

The Rest

Relationship Statistics

Vol. 60 – August 2006

SOCIAL CAPITAL

- 65% of the population aged 15 years or over were participating in the labour force in 2005. This compares to 61% in 1985.
- 57% of women aged 15 years and over were employed in 2005 compared to 46% in 1985.
- 46% of employed women were employed part-time in 2005.
- Of those starting a new job within the previous 12 months, 22% said they contacted friends and relatives as a way of job-seeking (2005).
- 13% of the population was engaged in caring for a person with a disability (2003).
- 10% of the population aged 15 or over participated in roles other than as a player during the previous 12 months in sporting or recreational organizations (2004).
- 64% of the population participated in sport or physical recreation during the previous 12 months (2002). 34% participated in an organized sporting event during the previous 12 months. The rate for participation in sport or physical recreation was highest in the ACT at 78% and lowest in South Australia at 59%.
- 88% of the population aged 18 and over attended cultural or leisure venues (eg. cinema, library, museum, concert) during the previous 12 months (2002).
- 48% of the adult population attended a sporting event in the previous 12 months (2002).
- 23% of those aged 18 and over participated in church or religious activities during the previous three months (2002).
- 74% of the population had made a donation within the previous 12 months (2000). The rate of giving was highest in the ACT at 84% and lowest in NSW at 69%.
- 36% of businesses had made a donation within the previous 12 months (2001).
- 94% of people felt they could ask for support at a time of crisis while 93% felt able to ask for small favours (2002).
- 27% of people aged over 18 had either personally or through their partner offered support to relatives living elsewhere (other than children).(2002). The most common form of support was provision of transport.
- 8% of Australians (14% of women and 3% of men) felt unsafe or very unsafe at home alone after dark. 3% felt unsafe at home alone during the daytime (2002).
- The proportion feeling unsafe at home after dark was highest among women aged 18-24 years at 19%, whereas for men of this age group it was just 2%.
- People in one parent families with dependent children were the most likely of all family types to feel unsafe at home after dark (17%).
- Western Australia had the highest proportion feeling unsafe at home after dark at 11% and the ACT had the lowest proportion at 6%.
- 19% of the population lived at a different address in 2001 compared to 2000 and 45% lived at a different address in 2001 compared to 1996.
- The one year mobility rate was highest for women aged 20-24 years at 42% and lowest for those aged 65-69 years at 8%.

SOURCE:

Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2006). *Aspects of Social Capital, Australia. ABS Catalogue 4911.0. Canberra: Commonwealth of Australia.*