

**Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
People at a Glance
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**



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

South Australia

Age group (years)	Indigenous population			Total population (all persons)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
0-4	1 300	1 300	2 600	49 500	47 100	96 600
5-9	1 300	1 200	2 500	51 700	48 400	100 100
10-14	1 200	1 200	2 300	52 700	50 100	102 800
15-19	1 000	900	1 900	49 900	47 800	97 700
20-24	900	900	1 900	55 000	52 000	107 000
25-29	900	900	1 900	57 700	55 100	112 800
30-34	800	800	1 600	57 700	56 900	114 600
35-39	700	700	1 400	59 000	59 100	118 100
40-44	500	500	1 000	54 700	54 700	109 400
45-49	300	400	700	53 600	53 100	106 700
50-54	300	300	600	41 800	41 400	83 300
55-59	200	200	400	34 400	34 300	68 700
60-64	100	100	300	29 600	30 400	60 000
65-69	100	100	200	30 200	32 000	62 200
70-74	100	100	100	25 900	30 700	56 600
75+	100	100	200	33 300	54 200	87 500
Total	9 800	9 800	19 500	736 600	747 400	1 484 000

(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

	South Australia		South Australia	
	%	%	%	%
Health			Family and culture	
Self reported conditions(a)			Speaks Indigenous language(d)	23.4
Asthma	16.9	15.3	Identifies with a clan(b)	67.9
Diabetes	7.7	4.5	Recognises homeland/ traditional country(b)	80.4
Heart problems	4.3	4.7	Taken away from natural family(e)	18.6
Chest problems	6.4	6.6		10.3
Skin problems	7.9	7.8		
High blood pressure	5.9	7.7	Education and training	
Ear/hearing problems	13.3	11.0	Left school and currently studying(c)	7.0
Eye problems	3.4	3.0	Taught about Indigenous culture at school(f)	61.0
Kidney problems	4.8	3.6	Taught by Indigenous person(f)	61.0
Perceived local health problems(b)	%	%	Yes, teacher	12.6
Alcohol problems	58.4	58.8	Yes, education worker	36.0
Diabetes	27.9	22.0	Yes, community member	17.3
Diet/nutrition	20.3	19.6	No	51.4
Drugs	41.2	30.2		55.8
Happy with local health services	78.8	79.3	Housing(g)	% of households
Health/risk factors(b)	%	%	Running water connected to dwelling	99.2
Drank alcohol in last year	66.3	61.7	Satisfied with dwelling	82.3
Cigarette smokers	55.7	49.7	Dwelling on sealed road	86.0
			Average persons per private dwelling (no.)	4.0
				4.1
Employment and income(c)	%	%	Law and justice(b)	%
Participation rate	56.1	58.0	Relations with police better now than 5 years ago	24.1
Unemployment rate	44.6	38.2	In the last year	17.5
Main source of income			Hassled by police	7.1
Non-CDEP	21.1	24.1	Physically attacked	11.1
CDEP	6.3	8.5	Verbally threatened	8.5
Government payments	62.0	54.9		
No income	7.4	10.7		

(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:

- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 Detailed Findings (4190.0)
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 State/Territory Statistics (4190.1 - 7)
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 (4196.0.00.001 - 036) ATSI Regional Statistics
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 (4192.0.40.001 - 036) Regional Overviews
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 Australians (4199.0) Employment Outcomes for Indigenous Australians
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 (4187.0) Housing, Characteristics & Conditions
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 (4395.0) Health of Indigenous Australians
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 Australia's Indigenous Youth (4197.0)

Further publications are planned for August and September 1996 including Atlas of Indigenous Australians (4155.0), and National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 - Law and Justice (4189.0) and Torres Strait Islanders in Queensland (4179.3).

Population statistics:

- Experimental Estimates of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Population 1991 (3230.0)
- Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Population (3231.0) June 1991 June 2001.

Catalogues:

- Electronic catalogue of statistics data: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Statistics (1138.0)
- Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia (1101.0).

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FOR DETAILS OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE AND HOW TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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