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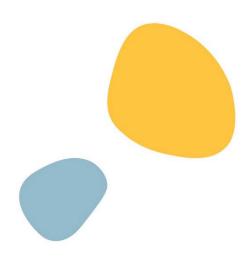
Health and Wellbeing Surveillance System (HWSS) – Data Dictionary for Children Survey

All Data Elements Data Dictionary

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Abbreviations

ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
BMI	Body Mass Index
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
DOH	Department of Health
HWSS	Health and Wellbeing Surveillance System
IRSD	Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage
LGA	Local Government Area
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
SA2	Statistical Area Level 2
SA3	Statistical Area Level 3
SA4	Statistical Area Level 4
SLA	Statistical Local Area
WA	Western Australia
WACHS	Western Australia Country Health Service

1. Purpose

The purpose of the *Health and Wellbeing Surveillance System data dictionary* is to detail the data elements captured in the Health and Wellbeing Surveillance System (HWSS) data collection. It also provides the information on the derived elements created from the original data elements.

2. Background

The HWSS is an ongoing data collection interviewing over 11,000 people each year by a Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) or completing the online survey. Households were selected from the White Pages by a stratified random process with over-sampling representative to the population in rural and remote areas in 2020 and prior years. In 2021 households, were selected from the WA Electoral Roll, and from 2022 onwards, they have been selected from a consumer database. The HWSS was developed to monitor the health and wellbeing of Western Australians. Respondents are asked a range of questions on indicators related to health and wellbeing, including chronic health conditions, lifestyle risk factors, protective factors and socio-demographics which they self-report on. Children aged below 16 years have a parent or guardian answer on their behalf.

3. Recording of data

Data that is collected by the HWSS must be recorded in accordance with the data definitions (Section 4).

4. Data definitions

The following section provides specific information about data elements captured in the HWSS, including definitions, permitted values, survey questions, derived items, age groups and the time period the data is collected for.

All information relating to data elements in this data dictionary is specific to the HWSS and caution should be taken if these data elements are compared with those of other data collections.

Where relevant, related national definitions have been referenced.

Administrative

Agree for recall

Field Name:	recall
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The Department of Health does many surveys and research projects to guide the planning and provision of the best possible health services for Western Australians. To ask respondents if we could phone them at a later date to help us in some of these important initiatives
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2003 - present

Revision History

N/A

Survey Question

The Department of Health does many surveys and research projects to guide the planning and provision of the best possible health services for Western Australians. If we need to, could we phone you at a later date to help us in some of these important initiatives?

Permission to link the information

Field Name:	link
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	And finally, as you know the Department of Health collects information on things like hospital visits and births etc. We would like your permission to link the information from this survey with some of the health information we have about you. The information will be put together into a report about all adults in WA and you will never be identified individually
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

And finally, as you know the Department of Health collects information on things like hospital visits and births etc. We would like your permission to link the information from this survey with some of the health information we have about you. The information will be put together into a report about all children in WA and you will never be identified individually.
Revised in 2024 to: The Department collects a range of health information such as hospital visits, births and screening programs. This information forms part of the WA Data Linkage System. Research using linked data helps us identify emerging health issues and plan our health services. We would like to ask for your ongoing consent to link the information you have given in this survey with some of the health information the Department has about <[CHILD's NAME]>

First name for linkage

Field Name:	fname2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	First name for linkage
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (40)
Permitted Values:	First name_____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2003 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

First name for linkage

Surname for linkage

Field Name:	surname
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Surname for linkage
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (80)
Permitted Values:	Surname name_____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2003 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Surname for linkage

Date of birth for linkage

Field Name:	dob
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Date of birth for linkage
Data Type:	Date
Format:	MMDDYY10.
Permitted Values:	Date of birth_____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2003 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Date of Birth for linkage

Street number for linkage

Field Name:	stno
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Street number for linkage
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (80)
Permitted Values:	Street number_____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2003 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Street number for linkage

Locality

Field Name:	locality_new
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Address of the child
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Entre Suburb

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2024 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

May we have Child's address?

Unique Identifier for unit record

Field Name:	uniqueid
Source Data Elements:	month sex region age range phon1 year
Definition:	Unique Identifier for unit record
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (16)
Permitted Values:	Unique ID_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Day of interview

Field Name:	intday
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Day of interview
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Sunday 2 - Monday 3 - Tuesday 4 - Wednesday 5 - Thursday 6 - Friday 7 - Saturday

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Day of interview

Time of day interview started

Field Name:	intstart
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Time of day interview started
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Time_____ Used 24 hour system

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Time of day interview started

Length of time of interview

Field Name:	inttime
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Length of time of interview in minutes
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Interview length__

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Length of time of interview

Month the interview

Field Name:	month
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Month the interview was conducted
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	1 - January 2 - February 3 - March 4 - April 5 - May 6 - June 7 - July 8 - August 9 - September 10 - October 11 - November 12 - December

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Month the interview was conducted

Questionnaire type used in the interview

Field Name:	qtype
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Questionnaire type used in the interview
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - <16 years 2 - Young adult 16-24 3 - Adult 25-64 4 - Older Adult 65+

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Questionnaire type used in the interview.

Mobile phone and landline ownership

Field Name:	havemobile
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Checking if the respondents have the mobile phone and/or landline phone
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2008 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you have a mobile phone as well as this landline?

Year of interview

Field Name:	year
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Year interview was conducted
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNNN
Permitted Values:	Year_____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Year interview was conducted

First name of child

Field Name:	childname
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	First name of child
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Text with spaces: _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Because we are going to ask lots of questions about your child, please write down your child's first name so that we can use this during the survey. This does not necessarily need to be his or her first name, it can also be a nickname. Used in survey wherever <[CHILD]> appears in script.

State live in

Field Name:	State
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	State live in
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	State live in 1 Western Australia 2 Victoria 3 New South Wales 4 Australian Capital Territory 5 Queensland 6 South Australia 7 Tasmania 8 Northern Territory 9 Overseas Locality 998 Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In which state do you live in?
If not WA, survey is screened out.

Demographics

Age

Field Name:	age
Source Data Elements:	ageyrs
	agemths
	agewks
	agedays
Definition:	Child age in years
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (8)
Permitted Values:	0-15.9999

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

As some of the questions relate to certain groups of children only, we need to know how old your child is. Please respond in years, months, weeks and/or days.

Sex

Field Name:	sex
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Child sex at birth
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Female 1 - Male 2 - Other/Don't identify as female/male

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is CHILD sex?

Gender

Field Name:	gender
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Child gender
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Girl or female 1 - Boy or male 2 - Non-binary 3 - Different term

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2024 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How do you describe [CHILD] gender?

Relationship to child

Field Name:	relation
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Respondent relationship to child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Mother 2 - Father 3 - Other relative 4 - Other

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is your relationship to <[CHILD]>?

General Health

Health status

Field Name:	sf1gen
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Child health status as reported by the parent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Excellent 2 - Very good 3 - Good 4 - Fair 5 - Poor 997 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In general, how would you say [CHILD] health is?

Disability status

Field Name:	disablechild
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Parent reports child has a disability
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Does [CHILD] have any disability?

Disability burden

Field Name:	burden
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Burden of the child's disability on the parent/carer or the family as a whole
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Not much of a burden at all 2 - A little burden 3 - A fairly big burden 4 - A big burden 5 - A very big burden 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2020

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How much of a burden is this, would you say it is? This question is only for parent/carer who reported the child has a disability (disablechild=1).

Disability impact

Field Name:	impact
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Impact of the child's disability on the parent/carer and family as a whole
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Not much of an impact 2 - Some impact 3 - A fairly big impact 4 - A big impact 5 - A very big impact 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How much does this impact you or your family? This question is only asked for parents/carers who reported the child has disability (disablechild=1).

Main carer

Field Name:	carer
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Main carer of the child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 997 - Family member does not need a carer 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2006-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Are you the main or principal carer of [CHILD]? This question is only asked of parents/carers who reported that child has a disability (disablechild=1).

Child Development

Birth weight

Field Name:	brthgms
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Weight of the child when born in grams or kilograms
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (8)
Permitted Values:	_____grams

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

2-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How much did [CHILD] weigh when she/he was born?

Exclusively breastfed

Field Name:	breastfed6mo
Source Data Elements:	breastfeeding
	breastfed
Definition:	Was child breastfed for at least 6 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No including didn't breastfeed 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Breastfed status

Field Name:	breastfed
Source Data Elements:	brstdays brstwks brstmths
Definition:	Was child breastfed
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Didn't breastfeed child 1 - Breastfed child 2 - Still breastfeeding child

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Breastfeeding categories

Field Name:	breastfeeding
Source Data Elements:	brsttime liqtime wattime soltime formtime
Definition:	How long was child breastfed for and whether child had other nutrient intake
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Child was not breastfed 1 - Breastfed under 6 months 2 - Breastfed 6 months or more with other intake 3 - Breastfed 6 months or more with water only 4 - Breastfed exclusively for 6 months 5 - Unable to determine breastfeeding length because child is less than

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Calculation of breastfeeding duration days

Field Name:	brstdays
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	How long was child breastfed in days
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1-120 995 - Child was not breastfed 997 - Child is still breastfeeding 998 - Can't remember/unsure/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

If [CHILD] was breastfed, how long was s/he breastfed for?

Calculation of breastfeeding duration weeks

Field Name:	brstwks
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	How long was child breastfed in weeks
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0-52

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

If [CHILD] was breastfed, how long was s/he breastfed for?

Calculation of breastfeeding duration months

Field Name:	brstmths
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	How long was child breastfed in months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0-36

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

If [CHILD] was breastfed, how long was s/he breastfed for?

Breastfeeding duration

Field Name:	brsttime
Source Data Elements:	brstdays brstwks brstmths
Definition:	Months spent breastfeeding
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0-60

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Calculation of introducing formula in days

Field Name:	formdays
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age when formula was first introduced to the child in days
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1-40 997 - Child hasn't had formula 998 - Can't remember/unsure/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

At what age did you first introduce infant formula to [CHILD]?

Calculation of introducing formula in weeks

Field Name:	formwks
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age when formula was first introduced to the child in weeks
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0-40

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

At what age did you first introduce infant formula to [CHILD]?

Calculation of introducing formula in months

Field Name:	formmths
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age when formula was first introduced to the child in months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0-12

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

At what age did you first introduce infant formula to [CHILD]?

