

TOP 20 DATA SOURCES RELATING TO YOUNG PEOPLE

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The online resource provides information on:

- > The resource that is young Australians (demographics)
- > Future challenges for young Australians: changed work and social action
- > How Australian young people are currently faring in the transition from school to work
- > How young people are currently contributing and leading change

Available at www.fya.org.au/unlimitedpotential

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INTRODUCTION

We have selected the top twenty time series data sources to help you find out about young people in Australia. They cover a broad range of topics, such as population, health and wellbeing, employment, education, access to technology, political and community participation, voluntary work and issues of concern.

FOR EACH RESOURCE YOU WILL FIND:

- > the type of survey
 - > a list of topics or subject areas the resource contains
 - > a key telling you the geographic area the data describes (see below)
 - > a link to the data source
 - > the age range young people defined in the data
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THE GEOGRAPHIC KEY IS DESCRIBED BELOW:



National: Australia



State or Territory: Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia, Australian Capital Territory or Northern Territory



Regional Areas



LGA: Local Government Areas



Neighbourhood: Smaller than LGA level, i.e. postcode, suburb/town, collector district, school (approx. 200 houses in Census data)

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Census of Population & Housing – Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

A household survey of the entire population conducted every five years since 1986.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

All ages in single years. Includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status, ethnicity and disability.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > population demographics
 - > education
 - > employment and income
 - > dwellings, home ownership and housing costs
 - > family characteristics
 - > migration
 - > internet connections and motor vehicles
- From 2006:
- > caring
 - > housework
 - > volunteering
 - > disability

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.abs.gov.au

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Population Projections – Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

Population and household projections based on Census data (above). The projections cover 2012 to 2101 for Australia/States/Territories. States/Territories/capital cities/balances of state span 2006 to 2061.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

All ages in single years.

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.abs.gov.au

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General Social Survey (GSS) – Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

Household survey conducted every four years since 2002 (2006, 2010).

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

18+, reported results in category 18 to 24 years. Includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status and ethnicity.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > demographic characteristics
- > health, disability and wellbeing
- > housing
- > education
- > employment
- > experience of homelessness
- > income
- > financial stress, exclusion & resilience
- > assets and liabilities
- > information technology
- > transport
- > family and community involvement
- > crime and feelings of safety
- > attendance at culture and leisure venues
- > sports attendance and participation
- > social networks and social participation
- > voluntary work
- > visa category

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.abs.gov.au

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Unlimited Potential: A data and information resource on young Australians (includes what was previously known as How Young People are Faring) – Foundation for Young Australians

An online data source bringing together information about young people, participation and engagement. Includes transition from school to work data collected since 1999.

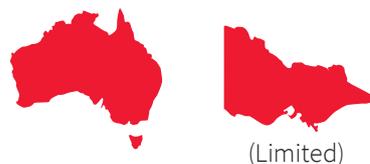
AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

12 to 25 years.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > demographics
- > life transitions
- > participation in education
- > transitions between study and work
- > participation in work
- > what issues young people care about
- > community contribution
- > civic engagement
- > new forms of engagement: technology and social entrepreneurship

GEOGRAPHY:



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Young Australians: their health and wellbeing reports – Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)

The AIHW collates data from a range of population data sources every four years (1999, 2003, 2007, 2011) into one report.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

12 to 24 years. Includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > health status and wellbeing
- > factors influencing health
- > family and community factors
- > socioeconomic factors
- > health system performance
- > data gaps and developments

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.aihw.gov.au

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National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) Online Portal

NCVER collates its own and others research and statistics on education and training on its online portal. Includes data from the Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY) (five cohorts of 10 000 young people aged 15 years at commencement, who are contacted once a year for 10 years).

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

Depends on the data source.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > transitions from school to work
- > student aspirations
- > post school destinations
- > school retention
- > education and training
- > attitudes to school
- > tertiary education
- > satisfaction with various aspects of life
- > student achievement
- > job seeking activity

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.ncver.edu.au

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Public Health Information Development Unit website (PHIDU) – University of Adelaide

PHIDU collates data from a wide range of population sources in their Social Health Atlas. The website allows you to map or download the data.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

Depends on the data source.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > population and projections
- > fertility, mothers & babies, child care
- > birthplace
- > education
- > labour force
- > not learning or earning age 15-19
- > student aspirations
- > health
- > income support recipients
- > families
- > housing and transport
- > residential and community care
- > internet usage
- > disadvantage
- > community strength

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.publichealth.gov.au

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Report card. The Wellbeing of Young Australians – Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY)

Collection of indicators from national data sources reported over time to report against ARACY’s “Nest framework”. Published 2008, 2013 with an update planned for 2018.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

