

**2001 National Health Survey
Differences between the BASIC and EXPANDED CURFs**

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Items which differ between the BASIC and EXPANDED CURFs	As shown on BASIC CURF	As shown on EXPANDED CURF
Age — years	Single years 0–6, 7–9, 10–11, 12–14, 15–17, 18–19, 20–74 in 5 year groups, 75 and over	Single years 0– 79, 80 and over
Registered marital status	Never married, Married (incl. separated, divorced, widowed)	Never married, Widowed, Divorced, Separated, Married
Country of birth	Australia, All other countries	Australia, New Zealand, Other Oceania, UK and Ireland, Other North/West Europe, Southern & Eastern Europe, North Africa, Middle East, Other Africa, Southeast Asia, Other Asia, Americas, Other
Year of arrival in Australia	Arrived prior to 1981, Arrived 1981–1990, Arrived 1991–2001, Born in Australia	2001, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1992–1996, 1987–1991, 1982–1986, 1977–1981, 1972–1976, 1967–1971, 1962–1966, Before 1962, Born in Australia
Main language spoken at home	English, Language other than English	English only, Northern European, Southern European, Eastern European, Middle Eastern/North African, Other Southwest Asian, Southern Asian, Southeast Asian, Eastern Asian, Other Languages (incl. Australian Indigenous)
Family type	Not included	Couple families with dependent children (may incl. non-dependent), Couple families with non-dependent children only, Couples only — without children, One parent families with dependent children (may incl. non-dependent), One parent families with non-dependent children only, Persons living alone, Other family, Family type not known
Dwelling type	Not included	Separate house, Semi detached, row or terrace house or townhouse (all types), Flat (all types), Other (incl. improvised)
Level of highest post school qualification	Higher degree, Postgraduate diploma, Bachelor degree; Undergraduate diploma, Associate diploma; Basic/ Skilled vocational qualification; Has qualification, level not stated; No post-school qualification	As for BASIC file plus separation of bachelor degree and basic and skilled vocational

Items which differ between the BASIC and EXPANDED CURFs	As shown on BASIC CURF	As shown on EXPANDED CURF
Time since last worked full-time	Less than 13 weeks; 13 to less than 52 weeks; 52 weeks or more (incl. never worked full-time)	Less than 4 weeks; 4 to less than 8 weeks; 8 to less than 13 weeks; 13 to less than 26 weeks; 26 to less than 52 weeks; 52 weeks or more; Has never worked full-time
Duration of unemployment	As above	As above
Gross weekly personal income	Less than \$200 (incl. no income and negative income); \$200–\$399; \$400–\$599; \$600–\$799; \$800–\$999; \$1,000–\$1,499; \$1,500 or more	No income; Less than \$120 (incl. negative income); \$120–\$159; \$160–\$199; \$200–\$1,999 in \$100 groups; \$2,000–\$2,499; \$2,500 or more
Gross weekly income of income unit	Less than \$200 (incl. no income and negative income); \$200–\$399; \$400–\$599; \$600–\$799; \$800–\$999; \$1,000–\$1,499; \$1,500–\$1,999; \$2,000–\$2,499; \$2,500 or more	No income; Less than \$120 (incl. negative income); \$120–\$159; \$160–\$199; \$200–\$3,499 in \$100 ranges; \$3,500 or more
Sources of personal income Main source of personal income Sources of income of spouse/partner Source of income of income unit	Not included Not included Not included Not included	Wage or salary; Profit or loss from own unincorporated business or share in partnership; Government pension or allowance; Other cash income; None of the above; not known
Type of Government pension/benefit	Not included	Age pension; Newstart allowance, youth allowance, sickness allowance; Service pension (DVA); Disability support pension; Wife pension, Carer payment, Widow allowance, Carer allowance, Mature age allowance, Partner allowance; War widow's pension, Disability pension (DVA); Parenting payment; Other pension/allowance (including special benefit, overseas pension/benefit, type not listed, type not stated); Does not receive pension/benefit
Type of private health insurance membership	Not included	Family; Couple; Sole parent; Single; Without private health insurance; Not known if has private health insurance
Month of interview	Not included	December—February; March—May; June—August; September—November; Not known