Introducing formula

Field Name:	formtime
Source Data Elements:	formdays formwks formmths
Definition:	Age in months when formula was first introduced to the child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1-60 997 - Child hasn't had formula 998 - Can't remember/unsure/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Calculation of introducing liquids in days

Field Name:	liqdays
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age when liquids other than water and formula were first introduced to the child in days
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1-40 997 - Child hasn't had liquids other than water and formula 998 - Can't remember/unsure/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

At what age did you first introduce liquids other than water and formula to [CHILD]?

Calculation of introducing liquids in weeks

Field Name:	liqwks
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age when liquids other than water and formula were first introduced to the child in weeks
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0-40

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

At what age did you first introduce liquids other than water and formula to [CHILD]?

Calculation of introducing liquids in months

Field Name:	liqmths
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age when liquids other than water and formula were first introduced to the child in months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0-12

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

At what age did you first introduce liquids other than water and formula to [CHILD]?

Introducing liquids

Field Name:	liqtime
Source Data Elements:	liqdays liqwks liqmths
Definition:	Age in months when liquids other than water and formula were first introduced to the child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1-60 997 - Child hasn't had liquids other than water and formula 998 - Can't remember/unsure/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Calculation of introducing solids in days

Field Name:	soldays
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age when solids were first introduced to the child in days
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1-40 997 - Child hasn't had solids 998 - Can't remember/unsure/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

At what age did you first introduce foods other than liquids to [CHILD]?

Calculation of introducing solids in weeks

Field Name:	solwks
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age when solids were first introduced to the child in weeks
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0-40

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

At what age did you first introduce foods other than liquids to [CHILD]?

Calculation of introducing solids in months

Field Name:	solmths
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age when solids were first introduced to the child in months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0-12

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

At what age did you first introduce foods other than liquids to [CHILD]?

Introducing solids

Field Name:	soltime
Source Data Elements:	soldays solwks solmths
Definition:	Age in months when solid was first introduced to the child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1-60 997 - Child hasn't had solids 998 - Can't remember/unsure/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Calculation of introducing water in days

Field Name:	watdays
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age when water was first introduced to the child in days
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1-40 997 - Child hasn't had water 998 - Can't remember/unsure/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

At what age did you first introduce water to [CHILD]?

Calculation of introducing water in weeks

Field Name:	watwks
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age whenwater was first introduced to the child in weeks
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0-40

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

At what age did you first introduce water to [CHILD]?

Calculation of introducing water in months

Field Name:	watmths
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age when water was first introduced to the child in months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0-12

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

At what age did you first introduce water to [CHILD]?

Introducing water

Field Name:	wattime
Source Data Elements:	watdays watwks watmths
Definition:	Age in months when water was first introduced to the child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1-60 997 - Child hasn't had water 998 - Can't remember/unsure/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years
0<5

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2016
2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Late talker

Field Name:	latetalk
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Child had a delay in talking
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

2-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you think [CHILD] was late in starting to talk?

Low birth weight status

Field Name:	lowbwt
Source Data Elements:	brthgms lowwght
Definition:	Weight <2500gms at birth or told baby was a low weight baby
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not a low weight baby 1 - Weight<2500gms at birth or told baby was a low birthweight baby.

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Needed speech therapist

Field Name:	helptalk
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Parent/carer thoughts on the child needing professional help with speech
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

2-15 years

Collection Period

2002-March 2010

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you think [CHILD] needed professional help (speech therapy) with his/her speech?

Needs speech therapist

Field Name:	helptalkv2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Parent/carer thoughts on if the child needs professional help with speech
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

2-15 years

Collection Period

March 2010-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you think [CHILD] needed professional help (speech therapy) with his/her speech?

Received professional help for speech

Field Name:	rechelp
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Child received professional help with speech
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

2-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Did [CHILD] receive any professional help with his/her speech?

Told baby had low birth weight

Field Name:	lowwght
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Parent told child was underweight when born
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Can you remember if anyone said [CHILD] was a low birth weight baby?

Health Conditions

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Field Name:	adhd
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Told by a doctor that the child has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

2-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that [CHILD] has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder?

Asthma interfering with daily activities

Field Name:	asthinter
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Asthma interfering with the child daily activities
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - All of the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - None of the time 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

During the last 4 weeks how often did asthma interfere with [CHILD] daily activities? Only asked parents/carers who reported their child have asthma (asthma = 1).

Asthma

Field Name:	asthma
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Told by a doctor that the child has asthma
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Don't know/Unsure/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that [CHILD] has asthma?

Asthma action plan

Field Name:	asthplan
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Specifies whether the child have a written asthma action plan
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you have a written asthma action plan for [CHILD], that is, written instructions of what to do if the asthma is worse or out of control? Only asked parents/carers who reported their child have asthma (asthma = 1).

Symptoms of asthma or taken treatment for asthma

Field Name:	asthsymtrt
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The child had symptoms of asthma or has taken treatment for asthma in the last 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has [CHILD] had symptoms of asthma or taken treatment for asthma in the last 12 months? Symptom include: breathlessness, wheezing or dry cough. Only asked parents/carers who reported their child have asthma (asthma = 1).

Current asthma

Field Name:	currast
Source Data Elements:	asthma asthsymtrt
Definition:	Child had asthma symptoms or treatment for asthma in the previous 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Current respiratory problem

Field Name:	currresp6mo
Source Data Elements:	respallstil resp6mo
Definition:	Reported a respiratory problem which lasted 6 months or more which is still a problem (other than asthma)
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Developmental problem

Field Name:	devlprob
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Told by a doctor that the child has a problem with coordination, clumsiness, deformity, stiffness or developmental delay
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that [CHILD] has a problem with coordination, clumsiness, deformity, stiffness or developmental delay?

Diabetes

Field Name:	diabetes
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Specifies whether the child has been told by the doctor that they have diabetes
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Have you ever been told by a doctor that [CHILD] has diabetes?

Diabetes type

Field Name:	diabtype
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The type of diabetes the child had
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Type 1 2 - Type 2 997 - Other 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What type of diabetes were you told [CHILD] had? Only asked parents/carers who reported their child have diabetes (diabetes=1).

Fall injury status

Field Name:	fallinj12mo
Source Data Elements:	inj12mo falls
Definition:	Had at least one fall injury in the past 12 months that required treatment from a health professional
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of falls

Field Name:	falls
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of injuries that child had that were falls
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many of these injuries were falls? Only asked parents/carers who reported their child had an injury (injury >0).

Injury status

Field Name:	inj12mo
Source Data Elements:	injury
Definition:	Had at least one injury in the past 12 months that required treatment from a health professional
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of injuries

Field Name:	injury
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of injuries that child had which required treatment from a health professional
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months, how many injuries did [CHILD] have that required treatment from a health professional?

Other respiratory problem

Field Name:	resp6mo
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Specifies whether the child had been told by the doctor that they have a respiratory problem other than asthma such as Chronic Bronchitis, Emphysema, Chronic Lung Disease (COPD) that has lasted 6 months or more
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2005-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Other than asthma, has a doctor ever told you that [CHILD] had a respiratory problem such as Chronic Bronchitis, Emphysema, Chronic Lung Disease (COPD) that has lasted 6 months or more?

Current other respiratory problem

Field Name:	respallstil
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Specifies whether the child still have respiratory problem
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Don't know/can't remember/unsure 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2005-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Does [CHILD] still have this respiratory problem? Only asked parents/carers who reported their child have other respiratory problem (resp6mo=1)

Lifestyle Behaviours

Number of servers of vegetables consume per day

Field Name:	numbveg
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of serves of vegetables the child usually eats each day
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of serves _____ 991 - Less than one serve a day 998 - Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many serves of vegetables does [CHILD] usually eat each day? A serve of vegetables is equal to half a cup of cooked vegetables or 1 cup of salad.

Number of servers of fruits consume per day

Field Name:	numbfrt
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of serves of fruits the child usually eats each day
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of serves _____ 991 - Less than one serve a day 998 - Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many serves of fruit does [CHILD] usually eat each day? A serve of fruit is equal to one medium piece, two small pieces of fruit or one cup of diced fruit.

Meeting the 2013 NHMRC guidelines for fruit consumption

Field Name:	frt13
Source Data Elements:	frtnumb
Definition:	Whether the child meets the 2013 National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Australian Dietary Guidelines for fruit consumption
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

According to the 2013 NHMRC Australian Dietary Guidelines, the minimum recommended daily serves of fruit is one serve per day for children aged 2 to 3 years, 1.5 servers per day for children aged 4 to 8 years and 2 servers per day for children aged 9 to 15 years. As the consumption of half servers is not captured in the questions asked in the HWSS, for the purpose of reporting the recommended number of servers are rounded to the nearest whole numbers. Therefore, children aged 2 to 8 who consumed 1 serve per day and children aged 9 to 15 years who consumed 2 servers per day were considered they meet the minimum serves of fruit per day.

Survey Question

N/A

Meeting the 2013 NHMRC guidelines for vegetables consumption

Field Name:	veg13
Source Data Elements:	vegnumb
Definition:	Whether the child meets the 2013 National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Australian Dietary Guidelines for vegetables consumption
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

According to the 2013 the NHMRC Australian Dietary Guidelines, the minimum recommended daily servers of vegetables is 2.5 servers per day for children aged 4 to 8 years, 4.5 servers per day for children aged 4 to 8 years, 5 servers per day for children aged 9 to 11 years and for females aged 12 to 15 years and 5.5 servers per day for males aged 12 to 15 years. As the consumption of half servers is not captured in the questions asked in the HWSS, for the purpose of reporting the recommended number of servers are rounded to the nearest whole numbers. Therefore, children aged 2 to 3 who consumed 2 servers per day or for children aged 4 to 8 years who consumed 4 servers per day and 9 to 15 years who consumed 5 servers per day were considered they meet the minimum serves of vegetables per day.

Survey Question

N/A

Type of milk

Field Name:	milktype
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Type of milk the child usually consumes
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Full fat or whole milk of any kind, including soya 2 - Low/reduced fat of any kind, including soya 3 - Skim milk, that is milk with no fat content at all 4 - Other 5 - Don't drink milk 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What type of milk does [CHILD] usually consume?

