pension
6. Other
7. Undefined
8. Don't know
9. Refusal

**6.2.8 Principal source of household income**

All households

1. Wages and salaries
2. Own unincorporated business income
3. Property
4. Government pensions and allowances
5. Other pension
6. Other
7. Undefined
8. Don't know
9. Refusal

**7. Financial Stress**

**7.1 Financial stress**

**7.1.1 Ability to raise emergency money**

All households

1. Could raise \$2,000 within a week
2. Could not raise \$2,000 within a week

3. Don't know

**7.1.2 Type(s) of cash flow problem(s)**

All households

1. Could not pay electricity, gas, or telephone bills on time
2. Could not pay mortgage or rent payments on time
3. Could not pay for car registration or insurance on time
4. Could not make minimum payment on credit card
5. Pawned or sold something because cash was needed
6. Went without meals
7. Was unable to heat home
8. Sought financial help from friends or family
9. Sought assistance from welfare /community organisations
10. None of these cash flow problems
11. Don't know

**7.1.3 Number of different types of cash flow problems in last 12 months**

All households

1. No cash flow problems reported
2. One cash flow problem reported
3. Two cash flow problems reported
4. Three cash flow problems reported
5. Four cash flow problems reported
6. Five cash flow problems reported
7. Six or more cash flow problems reported
8. Don't know

**7.1.4 Types of dissaving actions taken in last 12 months**

All households

1. Reduced home loan repayments
2. Drew on accumulated savings/term deposits
3. Increased the balance owing on credit cards by \$1,000 or more
4. Entered into a loan agreement with family/friends
5. Took out a personal loan
6. Sold household goods or jewellery
7. Sold shares, stocks or bonds
8. Sold other assets
9. Other action taken
10. No/none of these actions taken
11. Don't know

**7.1.5 Number of different types of dissaving actions taken in last 12 months**

All households

0. Not applicable
1. Has not taken dissaving action



2. Don't know
3. Has taken one dissaving action
4. Has taken two dissaving actions
5. Has taken three dissaving actions
6. Has taken four dissaving actions
7. Has taken five dissaving actions
8. Has taken six dissaving actions
9. Has taken seven dissaving actions
10. Has taken eight dissaving actions
11. Has taken nine dissaving actions

**7.1.6 Number of financial stress indicators**

All households

1. At least one financial stress indicator
2. No financial stress indicators
3. Don't know

**7.1.7 Frequency in experiencing difficulty in paying bills**

All households (who reported having difficulty paying bills in last 12 months)

1. At least once a week
2. At least once a month
3. Less than once a month
4. Don't know

**7.1.8 Whether experience difficulty in paying bills at particular periods of the year**

All households (who reported having difficulty paying bills in last 12 months)

1. Christmas period
2. Start of school year
3. End of financial year
4. Other
5. No particular period
6. Don't know

**8. Assets and Liabilities**

**8.1 Assets**

**8.1.1 Value of dwelling**

Households which own or are purchasing owner-occupied dwelling

1. Less than \$100,000
2. \$100,000 - \$149,999
3. \$150,000 - \$199,999
4. \$200,000 - \$249,999
5. \$250,000 - \$299,999
6. \$300,000 - \$349,999
7. \$350,000 - \$399,999
8. \$400,000 or more
9. Not known or not stated

Households which own  
or are purchasing  
owner-occupied  
dwelling

### **8.1.2 Equity in dwelling - parametric**

Households which own  
or are purchasing  
owner-occupied  
dwelling

#### **8.1.2a Equity in dwelling - ranges**

1. Less than \$25,000
2. \$25,000-\$49,999
3. \$50,000 - \$99,999
4. \$100,000 - \$149,999
5. \$150,000 - \$199,999
6. \$200,000 - \$249,999
7. \$250,000 - \$299,999
8. \$300,000 - \$349,999
9. \$350,000 - \$399,999
10. \$400,000 or more
11. Not known or not stated

#### **8.1.3 Type(s) of selected assets**

All households

1. Over \$1,000 in cash or deposited in financial institutions
2. Own incorporated business
3. Shares, stocks and bonds
4. Other buildings or land
5. None of these investments
6. Don't know

