

**Australia**  
**ISSP 2007 – Leisure Time and Sports**  
**Study Description**

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## ISSP Study Description Form – Australia (AU)

*Study title:* ISSP 2007 Sport & Leisure

*Fieldwork dates:* Start: 2007-07-11  
End: 2007-11-21

*Principal investigators:* Tim Phillips, The Australian National University  
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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:* 2769

*Details about issued sample:*

1. Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size) *	6,666
2. Interviews (1.0)	2,769
3. Eligible, Non-Interview	
A. Refusal/Break-off (2.10)	837
B. Non-Contact (2.20)	2,686
C. Other	
i. Language Problems (2.33)	
ii. Miscellaneous Other (2.31, 2.32, 2.35)	52
3. Unknown Eligibility, Non-Interview (3.0)	322
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)

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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 (over-representation of women) and employment status (over-representation of unemployed).

*Deviations from ISSP  
questionnaire:*

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

*Publications:*

None to date