



Australia

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

Demographics

Population	26,177,414
Annual births	300,246
Children under 5	1,527,508 (6%)
Under-five mortality	4/1,000

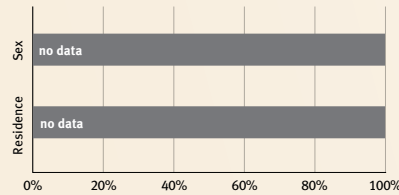
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	3/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	8/1,000
Low birthweight	7%	Preterm births	8%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	3%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

Parents and caregivers need a facilitating environment of laws, policies, services and community support to assist them in providing their young children with nurturing care.

Facilitating environments

Policies				
✔	20-39%	40-59%	60-79%	≥80%
Officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy				
Child and family social protection				
Maternity leave (weeks)	None <14	14 - <18	18 - <26	≥26
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International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)	Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data

Postnatal visits: no data

Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 92%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data

Exclusive breastfeeding: no data

Minimum acceptable diet: no data

Early learning

Early stimulation at home: no data

Children's books in the home: no data

Playthings at home: no data

Attendance in early childhood education: no data

Security and safety

Birth registration: 100%

Positive discipline: no data

Basic drinking water: >99%

Basic sanitation: >99%

Responsive caregiving

Public information about ECD

Parental mental health

Parent support (groups, home visits)

Quality child day care

Comparative country data urgently needed

International conventions

✔	Convention on the Rights of the Child
✔	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
✔	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
✔	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption