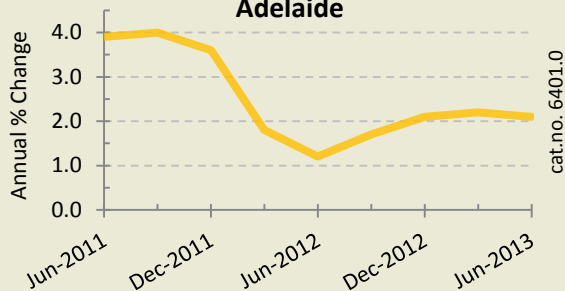


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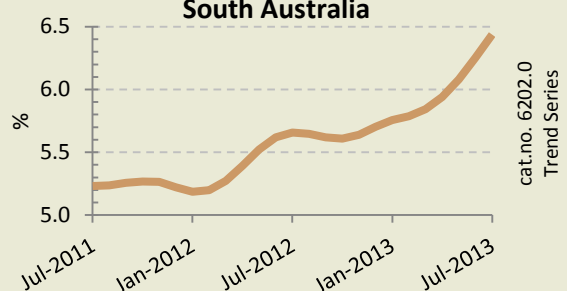
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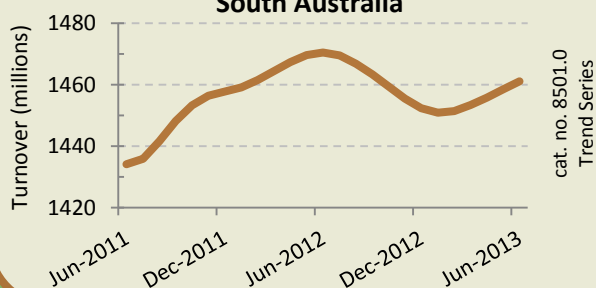
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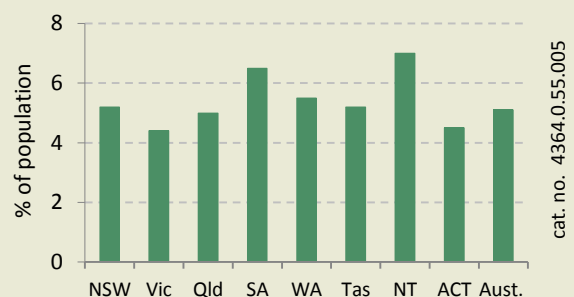


Retail Sales

South Australia



Health Status: Diabetes



New and interesting @ ABS

- Ever wondered where all your money goes? Find out about **couples' spending habits here** (cat. no. 4102.0).
- How's "the great Australian dream" going in your local government area? Find out in our new article on home ownership in LGAs (cat. no. 1380.0.55.010).
- Keep up to date with what's new in regional statistics (cat. no. 1386.0).
- We want your ideas! We're currently redesigning the ABS website homepage and would like your feedback to help us make it better. Tell us by completing a **quick survey here**.
- Are we a nation of couch potatoes? New results from the 2011-13 Australian Health Survey explore our levels of physical activity (cat. no. 4364.0.55.004).

A first for Australian health

For the first time, the 2011-13 Australian Health Survey (AHS) collected voluntary blood and urine samples from 11,000 Aussies, and tested for a number of biomarkers of chronic disease and nutrition. The results are revealing.

One in three Australian adults, or 5.6 million people, have high blood cholesterol levels, but only one in 10 of them reported this as a current health condition when asked.

And around one in five adults with diabetes do not know they have it. While men were more likely than women to have diabetes (6.3% compared with 3.9%), women were more likely to be at risk of anaemia (6.4% compared with 2.5%).

The AHS Biomedical Results publication (cat. no. 4364.0.55.005) is available at the [Australian Health Survey page](#), along with previous releases covering health profiles, physical activity, health service usage and health behaviours.

Information on nutrition biomarkers, such as vitamin D, iron and iodine, as well as data relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population will be released in late 2013.

'Appy stats are now even 'appier.

Our "ABS Stats" mobile app now has MORE data and BETTER maps, on tap. Just tap the app to learn more about your **Commonwealth electorate**. We've added electoral boundary maps and 2011 Census data profiles of each Commonwealth electorate's people, families and dwellings. And there's data about your postal area, the latest key ABS figures, our population clock and more!

Ask a silly question...

... and you'll get a silly answer.

You may have the best interviewers in the world. Your survey respondents may be keen and willing to be involved. Your data analysts might have graduated with highest honours from prestigious institutions. But if you ask the wrong questions, you may as well have hired monkeys to count bananas.

The ABS course, **Principles of Questionnaire Design**, taking place on 17-18th of September, will give you an understanding of what the right questions might be, and how to ask them.

To find out more, visit the **Principles of Questionnaire Design** page or **email us**.

We ♥ Census

Here at the ABS, **we love the Census**. And since it's August, what better reason to squeeze just a tiny bit more censussy goodness into, well, August.

* **Census Spotlight 2.0**: our **award winning data visualisation** has been rebooted with 2011 data. Go ahead and put yourself under the spotlight (you know you want to).

* **Beyond the count**: Back in 2011, **a few people got together to find out more about the Census**. Take a look at **the presentations**, and find out why the **Census is sexy, smart and local**. There's something for everyone in this lot.

* **The minions**: And just in case you thought our **tireless Census minions** had snuck off for a well-earned rest, you're wrong. **2016 is coming!!** In preparation for the 2016 Census, the ABS is now field testing procedures and systems on 20,000 households in the Greater Geelong area. It's pretty amazing, when you think about it.

* **In the meantime**: Here are some **Stories from the Census** to keep you going until the next one.

CPI is not the only price index

The **Consumer Price Index** (CPI), everyone's favourite indicator of inflation, reflects changes in the price of a basket of goods and services commonly purchased by households. But it is not the only ABS measure of price changes (**or inflation for that matter**).

The ABS produces a range of price indexes, each suited to different parts of the economy. A price index is a tool that allows users to calculate movements over time. The indexes show how prices have changed relative to a reference base of 100.0. For example:

Producer Price Indexes (PPI): economy-wide indexes of the price of inputs used to produce final products and final products (outputs) for sale or export.

Wage Price Index (WPI): changes to labour prices, that is, wages paid by Australian businesses to employees.

House Price Indexes (HPI): changes in housing prices, for established houses and project homes in capital cities.

International Trade Price Indexes (ITPI): measures changes in the prices of imports and exports of merchandise each quarter.

Selected Living Cost Indexes (SLCI) measure the impact of price changes on disposable income of particular types of households, and incorporates the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index and the Analytical Living Cost Indexes.

For more info about any of these indexes, check out the **Explanatory Notes** in each publication.



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