

## Data linkage

With your permission, we would like to ask to link your *Growing Up in Australia* data to some other data sources. This year we are seeking permission to link:

- data on your university and VET (Vocational Education and Training) studies,
- your immunisation history, and
- Centrelink data (for 19-20-year-olds and their parents/guardians only).

You can view the documents relating to data linkage on our website, [growingupinaustralia.gov.au/data-linkage](http://growingupinaustralia.gov.au/data-linkage) or by scanning the QR code here:



## Contact information

### Ethics

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

### Accessing or correcting your personal information

Under the *Privacy Act 1988*, you are entitled to access, or seek correction of, personal information held about you by the Study.

You can do this at any time by contacting the *Growing Up in Australia* study by:

**Phone:** 1800 005 508

**Email:** [info@growingupinaustralia.gov.au](mailto:info@growingupinaustralia.gov.au)

**Writing to** (no postage stamp required): *Growing Up in Australia*, Reply Paid GPO Box 2282, Melbourne Vic 3001

## 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](http://growingupinaustralia.gov.au/privacy-ethics)

**Phone:** 1800 005 508

Further information on privacy in relation to Roy Morgan can be found at:

**Website:** [roymorgan.com/legal/privacy](http://roymorgan.com/legal/privacy)

**Phone:** 1800 337 332

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

**Website:** [dss.gov.au/privacy-policy](http://dss.gov.au/privacy-policy)

**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](http://aifs.gov.au/privacy)

**Phone:** 03 9214 7888

**Email:** [privacy@aifs.gov.au](mailto:privacy@aifs.gov.au)

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

**Email:** [privacyofficer@roymorgan.com](mailto:privacyofficer@roymorgan.com)

**Writing to:** Privacy Officer, Roy Morgan, GPO BOX 2282, Melbourne, VIC 3001

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

**Website:** [oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-complaints](http://oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-complaints)

**Writing to:** GPO Box 5218, Sydney NSW 2001



*Growing Up in Australia* has been approved by the Australian Institute of Family Studies Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee ensures that the *Growing Up in Australia* study meets the ethical standards outlined in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans. If you have any ethical concerns with the conduct of study, you may contact the AIFS Ethics Committee Secretariat on (03) 9214 7888 or [ethicssecretariat@aifs.gov.au](mailto:ethicssecretariat@aifs.gov.au)

## Acknowledgement of Country

The Australian Institute of Family Studies acknowledges the traditional Country throughout Australia on which we gather, live, work and stand. We acknowledge all Traditional Custodians, their Elders past, present and emerging, and we pay our respects to their continuing connection to their culture, community, land, sea and rivers.



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# Your privacy

## Growing Up in Australia: The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children



## The Growing Up in Australia study

*Growing Up in Australia* is conducted in partnership between the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS), with advice provided by a consortium of leading researchers. Roy Morgan, a research company, is responsible for the data collection for the study.

This brochure describes *Growing Up in Australia's* privacy policies. 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*.

### Our commitment to privacy

All providers involved in collecting the survey information adhere to the Research Society (RS) code of professional ISO 20252 standards and the Australian Privacy Principles (or APPs). You can find further information on privacy in relation to the Study, including the Study Privacy Statement on our website.

### What data is collected?

Information or data is collected as part of the *Growing Up in Australia* survey. Information includes both personal and sensitive information. Personal information is defined as any information or opinion about an identified individual. Of this information, any details relating to race, ethnicity or health are considered sensitive information. More information on privacy definitions as used in the Study are available at: [oaic.gov.au/privacy/australian-privacy-principles](http://oaic.gov.au/privacy/australian-privacy-principles)

### Why is this data collected?

Your data is collected for a research study. You provide your information for the *Growing Up in Australia* study on a voluntary basis. It will only be used for:

- research and statistical purposes; and
- maintaining contact with study participants for the purposes of the study.

If a person withdraws their consent, *Growing Up in Australia* will no longer collect data from the person withdrawing. Data previously released to approved researchers will

continue to be used and form part of the *Growing Up in Australia* study.

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. More information on data linkage can be found in the 'Data Linkage' brochure or on our website.



### What personal and/or sensitive information is collected about you from others?

#### ■ Parents/guardians of 19–24-year-olds

Parents and/or guardians may be asked to participate in a telephone survey.

Personal information about parents and/or guardians may be collected from the young person and their other parent(s).

Examples of personal information that may also be collected about parents and/or guardians include details of relationships, financial support provided to the young person, and contact details.

#### ■ Young people in the study aged 19–24 years

Personal and sensitive information about young people may be collected from parents and/or guardians. This may include questions about health and relationships with parents and/or guardians.

#### ■ Other members of households where an interview is conducted

On occasion, we may also collect sensitive information from other people who are living with *Growing Up in Australia* participants. This may include household members.

Information collected may include name, sex, age, date of birth, country of birth and year of arrival in Australia, language, medical conditions and disability status. This information enables us to better understand the household *Growing Up in Australia* study participants are living in.

We treat all information, whether it is provided by study young people or their family or household members, under the same strict privacy conditions. Provision of information is voluntary. Young people, family and household members may choose not to have their information included in the Study and *Growing Up in Australia* will not continue to collect data from study participants who withdraw. De-identified data previously released will continue to be used and form part of the *Growing Up in Australia* study.

### Why does the study collect sensitive information?

To understand the factors that impact how young people grow up and develop, it is important for us to ask some sensitive questions. Also, to gain a good understanding of the environment young people grow up in, it is important to collect some personal or sensitive information about all people the young person lives with (and any parental figures living elsewhere).

To accurately identify changes in households over time, we need to confirm whether the same or different people are in the household. This may mean that some people in your household are given identifying information, such as name and date of birth, about other members of the household. We only do this to ensure that the information we have is accurate and that we are asking about the correct person. This information is not passed on to anyone else.

### How are the data used?

*Growing Up in Australia* collects information 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 of young people growing up in Australia today. The Study gives policy makers and researchers access to quality data, which is used to help the government plan future policies and services.

International researchers from various fields can also apply to become approved data users (as for all data users, the data will be deidentified so no individual can be identified). By comparing *Growing Up in Australia* data with data from similar longitudinal studies conducted in other countries, similarities and differences between countries can be explored.

In Wave 10, 19–24 year-olds will be asked to complete the CSIRO short food survey. To enable a diet score to be obtained, data required for calculating the score (CSIRO diet items, gender and age) will be securely sent by Roy Morgan to CSIRO. The CSIRO will not retain any LSAC data.

To find out more about the data and how it is being used, please contact us by:

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**Website:** [growingupinaustralia.gov.au](http://growingupinaustralia.gov.au)

### How will my data be stored?

To ensure your online survey information is kept secure, we use strong encryption technology. This means that the information you provide is only accessed by the Study team members who are authorised to do so. To protect your stored data, multilevel password protection is used on all electronic storage systems.

### Duty of care

While in most circumstances we keep the information you provide strictly confidential, if you tell us you are going to hurt yourself or someone else, or you are being hurt, we will have to tell someone who can help you. If you tell us someone is hurting you, we might be required by law to report it.

### How will my data be handled?

We will only publish your data in combined or aggregate form i.e., only grouped results will be shared and you (or your family) will not be personally identifiable.

If we share your information with other agencies, approved researchers, and policymakers it will be deidentified i.e., all information that can identify you, such as names and addresses, will be removed. Strict procedures are followed by all agencies to ensure that all information collected is kept secure and strictly confidential.

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

Data released to approved researchers and policy makers is de-identified (this means names, addresses and any other information that could identify you is removed).