

With over one million hits per month the ABS web site is one of the most accessed web sites in Australia!

The ABS web site has recently been redesigned to better meet our users' needs. This Guide focuses on some of the features to help you make the best use of the web site. This is not an exhaustive guide, so we encourage you to explore further.

Global links

(bar at top & bottom of all pages)
A selection of links below

The Popular Statistics page

A one stop shop for our most requested statistics, including: the latest Population count, Consumer Price Index, Gross Domestic Product, Unemployment Rate, Retail Trade, Average Weekly Earnings, Estimated Resident Population – and more.

Census page

Check our range of census products, including free data and reference material. Census maps are now available here.

Themes page

Subject/Topic guides to ABS statistics .

(more under 'Handy Hints: Finding Information')

AusStats page

Our web-based information service, providing access to:

- ABS publications from 1998 onwards
- Over 2,000 spreadsheets
- Multidimensional datasets
- Census data
- ...and much more!

eLEP libraries have access to all publications. Students and staff of most universities can access the full range of products via their university networks.

Note: From 2005 the look and feel of AusStats will be changing. The content will remain unchanged.

Education Resources page

Check out our wide range of information resources and support material for students, teachers and researchers.

There is comprehensive information for universities, including information on AusStats.

Services We Provide page

Library Extension Program

A partnership between the ABS and a nation-wide network of member libraries.

- * Check our pages for products available through LEP libraries, training and promotional material and advice and support.
- * You'll also find a list of LEP libraries around Australia – useful when you need to find the nearest library with ABS information!

Services for Universities

Find out how universities can access and use ABS data.

...And lots more!

Links

Link to other Australian and international statistical agencies, including US, Canada, NZ.



Search is now here

Search Tips under 'Help'

Help includes

How do I?

Your Frequently Asked Questions answered

Census

Finding and using census data

AusStats

Information about AusStats and detailed AusStats help

e-Commerce

How to use our e-commerce facilities

Finding information

For search tips and to help you to find data in AusStats

Technical help

Includes help with SuperTABLE, .PDF files and time series spreadsheets

Handy Hints

Finding information

Browsing

Our Theme pages are a great place to start looking for ABS statistics. They are subject guides to statistical information, bringing together the main ABS publications for the topic, statistical information from a variety of surveys, and links to other organisations with complimentary information to the topic. (Link at top and bottom of pages)

Searching

Use the Search box (at top right hand side of pages), or click on Advanced Search (soon to be added) for more search options.

'Search Tips' provide extensive help in how best to search our web site. (Link from 'Help' at the top and bottom of pages, or from Advanced Search when available)

Alternatively, use your favourite Search Engine to search our web site. Remember to limit your search to the ABS web site by typing www.abs.gov.au in the Domain box (eg. Google Advanced Search)

"Quick links" (left hand bar on home page) for shortcuts to:

- publications, spreadsheets, time series etc. via AusStats
- Australia's latest key economic and social statistics
- ...and other useful ABS information

Keep up to date with ABS information!

* Sign on for our free email notification service and receive an email after 11.30 on the day of a product's release. You'll be linked back to the ABS web site, where you'll be able to find out about the latest information relevant to your needs.

* Browse through daily, past and future product releases.

* Heard about ABS statistics in the media? Check out the Media Release information by date and link to the relevant product.

Regional Information

Many library users want information about their local areas. **National Regional Profiles** provide a range of social and economic data from ABS as well as non-ABS sources for the local area of your choice. This is the first time small area data has been so easily available!

Information covered includes: population, births, unemployment (from DEWR), income support (FaCS), average individual taxable income (ATO), building approvals... and much more!

Link your library to ABS information

Put a link to our web site on your library web pages.

*For libraries with eLEP connection, we suggest you link to the eLEP entry page (Services We provide>Library Extension Program>eLEP Web Service)

*University libraries may want to link to our home page at www.abs.gov.au to give users access to the range of information not available from AusStats (eg. Theme pages). We suggest you include the words: To access AusStats, click on the AusStats link at the top and bottom of pages.