#### **8.1.4 Value of investment(s)**

All households with  
investments

1. Less than \$10,000
2. \$10,000 - \$49,999
3. \$50,000 or more

4. Don't know

Households which own  
or are purchasing  
owner-occupied  
dwelling

**8.1.5 Value of dwelling - parametric**

**8.2 Liabilities**

Households which own  
or are purchasing  
owner-occupied  
dwelling

**8.2.2 Amount owing on mortgage - parametric**

Households which are  
purchasing owner-  
occupied dwelling

**8.2.1 Amount owing on mortgage against home**

1. Less than \$50,000
2. \$50,000 - \$99,999
3. \$100,000 - \$149,999
4. \$150,000 - \$199,999
5. \$200,000 - \$249,999
6. \$250,000 or more
7. Not known or not stated

**8.2.3 Type of consumer debt**

All households

1. Credit card or store cards not completely paid off by due date
2. Car loans or personal loans
3. Interest free purchases
4. Hire purchase agreements
5. Other consumer debt
6. No consumer debt
7. Not stated

**8.2.4 Value of consumer debt**

All households which  
have consumer debt

1. Less than \$5,000
2. \$5,000 - \$9,999
3. \$10,000 - \$49,999
4. \$50,000 or more
5. Not stated

**8.2.5 Consumer debt**

All households

0. Not applicable
1. Has consumer debt
2. Has no consumer debt
3. Don't know

## **9. Information Technology**

### **9.1 Internet**

#### **9.1.1 Frequency of Internet access at home in the last 12 months**

All persons

1. At least once a day
2. Two to six days a week
3. One day a week
4. One day a fortnight
5. One day a month
6. Less than one day a month
7. Don't know
8. Did not access the Internet at home but has access
9. Did not access the Internet at home and has no access

All persons who have  
accessed the Internet at  
home in last 12 months

#### **9.1.2 Purpose of Internet activity at home**

1. Work/business
2. Education/study
3. Volunteer/community groups
4. Personal/private
5. Other
6. Don't know

#### **9.1.3 Types of government services accessed via the Internet for private purposes**

All Internet users

10. Electronic lodgement of tax returns
11. Electronic lodgement of applications or claims for benefits
12. Electronic lodgement of applications for permits etc.
13. Electronic lodgement of bill payments e.g. rates and car registration
14. Information or services relating to taxation
15. Information or services relating to pensions or other benefits
16. Information or services relating to employment/unemployment
17. Information or services relating to community safety

education

18. Other

19. No government services accessed via the Internet

20. Don't know

## 9.2 Other technology

### 9.2.1 Whether used a computer at home in last 12 months

All persons

1. Used a computer at home

2. Did not use a computer at home but has access

3. Did not use a computer at home and has no access

## 10. Transport

### 10.1 Transport

#### 10.1.1 Perceived level of difficulty with transport

All persons

1. Can easily get to the places needed

2. Sometimes have difficulty getting to the places needed

3. Often have difficulty getting to the places needed

4. Can't get to the places needed

5. Never go out/housebound

#### 10.1.2 Has access to motor vehicle/s to drive

All persons

1. Access to motor vehicle(s)

2. No access to motor vehicles

#### 10.1.3 Travel time to work (each day)

All employed persons

1. 10 minutes or less

2. 11 - 29 minutes

3. 30 minutes to less than 1 hour

4. 1 hour or more

5. Variable workplace

6. Work at home

7. Don't know

#### 10.1.5 Total travel time to work (each week)

All employed persons  
(who spend time  
travelling to work)

Categories to be determined

## **11. Family and Community**

### **11.1 Context**

#### **11.1.1 Type(s) of personal stressors experienced in last 12 months**

All persons

1. Divorce or separation
2. Death of a family member or close friend
3. Serious illness
4. Serious accident
5. Alcohol or drug related problems
6. Mental illness
7. Serious disability
8. Not able to get a job
9. Involuntary loss of job
10. Witness to violence
11. Abuse or violent crime
12. Trouble with the police
13. Gambling problem
14. Other
15. No stressors

#### **11.1.2 Type of social activity in last 3 months**

All persons

1. Visited or was visited by friends
2. Went out with or met group of friends - outdoor activities
3. Went out with or met group of friends - indoor activities
4. Spent time in Internet social activity
5. Other informal social activities
6. No informal social activities

#### **11.1.3 Type of unpaid voluntary work in last 12 months**

All persons

1. Arts / heritage
2. Business / professional / union
3. Welfare / Community
4. Education and training
5. Parenting, children and youth
6. Emergency services
7. Environment / animal welfare
8. International aid / Development
9. Health
10. Law / Justice / Political
11. Religious
12. Sport and physical recreation

