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**July 2024 Dashboard update
2024 Annual Data Compilation Report**

Selwyn Button, Commissioner

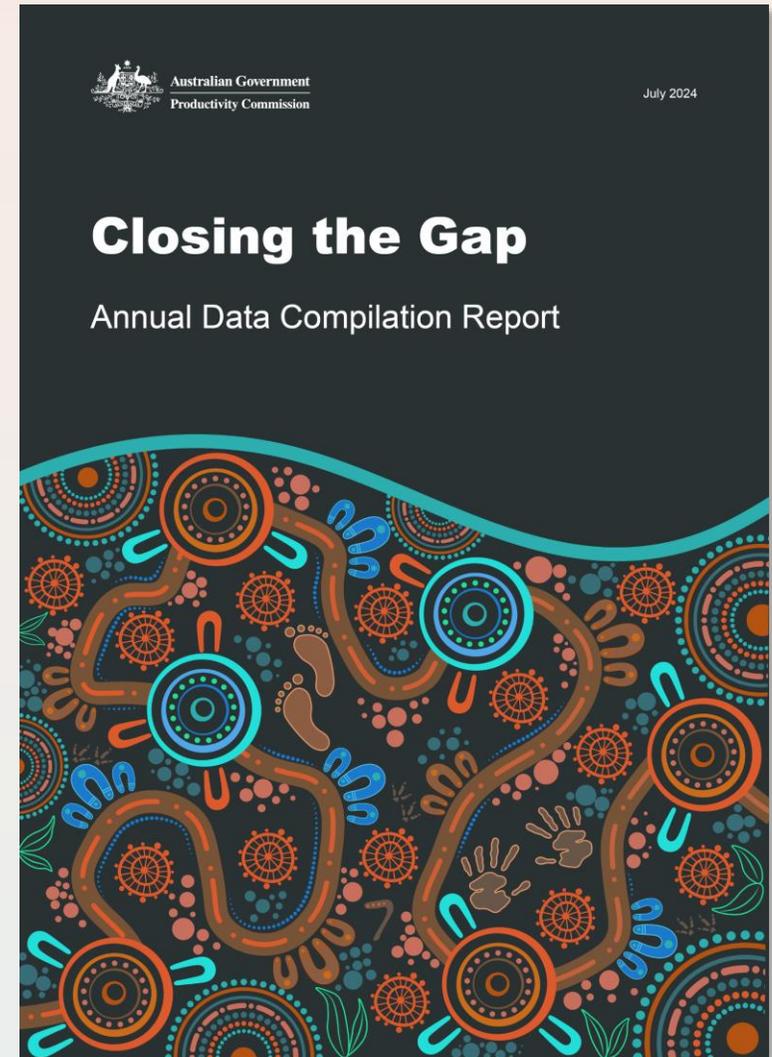
Natalie Siegel-Brown, Commissioner



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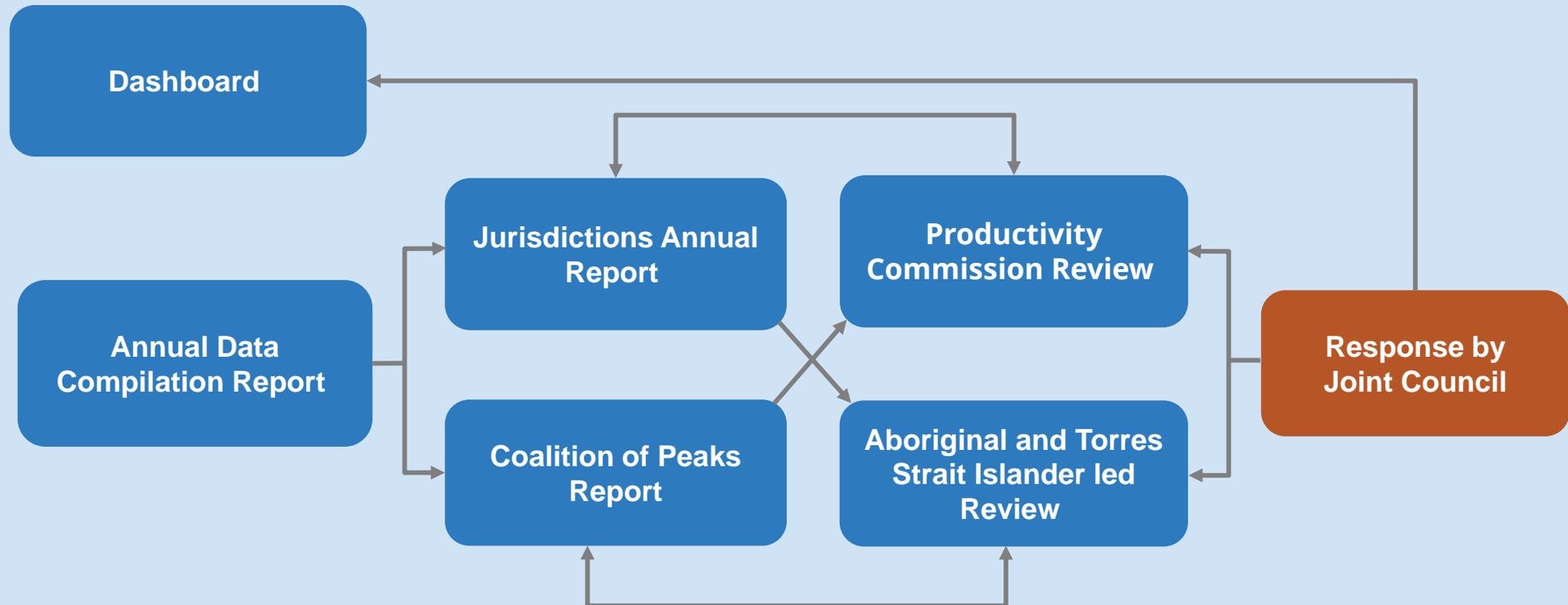
Presentation outline