Meals or snacks from outside in a week

Field Name:	takeaway
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Average weekly consumption of meals or snacks such as burgers, pizza, chicken or chips from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, Pizza Hut or Red Rooster
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times _____ 991 - Less than once a week 998 - Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2004-2019

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times a week on average, do you have meals or snacks such as burgers, pizza, chicken or chips from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, Pizza Hut or Red Rooster?

Number takeaway each week

Field Name:	fastfood
Source Data Elements:	takeaway
Definition:	Usual number of times takeaway is eaten each week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Never 0.5 - Less than once a week 1 - Once or twice a week 2 - Three or four times a week 3 - Five or more times a week

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2004-2019

Revision History

The variable tkwy has been derived for 2004-2019 using fast food, so as to allow trend series compatibility.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Takeaway consumption

Field Name:	tkwy
Source Data Elements:	tkwydly tkwywkly tkwymthly
Definition:	The number of times a week the child eats meals or snacks such as burgers, kebabs, meat pies, pizza, chicken or chicken nuggets from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, KFC, Pizza Hut, or other take-away places
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	tkwy 0 - Never 0.5 - Less than once a week 1 - Once or twice a week 2 - Three or four times a week 3 - Five or more times a week tkwydly, tkwywkly, tkwymthly Number _____ 997 - Rarely/Never

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

From 2004 to 2019 the question was "How many times a week on average, does [CHILD] have meals or snacks such as burgers, pizza, chicken or chips from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, Pizza Hut or Red Rooster?"

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times<do you/does [CHILD]> eat meals or snacks such as burgers, kebabs, meat pies, pizza, chicken or chicken nuggets from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks,

KFC, Pizza Hut, or other take-away places?

Chips consumption

Field Name:	chips
Source Data Elements:	chipsdly chipswkly chipsmthly
Definition:	The number of times a week the child eats hot chips, french-fries, wedges, hash browns or fried potatoes
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	chips 0 - Never 0.5 - Less than once a week 1 - Once or twice a week 2 - Three or four times a week 3 - Five or more times a week chipsdly, chipswkly, chipsmthly Number _____ 997 - Rarely/Never

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times<do you/does [CHILD]> eat hot chips, french-fries, wedges, hash browns or fried potatoes? Please continue to answer in terms of number of times per day, OR times per week, OR times per month.

Cakes consumption

Field Name:	cakes
Source Data Elements:	cakesdly cakeswkly cakesmthly
Definition:	The number of times a week the child eats sweet biscuits, cakes, doughnuts, muffins, pastries or muesli bars
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	cakes 0 - Never 0.5 - Less than once a week 1 - Once or twice a week 2 - Three or four times a week 3 - Five or more times a week cakesdly, cakeswkly, cakesmthly Number _____ 997 - Rarely/Never

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times<do you/does [CHILD]> eat sweet biscuits, cakes, doughnuts, muffins, pastries or muesli bars? (IF NEEDED: You can answer in terms of times per day, OR times per week, OR times per month - whichever you prefer.)

Snacks consumption

Field Name:	snack
Source Data Elements:	snacksdly snackswkly snacksmthly
Definition:	The number of times a week the child eats potato crisps or other salty snacks like corn chips, Twisties, Burger Rings, crackers, pretzels
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	snack 0 - Never 0.5 - Less than once a week 1 - Once or twice a week 2 - Three or four times a week 3 - Five or more times a week snacksdly, snackswkly, snacksmthly Number _____ 997 - Rarely/Never

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times<do you/does [CHILD]> eat potato crisps or other salty snacks like corn chips, Twisties, Burger Rings, crackers, pretzels? (IF NEEDED: You can answer in terms of times per day, OR times per week, OR times per month - whichever you prefer.)

Soft drinks consumption

Field Name:	sftdrnks
Source Data Elements:	sftdrnksdly sftdrnkswkly sftdrnksmthly
Definition:	The number of times a week the child drink soft drinks, energy or sports drinks, or cordial
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	sftdrnks 0 - Never 0.5 - Less than once a week 1 - Once or twice a week 2 - Three or four times a week 3 - Five or more times a week sftdrnksdly, sftdrnkswkly, sftdrnksmthly Number _____ 997 - Rarely/Never

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times<do you/does [CHILD]> drink soft drinks, energy or sports drinks, or cordial? (This does not include diet or no sugar versions such as Coke Zero, Pepsi Max, Gatorade G-Active or Red Bull Sugar free). (IF NEEDED: You can answer in terms of times per day, OR times per week, OR times per month - whichever you prefer.)

Processed meat consumption

Field Name:	procmts
Source Data Elements:	procmtsdly procmtswkly procmtsmthly
Definition:	The number of times a day or a week or a month the child eats processed meat products such as sausages, sausage-rolls, bacon, ham, salami or other cold meats
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	procmts 0 - Never 0.5 - Less than once a week 1 - Once or twice a week 2 - Three or four times a week 3 - Five or more times a week procmtsdly, procmtswkly, procmtsmthly Number _____ 997 - Rarely/Never

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times<do you/does [CHILD]> eat processed meat products such as sausages, sausage-rolls, bacon, ham, salami or other cold meats? (IF NEEDED: You can answer in terms of times per day, OR times per week, OR times per month - whichever you prefer.)

Food security

Field Name:	foodsecurity
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether they were any times that household ran out of food and couldn't afford to buy more
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last twelve months, were there any times that you ran out of food and couldn't afford to buy any more?

Daily serves of vegetables

Field Name:	vegnumb
Source Data Elements:	numbveg
Definition:	Daily serves of vegetables
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of serves_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Daily serves of fruit

Field Name:	frtnumb
Source Data Elements:	numbfrt
Definition:	Daily serves of fruit
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of serves_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Recommended serves of vegetables based on 2003 NHMRC guidelines

Field Name:	suffvegchild03
Source Data Elements:	vegnumb
Definition:	Recommended serves of veg for children based on 2003 NHMRC guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No, less than recommended vegies 1 - Yes, if more than 2 serves for 4-7years; if more than 3 serves for 8-11 years; if more than 4 serves for 12-17 years.

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Recommended serves of fruit based on 2003 NHMRC guidelines

Field Name:	sufffrtchild03
Source Data Elements:	frtnumb
Definition:	Recommended serves of fruit for children based on 2003 NHMRC guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No, less than recommended fruit 1 - Yes, if more than 1 serves for 4-11 years; if more than 3 serves for 12-17 years.

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Recommended serves of fruit and veg based on 2013 NHMRC guidelines

Field Name:	frtnveg13
Source Data Elements:	frtnumb vegnumb
Definition:	Recommended serves of fruit and veg based on 2013 NHMRC guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Milk type consume

Field Name:	milk
Source Data Elements:	milktype
Definition:	Type of milk [CHILD] usually consume (recoded for analysis)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Whole milk or undefined fat level 2 - Reduced or skim milk 3 - Doesn't use/drink milk 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Rating physical activity level

Field Name:	parate
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The child physical activity level rating
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Very active 2 - Active 3 - Moderately active 4 - Not very active 5 - Not at all active 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How would you rate [CHILD'S] physical activity level?

Physical activity for at least 20 minutes

Field Name:	vigkidsB
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of days in the past week the child exercised or participated in physical activity for at least 20 minutes that made the child sweat and breathe hard
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2010-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

On how many of the past 7 days did [CHILD] exercise of participate in physical activity for at least 20 minutes that made him/her sweat and breathe hard, such as basketball, soccer, football, running, swimming laps, fast bicycling or netball?

Vigorous activity sessions

Field Name:	timesvigorous
Source Data Elements:	timesvig vigkids vigkidsA vigkidsB
Definition:	Number of sessions of vigorous activity
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Time spent on vigorous physical activity

Field Name:	vigkidhrs
	vigkidmins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total times the child spent doing vigorous physical activity in the past week in minutes or hours
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number of hours _____ and/or Enter number of minutes _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2010-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What do you estimate was the total time that [CHILD] spent doing this vigorous physical activity in the past week?

Moderate physical activity for 30 minutes

Field Name:	modkidsA
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times in the last week [child] does any moderate physical activity for at least 30 minutes that did not make them sweat or breathe hard, such as fast walking, slow bike riding, housework, pushing a lawnmower
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2010-2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times in the last week did [child] do any moderate physical activity for at least 30 minutes that did not make them sweat or breathe hard, such as fast walking, slow bike riding, housework, pushing a lawnmower?

Physical activity for 30 minutes

Field Name:	modkidsB
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of days in the last week the child do any moderate physical activity for at least 30 minutes that not make them sweat or breathe hard
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2010-present

Revision History

This question used to ask as "How many times in the last week did [child] do any moderate physical activity for at least 30 minutes that did not make them sweat or breathe hard, such as fast walking, slow bike riding, housework, pushing a lawnmower?"

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

On how many of the past 7 days did [CHILD] participate in physical activity for at least 30 minutes that did not make them sweat or breathe hard, such as fast walking, slow bike riding, rollerblading or skate boarding?

Moderate physical activity sessions

Field Name:	timesmoderate
Source Data Elements:	timesmod modkids modkidsA modkidsB
Definition:	Sessions of moderate physical activity
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	None Number of times _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Moderate intensity physical activity

Field Name:	modkidhrs
	modkidmins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of hours or minutes the child spent doing moderate intensity physical activity in the past week
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number of hours _____ and/or Enter number of minutes _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2010-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What do you estimate was the total time that [CHILD] spent doing this moderate-intensity physical activity in the past week? Enter the number of hours and/or minutes

Vigorous or moderate physical activity for 60 minutes

Field Name:	padaykidsA
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of days in the past week the child done any vigorous or moderate physical activity for a total of at least 60 minutes
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	_____ Number of days

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2010-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many days in the past week has [CHILD] done any vigorous or moderate physical activity for a total of at least 60 minutes?

Vigorous or moderate physical activity for 60 minutes

Field Name:	padaykidsB
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of days in the past week [CHILD] done any vigorous or moderate physical activity for a total of at least 60 minutes
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	_____ Number of days

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2010-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many days in the past week has [CHILD] done any vigorous or moderate physical activity for a total of at least 60 minutes?

Vigorous physical activity for 30 minutes

Field Name:	vigkidsA
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of times in the past week the child does any vigorous physical activity for at least 30 minutes
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2010-2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times in the past week did [CHILD] do any vigorous physical activity for at least 30 minutes that made [child] sweat and breathe hard, such as basketball, netball, soccer, football, running, fast bike riding, aerobics?

