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Improving life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

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Advancing change through the National Agreement

4 Priority Reforms



Formal
partnerships &
shared decision-
making



Build up
Aboriginal
Community
Controlled
Organisations



Transform
government
organisations



Improve and
share access to
information

Tracking progress across 17 socio-economic outcome areas



Education



Health and wellbeing



Access to land and waters



Housing



Employment

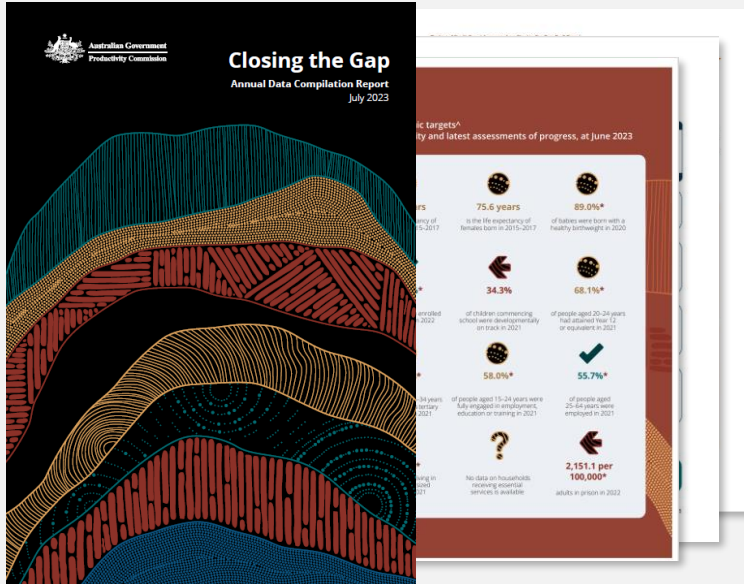


Justice



Strength of cultures and languages

The Commission's role in Closing the Gap



Closing the Gap Information Repository

Work with the Parties to the Agreement

Three yearly review of progress

How much data do we report?

Data in the National Agreement	4 Priority Reforms	17 Socio-economic outcomes
	4 targets	19 targets
	18 supporting indicators	146 supporting indicators
	6 data development items	123 data development items
Currently on the dashboard	No data for the Priority Reforms	Data for 18 of 19 Socio-economic outcomes
		Data for 21 Supporting indicators



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Mixed progress against the socio-economic targets

1 Long and healthy lives >



71.9 years
for males

is the life expectancy of people born in 2020-22



75.6 years
for females

2 Born healthy and strong >



89.6%

of babies were born with a healthy birthweight in 2021

3 Early childhood education >



99.2%

of children were enrolled in preschool in 2022

4 Children thriving >



34.3%

of children commencing school were developmentally on track in 2021

5 Student learning potential >



68.1%

of people aged 20-24 years had attained Year 12 or equivalent in 2021

6 Further education pathways >



47.0%

of people aged 25-34 years had completed a tertiary qualification in 2021

7 Youth engagement >



58.0%

of people aged 15-24 years were fully engaged in employment, education or training in 2021

8 Economic participation >



55.7%

of people aged 25-64 years were employed in 2021

9 Housing >



81.4%

of people were living in appropriately sized housing in 2021



No data on households receiving essential services is available

10 Criminal justice >



2,265.8 per 100,000

adults in prison in 2023

11 Youth justice >



29.8 per 10,000

young people were in detention in 2022-23

12 Child protection >



57.2 per 1,000

children were in out-of-home care in 2023

13 Family safety >



8.4%

of females experienced physical or threatened physical harm in 2018-19

14 Social and emotional wellbeing >



29.9 per 100,000

people took their own life in 2022

15 Land and waters >



4,213,978 km²
of land

were subject to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's rights or interests in 2023



