

Australia

ISSP 2006 – Role of Government IV

Study Description

ISSP Study Description Form – Australia (AU)

Study title: Australian Survey of Social Attitudes, 2007

Fieldwork dates: Start: 2007-07-11
End: 2007-10-16

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Sample type: The sample comprised 6666 named respondents selected at random from the electoral role

Fieldwork institute: Deakin Computer Assisted Research Facility

Fieldwork methods: Self-completion, paper and pencil, mailed to, mailed back by respondent

N. of respondents: 2781^{*} / 2783

Details about issued sample:

1. Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size) *	6,666
2. Interviews (1.0)	2,780* 2,783
3. Eligible, Non-Interview	
A. Refusal/Break-off (2.10)	904
B. Non-Contact (2.20)	2,622
C. Other	
i. Language Problems (2.33)	
ii. Miscellaneous Other (2.31, 2.32, 2.35)	36
3. Unknown Eligibility, Non-Interview (3.0)	321
4. Not Eligible	
A. Not a Residence (4.50)
B. Vacant Residence (4.60)
C. No Eligible Respondent (4.70)
D. Other (4.10,4.90)

* When new sample units are added during the field period via a new dwelling units list or other standard updating procedure, these additional issued units are added to the starting number of units to make up the total gross sample size. Also, when substitution is used, the total must include the originally drawn cases plus all substitute cases. See AAPOR/WAPOR Standard Definitions, pp. 9-10 for further clarification.

Language(s): English

Weight present: No weighting

Weighting procedure: n/a

Known systematic properties of sample:

Gross sample

Using a sampling frame derived from the AEC Electoral Roll (2007) excludes permanent and temporary residents of Australia (who are not citizens) and any other adults in Australia who are non-citizens except for British subjects on a Commonwealth electoral roll as at 25 January 1984. These exclusions amount to approximately 8 percent of the adult population. Citizens are able to provisionally enrol at the age of 17 but are unable to vote until they turn 18.

Net sample

The AuSSA 2007 sample demographics were compared with statistics available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) including the 2006 Census. The major biases are: age (median age is older than the Census population), education (over-representation of persons with post-secondary school qualifications), gender (slight over-representation of women) and employment status (slight over-representation of those not in the labour force).

Deviations from ISSP questionnaire:

The background variable WRKSUP (Supervises others at work) was not asked.

Publications:

None to date

***Recent research (see for example the [Data Harmonization Project](#)) has been dealing with identifying duplicated records in survey data. Also, in ISSP datasets duplicated records could be detected.**

After two tests run by the GESIS Data Archive based on research done by the Data Harmonization Project, one duplicated record could be identified in the Australian dataset. The following ID numbers are involved:

11319 12337

The case with the ID number 12337 has been removed.

Since dataset version ZA4700_v2-0-0, the sample size for Australia is 2.780.