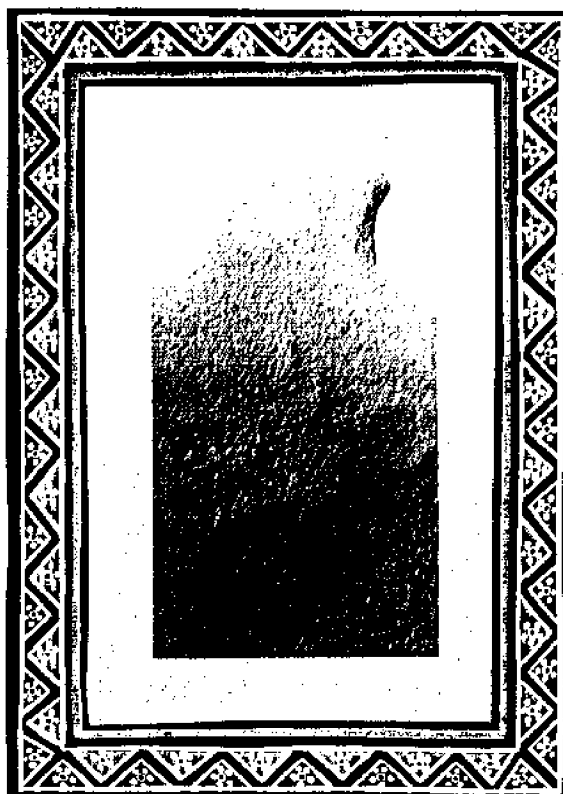


**Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
People at a Glance
NORTHERN TERRITORY**



ESTIMATES OF THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POPULATION, JUNE 1996

States/Territory	Indigenous persons	% of Australian Indigenous population	Total persons	Indigenous population as % of total persons
New South Wales	83 500	26.2	6 165 400	1.4
Victoria	20 400	6.4	4 533 600	0.5
Queensland	83 900	26.3	3 318 800	2.5
South Australia	19 500	6.1	1 484 000	1.3
Western Australia	50 300	15.7	1 748 500	2.9
Tasmania	10 700	3.3	481 400	2.2
Northern Territory	48 700	15.3	177 100	27.5
Australia(a)	319 200	100.0	18 223 400	1.8

Northern Territory

Age group (years)	Indigenous population			Total population (all persons)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
0-4	3 400	3 300	6 700	8 900	8 500	17 400
5-9	3 300	3 100	6 400	8 200	7 800	16 000
10-14	2 900	2 900	5 800	7 600	7 300	14 900
15-19	2 500	2 300	4 800	7 000	6 200	13 100
20-24	2 400	2 300	4 700	8 200	7 600	15 700
25-29	2 400	2 400	4 800	8 300	8 900	17 200
30-34	2 000	2 000	4 000	8 600	8 300	16 900
35-39	1 600	1 600	3 200	7 900	7 600	15 500
40-44	1 200	1 300	2 400	7 200	6 700	13 800
45-49	800	900	1 800	6 700	5 800	12 500
50-54	600	700	1 300	4 900	4 000	8 900
55-59	500	500	1 000	3 400	2 500	5 800
60-64	400	400	800	2 000	1 600	3 500
65-69	200	300	500	1 400	1 200	2 600
70-74	100	200	300	900	700	1 600
75+	100	200	300	700	900	1 700
Total	24 400	24 300	48 700	91 700	85 400	177 100

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

Source: Projections of the Populations of Australia States & Territories 1993 to 2041 (3222.0) series D.

Experimental Projections Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Population June 1991-June 2001 (3231.0) medium series.

Population figures have been rounded to the nearest hundred.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POPULATION, 1994

	Northern Territory		Australia	
Health	%	%		
Self reported conditions(a)				
Asthma	9.1	15.3		
Diabetes	5.1	4.5		
Heart problems	4.0	4.7		
Chest problems	9.0	6.6		
Skin problems	7.4	7.8		
High blood pressure	7.8	7.7		
Ear/hearing problems	8.5	11.0		
Eye problems	3.7	3.0		
Kidney problems	3.5	3.6		
Perceived local health problems(b)	%	%		
Alcohol problems	57.4	58.8		
Diabetes	24.7	22.0		
Diet/nutrition	25.8	19.6		
Drugs	7.1	30.2		
Happy with local health services	87.5	79.3		
Health/risk factors(b)	%	%		
Drank alcohol in last year	44.4	61.7		
Cigarette smokers	47.3	49.7		
Employment and income(c)	%	%		
Participation rate	49.7	58.0		
Unemployment rate	36.6	38.2		
Main source of income				
Non CDEP	16.9	24.1		
CDEP	11.3	8.5		
Government payments	60.4	54.9		
No income	10.4	10.7		
Family and culture			%	%
Speaks Indigenous language(d)			74.1	21.0
Identifies with a clan(b)			92.0	59.8
Recognises homeland/traditional country(b)			93.8	75.2
Taken away from natural family(e)			6.9	10.3
Education and training			%	%
Left school and currently studying(c)			3.5	5.4
Taught about Indigenous culture at school(f)			72.8	52.2
Taught by Indigenous person(f)				
Yes, teacher			45.4	13.7
Yes, education worker			24.5	21.8
Yes, community member			14.4	11.9
No			29.2	55.8
Housing(g)			% of households	
Running water connected to dwelling			91.2	96.1
Satisfied with dwelling			52.3	77.3
Dwelling on sealed road			63.6	81.6
Average persons per private dwelling (no.)			5.8	4.1
Law and justice(b)			%	%
Relations with police better now than 5 years ago			30.6	21.5
In the last year				
Hassled by police			6.7	9.6
Physically attacked			6.6	8.0
Verbally threatened			5.4	8.5

(a) All persons. (b) Persons aged 13 years and over. (c) Persons aged 15 years and over. (d) Persons aged 5 years and over. (e) Persons aged 25 years and over. (f) All school students. (g) Households living in private dwellings.

Source: National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994-Detailed Findings (4190.0).

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

National survey:

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