113,461 km²
of sea country

16 Culture and languages >



123

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages were spoken in 2018-19

17 Access to information >



73.5%

of people accessed the internet in their home in 2014-15



Good improvement and on track



Improvement but not on track



Worsening, not on track



No change from the baseline



No assessment available but baseline data available

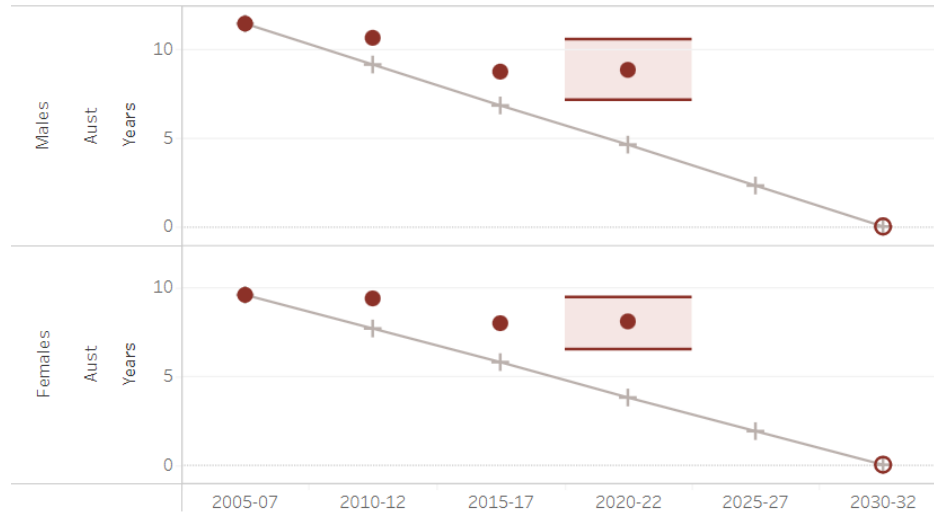


No assessment or baseline data available

Target 1: Life expectancy

Target 1: Close the Gap in life expectancy within a generation, by 2031

Figure CtG1.1 Difference in estimated life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and non-Indigenous children at birth (a), (b), (c)



Source: Productivity Commission, Closing the Gap dashboard, table CtG1A.1

- Actual
- Actual, 95% confidence interval
- Target
- + Trajectory

Target 1: Life expectancy

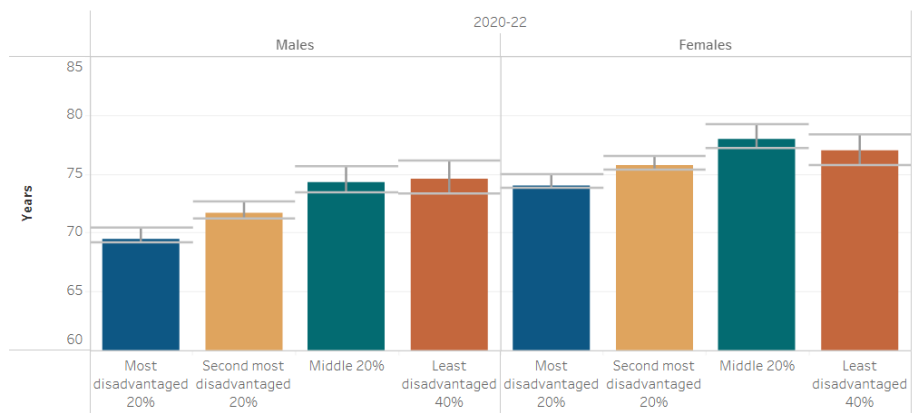
Figure CtG1.2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Estimated life expectancy at birth, Aust By remoteness area



Source: Productivity Commission, Closing the Gap dashboard, table CtG1A.2

Higher life expectancy in cities and regional areas

Figure CtG1.3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Estimated life expectancy at birth, Aust By Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) quintile