1. Our role
2. Key developments to the ADCR and dashboard in 2024
3. Key messages
4. Relevance to the CtG Review



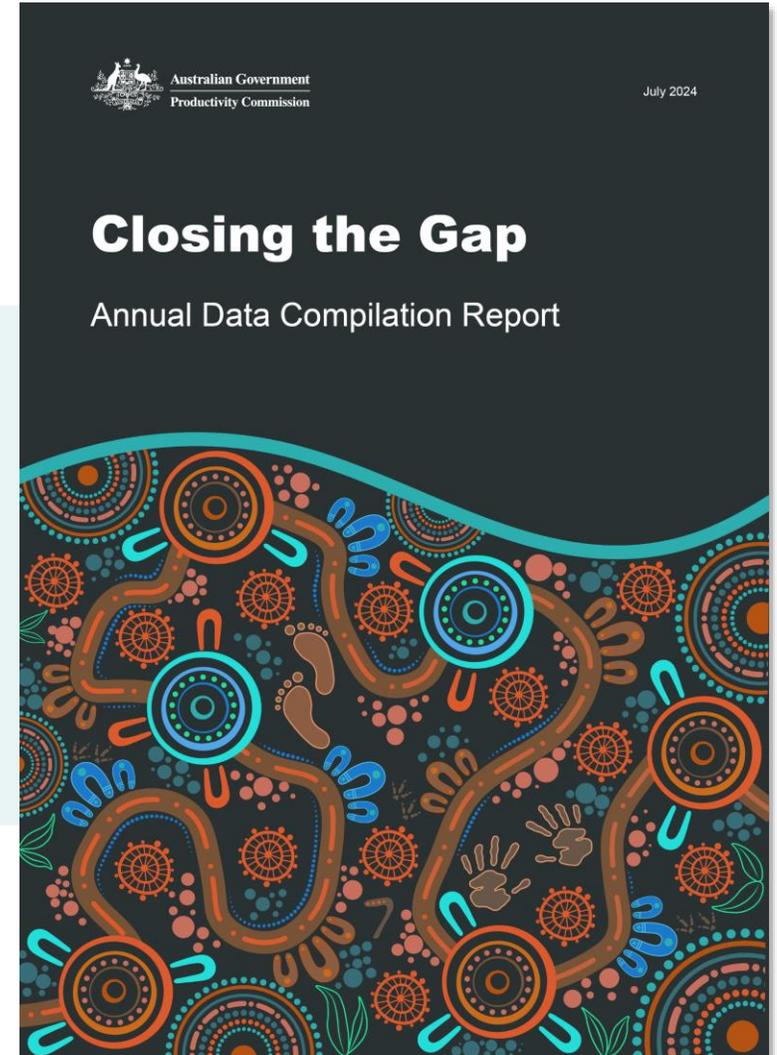
The role of the Commission in the National Agreement

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK (SECTION 9)



Developments in the 2024 ADCR

- Addition of historical and ongoing context, recognising the contributions and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- A thematic approach to reporting outcomes, highlighting interconnectedness of outcome areas
- Clear picture of data availability and gaps



Developments in the July dashboard update

The dashboard contains context for 8 socio-economic targets:

- Life Expectancy
- Healthy babies
- Early childhood education
- Adult incarceration
- Youth justice
- Child protection
- Social and emotional wellbeing
- Land and Waters

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Dashboard

From this dashboard, you can access available data on the targets and indicators agreed as part of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Content warning

⌵ Skip to 'What's new' and detailed information on the July 2024 dashboard update

Legend
Data availability and latest assessments of progress, at July 2024[^]

- ✓ Good improvement and on track
- ⚠ Improvement but not on track
- ← Worsening, not on track
- ⊠ No change from the baseline
- No assessment available

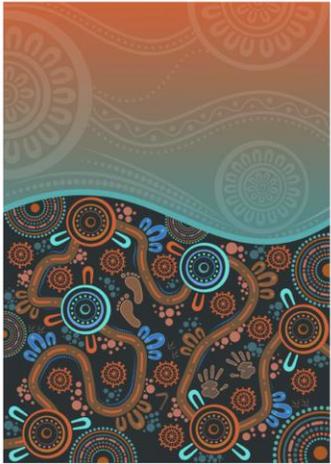
Socio-economic outcome areas
Outcomes important to the rights, wellbeing and quality of life of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Click on a *Socio-economic outcome area* below for more information on the target and access to related supporting indicators.