Time spent using computer games

Field Name:	wiifithrs wiifitmins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of hours or minutes per week the child spend using any interactive physical activity computer games such as Wii fit
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of hours/minutes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2010-2014

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many hours per week does [CHILD] spend using any interactive physical activity computer games such as Wii fit?

Total minutes of physical activity

Field Name:	totalkidactivity
Source Data Elements:	kidminsvig kidminsmod
Definition:	Total minutes of physical activity child did in past week without imputed times and without any unknown fields
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of minutes _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2006-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Time of physical activity in past week with imputed times

Field Name:	totalkidactivity2
Source Data Elements:	kidminsvigA kidminsvigB kidminsmodA kidminsmodB
Definition:	Total minutes of physical activity child did in past week with imputed times
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of minutes _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Activity level for child in past week

Field Name:	kidspa5to16
Source Data Elements:	sessions totalkidactivity
Definition:	Activity level for child in previous week as reported by child's respondent
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Did no sessions of physical activity last week 1 - Wasn't physically active for at least 7 sessions 2 - Was physically active for 7 or more sessions but did less than 60 minutes per session 3 - Was physically active for 7 or more sessions and did 60 minutes or more per session

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2006-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Physically active for ≥7 sessions with ≥60 minutes/session

Field Name:	suffpa_kids
Source Data Elements:	kidspa5to16
Definition:	Was physically active for 7 or more sessions and did 60 minutes or more per session
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of sessions of physical activity in the past week

Field Name:	sessions
Source Data Elements:	timesvigorous timesmoderate
Definition:	Number of sessions of physical activity undertaken in the past week
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	Number of sessions_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Screen time

Field Name:	tvhrs
	tvmins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Screen time spending on watching TV or DVDs, or using the computer, iPad or tablet device
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0 - None
	Number of hours _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many hours per week does [CHILD] spend watching TV or DVDs, or using the computer, iPad or tablet device (for the internet, to play games etc)?

Sitting time

Field Name:	sitting
Source Data Elements:	tvhrs tvmins
Definition:	Sitting time spending on watching TV or DVDs, or using the computer, iPad or tablet device
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of hours _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Guidelines for sedentary behaviour

Field Name:	childsedentary
Source Data Elements:	sitting
Definition:	Guidelines for sedentary behaviour
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No more than 2 hours per day 1 - More than 2 hours per day

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Time spent sleeping

Field Name:	sleephrs
	sleepmins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of hours or minutes the child usually get
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of hours _____ Number of minutes_____ 998 - Can't remember/Don't know/Unsure 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

On a usual night how many hours sleep do you get?

Height

Field Name:	hghtcm
	hghtft
	hghtin
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Child height without shoes in centimetres or feet or inches
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	height in cm _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is [CHILD] height without shoes?

Weight

Field Name:	wghtkg wghtst wghtlb
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Child weight without clothes or shoes in kilograms or stones or pounds
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	weight in kilograms _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How much do you weigh without clothes or shoes?

Weight classification

Field Name:	wghtclass
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Parents/carers perception of child's body weight
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Underweight 2 - Normal 3 - Overweight 4 - Very overweight

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you consider your child to be?

Weight change

Field Name:	wghtchange
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Parents/cares intentions regarding child's body weight
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Help them lose weight 2 - Help them gain weight 3 - Help them stay the same weight 4 - I am not trying to do anything about my weight

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following are you trying to do about child's weight?

Body Mass Index (BMI)

Field Name:	BMI
Source Data Elements:	height weight
Definition:	Body mass index (BMI)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	BMI_____ (continuous variable)

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

BMI corrected

Field Name:	BMI_cor
Source Data Elements:	height weight
Definition:	Body mass index corrected
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	BMI_____ (continuous variable)

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

BMI grouped into three categories

Field Name:	bmicategory
Source Data Elements:	BMI
Definition:	Body mass index grouped into three categories
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not overweight or obese 1 - Overweight 2 - Obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

BMI grouped into three categories using corrected BMI

Field Name:	bmicategory_cor
Source Data Elements:	height weight
Definition:	Body mass index grouped into three categories using corrected BMI
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not overweight or obese 1 - Overweight 2 - Obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Obese BMI category (uncorrected)

Field Name:	obese
Source Data Elements:	bmicategory
Definition:	Obese BMI category (uncorrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not obese 1 - Obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Obese BMI category (corrected)

Field Name:	obese_cor
Source Data Elements:	bmicategory_cor
Definition:	Obese BMI category (corrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not obese 1 - Obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Overweight BMI category (uncorrected)

Field Name:	overwt
Source Data Elements:	bmicategory
Definition:	Overweight BMI category (uncorrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not overweight 1 - Overweight

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Overweight BMI category (corrected)

Field Name:	overwt_cor
Source Data Elements:	bmicategory_cor
Definition:	Overweight BMI category (corrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not overweight 1 - Overweight

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Overweight or obese BMI category (uncorrected)

Field Name:	overwtobese
Source Data Elements:	bmicategory
Definition:	Overweight or obese BMI category (uncorrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not overweight or obese 1 - Overweight or obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Overweight or obese BMI category (corrected)

Field Name:	overwtobese_cor
Source Data Elements:	bmicategory_cor
Definition:	Overweight or obese BMI category (corrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not overweight or obese 1 - Overweight or obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Child BMI categories based on the Cole cut-off points

Field Name:	childbmicat
Source Data Elements:	Cole cut-off points for kids BMI
Definition:	Child BMI categories based on the Cole's cut-off points for kids BMI
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Underweight 2 - Normal 3 - Overweight 4 - Obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

BMI of 16, 17, and 18.5 for underweight, 25 for overweight, and 30 for obesity at age 18 years (Cole et al. 2000; Cole et al. 2007)

Survey Question

N/A

Alcohol abuse

Field Name:	alcohol
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Living in a household where alcohol caused a problem
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Does alcohol cause problems in [CHILD] household?

Smoking in the Home

Field Name:	smokhome
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Child living in smoke free households
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - The home is smoke free (includes smoking is allowed outside only) 2 - People occasionally smoke in the house 3 - People frequently smoke in the house 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following best describes [CHILD] home situation?

Smoking during pregnancy for both parents

Field Name:	smokpreg
Source Data Elements:	parsmokpreg
Definition:	Smoking status of both parents when the mother was pregnant with [CHILD]
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original (2002-2004) Derived (2005-2018)

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2018

Revision History

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

When you/your partner were pregnant with [CHILD], did you/your partner smoke?

Smoking during pregnancy

Field Name:	parsmokpreg
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Parents smoking status during pregnancy
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

When you/your partner were pregnant with [CHILD], did you/your partner smoke?

Sunburn in last 12 months

Field Name:	sunburn
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of times [CHILD get sunburned in the last 12 months (even just their nose or shoulders)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ Can't Remember/ Unsure 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times did [CHILD get sunburned in the last 12 months (even just their nose or shoulders)?

Sun protection before going into sunlight

Field Name:	sunprot
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Checking sun protection behaviour before going out into the sunlight. That is, if [CHILD] wear a hat, use sunscreen and keep covered
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Always 2 - Most of the time 3 - Sometimes 4 - Rarely 5 - Never 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you check to see if [CHILD] is adequately protected before going out into the sunlight? That is, does [CHILD] wear a hat, use sunscreen and keep covered? Would you say

Health Service Utilisation

Number of uses of primary health service

Field Name:	primary
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of times the primary health service was used by the child during the past 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times in the past 12 months has [CHILD] used a primary health service e.g. medical specialist, GP, community health centre, community or district nurses?

Number of uses of hospital based service

Field Name:	hospbase
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of times the hospital-based service was used by the child during the past 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times in the past 12 months has [CHILD] used a hospital-based service e.g. accident & emergency department or outpatients?

Number of uses of an allied health service

Field Name:	allied
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of times the allied health service was used by the child during the past 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times in the past 12 months has [CHILD] used an allied health service e.g. optician, physiotherapist, chiropractor, podiatrist, dietitian, nutritionist, occupational therapist, diabetes/other health educator?

Number of uses of dental service

Field Name:	dental
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of times the dental service was used by the child during the past 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times in the past 12 months has [CHILD] used a dental service e.g. dentist, dental hygienist?

Number of uses of mental service

Field Name:	mental
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of times the mental health service was used by the child during the past 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times in the past 12 months has [CHILD] used a mental health service e.g. psychiatrist, psychologist or counsellor?

Number of uses of an alternative health service

Field Name:	althealth
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of times an alternative health service was used by the child during the past 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times in the past 12 months has [CHILD] used an alternative health service e.g. acupuncturist, naturopath, homeopath or any other alternative health service?

Number of uses of telehealth

Field Name:	telehealth
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of times the telehealth service was used by the child during the past 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	(None = 0) Enter number _____ (Unlikely response 25-150) 998 Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times in the past 12 months has [CHILD] used a telehealth services? Telehealth is a health appointment by telephone or videoconference, connecting you with your medical specialist, allied health professional?

Primary health care in last 12 months

Field Name:	primhc
Source Data Elements:	primary
Definition:	Used a primary health care service at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Hospital based health care in last 12 months

Field Name:	hosphc
Source Data Elements:	hospbase
Definition:	Used a hospital-based health care service at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Allied health care in last 12 months

Field Name:	alliedhc
Source Data Elements:	allied
Definition:	Used an allied health care service at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Dental health care in last 12 months

Field Name:	dentalhc
Source Data Elements:	dental
Definition:	Used a dental health care service at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Mental health care in last 12 months

Field Name:	mentalhc
Source Data Elements:	mental
Definition:	Used a mental health care service at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Alternative health care in last 12 months

Field Name:	alternativehc
Source Data Elements:	althealth
Definition:	Used an alternative health care service at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Types of health services used in last 12 months excluding alternative services

Field Name:	hsuse
Source Data Elements:	primhc alliedhc hosphc dentalhc mentalhc
Definition:	Number of types of health services used in the last 12 months, excluding alternative services
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Used no health services 1 - Used 1 type of health service 2 - Used 2 types of health services 3 - Used 3 types of health services 4 - Used 4 types of health services 5 - Used 5 types of health services

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Types of health services used in last 12 months including alternative services

Field Name:	hsuseplusalt
Source Data Elements:	primhc alliedhc hosphc dentalhc mentalhc alternativehc
Definition:	Number of types of health services used in the last 12 months, including alternative services
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Used no health services 1 - Used 1 type of health service 2 - Used 2 types of health services 3 - Used 3 types of health services 4 - Used 4 types of health services 5 - Used 5 types of health services 6 - Used 6 types of health services

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Total health services used in last 12 months excluding alternative services

Field Name:	hstotal
Source Data Elements:	primhc alliedhc hosphc dentalhc mentalhc
Definition:	Total times health services used in the last 12 months excluding alternative services
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	(None = 0) Enter number _____ 998 Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Total health services used in last 12 months including alternative services

Field Name:	hstotalplusalt
Source Data Elements:	primhc alliedhc hosphc dentalhc mentalhc alternativehc
Definition:	Total times health services used in the last 12 months including alternative services
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	(None = 0) Enter number _____ 998 Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Flu vaccination within the past 12 months

Field Name:	flu
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Flu vaccination taken within the past 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2009

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Did you have a flu vaccination within the past 12 months?

