

Growing Up in Australia

∴ The Longitudinal Study
∴ of Australian Children



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⋮ The Growing Up in Australia study

Growing Up in Australia: The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children is conducted as a partnership between the Department of Social Services (DSS), the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), with advice provided by a consortium of leading researchers.

⋮ How is the data used?

Growing Up in Australia is an ongoing study with information collected using a variety of methods including paper forms, online, telephone and face-to-face interviews.

The purpose of the Study is to provide data that enables a comprehensive understanding of development and life course trajectories within Australia's current social, economic and cultural environment. The Study gives policy-makers and researchers access to quality data and is used to help the government plan future policies and services.

Data collected is also used by Australian and International researchers from various fields of study and compared with data from similar longitudinal studies conducted in other countries.

To find out more about the data and how it is being used, or any information about your participation, please contact us by:

Phone: [1800 005 508](tel:1800005508) or by

Email: growingup@updatedetails.growingupinaustralia.gov.au
or visit

Website: growingupinaustralia.gov.au

⋮ Introduction to privacy

Your privacy is very important to us. Strict procedures are followed to ensure that only authorised people have access to the information provided to us and that all interviewers, researchers and others involved in the Study comply with the *Privacy Act 1988*.

Growing Up in Australia collects a range of information from you, including personal and sensitive information. Personal information is defined as any information or opinion about an identified individual. Of this, any details relating to race, ethnicity or health are considered sensitive. More information on privacy definitions as used in the Study is available at:

Website: oaic.gov.au/privacy/australian-privacy-principles

Basic information about you may be collected from the other members of your family/household who have been asked to participate in a *Growing Up in Australia* survey. This information collected about you may include details of relationships, caring roles, COVID-19 impacts, and financial support. This enables us to better understand the situation that Study participants are living in.



Growing Up in Australia data

The ABS is collecting *Growing Up in Australia* information under the authority of the *Australian Bureau of Statistics Act 1975*. Information is collected from various informants including the young person and parents and/or guardians of the young person. Any informant may choose to not take part, discontinue participation at any time, or not answer particular questions. Information collected by the ABS for the *Growing Up in Australia* study is collected on a voluntary basis and will only be used for:

- Statistical purposes; and
- Maintaining contact with study participants for the purposes of the Study.

Data released to partner agencies, researchers and policy makers is de-identified (i.e. excludes names and addresses) and data from all participants is combined before being published. Strict procedures are followed by all partner agencies to ensure that all information collected is kept strictly confidential. Data from the Study is securely stored at the Australian Data Archives.

If the organisation responsible for future data collection phases of the Study changes, the ABS will be required to disclose your information to that organisation.

Provision of information is voluntary and where consent is withdrawn, *Growing Up in Australia* will no longer collect data from the person withdrawing. Where consent for data linkage has previously been provided, participants must explicitly notify the Study if they wish to withdraw their consent to any further release of their linked data. Data previously released to researchers will continue to be used and form part of the *Growing Up in Australia* study.

If you have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the Study you may contact the AIFS Ethics Committee secretariat on **(03) 9214 7921** or ethics-secretariat@aifs.gov.au. The Ethics Committee secretariat is not connected with the research project and can facilitate a resolution to your concern in an impartial manner.



Under the *Privacy Act 1988*, you are entitled to access, or seek correction of, personal information held about you by the Study by:
Emailing: growingup@updatedetails.growingupinaustralia.gov.au
or by

Calling: 1800 005 508 or by

Writing to: *Growing Up in Australia*, Reply Paid 91903,
Dandenong VIC 3175

Further information

Further information on privacy in relation to the *Growing Up in Australia* study and the *Growing Up in Australia* Privacy Statement can be found at:

Website: growingupinaustralia.gov.au/privacy-ethics or by

Phone: 1800 005 508

Further information on privacy in relation to the ABS including the ABS Privacy Policy can be found at:

Website: abs.gov.au/privacy or by

Phone: 02 6252 7203

Further information on privacy in relation to DSS including the DSS Privacy Policy can be found at:

Website: dss.gov.au/privacy-policy or by

Phone: 1800 634 035

Further information on privacy in relation to AIFS including the AIFS Privacy Policy can be found at:

Website: aifs.gov.au/privacy or by

Phone: 03 9214 7888

If you have a privacy complaint in relation to the *Growing Up in Australia* study, you may lodge a complaint by:

Emailing: privacy@abs.gov.au or by

Writing to: The ABS Privacy Officer, Locked Bag 10,
Belconnen ACT 2617

For general advice on privacy, or if you are not satisfied with the ABS Privacy Officer's response, you can contact the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner by visiting the

Website: oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-complaints or by

Writing to: GPO Box 5218, Sydney NSW 2001



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