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILD PROXY

Items which differ between the BASIC and EXPANDED CURFs	As shown on BASIC CURF	As shown on EXPANDED CURF
Age	18–34; 35–39; 40–44; 45–49; 50–54; 55 and over	Single years 18–79, 80 and over
Survey status of child proxy	Not included	Child proxy is selected adult; Child proxy is not selected adult and first child's schedule; Child proxy is not selected adult and second or subsequent child's schedule
Social marital status	Not included	Item detail same as that shown for selected adult
Country of birth	Not included	
Year of arrival in Australia	Not included	
Main language spoken at home	Not included	
Age left school	Not included	
Level of highest post school qualification	Higher degree, Postgraduate diploma, Bachelor degree; Undergraduate diploma, Associate diploma; Basic/skilled vocational qualification; No post-school qualification	Higher degree/postgraduate diploma; Bachelor degree; Undergraduate diploma/Associate diploma; Skilled vocational; Basic vocational; Other qualification; Level not stated; No post-school qualification
Highest year of school completed	Not included	Item detail same as that shown for selected adult
Whether currently studying	Not included	
Status in employment	Not included	
Whether has more than one job/business	Not included	
Working arrangements	Not included	
Occupation	Not included	
Industry	Not included	
Industry sector	Not included	
Whether did shift work in last 4 weeks	Not included	
Type of shift work	Not included	
Usual hours worked per week	Not included	
Whether looking for work in last 4 weeks	Not included	
Whether looking for work in last 4 weeks	Not included	
Time since last worked full-time	Not included	
Duration of unemployment	Not included	
Total gross weekly personal cash income	Not included	
Source of personal cash income	Not included	
Source of personal cash income of spouse/partner	Not included	

GEOGRAPHIC AND RELATED CHARACTERISTICS *

Items which differ between the BASIC and EXPANDED CURFs	As shown on BASIC CURF	AS shown on EXPANDED CURF
State/territory	Not included	NSW; Vic.; Qld; SA; WA; Tas.; NT; ACT
Capital city/rest of state	Not included	Capital City; Balance of State
Section of State	Not included	Major urban area; Other urban; Bounded locality/rural balance
Index of economic resources for household	Not included	Deciles
Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage	Quintiles	Deciles

*** Conditions on use of Geography and SEIFA**

To enable CURF users greater flexibility in their analyses, the ABS has included two SEIFA and three sub-state geography items on the NHS expanded file. However, cross-tabulations by a pair of these items results in some small geographic regions which is likely to enable identification. While it would be expected that users cross-tabulate either the SEIFAs or the sub-state geographies in determining which to use in their analysis, it is not expected that more than one be used in detailed analyses. Output of analysis containing more than one SEIFA and/or more than one sub-state geography, in addition to other items, is not allowable.