13. Other recreation
14. Other specify

## **11.2 Networks**

### **11.2.1 Frequency of face to face contact with family or friends**

All persons

1. Every day
2. At least once a week
3. At least once a month
4. At least once in three months
5. No recent contact
6. No family and no friends

### **11.2.2 Frequency of telephone, email and mail contact with family or friends**

All persons

1. A few times a day
2. Once a day
3. A few times a week
4. Once a week
5. At least once a month
6. At least once a quarter
7. No recent contact
8. No family and no friends

### **11.2.3 Frequency of contact with family or friends**

All persons

1. Every day
2. At least once a week
3. At least once a month
4. At least once in three months
5. No recent contact
6. No family and no friends

### **11.2.4 Source(s) of support in time of crisis**

All persons

1. Friend
2. Neighbour
3. Family member
4. Work colleague
5. Community, charity or religious organisation
6. Local council or other government services
7. Health, legal or financial professional
8. Other
9. No support

**11.2.5 Ability to ask for small favours**

All persons

1. Could ask for small favours
2. Could not ask for small favours

**11.3 Support for others**

**11.3.1 Type of support for children 0-17 living outside the household**

Random persons with child(ren) 0-17 living outside the household

1. Child support payments
2. Money to help pay rent/bond/other housing costs
3. Provide or pay for food
4. Provide or pay for clothing
5. Let them borrow your car
6. Drive them places
7. Pay for educational costs/textbooks
8. Give them pocket money or an allowance
9. Give them money to pay bills/meet debt
10. Buy or give them money to buy big cost items
11. Other
12. No support provided
13. Not applicable

**11.3.2 Number of children 0-17 supported outside the household**

Random persons with child(ren) 0-17 living outside the household

0. Not applicable
1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four or more
5. None

**11.3.3 Whether selected person or their partner provides support to children aged 0 - 17 living outside the household**

Parents with child(ren) 0-17 living outside the household

0. Not applicable
1. Support provided
2. No support provided

**11.3.4 Number of children 18-24 supported outside the household**

Random persons with child(ren) 18-24 living outside the household

1. One



2. Two
3. Three
4. Four or more
5. None

**11.3.5 Type of support for children 18-24 living outside the household**

Random persons with child(ren) 18-24 living outside the household

1. Child support payments
2. Money to help pay rent/bond/other housing costs
3. Provide or pay for food
4. Provide or pay for clothing
5. Let them borrow your car
6. Drive them places
7. Pay for educational costs/textbooks
8. Give them pocket money or an allowance
9. Give them money to pay bills/meet debt
10. Buy or give them money to buy big cost items
11. Other
12. No support provided
13. Not applicable

**11.3.6 Whether selected person or their partner provides support to children aged 18-24 living outside the household**

Parents with child(ren) 18-24 living outside the household

0. Not applicable
1. Support provided
2. No support provided

**11.3.7 Type of support for children living outside the household**

Random persons with child(ren) under 25 living outside the household

10. Child support payments
11. Money to help pay rent/bond/other housing costs
12. Provide or pay for food
13. Provide or pay for clothing
14. Let them borrow your car
15. Drive them places
16. Pay for educational costs/textbooks
17. Give them pocket money or an allowance
18. Give them money to pay bills/meet debt
19. Buy or give them money to buy big cost items
20. Other

21. No support provided
22. No children under 25 not living with them

Random persons with  
child(ren) under 25  
living outside the  
household

**11.3.8 Reasons child(ren) living in another household**

1. Divorce or Separation
2. Medical reasons
3. Educational reasons
4. Wanted to be independent
5. Employment reasons
6. Other

**11.3.9a Support provided for other relatives living outside the household**

All persons

10. Money to help pay rent/bond/other housing costs
11. Provide or pay for food
12. Provide or pay for clothing
13. Let them borrow your car
14. Drive them places
15. Pay for educational costs/textbooks
16. Give them spending money
17. Give them money to pay bills/meet debt
18. Buy or give them money to buy big cost items
19. Other
20. No support provided/no other relatives outside the household

**11.3.9b Whether selected person or their partner provides support to other relatives living outside the household**

All persons

0. Not applicable
1. Support provided
2. No support provided

**11.3.10 Person and or partner has child(ren) living outside the household**

All persons

1. Yes
2. No

**11.3.11 Whether selected person or their partner provides support to children aged 0 - 24 living outside the household**

