

Study Description: Australia

Study title: World Values Survey 2005

Fieldwork dates: Start: 14 September 2005
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Sample type: The sample was stratified by Australian states and territories using population counts based on Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) statistics as at 29th July 2005. The selection of individuals within the stratified sample was random using the Electoral Roll for Australia produced by the AEC. This frame includes all registered voters who must be citizens of Australia (or a British subject on a Commonwealth electoral roll as at 25 January 1984). Since voting in Australia is compulsory, there is a very high proportion of the adult Australia population covered by this frame—approximately 92 percent in 2003.

A systematic random sample from each state and territory list was drawn by taking every *n*th name starting with a random start point of size proportional to the population of registered voters. The sampled units were named individuals.

Fieldwork Institute: Australian Social Science Data Archive

Fieldwork methods: Self-completion, paper and pencil, mailed to, mailed back by respondent

Sample size: 1421

Response rates:

3500	A - Total issued
227	B – Not eligible (ill, dead, non-English speaking, not at this address)
3273	C - Total eligible
1421	D - Total questionnaires received
1852	E - non-responses (including non-contact; see note above under “sample type”)
183	F - Refusals (including questionnaires less than half filled in)
1669	G - Non-contact (included in “E”)
0	H – Other non-response (included in “E”)

Language: English

Weighted: No weighting

Weighting Procedure: n/a

Known Systematic Properties:

Gross sample

Using a sampling frame derived from the AEC Electoral Roll (2005) excludes permanent and temporary residents of Australia (who are not citizens) and any other adults in Australia who are non-citizens except for British subjects on a Commonwealth electoral roll as at 25 January 1984. These exclusions amount to approximately 8 percent of the adult population.

Net sample

The sample demographics were compared with statistics available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) including the 2001 Census. The major biases are: age (median age is older than the Census population), education (over-representation of persons with post-secondary school qualifications), and gender (slight over-representation of women).

Deviations from WVS- questionnaire: None

Publications: Bilodeau, R. et al. World Values Survey - Australia, 2005 [computer file]. Canberra: Australian Social Science Data Archive, The Australian National University, 2006. [pending]

Characteristics of National Population:

	Source: Publications from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)	Unweighted data	Weighted data
Gender			
Female	49.1%	55.4%	54.7%
Male	50.9%	44.6%	45.3%
Source Details:	Australian Bureau of Statistics Pub. No. 3105.0.65.001 <i>Australian Historical Population Statistics: TABLE 19 (Population age and sex, Australia, year ended 30 June 2001)</i>		
Age Groups			
18-34	31.0%	19.6%	17.8%
35-49	30.2%	27.7%	27.3%
50-64	21.8%	30.9%	33.0%
65 and over	17.0%	21.8%	21.8%

Source Details:	Australian Bureau of Statistics Pub. No. 3105.0.65.001 <i>Australian Historical Population Statistics: TABLE 19 (Population age and sex, Australia, year ended 30 June 2001)</i>		
Years/Schooling Groups*			
Bachelor or higher	14.6%	27.5%	14.6%
Certificate or diploma	38.5%	33.2%	38.5%
Year 12 or less	46.9%	39.3%	46.9%
Source Details:	Australian Bureau of Statistics Pub. No. 1301.0-2004 <i>Year Book Australia: TABLE 10.36 (Level of highest non-school qualification, by age group, May 2002)</i> * for ages 20 – 64 years	* for ages 20 – 64 years	* for ages 20 – 64 years
Other characteristics Employment Status			
Employed*	63.6%	61.8%	60.3%
Not in labor force	36.4%	35.6%	36.8%
Unemployed**	5.1%	2.7%	2.9%
Source details:	* this is the employment rate for Australia. Australian Bureau of Statistics Pub. No. 6202.0.55.001 <i>Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets:</i> TABLE 01 (Labour force status by Sex - Trend, June 2001) ** this is the Nov 2005 unemployment rate (included as a separate figure) Online: http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/9FF2997AE0F762D2CA2568A90013934C		