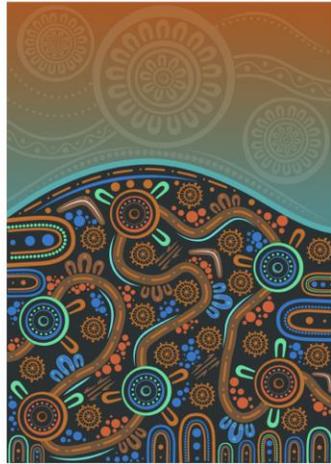
- 1. Long and healthy lives**
71.9 years for males
75.6 years for females
is the life expectancy of people born in 2020-22
- 2. Born healthy and strong**
89.6%
of babies were born with a healthy birthweight in 2021
- 3. Early childhood education**
101.8%
of children were enrolled in preschool in 2023

New artwork

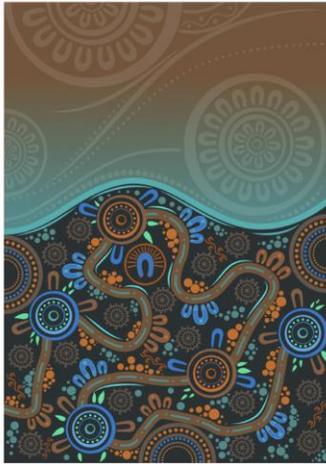
Pathways of Progress: A Journey Towards Closing the Gap