Parents with child(ren)  
0-24 living outside the  
household

0. Not applicable

1. Support provided
2. No support provided

## **12. Crime**

### **12.1 Victimisation**

#### **12.1.1 Victim of physical or threatened violence in last 12 months**

All persons

1. Victim of physical or threatened violence
2. Not a victim of physical or threatened violence

#### **12.1.2 Victim of actual or attempted break-in in last 12 months**

All persons

1. Victim of actual or attempted break-in
2. Not a victim of actual or attempted break-in

#### **12.1.3 Victim of assault or break-in in last 12 months**

All persons

1. Victim of assault or break-in
2. Not victim of assault or break-in

### **12.2 Feelings of safety at home**

#### **12.2.1 Feelings of safety at home alone during day**

All persons

1. Very safe
2. Safe
3. Neither safe nor unsafe
4. Unsafe
5. Very unsafe
6. Never home alone during the day

#### **12.2.2 Feelings of safety at home alone after dark**

All persons

1. Very safe
2. Safe
3. Neither safe nor unsafe
4. Unsafe
5. Very unsafe
6. Never home alone after dark

## **13. Attendance at selected cultural venues and events**

### **13.1 Attendance at selected cultural venues and events**

#### **13.1.1 Whether has attended any selected cultural venues and events in last 12 months**

All persons

1. Has attended selected cultural venues and events in last 12 months
2. Has not attended any selected cultural venues and events in last 12 months

All persons who have attended a selected cultural venue or event in last 12 months

#### **13.1.2 Which cultural venues and events were attended in last 12 months**

1. Art galleries
2. Museums
3. Zoological gardens
4. Other wildlife parks and aquariums
5. Botanic gardens
6. Libraries
7. Classical music concerts
8. Popular music concerts
9. Theatre performances
10. Dance performances
11. Musicals
12. Operas
13. Circuses
14. Variety shows and revues
15. Other performing arts not elsewhere specified
16. Cinemas
17. Have not attended a cultural venue or event

## **14. Sports Attendance**

### **14.1 Sports Attendance**

#### **14.1.1 Whether has attended any sporting events in last 12 months**

All persons

1. Has attended sporting events in last 12 months
2. Has not attended any sporting events in last 12 months

## **15. Sport and Physical Activity**

## 15.1 Participation in sport and physical activities

### 15.1.1 Whether has participated in sport or recreational physical activity in last 12 months

All persons

1. Participated in sport or recreational physical activity in last 12 months
2. Did not participate in sport or recreational physical activity in last 12 months

## 16. Network Qualities

### 16.1 Norms: Trust

#### 16.1.1 Level of generalised trust

All persons

1. All of the time
2. Most of the time
3. Some of the time
4. A little of the time
5. None of the time

#### 16.1.2 Level of trust in own doctor

All persons

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Strongly disagree
6. Don't have a doctor

#### 16.1.3 Level of trust in hospitals

All persons

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Strongly disagree

#### 16.1.4 Level of trust in police in local area

All persons

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Strongly disagree

**16.1.5 Level of trust in police outside local area** All persons

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Strongly disagree

**16.1.6 Feelings of safety walking alone in local area after dark** All persons

1. Very safe
2. Safe
3. Neither safe nor unsafe
4. Unsafe
5. Very unsafe
6. Never walk alone after dark

**16.2 Norms: Sense of Efficacy**

**16.2.1 Feels able to have a say with family and friends on important issues** All persons

1. All of the time
2. Most of the time
3. Some of the time
4. A little of the time
5. None of the time

**16.2.2 Feels able to have a say within community on important issues** All persons

1. All of the time
2. Most of the time
3. Some of the time
4. A little of the time
5. None of the time

**16.5 Common purpose: social groups**

**16.5.1 Active involvement in social or support group in the last 12 months by type of organisation** All persons

1. Sport or physical recreation group
2. Arts or heritage group
3. Religious or spiritual group or organisation
4. Craft or practical hobby group
5. Adult education, other recreation or special interest group

6. Ethnic / multicultural club
7. Social clubs providing restaurants or bars
8. Other social groups
9. No active involvement in social groups in last 12 months

## **16.6 Common purpose: civic groups**

### **16.6.1 Active involvement in group in the last 12 months by type of organisation: governance and citizenship**

All persons

1. Trade union, professional / technical association
2. Political party
3. Civic group or organisation
4. Environmental or animal welfare group
5. Human and civil rights groups
6. Body corporate or tenants' association
7. Consumer organisation
8. Other civic or political organisation
9. No active involvement in civil or government groups in last 12 months

