



## Australia

## Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

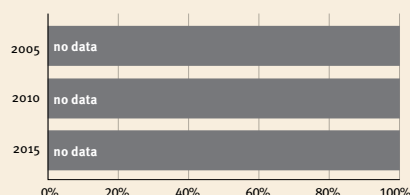
### Demographics

Population	26,581,446
Annual births	304,984
Children under 5	1,535,721 (6%)
Under-five mortality	4/1,000

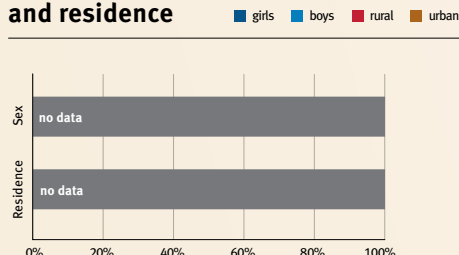
### Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	2/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	7/1,000
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				
✓	Officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy			
≤20%	20-39%	40-59%	60-79%	≥80%
Child and family social protection				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

### Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

no data

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

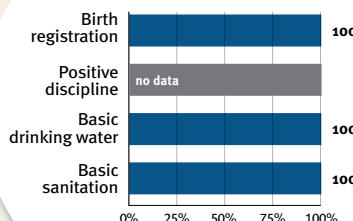
Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

no data

### Security and safety



### Responsive caregiving

Public information about ECD  
Parental mental health  
Parent support (groups, home visits)  
Quality child day care

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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