Artwork One

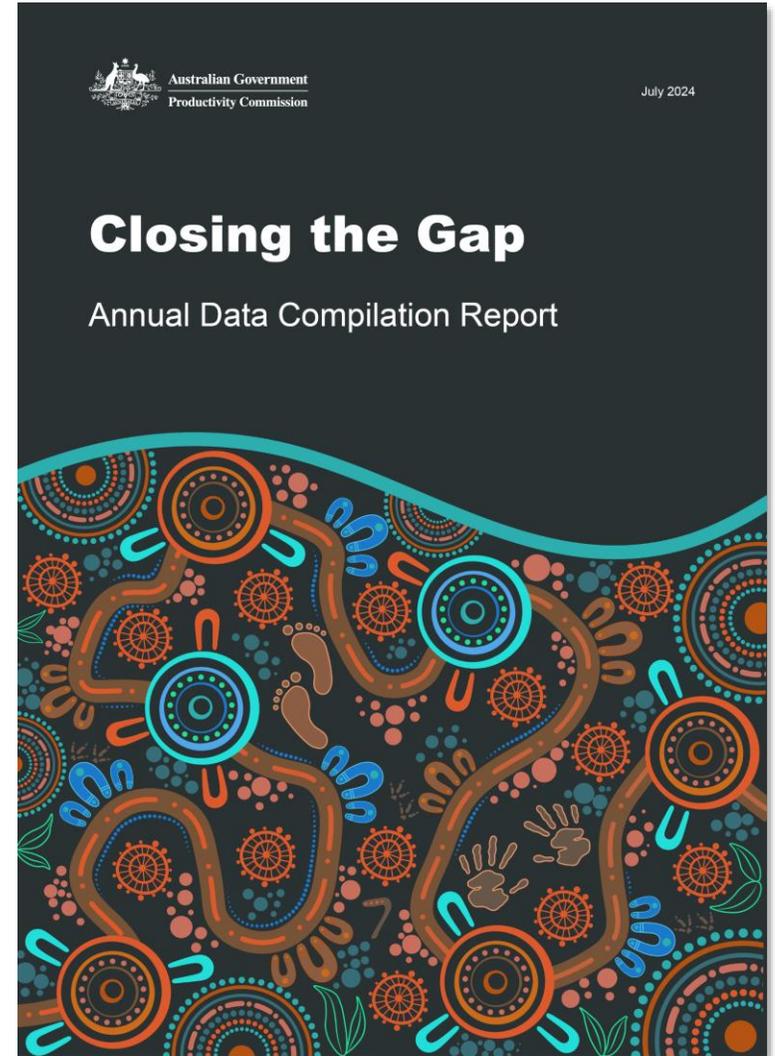


Artwork Two



Artwork Three

Artist: Lani Balzan
aboriginalartbylani.com.au



Progress and setbacks

Of the fifteen socio-economic targets with data available to assess progress



5 targets show good improvement and are on track



5 targets show improvement but are not on track



1 target has no change from the baseline



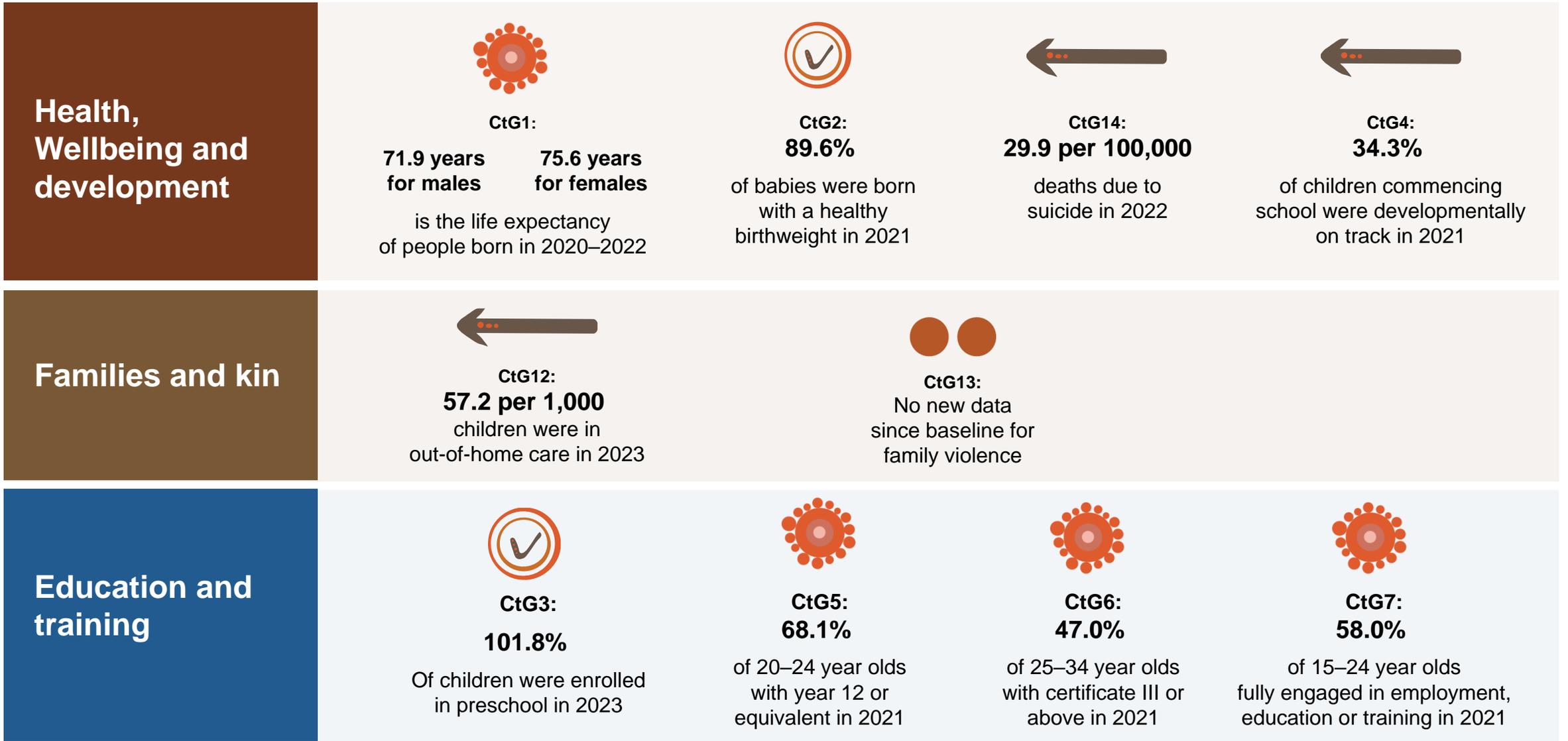
4 targets are worsening



4 targets cannot be assessed



Outcomes by theme



Legend



Good improvement and on track



Improvement but not on track



Worsening, not on track

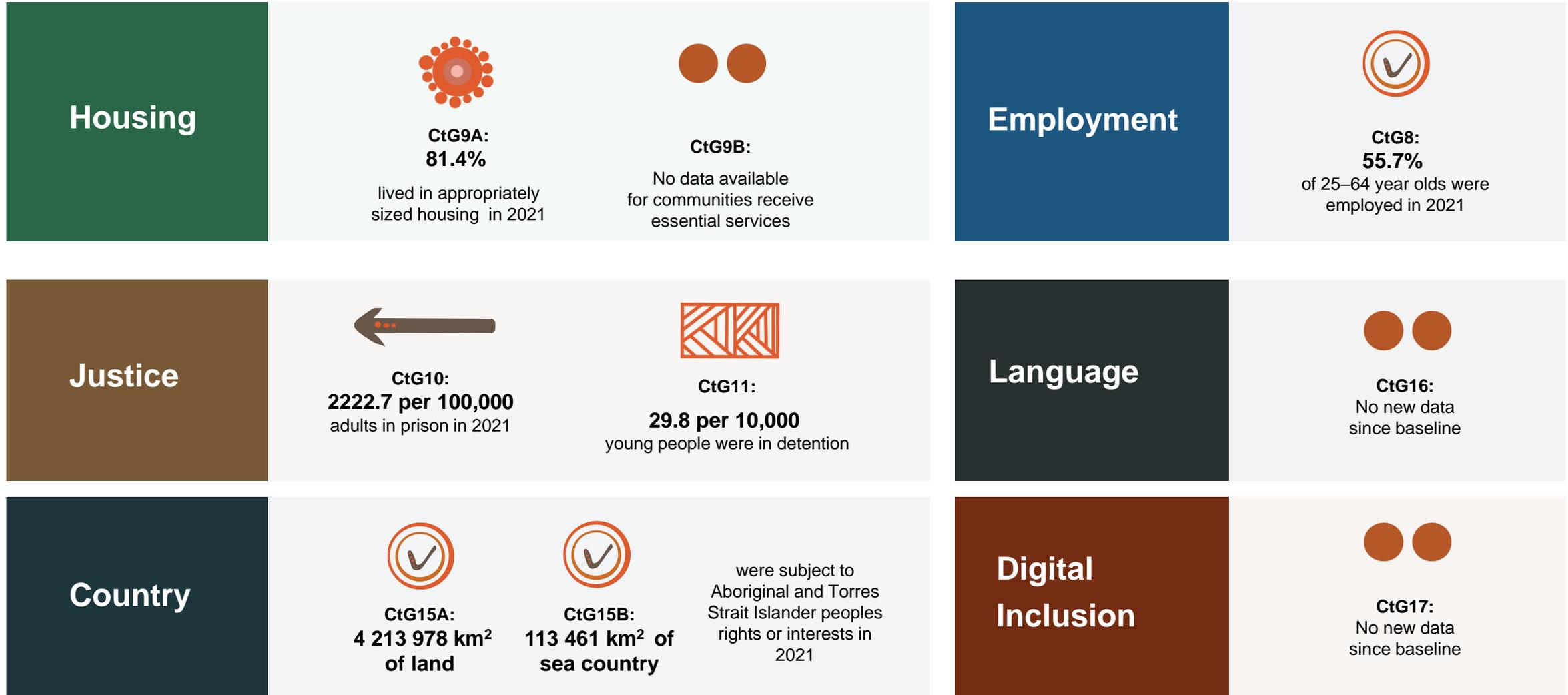


No change from the baseline



No assessment available

Outcomes by theme (2)