Any flu vaccine in last 12 months

Field Name:	flu2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Any flu vaccination within the past 12 months
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No I haven't had any vaccination against the flu 1 - Yes, I have had a vaccination against the swine flu 2 - Yes, I have had a vaccination against the flu but it was not against the swine flu 3 - Yes, I have had a vaccination against both the swine flu and the normal flu 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2009-2010

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Did [CHILD] have any flu vaccination within the past 12 months?

Flu vaccination

Field Name:	flu3
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Specifies on whether the child received flu vaccination since the first of March this year
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No I haven't had any vaccination against the flu 1 - Yes, I have had the normal seasonal flu vaccination 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2010- 2023

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Did [CHILD] have any flu vaccination since the 1st March this year?

Flu vaccination location

Field Name:	vacplacechild
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Place where the child received the flu vaccination
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - At the general practitioners' office where [CHILD] receives most of his/her care 2 - At another general practitioners' office 3 - At the community clinic 4 - At another location (besides those already mentioned) 5 - At a pharmacy 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't re

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2013- 2023

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Where did [CHILD] receive the flu vaccination? This question is only asked for parents/carers who reported their child had the flu vaccination (flu=1).

Mental Health

Trouble with getting on with people

Field Name:	emotrbl
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the child have trouble with emotions, concentration, behaviour or getting on with people
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - No 2 - Only a little 3 - Quite a lot 4 - Very much 998 - Unsure/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Overall, does [CHILD] have trouble with emotions, concentration, behaviour or getting on with people? Would you say

Receiving special help for trouble

Field Name:	emothelp
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the child needs special help for an emotional, concentration or behavioural problem
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Conditional

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you think [CHILD] needs special help for this?

Only asked of parents/carers who reported their child have trouble with emotions, concentration, behaviour, or getting on with people (emotrb=2, 3 or 4)

Receiving treatment for an emotional or mental health condition

Field Name:	cmhptrt
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the child ever been treated for an emotional or mental health problem
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has child ever been treated for an emotional or mental health problem? Only asked of parents/carers who reported their child have trouble with emotions, concentration, behaviour, or getting on with people (emotrb=2, 3 or 4)

School Connectedness

Absent from School

Field Name:	absent
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of days the child has been away from school for any reason during the past 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No days absent from school Number of days absent _____ 995 - Doesn't attend school

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Thinking about the previous 12 months, not counting official school holidays, can you tell me about how many days CHILD has been away from school for any reason?

Overall school performance

Field Name:	overall
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The child performance in school during the past 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Very well 2 - Well 3 - Average 4 - Poorly 5 - Very poorly 998 - Unsure/don't know/can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2023

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Based on your knowledge of [CHILD] schoolwork, including school reports, how is [CHILD] doing in school overall? Would you say it was Only asked parents/carers of children who reported they attend school.

Attitude toward attending school

Field Name:	lookfwd
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The child looking forward to going to school each day
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Almost never 2 - Rarely 3 - Sometimes 4 - Often 5 - Almost always 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2023

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Does [CHILD] look forward to going to school each day? Would you say Only asked parents/carers of children who reported they attend school.

Been bullied

Field Name:	cbullied
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the child has been Bullied in the past 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months has [CHILD] been bullied? Only asked parents/carers of children who reported they attend school.

Has bullied

Field Name:	cbullies
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the child has bullied other children in the past 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months has [CHILD] bullied other kids? Only asked parents/carers of children who reported they attend school.

A special friend

Field Name:	mate
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether they have a special friend or a really close mate
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2009-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Does [CHILD] have a special friend or a really close mate?

A group of friends

Field Name:	friends
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the child have a group of friends to play with or hang around with
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2009-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Does [CHILD] have a group of friends to play with or hang around with? Only asked parents/carers of children who reported they attend school.

Family Functioning

Family getting well together

Field Name:	famrel1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the family usually does not get on well together
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Strongly agree 2 - Agree 3 - Disagree 4 - Strongly Disagree 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

We usually don't get on well together.

Planning family activities

Field Name:	famrel2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether planning family activities is usually difficult
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Strongly agree 2 - Agree 3 - Disagree 4 - Strongly Disagree 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Planning family activities is usually difficult.

Family avoids discussing fears and concerns

Field Name:	famrel3
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the family usually avoid discussing fears and concerns openly with each other
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Strongly agree 2 - Agree 3 - Disagree 4 - Strongly Disagree 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

We usually avoid discussing our fears and concerns openly with each other.

Making decisions

Field Name:	famrel4
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether making decisions within the family is usually a problem because they misunderstand each other
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Strongly agree 2 - Agree 3 - Disagree 4 - Strongly Disagree 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Making decisions is usually a problem in our family because we misunderstand each other.

Respondent For Child

General health of the parent/carer

Field Name:	sf1genp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The general health of the parent/carer
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Excellent 2 - Very good 3 - Good 4 - Fair 5 - Poor 998 - Unsure/don't know/can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In general, how would you say your health is:

Mental health status of the parent/carer

Field Name:	mhp12mop1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The mental health status of the parent/carer
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months have you been told by a doctor that you had depression, anxiety, stress or any other mental health problem?

Receiving treatment for mental health

Field Name:	mhptrtp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer receive treatment for mental health
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Are you currently receiving treatment for anxiety, depression, stress-related problems or any other mental health problems?

Parent/carer still have mental health

Field Name:	mhpstillp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer still have mental health
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you still have any of these conditions? Only ask parent/carer who reported they have been told by the doctor in the last 12 months that they have depression, anxiety, stress or any other mental health problem (mhp12mop1 =1)

Lack of control over life in general

Field Name:	lackgenp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The extent the parent/carer felt a lack of control over their life in general
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Never 2 - Rarely 3 - Sometimes 4 - Often 5 - Always 998 - Unsure/don't know/can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

During the past four weeks how much of the time did you feel a lack of control over your life in general:

Lack of control over personal life

Field Name:	lackpersp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The extent the parent/carer felt a lack of control over their personal life
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Never 2 - Rarely 3 - Sometimes 4 - Often 5 - Always 998 - Unsure/don't know/can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

During the past four weeks how much of the time did you feel a lack of control over your personal life:

Lack of control over health

Field Name:	lackhlthp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The extent the parent/carer felt a lack of control over their health
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Never 2 - Rarely 3 - Sometimes 4 - Often 5 - Always 998 - Unsure/don't know/can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

During the past four weeks how much of the time did you feel a lack of control over your health:

Belonging to groups or associations

Field Name:	groupsp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of groups/associations the parent/carer belong to
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of groups_____ 998 - Unsure/don't know/can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many groups/associations do you belong to? Include church groups, social groups, sporting groups, political groups, professional groups etc…

Parent/carer highest school education

Field Name:	schoolingp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The parent/carer highest level of school education
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Never attended school 2 - Currently still at school 3 - Year 8 or below 4 - Year 9 or equivalent 5 - Year 10 or equivalent 6 - Year 11 or equivalent 7 - Year 12 or equivalent (matriculation/leaving) 998 - Unsure/don't know/can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is the highest level of primary or high school that you have completed – respondent for child

Parent/carer other qualification

Field Name:	otherqualsp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer have other qualification
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Have you completed any qualifications (since leaving school)?

Parent/carer highest qualification

Field Name:	whatqualsp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The parent/carer highest level of qualification
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Bachelor degree or higher 2 - Diploma or certificate taking more than 12 months full time 3 - Diploma or certificate taking less than 12 months full time 4 - Trade / apprenticeship

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is the highest qualification you have completed?

Parent/carer employment status

Field Name:	empstatp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The parent/carer employment status
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Self employed 2 - Employed for wages, salary or payment in kind 3 - Unemployed for less than one year 4 - Unemployed for more than one year 5 - Engaged in home duties 6 - Retired 7 - Unable to work 8 - A student 9 - Other 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refuse

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which one of the following best describes your current employment status?

Parent/carer fly in fly out

Field Name:	awayworkp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer work fly in fly out
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you work fly-in fly-out or do some form of work that takes you away from home for a set period each week or month? Only asked of respondents who reported being employed (empstat1= 1 or 2).

Parent/carer shift worker

Field Name:	shiftworkp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer is a shift worker
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Are you a shift worker? Only asked of respondents who reported being employed (empstat1= 1 or 2) and do not report working away from home (awayworkp1 not equal to 1).

Parent/carer still shift worker

Field Name:	shifthrsp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of hours per shift/day the parent/carer work
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Number of hours _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

When on, how many hours per shift/day do you work? Only asked of respondents who reported working away from home or doing shift work (awayworkp1 or shiftworkp1 equal to 1).

Parent/carer pattern of work

Field Name:	daysonp1 daysoffp1 weeksonp1 weeksoffp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of days on, days off or weeks on or weeks off for the parent/carer
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	days on_____ days off_____ or weeks on_____ or weeks off_____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is your pattern of working each week or month?

Parent/carer number of hours working

Field Name:	hrswrkp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of hours the parent/carer works per week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	_____Hours per week 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

If you are in paid employment either for yourself or others, how many hours per week do you work? Only asked of respondents who reported being in paid employment but not working shift work of away from home.

Parent/carer looking for employment

Field Name:	lookempp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer is looking for employment
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Are you looking for employment? Only asked of respondents who reported being in paid employment but not working shift work of away from home.

