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Abbreviations.

AUSEI06: Australian Socioeconomic Index 2006 CAIDE: Cardiovascular Risk Factors, Aging and Dementia risk score CBB: Cogstate Brief Battery n-SES: neighbourhood socio-economic status SES: socio-economic status

N-SES estimations.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) developed the Index of Relative Socioeconomic Advantage and Disadvantage (IRSAD) using data from the 2016 Census. The IRSAD ranks neighborhoods throughout Australia from most disadvantaged to most advantaged based on the SES characteristics of the area.¹ The IRSAD is derived from a combination of 11 socioeconomic variables, such as income, education, unemployment rates, occupational skills, disability, vehicle ownership, internet connection, family structure (e.g., one parent with a dependent), and housing arrangements (see *eTable 1*). These variables are expressed by percentage (i.e. % of the population in an area that own a vehicle), and were weighted using Principal Component Analysis by the ABS to proportionately determine the index score per neighbourhood.¹ We used the residential postcode provided by each participant to derive an IRSAD score that ranked participants according to deciles of n-SES (higher deciles indicate greater advantage).

The IRSAD scores and deciles of n-SES are comparable to other measures that describe regions by socioeconomic variables used in other countries. For example, the Area Deprivation Index (ADI) was derived from American census data and similarly utilises the percentage of population and median data to score advantage from SES variables (including education, income, housing and household characteristics). Additionally, the European Deprivation Index (EDI) is used to describe a country-specific ecological deprivation index at a small area level, incorporating population statistics, income and living conditions.

Personal SES estimations.

Two authors independently coded participants' occupations into the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO; ABS 2006), with any discrepancies resolved by consensus. Each occupation has a corresponding weighted AUSEI06 score.³ Where possible, responses were coded into the level of the ANZSCO minor groups, otherwise, a superordinate category was used (i.e., sub-major or major groups). Each occupational group has a corresponding AUSEI06 value which was used as the measure of personal SES. For participants who had retired, we coded the AUSEI06 score using their last occupation prior to retirement.

Measurement of cognition.

The CBB consists of four tests: Detection (DET), Identification (IDN), One Card Learning (OCL), and One-Back (OBK). Briefly, DET is a simple reaction time task shown to measure psychomotor function, and IDN is a choice reaction time task shown to measure visual attention. The primary outcome for DET and IDN was reaction time in milliseconds, with lower scores indicating faster task completion. OCL is a continuous visual recognition task set within a pattern separation model, and OBK is a task of working memory. The primary outcome for OCL and OBK was the proportion of correct responses, normalized using an arcsine square-root transformation, with higher scores indicating better performance. The Attention Composite was computed by standardizing and averaging the DET and IDN tests. As DET and IDN are speeded measures, they were reverse-scored such that negative values reflected poorer performance. The Memory Composite was computed by standardizing and averaging the OCL and OBK test scores. Tests were standardized using the baseline mean and standard deviation of the entire sample. Higher scores on both the Memory and Attention composites indicate better performance.

eTable 1. List of Variables in the Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage¹

Dimension	Variable	Summarised Definition		
Income	Low Income	% people with stated annual household equivalised income between \$1 and \$25,999.		
	High Income	% people with stated annual household equivalised		
		income greater than \$78,000		
Education	No High School Competition	% people aged 15 years and over whose highest level of education is year 11 or lower		
	No Education	% people aged 15 years and over who have no		
	Certificate	% people aged 15 years and over whose highest level		
	At University	% people aged 15 years and over at a university or tertiany institution		
	Diploma	% people aged 15 years and over whose highest level		
		of education is an advanced diploma or diploma		
Employment	Unemployed	% people aged 15 years and over who are unemployed		
Occupation	Labour	% employed people classified as labourers		
	Driver	% employed people classified as machinery operators		
	Service Worker	% employed people classified as low-skill community and personal service workers		
	Sales Worker	% employed people classified as low-skill sales workers		
	Manager	% employed people classified as managers		
	Professionals	% employed people classified as professionals		
Housing	Low Rent	% occupied private dwellings paying less than \$215 per week in rent		
	Overcrowded	% occupied private dwellings requiring one or more extra bedrooms		
	High Rent	% occupied private dwellings paying more than \$470 per week in rent		
	High Bedrooms	% occupied private dwellings with four or more bedrooms		
	High Mortgage	% occupied private dwellings paying more than \$2,800 per month in mortgage repayments		
Other	Unemployed w/ Children	% families with children under 15 years of age and iobless parents		
	One Parent	% families that are one parent families with dependent		
	Under 70 w/Disability	% people aged under 70 who need assistance with core activities		
	No Car	% occupied private dwellings with no cars		
	Separated/Divorced	% people aged 15 and over who are separated or divorced		
	No Internet	% occupied private dwellings with no internet connection		