Legend



Good improvement and on track



Improvement but not on track



Worsening, not on track



No change from the baseline



No assessment available

Summary of progress for states and territories

Target	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Aust
1 Life expectancy – males	→	..	→	→	→	•
1 Life expectancy – females	→	..	→	→	←	•
2 Healthy birthweight	■	→	→	→	■	→	■	←	✓
3 Preschool enrolment	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	←	✓
4 Developmentally on track	←	→	→	←	→	→	→	←	←
5 Year 12 or equivalent	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	•
6 Tertiary qualification	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	•
7 Youth engagement	→	→	→	→	←	→	→	←	•
8 Employment	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	←	✓
9A Appropriate sized housing	→	→	→	→	→	←	←	→	•
9B Essential services
10 Imprisonment	■	→	←	■	■	←	→	←	←
11 Youth detention	→	→	←	→	→	→	←	←	■
12 Out-of-home care	→	←	←	→	←	■	→	→	←
13 Family violence
14 Suicide	←
15A Land mass – legal rights	→	→	→	→	→	■	■	→	✓
15B Sea water – legal rights	■	→	→	→	→	■	..	→	✓
16 Languages
17 Digital inclusion

Legend	✓	•	→	■	←	..
	Good improvement and on track (Aust only)	Improvement but not on track (Aust only)	Improvement	No change	Worsening	No assessment

Looking below the aggregate

Outcomes are not the same for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people:

- **Poorer outcomes for people living in more remote areas**
- **Some improvement across all socio-economic areas of disadvantage.**
- **Mixed outcomes for young people**
- **Different outcomes for men and women**
- **Some improvement for people living with a disability**



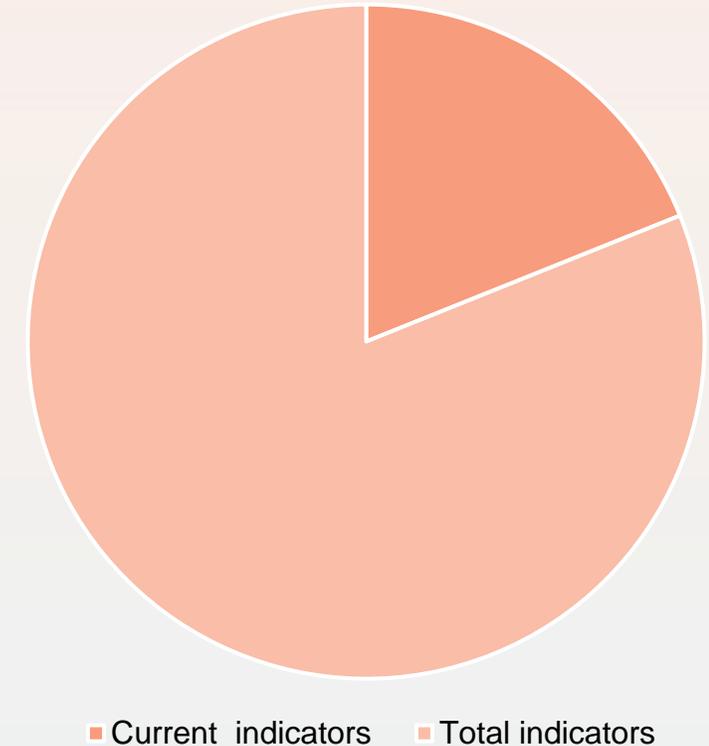
Supporting indicators fill some of the picture

10 New Supporting Indicators

- health risk factors
- smoking during pregnancy
- NAPLAN proficiency levels
- social housing
- prisoner health
- young people first contact with youth justice
- child placement principles (ATSICPP)
- family violence hospitalisations
- experience of racism
- digital inclusion

... but the picture is incomplete

- We take an iterative approach to developing the dashboard
- Currently report on 31 out of 164 supporting indicators (10 new in the July update)
- Significant data development task



Understanding the data landscape

Annual reporting

- 2. Healthy birthweight
- 3. Preschool enrolment
- 10. Adult incarceration
- 11. Youth Justice
- 12. Out of home care
- 14. Suicide
- 15A. Land
- 15B. Waters

3 yearly reporting

- 4. Early child development

Periodic

- 16. Language

5 yearly reporting

- 1. Life expectancy
- 5. Education
- 6. Youth engagement
- 7. Higher education
- 8. Employment
- 9A. Housing

Reporting tbc or not commenced

- 9B. Access to Services
(community infrastructure)
- 13. Safe Families
- 17. Digital Inclusion

No data on the Priority Reforms

Priority Reform 1
Formal partnerships and shared decision-making



Priority Reform 2
Building the community-controlled sector



Priority Reform 3
Transforming government organisations



Priority Reform 4
Shared access to data and information at a regional level



A demonstration of the dashboard and ADCR

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The data shows the need for full implementation of the National Agreement

- Earlier this year, the Productivity Commission released the first comprehensive three-yearly Review of the National Agreement.
- Joint Council has accepted the four headline recommendations:
 - governments need to share power to make meaningful progress
 - Indigenous Data Sovereignty must be recognised and supported
 - mainstream systems and culture within governments should be fundamentally rethought
 - stronger accountability is required to drive behaviour change
- 15 out of the 16 actions under the recommendations have been accepted.