## **16.7 Common purpose: community support organisations**

### **16.7.1 Active involvement in group in the last 12 months by type of organisation: community support**

All persons

1. Service clubs
2. Welfare organisations
3. Education and training
4. Parenting / children / youth
5. Health promotion and support
6. Emergency Services
7. International aid and development
8. Other community support groups
9. No active involvement in community support groups in last 12 months

## **16.9 Common purpose: civic participation**

### **16.9.1 Type of civic activity engaged in, in the last 12 months**

All persons

1. Participated in a community consultation or attended a public or council meeting
2. Written to the council/territory government or contacted a local councillor/territory govt. member

3. Contacted a member of parliament
4. Signed a petition
5. Attended a protest march/meeting/rally
6. Written a letter to the editor of a newspaper
7. Participated in a political campaign
8. Boycotted or deliberately bought products for political, ethical or environmental reasons
9. Engaged in none of these in past 12 months

### **16.10 Common purpose: friendship**

**16.10.1 Has ex-household family members feels close to, can confide in** All persons

1. Has ex-household member can confide in
2. Has no ex-household member can confide in

**16.10.2 Number of ex-household family members can confide in** All persons

1. No ex-household family can confide in
2. 1-2 family members
3. 3-4 family members
4. 5 or more family members

**16.10.3 Has friends feels close to, can confide in** All persons

1. Has friend(s) can confide in
2. Has no friend(s) can confide in

**16.10.4 Number of friends can confide in** All persons

1. No friends can confide in
2. 1-2 friends can confide in
3. 3-4 friends can confide in
4. 5 or more friends can confide in

## **17. Network Structure**

### **17.1 Network frequency and communication mode**

**17.1.1 Frequency of face-to-face contact- ex-household family and friends** All persons

1. Every day
2. At least once a week
3. At least once a month
4. At least once in three months



5. Less frequent face-to-face contact with ex-household family

**17.1.3 Frequency of other forms of contact- ex-household - family and friends**

All persons

1. Every day
2. At least once a week
3. At least once a month
4. At least once in three months
5. Less frequent other contact family ex-household

**17.1.5 Other forms of contact used with family and friends**

Persons who had other forms of contact with family or friends

1. Fixed telephone
2. Mobile phone for calls
3. Mobile phone for SMS
4. Internet such as email or chat rooms
5. Mail (inc cards) or fax
6. Other form of contact used
7. No contact

**17.1.6 Frequency of Internet or SMS contact with family and friends**

All persons

1. A few times a day
2. Once a day
3. A few times a week
4. Once a week
5. At least once a month
6. At least once a quarter
7. No Internet or SMS contact in the last 3 months

**17.2 Transience and mobility**

**17.2.1 Type of participation in group activities as child/youth**

All persons

1. Organised team sport
2. Youth group (such as guides, scouts, a choir)
3. Did some kind of volunteer work
4. Raised money door-to-door or in public place for a cause or organisation
5. Active in student government
6. Active in a religious organisation
7. None of these as child/youth

- 17.2.2 Parents participated in voluntary work** All persons
1. Parents have done voluntary work
  2. Parents haven't done voluntary work
  3. Don't know

### **17.3 Power relationships**

- 17.3.3 Personally knows someone in an organisation they would feel comfortable contacting for information or advice** All persons
1. Member of State parliament or Federal parliament, or local government
  2. State or Territory government department
  3. Federal government department
  4. Local council
  5. Legal system
  6. Healthcare
  7. Trade union
  8. Political party
  9. Media
  10. University
  11. Religious/spiritual group
  12. School related group
  13. Big business
  14. Small business
  15. No

## **18. Network Transactions**

### **18.1 Sharing support**

- 18.1.1 Provision of unpaid work/types of support in past four weeks to ex-household persons** All persons
1. Domestic work, home maintenance or gardening
  2. Providing transport or running errands
  3. Helping with child care
  4. Teaching, coaching or giving practical advice
  5. Giving emotional support
  6. Other helping activity
  7. Did not help anyone

- 18.1.2 Provision of unpaid assistance, by recipient** All persons
1. Relative in another household

