



Australian Government

**Australian Institute of
Health and Welfare**



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The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) is an independent statutory agency.

We produce authoritative and accessible information and statistics to inform and support better policy and service delivery decisions, leading to better health and wellbeing for all Australians.

We are focused on turning data into useful information and telling the broader story.



200+ publicly available reports and data releases annually covering over 75 health and welfare topics



180+ customised data extracts annually for researchers, consumers, service providers, and organisations



Controlled access
to Australia's most
comprehensive collection of
health and welfare data



Full range of data services from
requests and access, through
to analysis and linkage

We are backed by numerous data holdings and unmatched knowledge of data and information related to the Australian health and welfare sectors.

Our governance arrangements are robust; we have strong privacy and confidentiality controls; our business processes and infrastructure are effective; and we have access to a network of government, research, and private sector collaborators from Australia and overseas.



Trusted advice

The AIHW has more than 30 years of experience working with health and welfare data.

We enjoy national and international recognition for our statistical expertise and proven track record in providing high quality, independent evidence.

Strong relationships

We work with a broad range of stakeholders—with some of our relationships dating back to our establishment in 1987. We convene or participate in around 100 committees with experts from many different subject areas, meaning we're informed by contemporary best practice and a wide range of perspectives.

Our partners, collaborators and clients include:



- international organisations, such as WHO and OECD
- Australian, and state and territory government agencies (including the Australian Bureau of Statistics)
- universities and research centres, and non-government organisations
- health and welfare service providers, and clinicians

A focus on data about people

A person's circumstances are key drivers of their health and wellbeing. How they grow, live, work and age all have an effect—for better or worse.

At the AIHW, we use a 'person-centred' model for reporting data. This helps us better understand the relationships between these aspects of people's lives—also known as 'social determinants'—and their health and wellbeing.



Joining the dots

These different aspects of our lives are interconnected, with each having flow-on effects to others.

This is why, in addition to reporting data on more than 75 individual topics, the AIHW brings together data from across multiple topics to create new insights into the health and wellbeing of Australians.



Tailored products and services

We offer a range of competitively-priced services, from data development through to analyses and data linkage—tailored to our clients' needs for information and statistics.

We also offer a suite of products including brief and detailed reports, data visualisation tools and data downloads to meet the different needs of our audiences. This includes providing supporting evidence for public inquiries such as royal commissions and national responses to monitoring social determinants of the health and welfare of Australians.



Expert advice and support



Secure data curation and access



Meaningful evidence, statistics and research



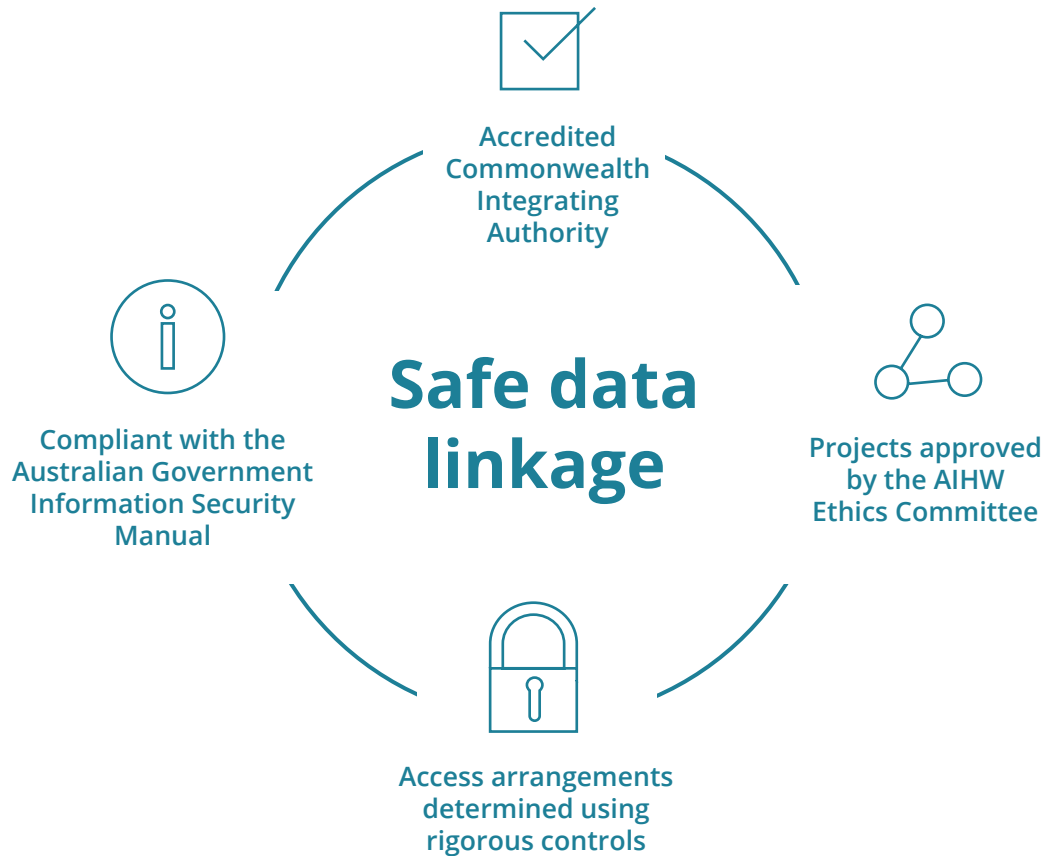
Data linkage and complex data analyses



National statistical standards, classifications and indicators



Varied product formats to meet different audience needs



As a Commonwealth Integrating Authority we safely link data on a range of topics, offering new insights on how Australians interact with the health and welfare systems.

Robust data governance

We manage data professionally, with due respect for its sensitivity, and with privacy and confidentiality assured through legislation and robust data policies and procedures. This includes use of rigorous controls to determine access and release arrangements; and the scrutiny of a legally-constituted and independent Ethics Committee.

As an information agency, we rely on our data governance arrangements to keep the trust of our many data providers, data recipients and other stakeholders.

The AIHW Ethics Committee

The AIHW Ethics Committee plays an integral role in ensuring that the work of the AIHW is ethically acceptable.

It contributes to our robust data governance arrangements and to ensuring privacy and confidentiality with regard to the AIHW's management and release of data.

The committee operates in line with best practice for Human Research Ethics Committees, as outlined in the National Health and Medical Research Council's National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research.



Expert people

Our organisation boasts more than 520 highly skilled staff, with over 40% holding post-graduate qualifications.

Experts in:



Statistical analyses and data science



Data development and management



Data standards



Social science



Data linkage



Communication



Epidemiology



People-centred data



Demography



Economics



Health and welfare systems



Public sector administration



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