Thank you

Thanks to our participants for their support in reviewing and commenting on the draft dashboard and ADCR.

Further queries?

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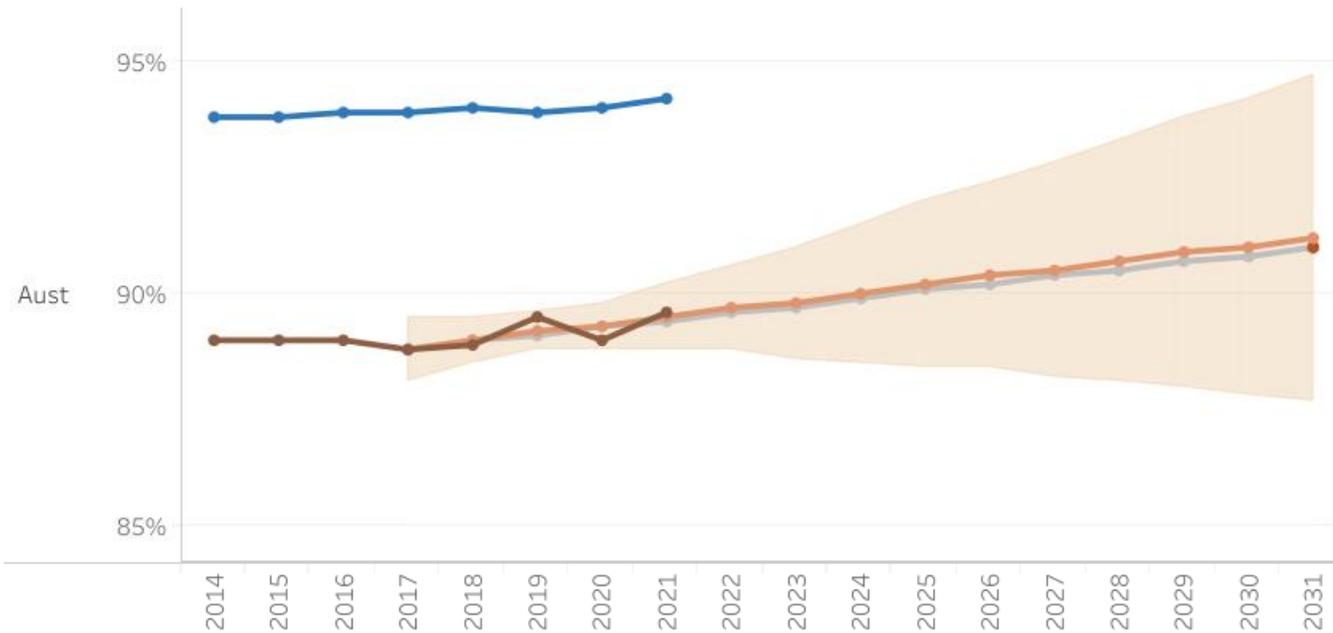


A dive into a selection of targets



Outcome 2: Nationally, based on progress from the baseline, the Target shows good improvement and is on track to be met

Figure Live-born singleton babies of healthy birthweight (2,500-4,499g)



Source: Productivity Commission, Closing the Gap dashboard, table CtG2A.1

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, Actual
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, Linear regression estimates
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, Target
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, Trajectory
- Non-Indigenous children, Actual

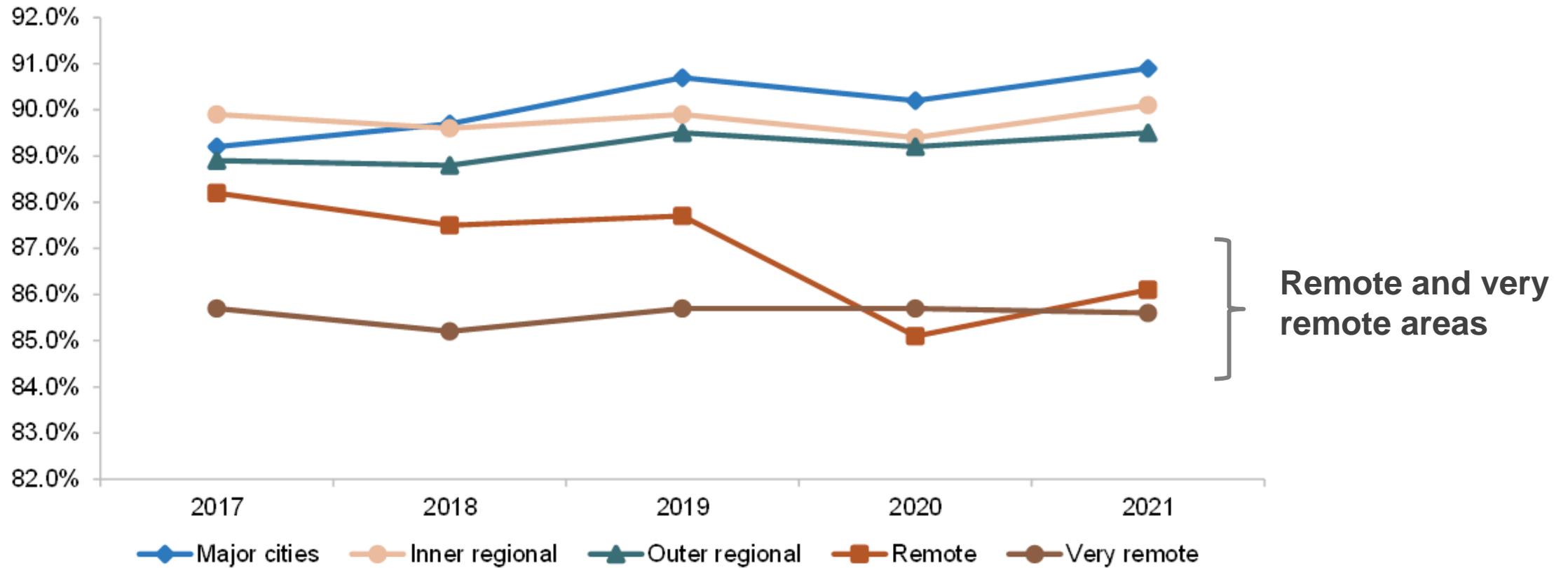
Nationally in 2021, 89.6% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies born were of a healthy birthweight (figure CtG2.1).

