



Australia's health—then and now

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We take a look at what's different and what's changed since the 1950s.

	1950	1970	1990	Now
Population (million)	8.2	12.5	17.1	24.4
Life expectancy—all males (years)	67.1	68.3	73.9	80.3
Life expectancy—all females (years)	72.8	74.8	80.1	84.4
Life expectancy—Indigenous males (years)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	69.1
Life expectancy—Indigenous females (years)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	73.7
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	24.5	17.9	8.2	3.4
Indigenous infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.0
Fertility rate (children per woman)	3.1	2.9	1.9	1.8
Ratio of health expenditure to GDP (%)	n.a.	4.1	6.9	9.8
Daily tobacco smoking (%)	49	37	28.6	12.8
Alcohol consumption (litres per capita)	5.9	11.6	10.6	9.9
Overweight or obese (%)	n.a.	n.a.	43.8	63.4

The data for this table has been obtained from a range of sources. Some data wasn't available and is reflected by the text n.a. in the table.

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