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Literacy and Numeracy Benchmark Data

Table 1 Percentage of Year 3 students achieving the reading benchmark, by State and Territory, 1999.

State/Territory 1 Average Age (a) 2 Years of Schooling (b)	Percentage of male students achieving the bench mark	Percentage of female students achieving the bench mark	Difference between percentage of male and female students achieving the bench mark
New South Wales			
1. 8yrs, 9mths	92.6	94.8	2.2
2. 3yrs, 7mths	± 2.1	± 1.5	
Victoria			
1. 8yrs, 11mths	86.2	92.0	5.8
2. 3yrs, 7mths	± 2.9	± 2.0	
Queensland (c) (d)			
1. 8yrs 3mths	83.9	89.4	5.6
2. 2yrs, 8mths	± 4.9	± 3.5	
South Australia			
1. 8yrs, 6mths	85.5	87.8	2.3
2. 3yrs, 3mths	±3.2	± 2.4	
Western Australia			
1. 8yrs, 2mths	86.8	90.8	4.0
2. 2yrs, 7mths	± 2.5	± 1.8	
Tasmania			
1. 9yrs, 0mths	86.0	91.9	5.9
2. 3yrs, 7mths	±3.1	±2.2	
Northern Territory			
1. 8yrs, 8mths	75.9	79.7	3.8
2. 3yrs, 3mths	± 3.1	± 2.7	
Australian Capital Territory			
1. 8yrs, 9mths	94.2	96.3	2.1
2. 3yrs, 6mths	± 1.5	± 1.3	
Australia(e)			
	87.9	92.0	4.1
	+ 3.0	+2.2	

Note: The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95% confidence intervals, for example, 80% ± 2.7%.

- (a) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.
- (b) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.
- (c) Data from Queensland are based on a sample of approximately 10% of Year 3 students from government and non- government schools.
- (d) Data from Queensland for the percentage of male and female students does not include students who were formally exempted from the testing.
- (e) Student sub-group data for Australia do not include Queensland students who were formally exempted from the testing.

Source Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs, Submission No. 117.2.

Table 2 Percentage of Year 5 students achieving the reading benchmark, by State and Territory, 1999

State/Territory 1 Average Age (a) 2 Years of Schooling (b)	Percentage of male students achieving the bench mark	Percentage of female students achieving the bench mark	Difference between percentage of male and female students achieving the bench mark
New South Wales			
1. 10yrs, 9mths	8.6	92.0	3.4
2. 5yrs, 7mths	±1.6	±1.3	
Victoria	85.6	90.5	4.9
1. 10yrs, 11mths	±2.1	±1.7	
2. 5yrs, 7mths			
Queensland (c)	78.2	84.3	6.1
1. 10yrs 4mths	±3.5	±2.6	
2. 4yrs, 8mths			
South Australia	80.2	85.8	5.6
1. 10yrs, 6mths	±1.8	±1.4	
2. 5yrs, 3mths			
Western Australia	75.5	83.6	8.1
1. 10yrs, 2mths	±3.1	±2.3	
2. 4yrs, 7mths			
Tasmania	76.2	81.3	5.1
1. 11yrs, 0mths	±2.2	±1.9	
2. 5yrs, 8mths			
Northern Territory	77.3	80.0	2.7
1. 10yrs, 8mths	±2.0	±1.5	
2. 5yrs, 3mths			
Australian Capital Territory	88.6	92.1	3.5
1. 10yrs, 8mths	±2.2	±1.9	
2. 5yrs, 6mths			
Australia	83.4	88.4	5.0

Note: The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95% confidence intervals, for example, 80% ± 2.7%.

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(b) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(c) Data from Queensland for the percentage of male and female students does not include students who were formally exempted from the testing.

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Table 3 Percentage of Year 3 students achieving the reading benchmark, by State and Territory, 2000

State/Territory 1 Average Age (a) 2 Years of Schooling (b)	Percentage of male students achieving the bench mark	Percentage of female students achieving the bench mark	Difference between percentage of male and female students achieving the bench mark
New South Wales 1. 8yrs, 9mths 2. 3yrs, 7mths	91.5 ± 2.3	94.8 ± 1.5	3.3
Victoria 1. 8yrs, 11mths 2. 3yrs, 7mths	91.1 ± 2.3	95.1 ± 1.5	4.0
Queensland (c) 1. 8yrs 4mths 2. 2yrs, 8mths	90.8 ± 4.4	94.4 ± 3.2	3.6
South Australia 1. 8yrs, 6mths 2. 3yrs, 3mths	84.4 ± 3.0	89.3 ± 1.7	4.9
Western Australia 1. 8yrs, 2mths 2. 2yrs, 7mths	95.2 ± 1.3	96.5 ± 0.9	1.3
Tasmania 1. 9yrs, 1mths 2. 3yrs, 8mths	88.7 ± 2.9	93.6 ± 2.0	4.9
Northern Territory 1. 8yrs, 8mths 2. 3yrs, 3mths	62.2 ± 3.8	68.6 ± 3.7	6.4
Australian Capital Territory 1. 8yrs, 8mths 2. 3yrs, 6mths	94.0 ± 2.0	96.2 ± 1.5	2.2
Australia	90.9 +2.7	94.3 +1.8	3.4

Note: The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95% confidence intervals, for example, 80% ± 2.7%.

