**Estimated Resident Population (ERP)**

The Estimated Resident Population (ERP) profile contains, for each State and Territory, ERP by five-year age group and sex as at 30 June 2006 and 30 June 2011**.** The data are available at the following geographic levels: Australia, State/Territory, Statistical Area Level 2-4, Greater Capital City Statistical Area, Local Government Area and Statistical Local Area.

**E01 - Estimated Resident Population, 2006 and 2011**

The concept of ERP links people to a place of usual residence within Australia. Usual residence in a census year is that place where each person has lived or intends to live for six months or more in that year. ERP refers to all people, regardless of nationality or citizenship, who usually live in Australia, with the exception of foreign diplomatic personnel and their families. It includes usual residents who are overseas for less than 12 months and excludes overseas visitors who are in Australia for less than 12 months.

For census years, ERP is based on census counts by place of usual residence, with an allowance for net census undercount, to which are added the number of Australian residents temporarily overseas on census night. Overseas visitors in Australia are excluded. As the census is not held on 30 June (8 August in 2006 and 9 August 2011), further calculations taking into account births, deaths and net migration for the intervening period are performed to obtain ERP at 30 June.

These estimates have been confidentialised, and include 1s and 2s. These should not be regarded as actual population counts, but are the result of a confidentialisation method and forced additivity being applied to the original values.

A more detailed explanation of the concept of ERP, as adopted by the ABS for official population estimates, is contained in *Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2009* (ABS cat. no. 3228.0.55.001) on the ABS web site <[http://www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au/)>.

**E02 - Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2011**

The concept of ERP links people to a place of usual residence within Australia. Usual residence in a census year is that place where each person has lived or intends to live for six months or more in that year. ERP refers to all people, regardless of nationality or citizenship, who usually live in Australia, with the exception of foreign diplomatic personnel and their families. It includes usual residents who are overseas for less than 12 months and excludes overseas visitors who are in Australia for less than 12 months.

Estimates of the resident Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous populations are based on census counts by Statistical Area Level 2 of usual residence, with pro rata adjustments made for persons whose Indigenous status was not stated, and allowance made for net census undercount. As the 2011 census was not held on 30 June, further calculations taking into account births, deaths and net migration for the intervening period were performed to obtain ERP at 30 June.

Where the number of people represented in a given cell is small enough to allow individuals to be identified, estimates are not published. For this reason, estimates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in ‘Other Territories’ are not released. Some Statistical Area Level 2 data are also excluded from this DataPack for this reason.

For more information see the technical note in *Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander* (ABS cat. no. 3238.0.55.001) on the ABS web site <[http://www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au/)>.