Parent/carer have a health care card

Field Name:	hlthcardp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer have a health care card or a card which entitles them to get discount prescriptions and bulk billing
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you a have a health care card, that is a card which entitles you to discounted prescriptions and bulk billing?

Born in Australia

Field Name:	cobp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Australian born or not
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Were you born in Australia?

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin status

Field Name:	aborp1
Source Data Elements:	tsiaborp1
Definition:	Origin of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes, Aboriginal 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Country of birth

Field Name:	birthcountryp1
Source Data Elements:	cobp1 birthcobp1
Definition:	Country of birth
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Australia 2 - Eire and UK including Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland 3 - New Zealand 4 - North America 5 - Central and South America 6 - Africa 7 - Europe 8 - Middle East 9 - ASEAN Country (These include Burma, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) 10 - China 11 - India 12 - Other 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Feel a lack of control over personal life

Field Name:	personalp1
Source Data Elements:	lackpersp1
Definition:	Often or always feel a lack of control over personal life – respondent for child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Feel a lack of control over life in general

Field Name:	generalp1
Source Data Elements:	lackgenp1
Definition:	Often or always feel a lack of control over life in general – respondent for child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Feel a lack of control over health

Field Name:	healthp1
Source Data Elements:	lackhlthp1
Definition:	Often or always feel a lack of control over health – respondent for child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Education level

Field Name:	educationp1
Source Data Elements:	schoolingp1 whatqualsp1 educp1
Definition:	Education level regrouped so that all years can be combined – respondent for child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Less than Year 10 2 - Year 10 3 - Year 12 4 - Tafe/Trade qualification 5 - Tertiary degree or equivalent

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Child's mother highest education

Field Name:	motheduc
Source Data Elements:	schoolingp1 whatqualsp1 relation
Definition:	The highest level of education attained by child's mother – respondent for child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Never attended school 2 - Some primary school 3 - Completed Year 10 4 - Completed Year 12 5 - Completed Tafe/Trade qualification 6 - Tertiary degree or equivalent 7 - University or other tertiary degree including postgraduate 8 - Other 9 - Unknown 998 - Unsure/don't know

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Main occupation

Field Name:	employmentp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	What is your main occupation – respondent for child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Employed 2 - Unemployed 3 - Home duties 4 - Retired 5 - Unable to work 6 - A student 7 - Other

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is your main occupation – respondent for child

Number of days on for work

Field Name:	workonp1
Source Data Elements:	daysonp1 weeksonp1
Definition:	Number of days on for work – respondent for child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	_____Days on

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of days off for work

Field Name:	workoffp2
Source Data Elements:	daysoffp1 weeksoffp2
Definition:	Number of days off for work – respondent for child
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	_____Days off

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Hours worked weekly

Field Name:	hrsworkedp1
Source Data Elements:	hrswrkp1
Definition:	Hours worked weekly
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	_____Hours per week

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Partner Of Respondent

Sharing home

Field Name:	partner
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer share their home with a partner
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you share your home with a partner?

Country of birth of the partner

Field Name:	cobp2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer partner was born in Australia
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2021

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Was your partner born in Australia? Only asked of respondents who reported having a partner (partner = 1).

Aboriginal status of the partner

Field Name:	tsiaborp2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer partner is a Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Is your partner of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? Only asked of respondents who reported having a partner and who was born in Australia (partner = 1 and cobp2 =1).

Employment status of the partner

Field Name:	empstatp2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The parent/carer partner current employment status
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Self-employed 2 - Employed for wages, salary or payment in kind 3 - Unemployed for less than one year 4 - Unemployed for more than one year 5 - Engaged in home duties 6 - Retired 7 - Unable to work 8 - A student 9 - Other 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refuse

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which one of the following best describes your partner's current employment status? Only asked of respondents who reported having a partner (partner =1).

Partner work fly in fly out

Field Name:	awayworkp2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer partner work fly in fly out or so some form of work that takes them away from home for a set period each week or month
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Does your partner work fly-in fly-out or do some form of work that takes them away from home for a set period each week or month? Only asked of respondents who reported having a partner (partner =1).

Partner shift worker

Field Name:	shiftworkp2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer partner is a shift worker
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Is your partner a shift worker? Only asked of respondents who reported having a partner (partner =1) and who worked fly in fly out (awayworkp2=1)

Partner pattern of working

Field Name:	daysonp2
	daysoffp2
	weeksonp2
	weeksoffp2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of days the parent/carer partner work
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	number of days _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Number of days on for work for child respondent's partner Only asked of respondents who reported having a partner (partner =1) and who was a shift worker (shiftworkp2=1).

Partner still shifts worker

Field Name:	shifthrsp2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of hours the parent/carer partner per shift/day they do shift work
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Number of hours _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

When on, how many hours per shift/day do they work? Only asked of respondents who reported having a partner (partner =1) and who was a shift worker (shiftworkp2=1).

Partner working hours

Field Name:	hrswrkp2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The total number of hours the parent/carer partner work if they are in a paid employment
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Number of hours _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

If your partner is in paid employment, either for themselves or others, how many hours per week do they work? Only asked of respondents who reported having a partner (partner =1).

Partner looking for employment

Field Name:	lookempp2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer partner is looking for employment
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Is your partner looking for employment? Only asked of respondents who said zero hours they work (hrswrkp2=0)

Highest level of the partner school education

Field Name:	schoolingp2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The parent/carer partner highest level of school education
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Never attended school 2 - Currently still at school 3 - Year 8 or below 4 - Year 9 or equivalent 5 - Year 10 or equivalent 6 - Year 11 or equivalent 7 - Year 12 or equivalent (matriculation/leaving) 998 - Unsure/don't know/can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is the highest level of primary or high school that your partner has completed?

Partner other qualifications

Field Name:	otherqualsp2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the parent/carer partner have other qualifications
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Less than Year 10 2 - Year 10 3 - Year 12 4 - Tafe/Trade qualification 5 - Tertiary degree or equivalent

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has your partner completed any qualifications (since leaving school)?

Partner highest qualification

Field Name:	whatqualsp2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The parent/carer partner highest level of qualification
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Bachelor degree or higher 2 - Diploma or certificate taking more than 12 months full time 3 - Diploma or certificate taking more than 12 months full time 4 - Trade / apprenticeship

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is the highest qualification your partner has completed? Only asked of respondent who reported having other qualifications (otherqualsp2=1)

Partner of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin status

Field Name:	aborp2
Source Data Elements:	tsiaborp2 cobp2
Definition:	Partner's origin of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Country of birth - partner of child respondent

Field Name:	birthcountryp2
Source Data Elements:	cobp2
	birthcobp2
Definition:	Country of birth - partner of child respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Australia 2 - Eire and UK including Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland 3 - New Zealand 4 - North America 5 - Central and South America 6 - Africa 7 - Europe 8 - Middle East 9 - ASEAN Country (These include Burma, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) 10 - China 11 - India 12 - Other 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Partners main occupation

Field Name:	employmentp2
Source Data Elements:	empstatp2
Definition:	Partner's main occupation
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Employed 2 - Unemployed 3 - Home duties 4 - Retired 5 - Unable to work 6 - A student 7 - Other

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of days on for work for child respondent's partner

Field Name:	workonp2
Source Data Elements:	daysonp2 weeksonp2
Definition:	Number of days on for work for child respondent's partner
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	_____Days on

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of days off for work for child respondent's partner

Field Name:	workoffp2
Source Data Elements:	daysoffp2 weeksoffp2
Definition:	Number of days off for work for child respondent's partner
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	_____Days off

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Hours worked weekly- partner of child respondent

Field Name:	hrsworkedp2
Source Data Elements:	hrswrkp2
Definition:	Hours worked weekly- partner of child respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Hours per week _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Partners Highest level of school

Field Name:	educationp2
Source Data Elements:	schoolingp2 otherqualsp2 whatqualsp2 educp2
Definition:	Highest level of primary or high school that your partner has completed
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Less than Year 10 2 - Year 10 3 - Year 12 4 - Tafe/Trade qualification 5 - Tertiary degree or equivalent 998 - Don't know/Unsure/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Social Characteristics

Country of birth

Field Name:	birthcountryp1
Source Data Elements:	cobp1
	birthcobp1
Definition:	Country of birth
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Australia
	2 - Eire and UK including Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
	3 - New Zealand
	4 - North America
	5 - Central and South America
	6 - Africa
	7 - Europe
	8 - Middle East
	9 - ASEAN Country (These include Burma, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam)
	10 - China
	11 - India
	12 - Other
	998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know
	999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Child Aboriginal status

Field Name:	tsiabor
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The child's Aboriginal status
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes, Aboriginal 2 - Yes, Torres Strait Islands 3 - Yes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

<Are you/is [CHILD]> of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

Parent/carer Aboriginal status

Field Name:	tsiaborp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The parent/carer Aboriginal status
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes, Aboriginal 2 - Yes, Torres Strait Islands 3 - Yes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

Father country of birth

Field Name:	parent1cob
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Country of birth of the father
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Australia 2 - Other _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2022-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In which country was [CHILD] father born?

Mother country of birth

Field Name:	parent2cob
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Country of birth of the mother
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Australia 2 - Other _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2022-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In which country was /[CHILD] mother born?

Language

Field Name:	language
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Language spoken at home other than English
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - English only 2 - Other _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2022-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Does [CHILD] speak a language other than English at home?

Ancestry

Field Name:	ancestry_1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The child's ancestry
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Australian 2 - English 3 - Irish 4 - Scottish 5 - Chinese 6 - Italian 7 - German 8 - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander 9 - Other (specify) _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

1-15 years

Collection Period

2023-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is [CHILD] ancestry?

Family structure

Field Name:	famstruc
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The child's family structure
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - A family with a child or children living with both biological or adoptive parents 2 - A step or blended family 3 - A sole parent family 4 - A couple with no dependent children 5 - A single person with no dependent children 6 - Other family structure

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How would you best describe [CHILD] family structure?

Other biological parent

Field Name:	othpar
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of days the child sees their other biological parent during a usual month
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Number of days _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How often would [CHILD] see their other biological parent during a usual month?