2. Friend
3. Neighbour
4. Work colleague
5. Other person
6. No support provided

**18.1.3 Whether person spent time in last four weeks providing unpaid care, help or assistance to family members or others because of a disability, a long-term illness or problems related to old age**

All persons

1. Carer
2. Not a carer

**18.2 Sharing support: integration into the community**

**18.2.1 Whether attended a community event in past six months**

All persons

1. Attended community event in past six months
2. Did not attend community event in past six months

**18.3 Sharing support: common action**

**18.3.1 Whether ever been active in project to organise new service or activity, or preserve existing one in the local area**

All persons

1. Have been active in starting/preserving a local service
2. Have never been active in starting/preserving a local service

**19. Network Type**

**19.1 Bonding and bridging**

**19.1.5 Proportion of friends of similar age**

All persons

1. All
2. Most
3. About half
4. Few
5. None of similar age contacted in last four weeks
6. Don't Know
7. No friends

**19.1.6 Proportion of friends of same ethnic background**

All persons

1. All
2. Most
3. About half
4. Few
5. None
6. Don't Know

**19.1.7 Proportion of friends with roughly the same level of education**

All persons

1. All
2. Most
3. About half
4. Few
5. None
6. Don't Know

**19.1.8 Composite diversity scale**

All persons

Categories to be determined

**19.1.10 Number of organisations where personally knows someone**

All persons

0. None
1. One
2. Two-three
3. Four-five
4. Six or more

## **20. Voluntary Work**

### **20.1 Voluntary work**

**20.1.1 Whether did unpaid voluntary work in last 12 months through an organisation**

All persons aged 18 and over living in household

1. Yes
2. No

### **20.2 Reason for volunteering**

**20.2.1 How first became involved in voluntary work (within 10 years)**

0. Not applicable
1. Knew someone involved
2. Someone asked (respondent)
3. Self involvement in organisation
4. Saw advertisement/report in media
5. Found out about it by himself/herself
6. Other
7. Have volunteered for more than 10 years

All persons who are volunteers and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations

**20.2.2 Length of time since first volunteered**

0. Not applicable
1. Less than one year
2. One to five years
3. Six to ten years
4. More than ten years

All persons who are volunteers and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations

**20.2.3 Number of organisations volunteered for**

To be determined

All persons who are volunteers

**20.2.4 Reasons for being a volunteer**

00. Not applicable
10. Personal/family involvement
11. Personal satisfaction
12. Social contact
13. Religious belief
14. To be active
15. To learn new skills
16. To do something worthwhile
17. Help others/community

All persons who are volunteers and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations

18. Gain work experience
19. Use skills/experience
20. Felt obliged
21. Just happened
22. Other

### **20.3 Hours of voluntary work**

#### **20.3.1 Total hours worked in last 12 months for all organisations**

To be determined

All persons who are volunteers and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations

### **20.4 Expenses**

#### **20.4.1 Types of expenses related to voluntary work**

0. Not applicable
1. Phone calls
2. Postage
3. Uniform
4. Travel costs
5. Meals
6. Training
7. Other
8. No expenses

All persons whom volunteered in last 12 months and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations

#### **20.4.2 Whether reimbursement available**

0. Not applicable
1. Yes
2. No

All persons whom volunteered in last 12 months and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations

All persons whom  
volunteered in last 12  
months and have not  
taken part in the Work  
for the Dole program for  
all organisations

**20.4.3 Expenses for which reimbursements are available**

0. Not applicable
1. Phone calls
2. Postage
3. Uniform
4. Travel costs
5. Meals
6. Training
7. Other
8. No expenses
9. Has not volunteered in last 12 months

All persons whom  
volunteered in last 12  
months and have not  
taken part in the Work  
for the Dole program for  
all organisations

**20.4.4 Whether received an honorarium to cover expenses**

0. Not applicable
1. Yes
2. No

**20.5 Donations**

**20.5.1 Personally donated money in any form in last 12 months**

All persons

1. Donor
2. Not a donor

**20.5.2 Type of organisation donated to in last 12 months** All persons

00. Not applicable
10. Arts/heritage organisations
11. Universities
12. Research organisations
13. Schools
14. Hospitals
15. Other health organisations
16. Community/welfare services
17. International aid
18. Religious organisations/Church

19. Environmental/animal welfare groups
20. Law, Justice, Political
21. Sport and physical recreation clubs
22. Other recreation- craft, hobby, other interest groups
23. Other
24. No donations made in last 12 months

