











ESSENTIAL STATISTICAL ASSETS FOR AUSTRALIA

ESA – 755 VOLUNTEERING DATA

Summary of Quality Assessment Results							
Overall ESA Assessment	Institutional Environment	Relevance	Timeliness	Accuracy	Coherence	Interpretability	Accessibility
 Green	 Green	 Green	 Green	 Green	 Green	 Green	 Green

List of Contributing Datasets and Custodians
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census of Population and Housing (ABS) • General Social Survey (ABS)

ESA Elements					
Pillar	Dimension	Description	Critical Frequency	Critical Spatial	Critical Disaggregation
Society	Family, Community and Social Cohesion	Includes measures of support and involvement with community activities, personal time contribution without payment and measures of social engagement.	Four yearly	National, State/Territory, Remoteness	Age, Sex, Labour Force Status

Overall ESA Assessment

The quality of ESA – 755 Volunteering Data was assessed as a green traffic light for the purpose of ESA. The overall quality of this statistic met an acceptable standard for the quality indicators selected and the appropriate quality practices and processes were in place. This statistic quality assessment was based on quality information about the contributing datasets. Data custodians can be contacted for further information about the quality of the datasets which contributed to the statistic.

For more detailed quality information about each dimension, see over page





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Institutional Environment

The statistic scored a green traffic light for institutional environment. There were sufficient quality and risk management processes in place, protections for confidentiality and archiving processes. Staff were trained in data collation.

Relevance

The statistic scored a green traffic light for relevance. Most of the key information in the description of the statistic was available; however information on the personal time contribution for support and involvement with community activities without payment was lacking. The critical spatial levels identified for the statistic were produced; information about very remote areas was not always available for the critical spatial level Remoteness. All critical disaggregations identified for the statistic were present.

Timeliness

The statistic scored a green traffic light for timeliness. Users were able to access the release of new data when expected. In some cases the release of data for the statistic did not meet the critical frequency and the duration between collection and release of data was not timely.

Accuracy

The statistic scored a green traffic light for accuracy. Most of the target population was sufficiently represented, and there were either no known under or overcounts or under or overrepresentation in the statistic, or they were managed. There were sufficient measures in place to adjust for missing values and non-response. Sampling error was represented for survey data, for individual figures.

Coherence

The statistic scored a green traffic light for coherence. Information for the statistic was able to be compared over time with minimal changes to collection procedures and population and characteristic definitions remaining consistent. External sources were available for data confrontation.

Interpretability

The statistic scored a green traffic light for interpretability. Data quality statements, information to help users to understand the data and descriptions of conceptual limitations of the data were available. Users were able to access additional support if needed.

Accessibility

The statistic scored a green traffic light for accessibility. The key information, including visualisations such as graphs or maps, was publicly available and users could access data in a machine readable format, Excel and other formats such as html. The key information was accessible for free with customised data and microdata available at a cost.

Areas for Improvement

- Most of the key information in the description of the statistic was available from the contributing datasets; however information about the personal time contribution for support and involvement with community activities without payment was lacking.
- In some cases the release of data for the statistic did not meet the critical frequency.
- The duration between collection and release of data was not timely in some cases.