Household money situation

Field Name:	spend
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The money situation of the household child lives in
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - I am/we are spending more money that I/we get 2 - I/we have just enough money to get us through to the next pay day 3 - There's some money left over each week but I/we just spend it 4 - I/we can save a bit every now and then 5 - I/we can save regularly 6 - I/we can save a lot 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which best describes the money situation of the household [CHILD] lives in?

Income

Field Name:	income
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The household's income before tax is taken out
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Under $20,000 2 - $20,000 - $40,000 3 - $40,000 - $60,000 4 - $60,000 - $80,000 5 - $80,000 - $100,000 7 - $100,000 - $120,000 8 - $120,000 - $140,000 9 - $140,000 - $160,000 10 - More than $160,000 998 - Unsure/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

We would now like to ask you about your household's income. We are interested in how income relates to health, lifestyle and access to health services. Before tax is taken out, which of the following ranges best describes your household's income, from all sources, over the past 12 months?

Private health insurance

Field Name:	privins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the child have a private health insurance
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Hospital only 2 - Ancillary only 3 - Both hospital and ancillary 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Is [CHILD] covered by private health insurance?

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin

Field Name:	abor
Source Data Elements:	tsiabor cob
Definition:	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Country of birth

Field Name:	birthcountryp1
Source Data Elements:	cobp1
	birthcobp1
Definition:	Country of birth
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Australia 2 - Eire and UK including Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland 3 - New Zealand 4 - North America 5 - Central and South America 6 - Africa 7 - Europe 8 - Middle East 9 - ASEAN Country (These include Burma, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) 10 - China 11 - India 12 - Other 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2021

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Geographic

Accessibility/remoteness index of Australia

Field Name:	ARIA_Plus1
Source Data Elements:	postcode
Definition:	Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia
Data Type:	character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Inner Regional Major Cities Outer Regional Remote Very Remote

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Remoteness Structure defines Remoteness Areas for the purpose of releasing and analysing statistics. Remoteness Areas (RA) divide Australia into five classes of remoteness which are characterised by a measure of relative geographic access to services. Access to services is measured using the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+), produced by the Australian Centre for Housing Research (formerly the Hugo Centre for Population and Migration Studies) at the University of Adelaide. For more details refer to Remoteness Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au).

Survey Question

N/A

Health district name

Field Name:	HD_Analysis
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Health District Name
Data Type:	character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Blackwood, Bunbury, Busselton, Central Great Southern, City, Coastal Wheatbelt, East Kimberley, East Pilbara, Eastern Wheatbelt, Fremantle & Coast, Gascoyne, Geraldton, Inner South, Joondalup-Wanneroo, Leeuwin, Leschenault, Lower Great Southern, Lower West, Midwest, Murchison, Murdoch, North Central, Northern Goldfields, Peel, Rockingham-Kwinana, South East, South East Coastal, Southern Wheatbelt, Swan & Hills, Warren, Wellington, West Kimberley, West Pilbara, Western Wheatbelt.

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Health district identifier

Field Name:	HD_ID
Source Data Elements:	HD_Analysis
Definition:	Health District Identifier
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	1 - Blackwood
	2 - Bunbury
	3 - Busselton
	4 - Central Great Southern
	5 - City
	6 - Coastal Wheatbelt
	7 - East Kimberley
	8 - East Pilbara
	9 - Eastern Wheatbelt
	10 - Fremantle & Coast
	11 - Gascoyne
	12 - Geraldton
	13 - Inner South
	14 - Joondalup-Wanneroo
	15 - Leeuwin
	16 - Leschenault
	17 - Lower Great Southern
	18 - Lower West
	19 - Midwest
	20 - Murchison
	21 - Murdoch
	22 - North Central
	23 - Northern Goldfields
	24 - Peel
	25 - Rockingham-Kwinana
	26 - South East
	27 - South East Coastal
	28 - Southern Wheatbelt
	29 - Swan & Hills
	30 - Warren
	31 - Wellington
	32 - West Kimberley
	33 - West Pilbara
	34 - Western Wheatbelt

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Health region name

Field Name:	HR_Analysis
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Health Region Name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	East Metro North Metro South Metro Goldfields Great Southern Kimberley Midwest Pilbara South West Wheatbelt

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Health region identifier

Field Name:	HR_ID
Source Data Elements:	HR_Analysis
Definition:	Health Region Identifier
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	1 - East Metro 2 - North Metro 3 - South Metro 4 - Goldfields 5 - Great Southern 6 - Kimberley 7 - Midwest 8 - Pilbara 9 - South West 10 - Wheatbelt

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Health service name

Field Name:	HS_Analysis
Source Data Elements:	postcode
Definition:	Health Service Name
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	WACHS South Metro North Metro East Metro

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Health service identifier

Field Name:	HS_ID
Source Data Elements:	HS_Analysis
Definition:	Health Service Identifier
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - East Metro 2 - North Metro 3 - South Metro 4 - WACHS

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Health code

Field Name:	Health_Code
Source Data Elements:	health service ID, health region ID and health district ID
Definition:	Health code created from the health service ID, health region ID and health district ID
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	5 digit code

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Local Government Area (LGA) code based on 2016 boundaries

Field Name:	LGA_CODE16
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Local Government Area (LGA) code based on 2016 boundaries
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	LGA_CODE16.

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Local Government Areas are identified by four digit codes. Codes are unique only within a State or Territory. For unique Australia-wide Local Government Area code identification, the four digit code must be preceded by the State or Territory code. All Local Government Area codes end with the digit 0.

Local Government Areas are an ABS Mesh Block approximation of gazetted local government boundaries as defined by each state and territory. ABS approximations of administrative boundaries do not match official legal boundaries and should only be used for statistical purposes.

There are 566 Local Government Areas covering the whole of Australia, including unincorporated areas, without gaps or overlaps. This incorporates 19 non-spatial special purpose codes including a new Outside Australia code. Further information on special purpose codes can be found in the Local Government Area coding structure section below.

Local Government Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

LGA code based on 2017 boundaries

Field Name:	LGA_CODE17
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Local Government Area code based on 2017 boundaries
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	LGA_CODE17.

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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Local Government Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

LGA code based on 2016 boundaries

Field Name:	LGA_CODE16
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Local Government Area code based on 2016 boundaries
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	LGA_CODE16.

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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[Local Government Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

LGA name based on 2016 boundaries

Field Name:	LGA_NAME16
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Local Government Area name based on 2016 boundaries
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	_____string_

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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Survey Question

N/A

LGA name based on 2017 boundaries

Field Name:	LGA_NAME17
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Local Government Area name based on 2017 boundaries
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	_____*string*

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Local Government Areas are an ABS Mesh Block approximation of gazetted local government boundaries as defined by each state and territory. ABS approximations of administrative boundaries do not match official legal boundaries and should only be used for statistical purposes.

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Local Government Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

LGA name based on 2018 boundaries

Field Name:	LGA_NAME18
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Local Government Area name based on 2018 boundaries
Data Type:	character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	_____string_

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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There are 566 Local Government Areas covering the whole of Australia, including unincorporated areas, without gaps or overlaps. This incorporates 19 non-spatial special purpose codes including a new Outside Australia code. Further information on special purpose codes can be found in the Local Government Area coding structure section below.
Local Government Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

Metro, rural or remote identifier

Field Name:	MRR_ID
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Metro, rural or remote identifier
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Metro 2 - Rural 3 – Remote

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Metro, rural or remote name

Field Name:	M_R_R
Source Data Elements:	ARIA_Plus1
Definition:	Metro, rural or remote name
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Metro Rural Remote

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Postcode of respondent

Field Name:	postcode
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Australian postcode of respondent
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNNN
Permitted Values:	0876, 6000 through 6999 If not Western Australia (WA) residents, then we exclude from the survey as this is only WA survey.

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place. Postcode is an important part of a postal address and facilitates written communication. It is one of a number of geographic identifiers that can be used to determine a geographic location.

Survey Question

N/A

Remoteness area based on 2011 census - Code

Field Name:	RA_CODE11
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Remoteness area based on 2011 census information, presented as a code
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	51 - Inner Regional Australia 50 - Major Cities Australia 52 - Outer Regional Australia 53 - Remote Australia 54 - Very Remote Australia

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure defines Remoteness Areas for the purpose of releasing and analysing statistics.
Remoteness Areas are derived from the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+) produced by the University of Adelaide.

Survey Question

Remoteness area based on 2011 census information, presented as a code.

Remoteness area based on 2016 census - Code

Field Name:	RA_CODE16
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Remoteness area based on 2016 census information, presented as a code
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	51 - Inner Regional Australia 50 - Major Cities Australia 52 - Outer Regional Australia 53 - Remote Australia 54 - Very Remote Australia

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure defines Remoteness Areas for the purpose of releasing and analysing statistics.
Remoteness Areas are derived from the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+) produced by the University of Adelaide.

Survey Question

N/A

Remoteness area based on 2011 census - Name.

Field Name:	RA_NAME11
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Remoteness area based on 2011 census information, presented as a name
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Inner Regional Australia Major Cities Australia Outer Regional Australia Remote Australia Very Remote Australia

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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Remoteness Areas are derived from the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+) produced by the University of Adelaide.

Survey Question

N/A

Remoteness area based on 2016 census - Name

Field Name:	RA_NAME16
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Remoteness area based on 2016 census information, presented as a name
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Inner Regional Australia Major Cities Australia Outer Regional Australia Remote Australia Very Remote Australia

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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Remoteness Areas are derived from the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+) produced by the University of Adelaide.

Survey Question

N/A

Statistical Area 2 (SA2) for 2011 - Code

Field Name:	SA2_5DIG11
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Statistical Area 2 for 2011 presented as a 5 digit code
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	SA2_5DIG11.

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s) are medium-sized general purpose areas built up from whole Statistical Areas Level 1 (SA1s). Their purpose is to represent a community that interacts together socially and economically.
There are 2,473 SA2s covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. This includes 19 non-spatial special purpose codes including a new Outside Australia code. These non-spatial SA2s represent populations that are difficult to define geographically such as people who are in transit or have no fixed address. These are represented by Migratory – Offshore – Shipping and No Usual Address SA2s.
SA2s are generally the smallest areas used for the release of ABS non-Census of Population and Housing statistics, including Estimated Resident Population and Health and Vitals data. Whole SA2s aggregate to form Statistical Areas Level 3 (SA3s). SA2s are also used to build Significant Urban Areas and to approximate Tourism Regions.

