

### Publicly available population health data sources

Source	Description	Link
<b>Rural Health Workforce Mapping Tool</b>	The National Rural Health Alliance has developed the Rural Health Workforce Mapping Tool (RHWMT) to show disparities in the health workforce across rural, regional, and remote areas of Australia. Users can search for Commonwealth Electorate Divisions, Local Government Areas, or national-level Modified Monash Model remoteness regions.	<a href="http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/">www.ruralhealth.org.au/</a>
<b>The Public Health Information Development Unit (PHIDU)</b>	Since 2008, PHIDU has been an interactive platform into the world of data on health and its determinants in Australia. Current (and some historical) data across national, jurisdictional, regional, and small area levels for Australia is available through free online access. Data is available for whole population, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, and topic-specific items. The data is available in the following geography: population health areas (includes SA4 and SA3), local government areas, and primary health networks for whole population data. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population data are provided at indigenous areas and primary health networks.	<a href="http://www.phidu.torrens.edu.au/">www.phidu.torrens.edu.au/</a>
<b>Regional Insights for Indigenous Communities</b>	The Regional Insights for Indigenous Communities (RIFIC) website brings together a range of regional statistics about the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities. The aim of the website is to provide access to data at a local level, to help communities set their priorities and participate in joint planning with government and service providers. The site also provides comparison between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous measures for presented data.	<a href="https://www.rific.gov.au/">https://www.rific.gov.au/</a>
<b>Healthmap by Healthdirect Australia</b>	The Australian health sector has a vast amount of data that is typically hosted by different groups, in different formats and with different technology. Healthmap seeks to break down these silos of data within both the health sector and across the many other sectors that contribute to the health and wellbeing of our communities such as housing, employment, education, and environment. The website sources data from the National Health Service Directory (NHSD) and Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).	<a href="https://healthmap.com.au/">https://healthmap.com.au/</a>

<p><b>Health Workforce Data Tool</b></p>	<p>The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), in conjunction with the national boards, is responsible for the national registration process for 15 health professions. The data from this annual registration process, together with data from a workforce survey that is voluntarily completed at the time of registration, forms the National Health Workforce Dataset (NHWDS). Data in the NHWDS includes demographic and employment information for registered health professionals as well as data on Medical Education and Training. Users can create customised tables with data suited for their purpose by setting the rows, columns, and filters.</p>	<p><a href="https://hwd.health.gov.au/">https://hwd.health.gov.au/</a></p>
<p><b>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</b></p>	<p>The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) is Australia's leading health and welfare statistics agency. This government institute provides a wide range of data on both health and welfare matters to create an evidence base for stronger decision making and development of better services and programs for all Australians. The website can be searched by topics at <a href="https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports-data/a-z-topics">https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports-data/a-z-topics</a>.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.aihw.gov.au/">https://www.aihw.gov.au/</a></p>
<p><b>Australian Bureau of Statistics – Data by Region Maps</b></p>	<p>Data by Region allows the user to have access to statistics from the ABS and other sources on a geographical region. The user can navigate the website using the tools to browse, search or explore by map to find statistics about different regions in Australia including Main Statistical Area Structure, Local Government Areas and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas. This can be further broken down into categories such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population &amp; People</li> <li>Economy &amp; Industry</li> <li>Education &amp; Employment</li> <li>Health &amp; Disability</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://dbr.abs.gov.au/">https://dbr.abs.gov.au/</a></p>
<p><b>Australian Bureau of Statistics - Census</b></p>	<p>The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) prides themselves on being Australia's national statistical agency. They can assist Australians by informing important decisions by partnering and innovating to deliver relevant, trusted, objective data and insights. The ABS work to enable safe and effective use of economic, social, population, and environmental statistics to build capacity amongst official bodies. The Census is conducted every 5 years by the ABS and its their flagship source of data. Some high-level Census data can be previewed through QuickStats, otherwise, the full data can be downloaded as data packs.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/search-by-area">https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/search-by-area</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/datapacks">https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/datapacks</a></p>

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Services Australia provides State-level data on Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) items for a range of medical related services such as GP professional attendances and health assessment services.

[www.medicarestatistics.humanservices.gov.au/](http://www.medicarestatistics.humanservices.gov.au/)