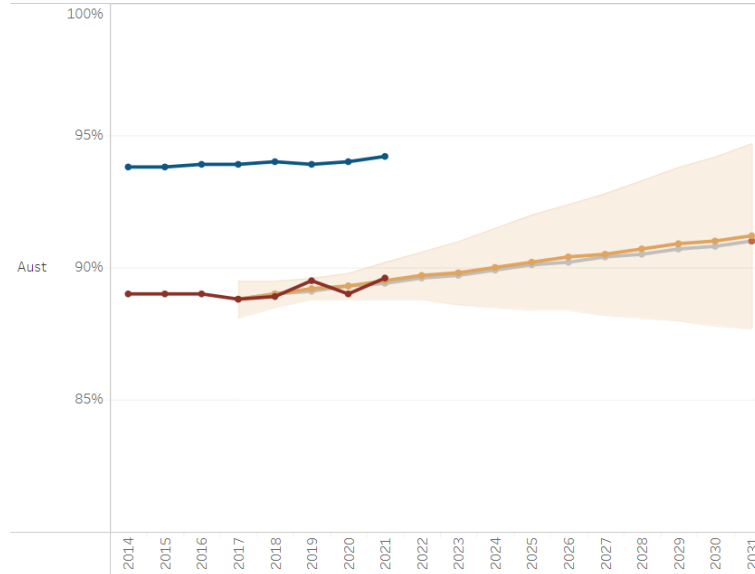
Source: Productivity Commission, Closing the Gap dashboard, table CtG1A.3

Higher life expectancy for the least disadvantaged

Target 2: Healthy birthweight

Target 2: By 2031, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies with a healthy birthweight to 91%.

Figure CtG2.1 Live-born singleton babies of healthy birthweight (2,500-4,499g) (a)



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

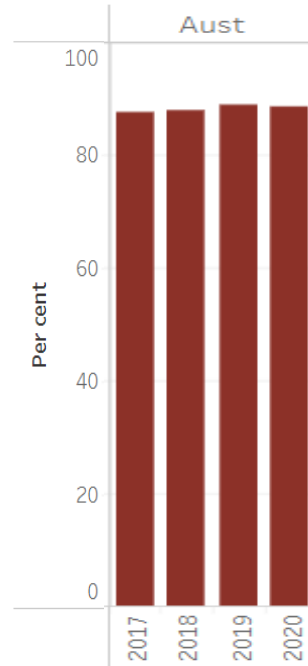
(a) Targets and trajectories are only available nationally.

- 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

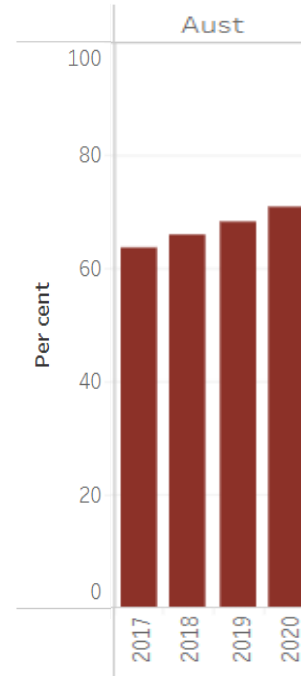
Target 2: Healthy birthweight

**Supporting
indicator:
Antenatal care**

Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who attended 5+ antenatal visits,



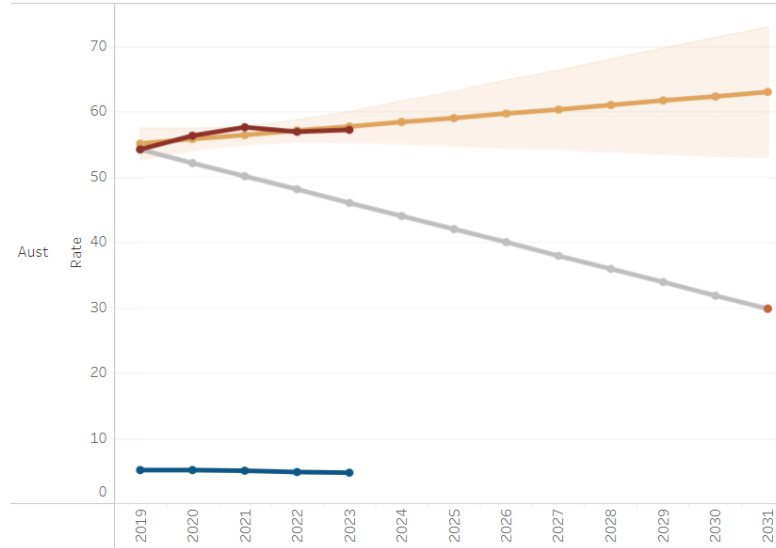
Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women with at least one antenatal visit in first trimester



Target 12: Child protection system

Target 12: By 2031, reduce the rate of overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by 45%.