An SA2 is identifiable by a 9-digit fully hierarchical code comprising the 1-digit State or Territory identifier, and Statistical Areas Level 2-4 identifiers. The SA2 identifier is a 4-digit code, assigned in alphabetical order within an SA3. An SA2 code is only unique within a State or Territory if it is preceded by the State or Territory identifier.

Survey Question

N/A

SA2 for 2016 - Code

Field Name:	SA2_5DIG16
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Statistical Area 2 for 2016presented as a 5 digit code
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	SA2_5DIG16 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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Survey Question

N/A

Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) decile based on 2011 SA2 information

Field Name:	SA2_IRSD_Decile_11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) Decile based on 2011 SA2 information
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	SA2_IRSD_Decile_11 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area. Unlike the other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.
Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

IRSD decile based on 2016 SA2 information

Field Name:	SA2_IRSD_Decile_16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	IRSD Decile based on 2016 SA2 information
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	SA2_IRSD_Decile_16 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area. Unlike the other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.
Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

IRSD quintile based on 2011 SA2 information

Field Name:	SA2_IRSD_Quintile_11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	IRSD Quintile based on 2011 SA2 information
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	SA2_IRSD_Quintile_11 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area. Unlike the other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.
[Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

IRSD quintile based on 2016 SA2 information

Field Name:	SA2_IRSD_Quintile_16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	IRSD Quintile based on 2016 SA2 information
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	SA2_IRSD_Quintile_16 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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[Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

IRSD rank based on 2011 SA2 information

Field Name:	SA2_IRSD_rank_11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	IRSD rank based on 2011 SA2 information
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	SA2_IRSD_rank_11 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area. Unlike the other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.
Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

IRSD rank based on 2016 SA2 information

Field Name:	SA2_IRSD_rank_16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	IRSD rank based on 2016 SA2 information
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	SA2_IRSD_rank_16 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

SA2 based on 2011 census - Code

Field Name:	SA2_MAIN11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	Statistical Area 2 based on 2011 census information, presented as a digit code
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (9)
Permitted Values:	SA2_MAIN11 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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An SA2 is identifiable by a 9-digit fully hierarchical code comprising the 1-digit State or Territory identifier, and Statistical Areas Level 2-4 identifiers. The SA2 identifier is a 4-digit code, assigned in alphabetical order within an SA3. An SA2 code is only unique within a State or Territory if it is preceded by the State or Territory identifier.

Survey Question

N/A

SA2 based on 2016 census - Code

Field Name:	SA2_MAIN16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	Statistical Area 2 based on 2016 census information, presented as a digit code
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N (9)
Permitted Values:	SA2_MAIN16 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

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Survey Question

N/A

SA2 based on 2011 census - Name

Field Name:	SA2_NAME11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	Statistical Area 2 based on 2011 census information presented as a name
Data Type:	character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	SA2_NAME11 ' '

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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The key criteria for SA2 names are that they be:
- meaningful
- have a maximum of 50 characters
- unique, that is not shared by any other SA2 in Australia

Survey Question

N/A

SA2 based on 2016 census - Name

Field Name:	SA2_NAME16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	Statistical Area 2 based on 2016 census information presented as a name
Data Type:	character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	SA2_NAME16 ' '

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s) are medium-sized general purpose areas built up from whole Statistical Areas Level 1 (SA1s). Their purpose is to represent a community that interacts together socially and economically.
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The key criteria for SA2 names are that they be:
• meaningful
• have a maximum of 50 characters
• unique, that is not shared by any other SA2 in Australia

Survey Question

N/A

Statistical Area 3 (SA3) based on 2011 census - Code

Field Name:	SA3_CODE11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	Statistical Area 3 based on 2011 census information, presented as a digit code
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	SA3_CODE11 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Statistical Areas Level 3 (SA3s) are geographic areas built from whole Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s). They are designed for the output of regional data, including 2021 Census of Population and Housing data. SA3s create a standard framework for the analysis of ABS data at the regional level through clustering groups of SA2s that have similar regional characteristics. Whole SA3s aggregate to form Statistical Areas Level 4 (SA4s).
There are 359 SA3s covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. This includes 19 non-spatial special purpose codes including a new Outside Australia code. These non-spatial SA3s represent populations that are difficult to define geographically, such as people who are in transit or have no fixed address. These are represented by Migratory – Offshore – Shipping and No Usual Address SA3s.
The Other Territories of Jervis Bay, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Norfolk Island are each represented by individual SA3s.

SA3s are identified by 5-digit hierarchical codes. This comprises a 1-digit State or Territory identifier followed by a 2-digit SA4 identifier, unique within each State and Territory, and a 2-digit SA3 identifier, unique within each SA4.

Survey Question

N/A

SA3 based on 2016 census - Code

Field Name:	SA3_CODE16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	Statistical Area 3 based on 2016 census information presented as a digit code
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	SA3_CODE16 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Statistical Areas Level 3 (SA3s) are geographic areas built from whole Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s). They are designed for the output of regional data, including 2021 Census of Population and Housing data. SA3s create a standard framework for the analysis of ABS data at the regional level through clustering groups of SA2s that have similar regional characteristics. Whole SA3s aggregate to form Statistical Areas Level 4 (SA4s).
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Survey Question

N/A

SA3 based on 2011 census - Name

Field Name:	SA3_NAME11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	Statistical Area 3 based on 2011 census information, presented as a name
Data Type:	character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	SA3_name11 ' '

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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There are 359 SA3s covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. This includes 19 non-spatial special purpose codes including a new Outside Australia code. These non-spatial SA3s represent populations that are difficult to define geographically, such as people who are in transit or have no fixed address. These are represented by Migratory – Offshore – Shipping and No Usual Address SA3s.
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- meaningful
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- unique, that is not shared by any other SA3 in Australia

Survey Question

N/A

SA3 based on 2016 - Name

Field Name:	SA3_NAME16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	Statistical Area 3 based on 2016 census information presented as a name
Data Type:	character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	SA3_name16 ' '

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

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Survey Question

N/A

Statistical Area 4 (SA4) based on 2011 census - Code

Field Name:	SA4_CODE11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	Statistical Area 4 based on 2011 census, presented as a digit code
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	SA4_CODE11 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4s) are geographic areas built from whole Statistical Areas Level 3 (SA3s). SA4s are the largest sub-state regions in the Main Structure of the ASGS and are designed for the output of a variety of regional data, including data from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing. SA4 boundaries represent labour markets and the functional area of Australian capital cities respectively. They are designed with an emphasis on stability over time to support the time series of statistical releases such as the Quarterly Labour Force publication. These areas represent labour markets or groups of labour markets within each state and territory.

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Survey Question

N/A

SA4 based on 2016 census - Code

Field Name:	SA4_CODE16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
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Survey Question

N/A

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Field Name:	SA4_NAME11
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Statistical Area 4 based on 2011 census, presented as a name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	SA4_CODE11 ' '

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

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Permitted Values:	SA4_CODE16 ' '

Variable Type

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0-15 years

Collection Period

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Survey Question

N/A

IRSD decile based on 2006 Statistical Local Area (SLA) information

Field Name:	SLA_IRSD_Decile_06
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	IRSD Decile based on 2006 Statistical Local Area (SLA) information
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	IRSD decile

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area. Unlike the other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.

Survey Question

N/A

IRSD quintile based on 2006 SLA information

Field Name:	SLA_IRSD_Quintile_06
Source Data Elements:	SLA_IRSD_Decile_06
Definition:	IRSD Quintile based on 2006 SLA information
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	IRSD Quintile

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

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Survey Question

N/A

IRSD rank based on 2006 SLA information

Field Name:	SLA_IRSD_rank_06
Source Data Elements:	SLA_IRSD_Decile_06
Definition:	IRSD Rank based on 2006 SLA information
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	IRSD Rank

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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Survey Question

N/A

X coordinate

Field Name:	X
Source Data Elements:	postcode
Definition:	X coordinate
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N (10)
Permitted Values:	X

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

y coordinate

Field Name:	Y
Source Data Elements:	postcode
Definition:	y coordinate
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N (10)
Permitted Values:	Y

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Locality (suburb) of respondent

Field Name:	locality
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Locality (suburb) of respondent
Data Type:	character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Name of suburb _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Weighting

Under 16 years live in household

Field Name:	children
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The number of children (including babies) under 16 years live in the respondent's household
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of children _____ 998 - Can't remember/Unsure 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2023

Revision History

Was used for design and post stratification weighting when using the White Pages sample frame.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many children (including babies) under 16 years live in your household?

Number of listings in the White Pages telephone book

Field Name:	listings
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of listings related to the respondent in the White Pages telephone book
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of listings _____ 998 - Can't remember/Unsure 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-2020

Revision History

Was used for design and post stratification weighting when using the White Pages sample frame.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many listings do you have in the White Pages telephone book?

Landline currently listed in the telephone book

Field Name:	listedphone
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Respondent's landline being listed in the White Pages telephone book or not at the time of taking the survey
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2008-2020

Revision History

Was used for design and post stratification weighting when using the White Pages sample frame.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Is your landline currently listed in the telephone book?

Sampling strata and the number of strata: 0 to 15 years

Field Name:	wtsexage0to15
Source Data Elements:	Age Sex Geographic area Listings
Definition:	Sampling strata (age, sex, geographic area), population size of each of the sampling strata, sample size in each of the strata, probability of being selected and the number of strata: 0 to 15 years
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	N/A

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Sampling strata and the number of strata: 0 to 15 years WA State.

Field Name:	wtstatesexage
Source Data Elements:	Age Sex Geographic area Listings
Definition:	Sampling strata (age, sex, geographic area), population size of each of the sampling strata, sample size in each of the strata, probability of being selected and the number of strata: 0 to 15 years WA State
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	N/A

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of people

Field Name:	numhouse
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Total number of people who usually live in this household
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

Was used for design and post stratification weighting when using the White Pages sample frame.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is the total number of people who usually live in this household (including yourself)?

Suburb

Field Name:	locality
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Suburb live in
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Name of suburb _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

0-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is your suburb, town or community?

Mobile owner

Field Name:	havemobile
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Have mobile phones
Data Type:	numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

5-15 years

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Ask if age 5+ only: Does [CHILD] have a mobile phone?

Appendix A – Summary of revisions

Version	Date Released	Approval	Amendment
1		Alex Xiao	Document created

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