This is an increase from 88.8% in 2017 (the baseline year).



Outcome 2: Babies born of a healthy birthweight was lower in more remote areas

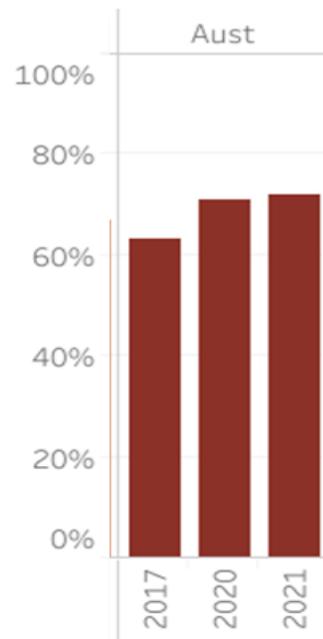
Live-born singleton babies of healthy birthweight (2,500-4,499g), by remoteness



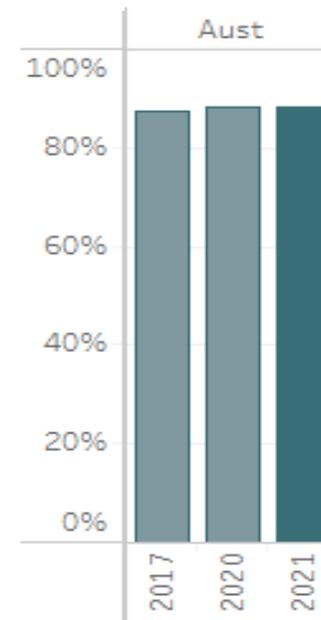


Outcome 2: There are rising rates of early antenatal care and falling smoking rates during pregnancy

Women with at least one antenatal care visit in the first trimester



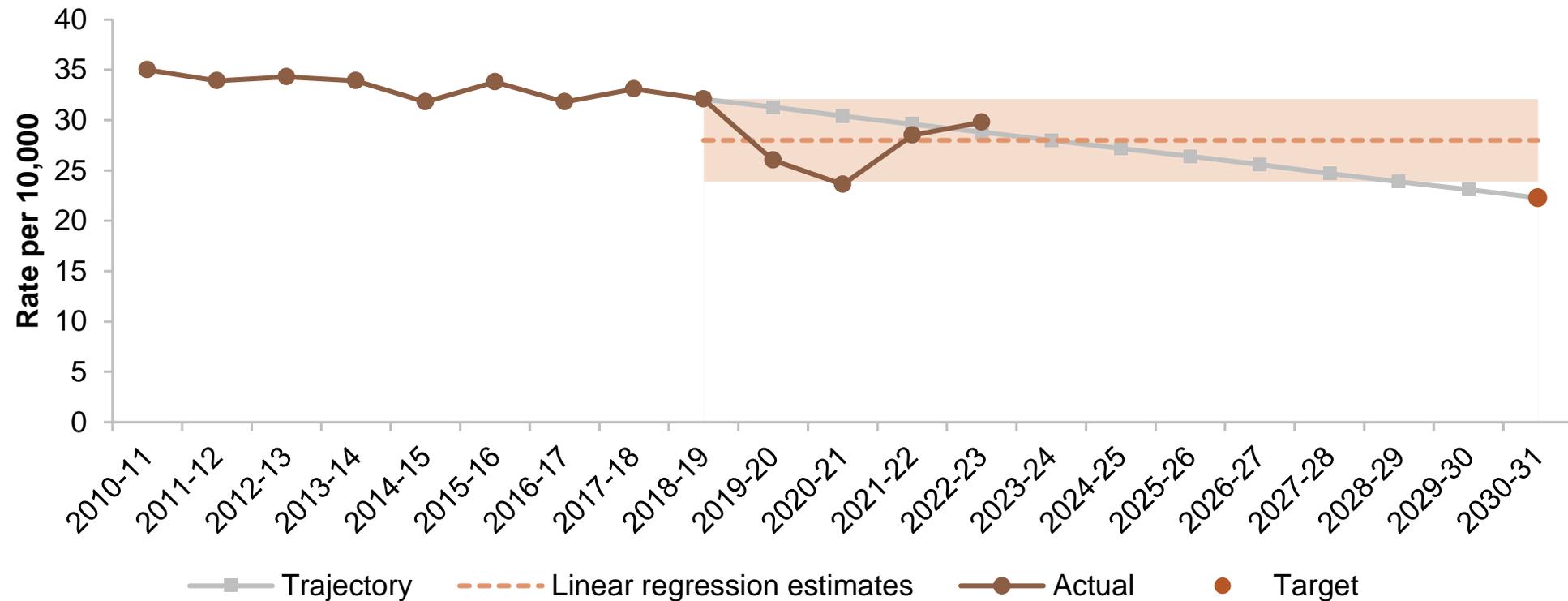
Women with five or more antenatal care visits during pregnancy