Under 24. Includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander indicators.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > loved and safe
- > material basics
- > healthy
- > participating
- > learning
- > supportive systems and environments

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.aracy.org.au



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework – Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

An annual compilation of data from a range of sources. First released in 2009.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

Depends on the data source.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > health conditions
- > human function
- > life expectancy and wellbeing
- > deaths
- > environmental factors
- > socio-economic factors
- > community capacity
- > health behaviours
- > person related factors
- > health system performance

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.aihw.gov.au



Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) – University of Melbourne

Household based panel study conducted annually since 2001.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

18+, reported results in category 18 to 24 years.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > households and family life
- > income and economic wellbeing
- > labour market outcomes
- > life satisfaction, health and wellbeing
- > household wealth

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.melbourneinstitute.com



Youth Survey - Mission Australia

Online/hardcopy annual internet and paper based (non-random) survey of young Australians since 2002.

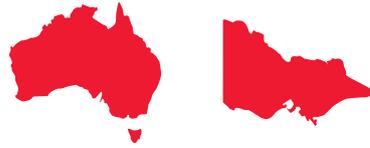
AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

15 to 19 years. Includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > what young people value
- > issues of concern
- > who young people turn to for support
- > engagement in community activities
- > feelings about the future
- > use of social networking websites

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.missionaustralia.com.au



Mapping of Social Cohesion Surveys – Monash University, the Scanlon Foundation and the Australian Multicultural Foundation

A national telephone survey, conducted annually since 2009.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

18+, no reported data on young people specifically but available on request. Includes ethnicity.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > immigration
- > social cohesion
- > types of political participation engaged in
- > group related political activities
- > volunteering

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.scanlonfoundation.org.au

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Australian Health Survey (AHS) – Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

A household survey that combines the ABS National Health Survey (NHS), the National Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey (NNPAS), and National Health Measures Survey (NHMS, includes biomedical measures). First release: 2011-2013 survey released through 2014.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

All ages. Includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and disability status.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > general health and psychological distress
- > long term health conditions
- > health risk factors
- > physical measurements
- > physical activity
- > disability status
- > self-assessed health status

GEOGRAPHY:



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www.abs.gov.au

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Labour Force Survey – Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

A household survey undertaken monthly since 1978.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

15 to 24 years.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > labour force status
- > education status
- > social marital status
- > country of birth
- > hours worked
- > age
- > sex

GEOGRAPHY:



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The National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) - Australian Curriculum and Assessment Reporting Authority

Annual data collection of student performance collected in schools from all students since 2008. Data available in table format and published in an annual NAPLAN National Report.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

Approximately 7 to 15 years (year levels 3, 5, 7 and 9) includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status and ethnicity.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > participation rate
- > participation category
- > state relativities
- > time series
- > parental education and occupation
- > cohort gain

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.nap.edu.au

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Settlement Reporting Facility – Australian Government, Department of Immigration and Border Protection

Statistical Data on permanent settlers to Australia who have arrived since January 1991.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

12 to 24 years. Includes ethnicity.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > settlers by state of residence
- > country of birth
- > language
- > gender
- > ethnicity
- > age
- > local government area
- > religion

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.immi.gov.au

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Youth Unemployment Monitor - Brotherhood of St Laurence

Monthly analysis of youth unemployment data. First released February 2014.

**AGE RANGE OF
YOUNG PEOPLE:**

15 to 24 years.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

> unemployment

GEOGRAPHY:



FIND AT:

www.bsl.org.au

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Secondary Students and Sexual Health – Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS)

National school survey conducted at regular intervals (1992, 1997, 2002, 2008).

**AGE RANGE OF
YOUNG PEOPLE:**

Year 10 and Year 12 students. Includes gender and sexual identity, ethnicity, employment, housing status and schooling.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > knowledge of STIs
- > sexual behaviour, beliefs and perceptions
- > health status

GEOGRAPHY:



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www.latrobe.edu.au

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Writing Themselves In – Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS)

National survey of same sex attracted and gender questioning young people conducted at regular intervals (1998, 2005, 2010).

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

14 to 21 years.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > experiences of sexual identity, feelings and behaviour
- > experiences of homophobia, transphobia and harassment
- > use of internet and social support services
- > how they receive information regarding sexuality and gender identity and health
- > personal safety and wellbeing

GEOGRAPHY:



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www.latrobe.edu.au

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Household Use of Information Technologies (HUIT) – Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

Household survey use of information technology conducted annually since 1996.

AGE RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

15+. Includes people with a disability.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- > household internet and computer access
- > types of household internet access
- > personal internet use (since 2010-11)
- > internet and computer use by persons with a disability (since 2010-11)

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