Abbreviations and acronyms

ABN	Australian Business Number
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AEC	Australian Electoral Commission
AEDC	Australian Early Development Census
ASGS	Australian Statistical Geography Standard
BITRE	Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics
CED	Commonwealth Electoral Divisions
CDEP	Community Development Employment Project
CPI	Consumer Price Index
GCCSA	Greater Capital City Statistical Area
GST	Goods and Service Tax
HILDA	Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia
LGA	Local Government Area
MAP	Measures of Australia's Progress
MIAESR	Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research
MUA	Major Urban Areas
NAPLAN	National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy
NEPM	National Environment Protection Measure
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
SA2	Statistical Area Level 2
SA3	Statistical Area Level 3
SA4	Statistical Area Level 4
SUA	Significant Urban Area
UN	United Nations
WHO	World Health Organization

Endnotes and definitions

Place of usual residence

Place of usual residence is the place where a person usually lives. It may, or may not be, the place where the person was counted on Census night. Each person is required to state their address of usual residence on the Census form.

2011 ASGS and 2016 ASGS

The 2016 Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), which was introduced in 2016, updates the 2011 ASGS, with some minor boundary changes. This includes the addition of Norfolk Island in the collection of data from July 2016 onwards, and the splitting of the Western Australia - Outback SA4 into two SA4 regions; Western Australia - Outback (North) and Western Australia - Outback (South). There were no changes made to the Greater Capital City Statistical Areas (GCCSA).

In this publication, remoteness areas are based on 2011 ASGS for all indicators, as a 2016 remoteness area classification is not yet available. Because 2011 ASGS does not include Norfolk Island, this may result in slight discrepancies between the sum of remoteness area data, and the 2016 total for Australia data published in tables.

Australian Capital Territory classifications

The GCCSA classification and Statistical Areas Level 4 (SA4) for the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) are equivalent. However, there are minor differences between the GCCSA and SA4 classifications of the ACT, and the state and territory classification of the ACT.

Depending on the indicator, data for the ACT has been published in sub-state tables either using the GCCSA or state and territory definition. Depending on which classification has been used, the totals for Australian Capital Cities may vary slightly from the sum of individual capital cities presented in the table.

Rounding of data

In this publication, table data has been rounded to one decimal place. In most instances, changes in an indicator over time have been calculated using the rounded data published in the tables. However, in some cases changes over time have been calculated before rounding. In these cases, the figure published for change over time may not sum with the rest of the data published for that region.

Changes over time

Where commentary refers to the largest increase or decrease in an indicator, the change is measured in the units specified in the indicator's table. For example, changes in an indicator for a region may be measured in absolute terms, in percentage points or in percentages, as specified by the table.

Equivalent classifications

The GCCSA geographies for Greater Hobart, Greater Darwin and the ACT are equivalent to their respective SA4 geographies. Data presented for these areas at the SA4 scale is equivalent to data for these areas at the GCCSA scale. Further, the rest of state geography for the Northern Territory (rest of Northern Territory) is equivalent to the SA4 region Northern Territory - Outback.

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