Figure CtG12.1 Children aged 0-17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June, Rate per 1,000 children (a)



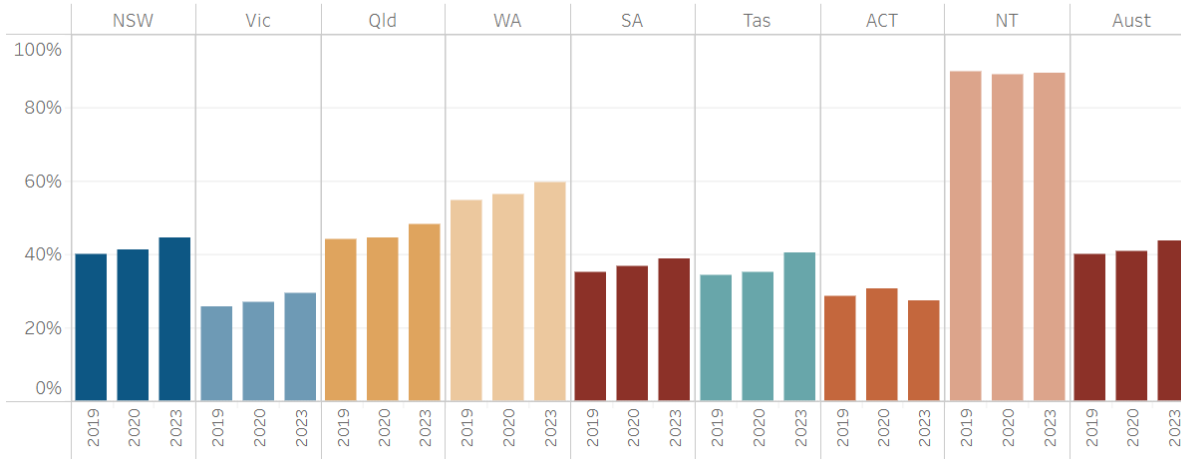
Source: Productivity Commission, Closing the Gap dashboard, table CtG12A.1

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- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Trajectory
- Non-Indigenous people, Actual

Target 12: Child protection system

Figure SE12b.1 Proportion of children aged 0-17 years in out-of-home care who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander at 30 June
By jurisdiction, by year



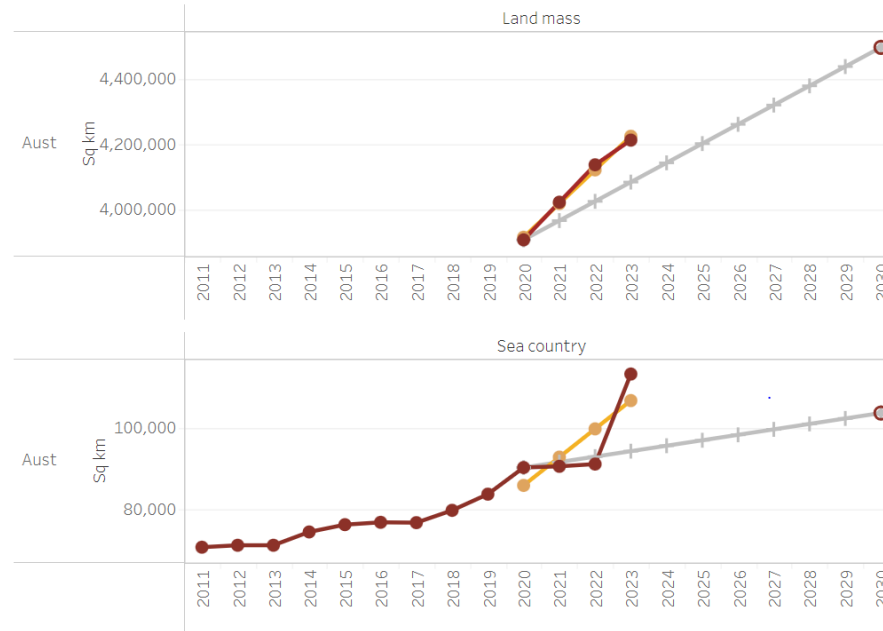
**Nationally,
43.7% of
children in
out-of-home
care were
Aboriginal and
Torres Strait
Islander**