## **21. Visa Category**

### **21.1 Visa Category**

#### **21.1.1 Australian citizen**

1. Australian citizen
2. Not Australian citizen
3. Don't know

All persons

#### **21.1.2 Current visa category**

1. New Zealand citizen
2. Short-term temporary resident
3. Long-term temporary resident
4. Permanent resident - Skilled
5. Permanent resident - Family
6. Permanent resident - Humanitarian
7. Permanent resident - Other
8. Status not determined

Persons not born in Australia whose year of arrival was in 1985 or later

#### **21.1.3 Whether a temporary resident before becoming a permanent resident**

1. Temporary resident
2. Not a temporary resident
3. Don't know

Persons not born in Australia whose year of arrival was in 1985 or later and who is either an Aust citizen or permanent resident

#### **21.1.4 Whether main applicant**

Persons not born in Australia whose year of arrival was in 1985 or later and who is either an Aust citizen or permanent resident



1. Main applicant
2. Not main applicant
3. Don't know

## **22. Difficulty Communicating with Service Providers**

### **22.1 Language difficulties when communicating with service providers**

All persons

1. Has difficulty understanding service providers
2. Has difficulty being understood by service providers
3. Has difficulty understanding and being understood by service providers
4. No difficulties understanding or being understood by service providers
5. No contact with service providers

### **22.2 Difficulty accessing service providers**

All persons

10. Transport/Distance
11. Affordability
12. Disability restricts access to services
13. Lack of service availability in area where resides
14. Inadequate service in area where resides
15. Lack of support networks
16. Couldn't trust them
17. Other
18. No access problems
19. Have not accessed any service providers

### **22.3 Type of service provider where difficulty was experienced**

All persons who experienced barriers to communicating or accessing with service providers

0. Not applicable
1. Government
2. Private
3. Non-profit organisation
4. Don't know

## **23 Mobility**

### **23.1 Length of time in current dwelling**

All persons

0. Not applicable

- 1-97 Number of years (single years)
- 98. 98 years or more
- 99. Less than one year

All persons who have  
lived in current dwelling  
less than 5 years

**23.2 Number of times moved in last five years**

- 0. Not applicable
- 1-97 Number of times
- 98. 98 times or more
- 99. Don't know

**23.3 Length of time in previous dwelling**

All persons

- 0. Not applicable
- 1-97 Number of years (single years)
- 98. 98 years or more
- 99. Less than one year

**23.4 Geographical area of previous dwelling**

All persons

- 0. Not applicable
- 1. In same suburb/locality/town as current dwelling
- 2. In same state/territory as current dwelling - capital city
- 3. In same state/territory as current dwelling - other than capital city
- In different state/territory to current dwelling - capital city
  - 4. NSW
  - 5. VIC
  - 6. QLD
  - 7. SA
  - 8. WA
  - 9. TAS
  - 10. NT
  - 11. ACT
- In different state/territory to current dwelling - other than capital city
  - 12. NSW
  - 13. VIC
  - 14. QLD
  - 15. SA
  - 16. WA
  - 17. TAS
  - 18. NT
  - 19. ACT
  - 20. Other (Jervis Bay, Christmas Island, Cocos Island)

21. Overseas

**23.5 Tenure type of previous dwelling**

All persons

0. Not applicable
1. Owner without a mortgage
2. Owner with a mortgage
3. Life tenure scheme
4. Participant of rent/buy (or shared equity) scheme
5. Renter
6. Rent-free

**23.6 Reason(s) for last move**

All persons who have  
moved in last 8 years

0. Not applicable
10. Wanted bigger/better home
11. Wanted smaller home/downsize
12. Reduce rent/mortgage
13. Notice given by landlord
14. Allocated housing (e.g. public housing)
15. Purchased own dwelling
16. Renovations/Rebuilding
17. Other housing reason
18. Closer to work
19. Lost job
20. Got job
21. Improve employment prospects
22. Job transfer
23. Other employment reasons
24. To be near medical services
25. To be near education facilities
26. Other accessibility reasons
27. Moved with family
28. Be close to family/friends
29. Family conflict
30. Be independent
31. Get married/live with partner
32. Breakdown of marriage/relationship
33. Other family reasons
34. Lifestyle change
35. Problems with neighbours or neighbourhood
36. Other
37. Don't know

