

CLOSING THE GAP REPORT 2020

Australia's annual Closing the Gap Report communicates progress towards government targets to achieve equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in areas like education, health and employment. Here are some of the results relating to education.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



TARGET

95 per cent of Indigenous children enrolled by 2025

IN 2018

86.4 per cent of Indigenous 4-year-olds were enrolled, compared to **91.3** per cent for non-Indigenous 4-year-olds

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



TARGET

to halve the gap in attendance within five years (by 2018)

IN 2019

82 per cent attendance rate was recorded for Indigenous students, compared to **92** per cent non-Indigenous students

This attendance rate for Indigenous students is no better than five years ago

LITERACY AND NUMERACY



TARGET

to halve the gap in achievement in reading, writing and numeracy within a decade (by 2018)

BY 2018

the gap had narrowed in all year levels between 3 and 11 percentage points for reading and numeracy

YEAR 12 ATTAINMENT



TARGET

to halve the gap in Year 12 equivalent attainment rates (by 2020)

BY 2019

the gap has narrowed by 15 percentage points from about a 40 per cent gap in 2008 to a 25 per cent gap in 2018-19