Source: Productivity Commission, Closing the Gap dashboard, table SE12b.1

Target 15: Connection to land and sea

Targets 15A and 15B: By 2030, a 15% increase in Australia's land mass and sea area covered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's legal rights or interests

Figure CtG15.1 Area of Land mass and Sea country subject to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's legal rights or interests at 30 June (a), (b)



Source: Productivity Commission, Closing the Gap dashboard, tables CtG15A.1 & CtG15B.1

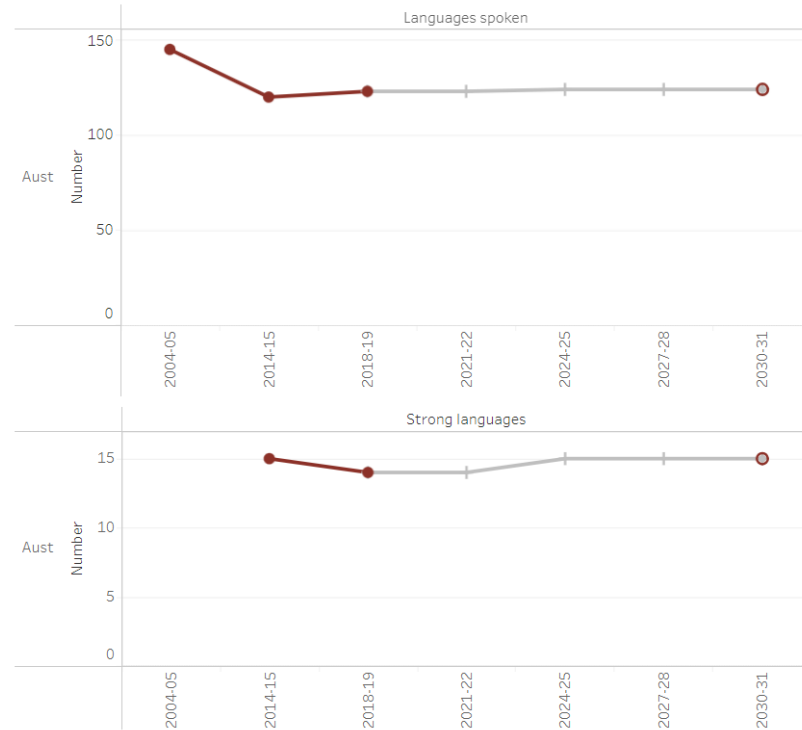
(a) Data, targets and trajectories are only available nationally. (b) Aus Gov (Commonwealth jurisdiction) only applicable to sea country.

- Actual
- Linear regression estimates
- Target
- + Trajectory

Target 16: Languages

Target 16: By 2031, there is a sustained increase in the number and strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages being spoken.

Figure CtG16.1 Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages spoken and number of strong languages spoken (a)



