



## fact sheet

## Non-response Rates, Australia

	2001			1996		
	Persons for whom question was relevant	Persons for whom there was no response	Non- response rate	Persons for whom question was relevant	Persons for whom there was no response	Non- response rate
Variable	no.	no.	%	no.	no.	%
Persons — All Ages						
Age (AGEP)(a)	18 972 350	682 202	3.60	17 892 423	384 737	2.15
CD of Usual Residence on Census Night (CDUCP)(b) SLA of Usual Residence on	18 769 249	47 487	0.25	na	na	na
Census Night (SLAUCP)	18 769 249	46 755	0.25	17 752 829	30 450	0.17
State of Usual Residence on Census Night (STEUCP)	18 769 249	27 658	0.15	17 752 829	27 220	0.15
Usual Residence One Year Ago (SLAU1P)(c)(d)	18 535 982	797 529	4.30	17 513 222	521 455	2.98
Usual Address Indicator One Year Ago (UAI1P)(c)	18 535 982	765 422	4.13	17 513 222	501 102	2.86
Usual Residence Five Years Ago (SLAU5P)(d)(e)	17 525 280	863 681	4.93	16 487 923	708 211	4.30
Usual Address Indicator Five Years Ago (UAI5P)(e)	17 525 280	777 469	4.10	16 487 923	650 684	3.95
Australian Citizenship (CITP)	18 769 249	895 484	4.77	17 752 829	562 095	3.17
Birthplace of Individual (BPLP)	18 769 249	1 034 120	5.51	17 752 829	616 840	3.47
Year of Arrival in Australia (YARP)(f)	4 105 646	195 856	4.77	3 876 698	98 253	2.53
Birthplace of Male Parent (BPMP)	18 769 249	840 843	4.48	17 752 829	552 849	3.11
Birthplace of Female Parent (BPFP)	18 769 249	1 057 727	5.64	17 752 829	478 270	2.69
Language Spoken at Home (LANP)(g)	18 769 249	901 433	4.80	16 487 923	502 756	3.05
Proficiency in Spoken English (ENGP)(g)(h)	2 853 851	56 965	2.00	2 546 266	38 018	1.49
Indigenous Status (INGP)	18 769 249	767 757	4.09	17 752 829	525 403	2.96
Ancestry (ANCP)(i)	18 769 249	1 299 722	6.92	na	na	na
Religious Affiliation (RELP)(j)	18 769 249	1 835 598	9.78	17 752 829	1 550 585	8.73
Computer Use at Home (COMP)(i)	18 769 249	722 703	3.85	na	na	na
Internet Use (NETP)(i)	18 769 249	838 596	4.47			
Full/Part-Time Student Status				na	na	na
(STUP) Type of Educational Institution	18 769 249	794 938	4.24	17 752 829	769 309	4.33
Attending (TYPP)(k) Residential Status in a	4 782 690	149 566	3.13	4 533 065	150 255	3.31
Non-Private Dwelling (RLNP)	530 468	44 214	8.33	557 028	60 268	10.82
Persons — Aged 15 years or more						
Marital Status (MSTP)(a)	15 038 339	513 701	3.42	14 040 303	355 431	2.53
Highest Level of Schooling Completed (HSCP)(I)	14 856 774	1 142 994	7.69	na	na	na
Non-School Qualification — Level of Ed (QALLP)	5 455 279	300 636	5.51	4 749 063	515 525	10.86
Non-School Qualification — Field of Study (QALFP)	5 455 279	207 773	3.81	4 749 063	185 494	3.91
Non-School Qualification — Year Completed (QALYP)(m)	5 455 279	424 031	7.77	4 749 063	210 449	4.43
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Persons — Aged 15 years or more — (continued)						
Individual Income [weekly] (INCP)	14 856 774	1 136 224	7.65	13 914 897	864 045	6.21
Labour Force Status/Status in Employment (LFSP)	14 856 774	632 033	4.25	13 914 897	332 427	2.39
Occupation (OCCP)	8 298 606	98 829	1.19	7 638 991	128 595	1.68
Industry Sector (GNGP)	8 298 606	202 177	2.44	7 638 991	183 064	2.40
Journey to Work(n)	8 298 606	329 587	3.97	6 220 644	222 661	3.58
Industry of Employment (INDP)	8 298 606	144 613	1.74	7 638 991	151 739	1.99
Hours Worked (HRSP)	8 298 606	248 204	2.99	7 638 991	169 430	2.22
Method of Travel to Work (MTWP)	8 298 606	152 129	1.83	7 638 991	138 171	1.81
Occupied Private Dwellings						
Number of Motor Vehicles (VEHD)	7 072 202	457 222	6.47	6 496 072	341 987	5.26
Number of Motorbikes and Scooters (MCYCD)(i)	7 072 202	4 426 595	62.59	na	na	na
Number of Bedrooms in	7 070 000	004 704	2.00	C 40C 070	005 000	2.46
Private Dwellings (BEDD) Tenure Type (TEND)	7 072 202	281 731	3.98	6 496 072	205 280	3.16
Housing Loan Repayments	7 072 202	334 803	4.73	6 496 072	248 258	3.82
[monthly] (HLRD)(o)	1 872 132	105 079	5.61	1 656 062	85 553	5.17
Rent [weekly] (RNTD)(p)	1 953 095	71 757	3.67	1 865 961	52 499	2.81
Landlord Type (LLDD))(p)	1 953 095	44 733	2.29	1 865 961	66 395	3.56
All Private Dwellings						
Dwelling Structure (STRD)(q)	7 790 079	66 934	0.86	7 175 237	156 006	2.17

## Footnotes

- (a) Includes overseas visitors.
- (b) 1996 variable was 'Usual Residence on Census Night' coded to SLA level. CD version was not available.
- (c) Persons aged 1 year and over.
- (d) 2001 versions for state (STEU1P and STEU5P) have exactly the same non-response as SLAU1P and SLAU5P respectively.
- (e) Persons aged 5 years and over.
- (f) Persons born overseas, but excluding overseas visitors here for less than 12 months.
- (g) 1996 population excluded those under 5. Had they been included, the non-response rates would have been 2.99% (LANP) and 2.85% (ENGP).
- (h) Persons who spoke a language other than English at home. Excludes non-respondents to the Language (LANP) question.
- (i) Question was not asked in 1996.
- (j) The Religion question was optional in both Censuses.
- (k) Excludes non-respondents to the Full/Part-Time Student Status (STUP) question.
- (I) The nearest equivalent in 1996 was 'Age Left School' which had a non-response rate of 6.79%.
- (m) In 1996, respondents could select from one of seven ranges, in 2001 they had to write in a particular year.
- (n) 1996 population excluded those employed persons enumerated outside a Work Study Area.
- (o) Dwellings being purchased.
- (p) Dwellings being rented.
- (q) Response was from Collector, not Household.