- (a) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.
 (b) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.
 (c) Data from Queensland are based on a representative sample of approximately 10% of students from government and non-government schools.

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Table 4 Percentage of Year 5 students achieving the reading benchmark, by State and Territory, 2000

State/Territory 1 Average Age (a) 2 Years of Schooling (b)	Percentage of male students achieving the bench mark	Percentage of female students achieving the bench mark	Difference between percentage of male and female students achieving the bench mark
New South Wales			
1. 10yrs, 9mths	87.1	91.2	4.1
2. 5yrs, 7mths	± 1.9	± 1.5	
Victoria			
1. 10yrs, 11mths	90.6	93.7	3.1
2. 5yrs, 7mths	± 2.2	± 1.7	
Queensland			
1. 10yrs 4mths	75.1	81.7	6.6
2. 4yrs, 8mths	± 3.9	± 3.5	
South Australia			
1. 10yrs, 6mths	82.2	86.7	4.5
2. 5yrs, 3mths	± 1.5	± 1.4	
Western Australia			
1. 10yrs, 2mths	92.4	94.9	2.5
2. 4yrs, 7mths	± 1.2	± 0.8	
Tasmania			
1. 11yrs, 0mths	78.7	84.3	5.6
2. 5yrs, 8mths	±3.3	±2.8	
Northern Territory			
1. 10yrs, 8mths	69.3	73.1	3.8
2. 5yrs, 3mths	± 3.4	± 3.3	
Australian Capital Territory			
1. 10yrs, 8mths	93.0	98.7	5.7
2. 5yrs, 6mths	± 2.3	± 2.5	
Australia			
	85.2	89.6	4.4
	+2.3	+1.9	

Note: The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95% confidence intervals, for example, 80% ± 2.7%.

(a) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(b) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

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Table 5 Percentage of Year 3 students achieving the numeracy benchmark, by State and Territory, 2000

State/Territory 1 Average Age (a) 2 Years of Schooling (b)	Percentage of male students achieving the bench mark	Percentage of female students achieving the bench mark	Difference between percentage of male and female students achieving the bench mark
New South Wales			
1. 8yrs, 9mths	93.1	93.3	0.2
2. 3yrs, 7mths	± 1.7	± 1.7	
Victoria			
1. 8yrs, 11mths	96.7	96.1	0.6
2. 3yrs, 7mths	± 1.3	± 1.5	
Queensland (c)			
1. 8yrs 4mths	91.5	91.8	0.3
2. 2yrs, 8mths	± 3.6	± 3.4	
South Australia			
1. 8yrs, 6mths	84.9	85.8	0.9
2. 3yrs, 3mths	± 2.3	± 2.4	
Western Australia			
1. 8yrs, 2mths	90.2	90.8	0.6
2. 2yrs, 7mths	± 2.2	± 2.3	
Tasmania			
1. 9yrs, 1mths	92.3	93.2	0.9
2. 3yrs, 8mths	± 2.0	± 1.9	
Northern Territory			
1. 8yrs, 8mths	80.6	82.4	1.8
2. 3yrs, 3mths	± 2.5	± 2.6	
Australian Capital Territory			
1. 8yrs, 8mths	95.2	96.3	1.1
2. 3yrs, 6mths	± 2.1	± 2.3	
Australia			
	92.7	92.8	0.1
	+2.1	+2.1	

Note: The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80 per cent ± 2.7 per cent.

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Table 6 Percentage of Year 5 students achieving the numeracy benchmark, by State and Territory, 2000

State/Territory 1 Average Age (a) 2 Years of Schooling (b)	Percentage of male students achieving the bench mark	Percentage of female students achieving the bench mark	Difference between percentage of male and female students achieving the bench mark
New South Wales			
1 10yrs, 9mths	90.8	91.5	0.7
2. 5yrs, 7mths	± 1.4	± 1.4	
Victoria			
1 10yrs, 11mths	94.1	94.4	0.3
2. 5yrs, 7mths	± 1.4	± 1.4	
Queensland			
1. 10yrs 4mths	86.0	87.0	1.0
2. 4yrs, 8mths	± 2.4	± 2.4	
South Australia			
1. 10yrs, 6mths	83.1	82.7	0.4
2. 5yrs, 3mths	± 2.2	± 2.6	
Western Australia			
1. 10yrs, 2mths	87.5	87.5	0
2. 4yrs, 7mths	± 1.1	± 2.2	
Tasmania			
1. 11yrs, 0mths	87.9	87.2	0.7
2. 5yrs, 8mths	±2.1	±2.1	
Northern Territory			
1. 10yrs, 8mths	74.5	73.7	1.2
2. 5yrs, 3mths	± 3.0	± 3.4	
Australian Capital Territory			
1 10yrs, 8mths	91.0	91.6	0.5
2. 5yrs, 6mths	± 2.5	± 2.5	
Australia			
	89.4	89.8	0.4
	+1.7	+1.8	

Note: The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80 per cent ± 2.7 per cent.

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