HEALTH STATUS INDICATORS

Items which differ between the BASIC and EXPANDED CURFs	As shown on BASIC CURF	As shown on EXPANDED CURF
Type of pharmaceutical medication used for asthma	Grouped 4 digit codes	Most at individual 4 digit code level, Very low frequency codes grouped.
Age first diagnosed with breast cancer	Less than 50 years; 50 Years or more	Less than 25: Five year groups to 64; 65 years and over
Type of cancer ever told	Skin cancer (all types); Breast cancer; All other types	Skin cancer — (Melanoma; Basal cell carcinoma; Squamous cell carcinoma; Not further defined); Colon/rectum/bowel; Breast; Prostate; Lung; Female reproductive organs; Bladder/kidney; Stomach; Leukaemia; Lymphoma/non Hogkin's lymphoma; Unknown primary site; Other; None of the above
Type of cancer currently has	Skin cancer (all types); All other types	Skin cancer — (Melanoma; Other/type unknown); Breast; Prostate; All other sites; Cancer of unknown primary site; None of the above
Cancer status — breast, prostate, skin	Not included	Ever told has condition, still current and long-term; Ever told has condition, still current but not long-term; Ever told has condition, not current; Not known if ever told, but condition current and long-term; Never told, not current or long term
Whether any medication used for cancer	Not included	Used medication for cancer; Have not used medication for cancer
Type of heart or circulatory condition ever told	Hypertension; Angina; Other heart disease ; Tachycardia; Oedema; Haemorrhoids; Varicose veins; All other diseases of circulatory system; Cardiac murmurs and sounds; Other signs, symptoms of circulatory diseases	Heart attack; Stroke; Angina; High blood pressure; Hardening of the arteries; Fluid problems/fluid retention; High cholesterol; Rapid or irregular heartbeats; Heart murmur/heart valve disorder; Haemorrhoids; Varicose veins; Other heart condition; None of the above
Type of heart or circulatory condition currently has	Not included	As above
All types of medication used for heart or circulatory condition	Primarily groupings of 4 digit codes	Primarily separate 4 digit code level, with some groupings for lower frequency types.

Items which differ between the BASIC and EXPANDED CURFs	As shown on BASIC CURF	As shown on EXPANDED CURF
Reported type of diabetes	Type 1 diabetes; Type 2 diabetes; other diabetes/type unknown; high sugar level	Type 1 diabetes; Type 2 diabetes; Gestational diabetes; Other/type unknown; High sugar level
Age first told had diabetes/HSL	Less than 25; 25 to 44; 45 to 64; 65 years and over;	Less than 1; single years
Type of medications used for diabetes	Groupings of 4 digit codes	Groupings of 4 digit codes: higher frequency types of insulin separately listed.
Type of long-term condition	ICD-9, ICD-10 and ICPC- based classifications; conditions with a frequency of less than 100 were not shown separately.	ICD-9, ICD-10 and ICPC- based classifications; threshold lowered enabling 16 additional conditions to be separately shown.
Whether has correctable sight problems	Not included	Correctable; Not correctable; Not known if correctable
Type of correctable sight problems	Not included	Astigmatism; Short-sightedness/Myopia; Age related sight problems/Presbyopia; Long sightedness/Hyperopia; Other; Not known
Whether sight problems are corrected	Not included	Condition corrected; Condition not corrected; Not known if condition corrected
Whether has other sight problems	Not included	Have other sight problems; Have no other sight problems; Not known if have other sight problem
Whether attended hospital for injury	Not included	Attended hospital for injury; Did not attend hospital for injury; Not known if attended hospital for injury
Whether cut down on activities due to injury	Not included	Cut down on usual activities; Did not cut down on usual activities; Not known whether cut down on usual activities
Number of medications used for mental wellbeing	Topcoded at 5 or more	Topcoded at 7 or more

HEALTH RELATED ACTIONS

Items which differ between the BASIC and EXPANDED CURFs	As shown on BASIC CURF	As shown on EXPANDED CURF
Number of times admitted to hospital	Topcoded at 3 or more	Not topcoded
Number of nights in hospital	None; 1 to 7 nights; 8 to 14 nights; 15 nights or more	None; 1 to 28 in single nights; 29 nights or more
Times visited casualty	Topcoded at 2 or more	Not topcoded
Times visited outpatients	Topcoded at 2 or more	Not topcoded
Times visited day clinic	Topcoded at 2 or more	Not topcoded
Times consulted GP	Topcoded at 3 or more	Not topcoded
Times consulted specialist	Topcoded at 3 or more	Not topcoded
Times consulted dentist	Topcoded at 3 or more	Not topcoded
Times visited OHP	Topcoded at 3 or more	Not topcoded
Number of days away from study as carer	Not included	1–14 in single days: not stated

