

**Percentage of Year 3 and 5 students achieving the National Reading Benchmark in 1999**

	All	Male	Female
Year 3	87.0	84.5	89.8
Year 5	85.6	83.4	88.4

**Percentage of year 3 students achieving the literacy benchmark in 1999, by state.**

*State/Territory*

1. *Average Age*
2. *Years of Schooling*

	Percentage of all students	Percentage of males	Percentage of females	
NSW 1. 8yrs, 9mths 2. 3yrs, 7mths	91.2	89.6	92.7	
Victoria 1. 8yrs, 11.mths 2. 3yrs, 7mths	86.2	82.6	89.9	
Queensland 1. 8yrs, 3mths 2. 2yrs, 8mths	82.6	79.9	86.7	
South Australia 1. 8rs, 6mths 2. 3yrs, 3mths	83.2	81.5	84.9	
Western Australia 1. 8yrs, 2mths 2. 3yrs, 7mths	87.9	85.5	90.4	
Tasmania 1. 9yrs, 0mths 2. 3yrs, 7mths	85.9	82.0	89.9	
Northern Territory 1. 8yrs, 8mths 2. 3yrs, 3mths	72.3	69.8	74.9	
ACT 1. 8yrs, 9mths 2. 3yrs, 6mths	89.9	87.6	92.2	
Australia	87.0	84.5	89.8	

**Percentage of year 5 students achieving the literacy benchmark in 1999, by state.**

*State/Territory*

*1. Average Age*

*2. Years of Schooling*

	Percentage of all students	Percentage of males	Percentage of females	
NSW 1. 10yrs, 9mths 2. 5yrs, 7mths	90.3	88.6	92.0	
Victoria 1. 10yrs, 11mths 2. 5yrs, 7mths	88.0	85.6	90.5	
Queensland 1. 10yrs, 3mths 2. 4yrs, 8mths	80.0	78.2	84.3	
South Australia 1. 10yrs, 6mths 2. 5yrs, 3mths	82.8	80.2	85.8	
Western Australia 1. 10yrs, 2mths 2. 5yrs, 7mths	79.5	75.5	83.6	
Tasmania 1. 11yrs, 0mths 2. 5yrs, 7mths	78.7	76.2	81.3	
Northern Territory 1. 10yrs, 7mths 2. 5yrs, 3mths	78.4	77.3	80.0	
ACT 1. 10yrs, 9mths 2. 5yrs, 6mths	90.4	86.6	92.1	
Australia	85.6	83.4	88.4	

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