

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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15. School Participation Rates

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QUESTION

1. What was the total participation rate for school students in the Northern Territory in years (a) 10; and (b) 12, during the following calendar years:
 - (i) 1990;
 - (ii) 1991;
 - (iii) 1992; and
 - (iv) 1993.

2. What was the total participation rate for Aboriginal school students in the Northern Territory in years (a) 10; and (b) 12, during the following calendar years:
 - (i) 1990;
 - (ii) 1991;
 - (iii) 1992; and
 - (iv) 1993.

ANSWER

Answered on 17/09/96

The following definition of “age participation rate” is taken from a DEET publication entitled “Retention and Participation in Australian Schools 1967 to 1992”, Australian Government Publishing Service;

“An **age participation rate** measures the proportion of an **age** cohort enrolled in school in a specific calendar year.”

Participation rates are not calculable by year level because each year level comprises students of many different ages.

Participation rates by aboriginality are only available for the year 1991 because the Australian Bureau of Statistics did not estimate resident aboriginal populations by individual age for 1990, 1992 or 1993. Data is only available for 1991 because it was a

census year.

Estimated NT Age Participation Rates - June 1991

	Age	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal
TOTAL RATE			
87.46%	14	88.41%	87.00%
85.82%	15	72.73%	92.83%
72.87%	16	52.16%	84.22%
41.11%	17	30.98%	46.07%
13.14%	18	10.11%	14.58%
5.23%	19	2.79%	6.34%

Source : CDATA91 Version 2-Australian Bureau of Statistics
NTED Student Census June 1991

NOTE : Age participation rates tabled above include only students at school. The figures do not include students of similar age studying at other educational establishments such as TAFE.