Source: Productivity Commission, Closing the Gap dashboard, table CtG16A.1

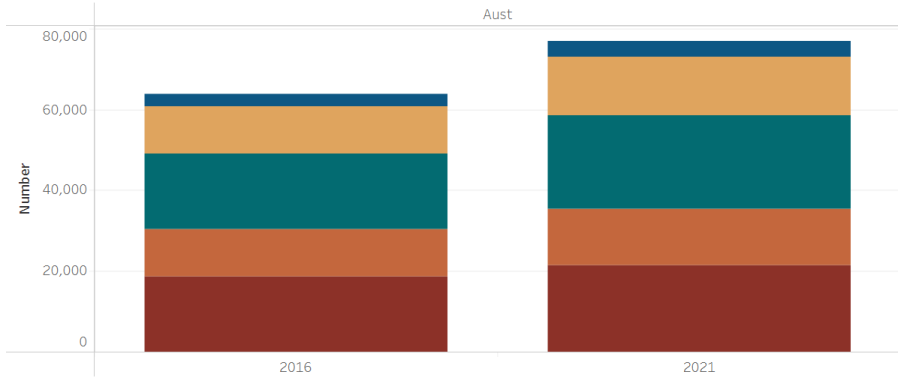
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Target 16: Languages

65+ years old 45-64 years old 25-44 years old 15-24 years old 0-14 years old

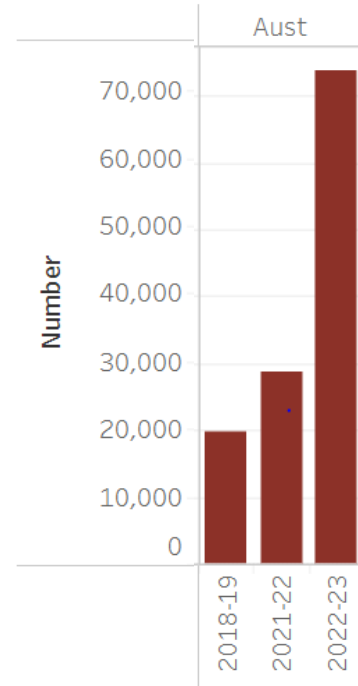
Figure SE16c.2 Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who used an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language at home
By year, by age group



Source: Productivity Commission, Closing the Gap dashboard, table SE16c.2-SE16c.3

An increase in the number of people speaking an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages at home

An increase in the use of Indigenous Language Centres





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The Review of the National Agreement

Released 7 February 2024

The review focused on assessing progress against the Priority Reforms and identifying ways to accelerate progress to improve socioeconomic outcomes.

We assessed progress by:

- measuring the progress of the specific commitments in the Agreement
- reviewing the actions governments have set out in their implementation plans
- noting where we can see progress has been made and where more work is needed.



Engagement for this review

We engaged with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities from across the country and a wide range of sectors.

- ⌋ We held 235 meetings, including **136 meetings** with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.
- ⌋ We received 101 submissions, including **51 submissions** from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.
- ⌋ We held **7 virtual roundtables** to discuss priority policy areas.

Self-determination is central to improving outcomes

Self-determination

requires that ‘... Indigenous peoples be involved in decisions that affect them, including the design, delivery and evaluation of government policies and programs’

But we heard ...

The commitment to shared decision making is rarely achieved in practice

Government policy doesn't reflect the value of the community-controlled sector

Governments are not enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led data

Formal partnerships and shared decision making

Governments should recognise self-determination as the ultimate goal of Priority Reform 1

Amend the Agreement

Recognise the authority of ACCOs

Build relationships and understand perspectives



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Thank you

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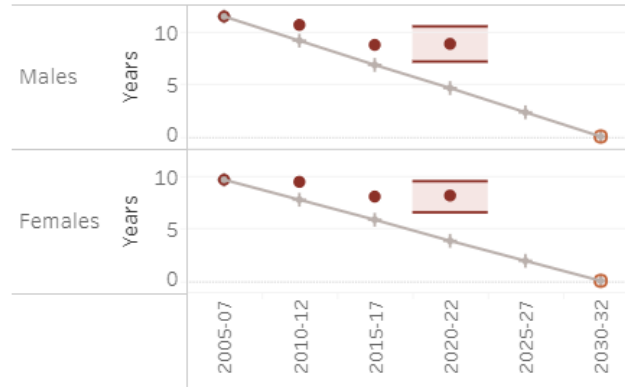