All persons who have  
moved in last 8 years

**23.7 Main reason for last move**

0. Not applicable
10. Wanted bigger/better home
11. Wanted smaller home/downsize
12. Reduce rent/mortgage
13. Notice given by landlord
14. Allocated housing (e.g. public housing)
15. Purchased own dwelling
16. Renovations/Rebuilding
17. Other housing reason
18. Closer to work
19. Lost job
20. Got job
21. Improve employment prospects
22. Job transfer
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34. Lifestyle change
35. Problems with neighbours or neighbourhood
36. Other
37. Don't know

## ITEMS& CATEGORIES

## POPULATION

### 1. Voluntary work details

All persons who volunteered in last 12 months

#### 1.1 Organisation sector type

1. Government
2. Commercial
3. Not for profit
4. Don't know

All persons who volunteered in last 12 months and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations

#### 1.2 Whether organisation is fully staffed by volunteers

1. Fully staffed
2. Both volunteers and paid staff
3. Don't know

All persons who volunteered in last 12 months

#### 1.3 Type of organisation

1. Arts/Heritage
2. Business/professional/union
3. Welfare/Community
4. Education and Training
5. Parenting, children and youth
6. Emergency services
7. Environment/animal welfare
8. International Aid/Development
9. Health
10. Law/justice/political
11. Religious
12. Sport and physical recreation
13. Other recreation/interest
14. Ethnic and Ethnic-Australian groups
15. Other

All persons who volunteered in last 12 months and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations

#### 1.4 Type of voluntary activity done for organisation

0. Not applicable
1. Administration/clerical/recruitment/information

management

2. Coaching/refereeing/judging
3. Performing/media production
4. Befriending/supportive listening/counselling/mentoring
5. Fundraising/sales
6. Preparing/serving food
7. Transporting people/goods
8. Repairing/maintenance/gardening
9. Management/committee work/coordination (includes day to day organising/supervision)
10. Personal care/assistance
11. Teaching/instruction/providing information
12. Lobbying/advocacy/policy research
13. Search and rescue/first aid/firefighting/community safety
14. Protecting the environment
15. Other

**1.5 Type of voluntary activity spent most time on in last 12 months**

0. Not applicable
1. Administration/clerical/recruitment/information management
2. Coaching/refereeing/judging
3. Performing/media production
4. Befriending/supportive listening/counselling/mentoring
5. Fundraising/sales
6. Preparing/serving food
7. Transporting people/goods
8. Repairing/maintenance/gardening
9. Management/committee work/coordination (includes day to day organising/supervision)
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11. Teaching/instruction/providing information
12. Lobbying/advocacy/policy research
13. Search and rescue/first aid/firefighting/community safety
14. Protecting the environment
15. Other

All persons who volunteered in last 12 months and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations

- 1.6 Length of time volunteered for organisation** All persons who volunteered in last 12 months
0. Not applicable
  1. Less than one year
  2. One to five years
  3. Six to ten years
  4. More than ten years
- 1.7 Frequency of voluntary work for organisation** All persons who volunteered in last 12 months and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations
0. Not applicable
  1. At least once a week
  2. At least once a fortnight
  3. At least once a month
  4. Several times a year
  5. Less regularly
- 1.8 Number of occasions in the last 12 months worked for organisation** All persons who volunteered in last 12 months and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations
- To be determined
- 1.9 Number of hours per occasions in the last 12 months worked for organisation** All persons who volunteered in last 12 months and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations
- To be determined
- 1.10 Annual hours of voluntary work in last 12 months for organisation** All persons who volunteered in last 12 months and have not taken part in the Work for the Dole program for all organisations
- To be determined
- 1.11 Group which organisation aims to assist** All persons who volunteered in last 12 months
0. Not applicable
  1. Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander people
  2. Aged
  3. Children
  4. Financially disadvantaged
  5. People with disabilities

6. People with chronic/long term illnesses
7. Homeless
8. Ethnic groups
9. Women
10. Drug dependent
11. Youth
12. No specific group/general community
13. Other
14. Not applicable

**1.12 Whether worked for organisation for any of these reasons** All persons who volunteered in last 12 months

0. Not applicable
1. Satisfy government requirements to receive government benefits such as Newstart
2. Work experience/Unpaid work trials
3. Community service orders
4. Student placements
5. Emergency work during industrial disputes
6. None of these reasons

**1.13 Whether currently volunteering for organisation** All persons who volunteered in last 12 months

0. Not applicable
1. Currently volunteering for organisation
2. Not currently volunteering for organisation

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