HEALTH RISK FACTORS

Items which differ between the BASIC and EXPANDED CURFs	As shown on BASIC CURF	As shown on EXPANDED CURF
MLs of alcohol consumed	Topcoded at 400 or more	Not topcoded
Average daily intake of alcohol	Topcoded at 400 or more	Not topcoded
Total consumption of alcohol in reference week	Topcoded at 2000 or more	Not topcoded
3 day average in standard drinks	Topcoded at 32 or more	Not topcoded
Total time breastfed	Topcoded at 130 or more	Not topcoded
Total time fully breastfed	Single weeks to 39; 40–51; 52 or more; Still breastfeeding;	Not grouped or topcoded
Total time partially breastfed	Single weeks to 129; 130 or more; Still breastfeeding; Never breastfed;	Not topcoded
Self-reported weight	Less than 40 kg; 40 kg to 129 kg in single kgs; 130 kg or more; Not stated	Less than 35 kg; 35 to 129 kg in single kgs; 130 kg or more; Not stated
Body mass index score	Not included	10–69 in single units, Not stated
Immunisation status 1998 and 2000 schedules	Not included	Fully immunised; Partially immunised; No immunisations received; Not known whether fully or partially immunised; Immunisation status not known
Immunisation status — various ages	Not included	As above
Total time walked for exercise	Topcoded at 3000 or more	Not topcoded
Average duration of walking	Less than 10 mins; 10 < 20 mins; 20 < 40 mins; 40 < 60 mins; 60 < 90 mins; 90 mins or more	Single minutes
Average duration of moderate exercise	As above	As above
Average duration of vigorous exercise	As above	As above
Total time exercised	Not included	Single minutes

SUPPLEMENTARY WOMEN'S HEALTH TOPICS

Items which differ between the BASIC and EXPANDED CURFs	As shown on BASIC CURF	As shown on EXPANDED CURF
Frequency of breast exams by doctor	Less than 12 monthly; 12 monthly or more	Less than 6 mths; 6 < 12 mths; 12 mths < 2 yrs: 2 years or more
Frequency of breast self-exams	Less than 6 monthly; 6 < 12 monthly 12 monthly or more	Less than 6 mths; 6 < 12 mths; 12 mths < 2 yrs: 2 years or more
Age at hysterectomy	Less than 35 years; 35 < 55 years; 55 years or more	Less than 25 years; 5 year groups to 64; 65 years and over
Time using HRT	Less than 2 years; 2 < 5 years; 5 < 10 years; 10 years or more	Single years
Number of months breastfed child	Topcoded at 36 or more	Not topcoded
Total time breastfed all children	Less than 5 weeks; 5 to 12 weeks; 13 to 24 weeks; 25 to 36 weeks; 37 to 48 weeks; 49 weeks or more; Has not breastfed any children	Less than 1 week; 1 to 2 weeks; 3 to 4 weeks; 5 to 6 weeks; 7 to 8 weeks; 9 to 12 weeks; 13 to 16 weeks; 17 to 20 weeks; 21 to 24 weeks; 25 to 28 weeks; 29 to 32 weeks; 33 to 36 weeks; 37 to 40 weeks; 41 to 44 weeks; 45 to 48 weeks; 49 to 52 weeks; More than 52 weeks; Has children but not breastfed
Average time breastfed each child	As above	As above
Condom use	Use for protection; Use for contraception; Use for protection and contraception; Sexually active but condom not used; Not sexually active (incl. have a female partner)	As for BASIC file plus Have female partner
Reasons contraception not used	Trying to fall pregnant; Currently pregnant; Currently breastfeeding; Had a recent pregnancy; Had a tubal ligation/tubes tied; Partner has been sterilised (including vasectomy); Had a hysterectomy; Gone through menopause; Infertile (self); Infertile (partner); Other medical reason limiting likelihood of pregnancy; Take the morning after pill; Not sexually active; Don't like to use or believe it's not good for health or for religious reasons; Other (including has female partner); Not stated	As for BASIC file plus Have female partner