Further detail of the calculation of variables can be found in the published SEIFA 2016 Technical Paper¹.

Criteria	Original CAIDE Score	Modified CAIDE Score	
	(Points awarded)	(Points awarded)	
Age, years			
<47	0	-	
47-53	3		
>53	4		
Education, years			
≥10	0	-	
7-9	2		
0-6	3		
Sex			
Women	0	-	
Men	1		
Hypertension			
SBP ≤140 mmHg	0	0	
SBP >140 mmHg	2	2	
BMI, kg/m ²			
≤30	0	0	
>30	2	2	
Hypercholesterinemia			
≤6.5 mmol/L	0	0	
>6.5 mmol/L	2	2	
Physical activity			
Active	0	0	
Inactive	1	1	
	Max 15 points	Max 7 points	

eTable 2. CAIDE Dementia Risk Score Used in the Study and Number of Points²

CAIDE: Cardiovascular Risk Factors, Aging and Dementia Study; SBP: systolic blood pressure; BMI: Body Mass Index. Components of Age, Education, Sex were scored using demographic data collected. Hypercholesterinemia was scored according to participant self-reports of high cholesterol diagnosis in the Healthy History questionnaires rather than quantitative blood work (without diagnosis substituted for ≤6.5 mmol/L and scored 0; with diagnosis substituted for >6.5 mmol/L and scored 2). Hypertension and BMI were also scored using data from Health History questionaries. Lifestyle relating to physical activity levels was captured using the International Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ⁴). Physical activity was scored using the IPAQ 'Active' categorical score ("High" or "Moderate" activity levels corresponded to "Active" and scored 0; a "Low" activity level corresponded to "Inactive" and scored 1). The scores from each component were summed to acquire the CAIDE Dementia Risk total score.

	Attention		Memory	
	F(df)	р	F(df)	р
Advantage Group	0.695(1,2171)	.41	8.539(1,2171)	.004
Age	84.169(1,2171)	<.001	0.651(1,2171)	.42
Sex	0.797(1,2171)	.37	1.957(1,2171)	.16
Race	0.557(1,2171)	.46	5.219(1,2171)	.02
Education	5.330(1,2171)	.02	15.638(1,2171)	<.001
Rural/Urban	1.564(1,2171)	.21	1.650(1,2171)	.20
Advantage Group	0.001(1,2171)	.98	6.332(1,2171)	.02
x Age ^a				
	LSM (SE)	Ν	LSM (SE)	Ν
Disadvantage	-0.298 (0.032)	912	-0.131 (0.032)	912
Advantage	-0.299 (0.026)	1268	-0.022 (0.027)	1268
Cohen's d (95 % CI)	0.00 (-0.09, 0.08)		0.11 (0.03, 0.20)	
^a FDR correct p value re	eported for outcome	of interest		

eTable 3. Association Between Neighborhood-Level SES and Cognition With Interaction by Age

Univariate multiple regression. N = 2181. Attention = composite Z scores of the Detection and Identification tests; Memory = composite Z scores of the One Card Learning and One Back tests; CAIDE = Cardiovascular Risk Factors, Aging and Incidence of Dementia - dementia risk score.

