

Is abs.gov.au legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

abs.gov.au

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

abs.gov.au appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automate analysis. Classification confidence 65%.

What this site appears to be

Official Australian Bureau of Statistics site content focused on census participation, statistical releases and national data. Contains navigation, recent/future releases and informational material; no forms requesting payments or credentials.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	30 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1996 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M04	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 1996.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

This website is the Australian Bureau of Statistics' public-facing government portal, presenting Census participation services, national population and economic statistics, statistical releases, and informational material for the apparent purpose of delivering publicly funded data and collection services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent Australian Bureau of Statistics identity, a government/public-service purpose, and informational content rather than deceptive monetisation. It contains no payment or credential-request forms, and the observed page and browser behaviour show no phishing, brand-impersonation, hidden-form, wallet, or other abuse indicators. The available evidence is therefore consistent with an established, apparently legitimate public-sector website, although the real-world operator identity is not independently verified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the Australian Bureau of Statistics and provides Census, statistics, and release content; no sensitive form or login form was observed.
- The domain was registered in 1996 and is approximately 29.64 years old.
- Historical records contain 5,000 snapshots spanning 1996–2021, covering 26 tracked years.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious results, 0 suspicious results, and no blacklist or phishing indication.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents itself as a national statistical agency operating through a government domain, not as a financial or other commercially regulated provider. No financial-services licence or registration number is presented in the observed content; this is a disclosure point for confirmation where a particular service requires legal authorisation, not evidence of a scam. Registration records identify the Australian Bureau of Statistics as the owner and the Department of Finance as registrar, while the page-level identity remains evidence-consistent rather than independently proven. The site's apparent public-service model does not solicit payments, and no third-party broker association was matched.

EVIDENCE

- The site uses the sovereign `gov.au` suffix and is classified from its homepage as “Government / Public Service.”
- Registration records list “Australian Bureau of Statistics” as owner and “Department of Finance” as registrar.
- The site is served from AS16509 (AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US).
- The transport certificate is issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M04, uses DV validation, and is valid to 2026-10-21T23:59:59+00:00.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, independently confirm that the intended service is reached through the official Australian government domain and that any linked workflow remains within the expected government service path. Where a specific transaction or data-collection process invokes legal, privacy, or regulatory obligations, confirm the responsible agency and applicable notices through an independently obtained government contact route. The homepage navigation provides Statistics, Census, survey participation, and About entry points that can be used to cross-check the expected service context.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage navigation includes Statistics, Census, participating-in-a-survey, and About sections.
- The observed business model is public statistical data and Census collection rather than payment-based commerce.
- The available identity assessment is “likely,” so independent confirmation remains appropriate for sensitive interactions.

Summary Verdict

Overall, the website has a high-trust, low-risk posture and is consistent with an established public-sector information service. No scam, phishing, impersonation, or identity-conflict indicators were observed, but the available evidence supports apparent legitimacy rather than conclusive independent proof of the real-world operator.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is hosted through Amazon’s content-delivery infrastructure, which is a mitigating availability and exposure-control signal. Protective hosting infrastructure supports operational integrity but does not, by itself, establish institutional legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the evidence; ordinary independent checks of the official service path, responsible agency, and payment protections should be completed before any credential or payment interaction.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=5

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of abs.gov.au.

- The request stayed on abs.gov.au. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Department of Finance. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by awsdns-52.org, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1996-12-20. CLEAR
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Department of Finance
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2600:9000:28f7:8000:18:e4fe:3840:93a1
Name servers	ns-1440.awsdns-52.org, ns-1969.awsdns-54.co.uk, ns-24.awsdns-03.com, ns-550.awsdns-04.net
SSL issuer	Amazon RSA 2048 M04
SSL expiry	2026-10-21
Domain age	29.64 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	1996-12-20
Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about abs.gov.au at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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