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.

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### 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.

### 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.

# Services We Provide page

### **Library Extension Program**

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

- \* 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!

# Census page

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

### Themes page

(more under 'Handy Hints: Finding Information')

# Resources page

of information resources and support material for students, teachers and

There is comprehensive including information on AusStats.

## Links

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

Subject/Topic guides to ABS

# Education

Check out our wide range

information for universities,

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

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- 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.

# **Handy Hints**

### **Finding information**

### **Browsing**

Help includes

Your Frequently Asked Questions answered

Finding and using census data

Information about AusStats

and detailed AusStats help

How to use our e-commerce

**Finding information** 

**Technical help** 

Regional Information

Many library users want information

Profiles provide a range of social and

ABS sources for the local area of your

choice. This is the first time small area

births, unemployment (from DEWR),

data has been so easily available!

income support (FaCS), average

approvals... and much more!

economic data from ABS as well as non-

Information covered includes: population,

individual taxable income (ATO), building

about their local areas. National Regional

Includes help with

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you to find data in AusStats

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time series spreadsheets

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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)

Use the Search box (at top hight 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

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)

### Link your library to ABS information

Put a link to our web site on your library

\*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.

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