eTable 4. Association Between Neighborhood-Level SES and Cognition With Interaction by CAIDE Dementia Risk Scores

	Attention		Memory	
	F(df)	р	F(df)	р
Advantage Group	0.992(1,2173)	.32	10.097(1,2173)	.002
Race	0.267(1,2173)	.61	6.209(1,2173)	.01
CAIDE	47.835(1,2173)	<.001	3.966(1,2173)	.05
Rural/Urban	0.333(1,2173)	.56	1.222 (1,2173)	.27
Advantage Group	0.487(1,2173)	.58	4.022(1,2173)	.08
x CAIDE ^a				
	LSM (SE)	N	LSM (SE)	N
Disadvantage	-0.221 (0.032)	912	-0.142 (0.032)	912
Advantage	-0.191 (0.027)	1268	-0.056 (0.028)	1268
Cohen's d (95 % CI)	0.03 (-0.05, 0.12)		0.09 (0.00, 0.17)	

^aFDR correct p value reported for outcome of interest

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	Attention		Memory	
	F(df)	р	F(df)	р
Advantage Group	0.678(1,2171)	.41	8.816(1,2171)	.003
Age	207.103(1,2171)	<.001	9.432(1,2171)	.002
Sex	0.815(1,2171)	.37	1.946(1,2171)	.16
Race	0.566(1,2171)	.45	4.756(1,2171)	.03
Education	3.327(1,2171)	.07	7.744(1,2171)	.005
Rural/Urban	1.572(1,2171)	.21	1.637(1,2171)	.20
Advantage Group	0.120(1,2171)	.81	0.007(1,2171)	.98
x Education ^a				
	LSM (SE)	Ν	LSM (SE)	Ν
Disadvantage	0.056 (0.031)	912	0.089 (0.032)	912
Advantage	0.042 (0.028)	1268	0.086 (0.029)	1268
Cohen's d (95 % CI)	0.01 (-0.07	7, 0.10)	0.10) 0.00 (-0.08, 0.09)	
aEDP correct p value r	oported for outcome	of interact		

eTable 5. Association Between Neighborhood-Level SES and Cognition With Interaction by Years of Education

^aFDR correct p value reported for outcome of interest

Univariate multiple regression. N = 2181.

Attention = composite Z scores of the Detection and Identification tests; Memory = composite Z scores of the One Card Learning and One Back tests; CAIDE = Cardiovascular Risk Factors, Aging and Incidence of Dementia – dementia risk score.

eTable 6. Association Between Neighborhood-Level SES and Cognition With Interaction by Modified CAIDE Dementia Risk Scores

	Attention		Memory	
	F(df)	р	F(df)	р
Advantage Group	0.42(1,2170)	.52	7.60(1,2170)	.005
Age	194.80(1,2170)	<.001	7.22(1,2170)	.007
Sex	1.15(1,2170)	.28	1.41(1,2170)	.24
Mod CAIDE	5.93(1, 2170)	.02	8.86(1, 2170)	.003
Race	0.36(1,2170)	.55	4.02(1,2170)	.045
Education	4.48(1,2170)	.03	14.31(1,2170)	<.001
Rural/Urban	1.53(1,2170)	.22	1.59(1,2170)	.21
Advantage Group	0.64(1,2170)	.54	1.14(1,2170)	.41
x Mod CAIDE ^a				
	LSM (SE)	N	LSM (SE)	N
Disadvantage	0.001 (0.038)	912	-0.109 (0.040)	912
Advantage	0.031 (0.040)	1268	0.024 (0.041)	1268
Cohen's d (95 % CI)	0.02 (-0.06, 0.11)		0.10 (0.01, 0.018)	

^aFDR correct p value reported for outcome of interest Univariate multiple regression. N = 2181.

Attention = composite Z scores of the Detection and Identification tests; Memory = composite Z scores of the One Card Learning and One Back tests; Mod CAIDE = Modified Cardiovascular Risk Factors, Aging and Incidence of Dementia – dementia risk score computed only using physical activity, hypercholesterolemia, hypertension and BMI.

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