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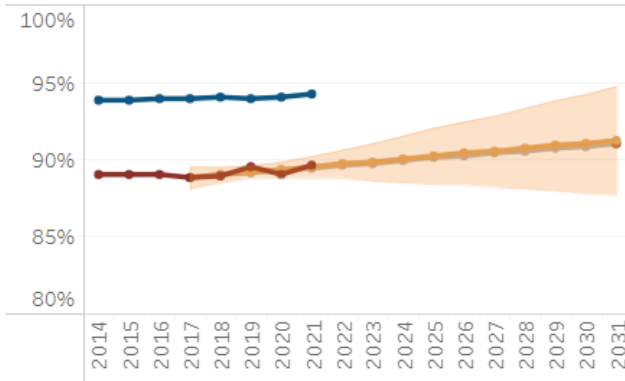
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 - Actual

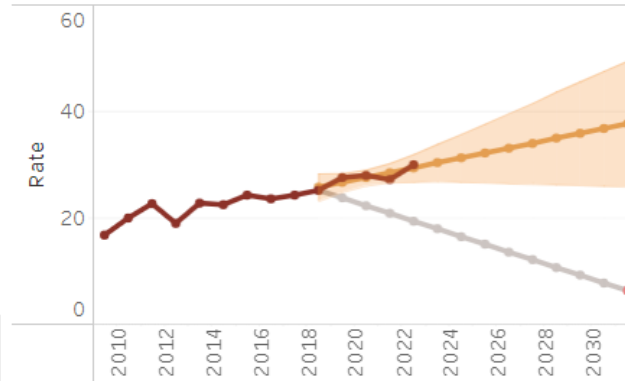
(a) Life expectancy gap



(b) Healthy birthweight

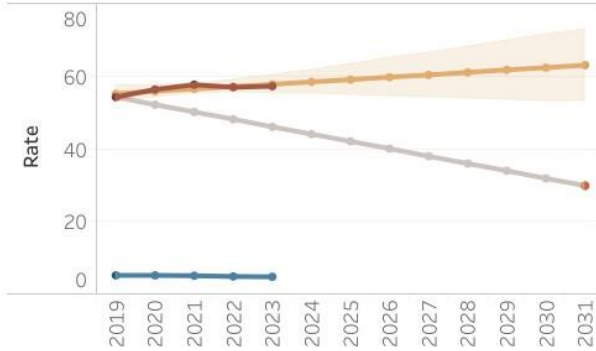


(c) Suicide

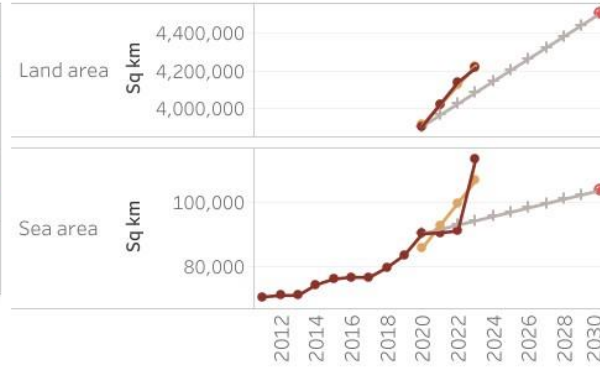


Mixed progress against the targets (2)

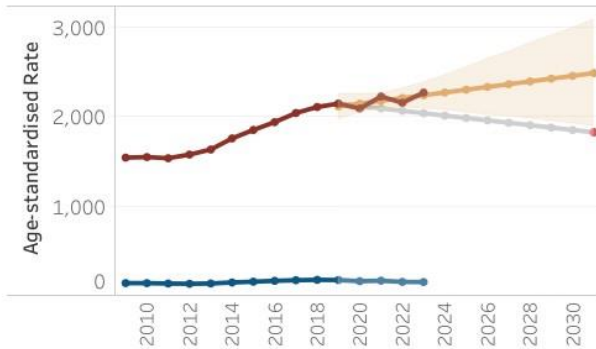
(d) Out-of-home care



(e) Land and waters



(f) Adult imprisonment



(g) Youth detention