Outcome 11: Nationally, the Target shows no change from the baseline and is not on track to be met

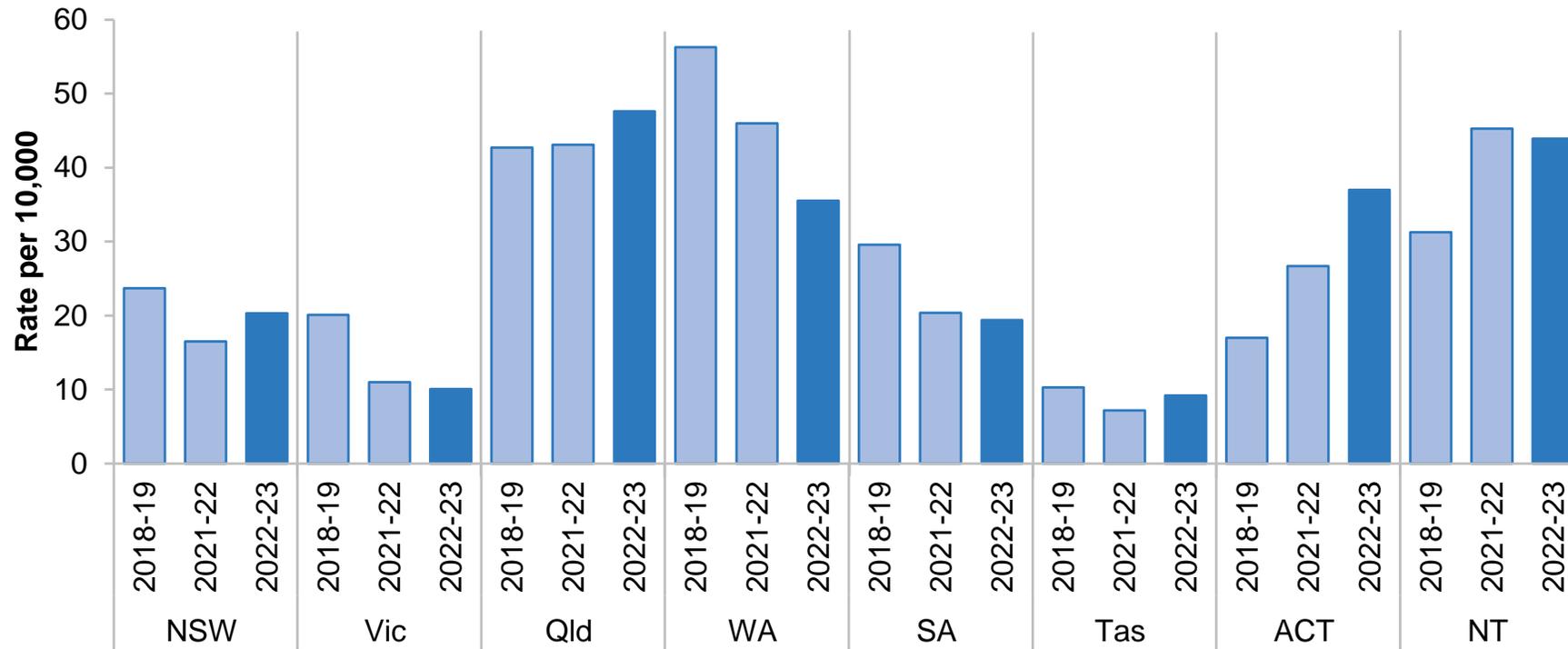
Rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in detention on an average day per 10,000 young people (aged 10–17 years)





Outcome 11: There are differing trends across jurisdictions

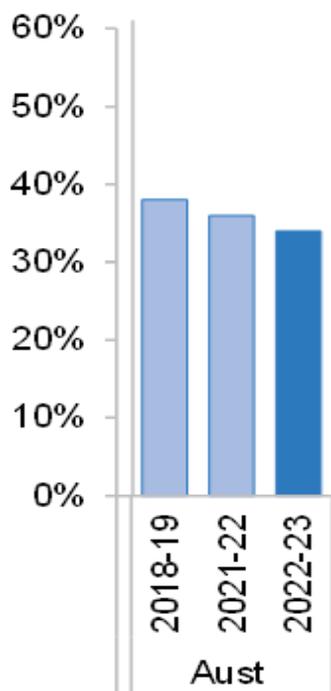
Young people in detention on an average day, Rate per 10,000 young people





Outcome 11: Young people are entering the youth justice system at older ages

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people under youth justice supervision – aged 10–13 years at first supervision



Young people proceeded against by police, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, Rate per 10,000 young people (10-17 years old)

