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PREFACE

The Census of Population and Housing is conducted to measure the number and key characteristics of people in Australia on census night. The Census is a valuable source for a wide range of demographic, social and economic data about the Australian population, for sub-populations within Australia and for small geographic areas.

This report presents a summary of the 1991 Census data relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population. Included is commentary on demography, family structure, housing, education, income and labour force experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Comparisons are made between States and Territories and with the non-indigenous population. Appendix A provides a range of social indicators.

An aim of the publication is to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations in meeting their planning needs and in making decisions towards self determination. The publication will also complement the data to be produced from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey (NATSIS) to be conducted by the ABS in early 1994.

All the tables contained in this publication except where indicated, contain data from the 1991 Census on the basis of where people were counted on Census night.

In this publication the term 'indigenous' refers to all Australian Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders.



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CORRIGENDUM

**AUSTRALIA'S ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POPULATION
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There have been recent revisions to Census data relating to structure of dwelling and in particular to those dwellings classified in the census as being improvised. As a result the following corrections should be made.

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Page 4, table 1.4, fourth column 'Aged 55 years or more' for Alice Springs should read 262 (not 1767).

Page 11, paragraph 1, first sentence should read:

In the Census 2.8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dwellings were classified as improvised.

Page 11, paragraph 2, third and fourth sentences should read:

In the Northern Territory 12% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dwellings were improvised followed by almost 5% in Western Australia and 4% in South Australia. The highest proportion was in rural areas of the Northern Territory (outside Darwin) where almost 15% of dwellings were recorded as being improvised.

Appendix A, Selected Social Indicators

Page 20, third column 'Aged 55 years and over' data should read:

NT	—	indigenous	6.2 (not 12.1)
	—	non-indigenous	12.1 (not 6.2)

Page 20, fifth column 'Improved dwellings' data should read:

QLD	—	indigenous	2.5 (not 1.7)
WA	—	indigenous	4.8 (not 4.4)
NT	—	indigenous	12.1 (not 10.9)
AUST	—	indigenous	2.8 (not 2.5)

Page 21, fifth column 'Improved dwellings' data should read:

QLD	—	Rest of State	3.2 (not 2.2)
WA	—	Rest of State	7.2 (not 6.5)
NT	—	Rest of State	14.9 (not 13.3)
AUST	—	Rest of Aust	4.1 (not 3.5)

Appendix D, Aboriginal Community Profile — Australia

Page 8, Table A17. True table population should read 159705 (not 134921).

Page 9, Table A21 should read:

	Occupied dwellings	Prop %
Separate house	46918	80.6
Improved home, campers out	1626	2.8

Page 9, Table A22 should read:

	Persons	Prop %
Separate house	204528	80.4
Improved home, campers out	11248	4.4

Page 10, Table A24 should read

	Owned	Being purchased	Rented	Other	Total
Separate house	5876	9342	29131	2569	46918
Other	178	73	764	1064	2087

Clarification

All information and references to Aboriginal dwellings in this publication refer to dwellings containing families in which the reference person or their spouse are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Those dwellings containing an indigenous person living alone or group households containing at least one indigenous person are not included.

1 POPULATION GROWTH AND DISTRIBUTION

How many Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders

At the 1991 Census, 265,459 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were counted in Australia representing 1.6% of the total population. The count shows an increase of 37,814 or 16.6% over the 227,645 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people counted in 1986.

Data about the indigenous population have been included in every national census since Federation. However, before the 1971 Census, particulars of full-blood indigenous people were not included in census results in keeping with Section 127 of the Constitution. Following the repeal of this Section, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has attempted to collect data on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population which are as comprehensive as the data gathered from the rest of the Australian population.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were more concentrated in the northern and central parts of Australia and northern New South Wales. However they comprised only a small proportion of the population in all States except the Northern Territory where more than one in five were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

Table 1.1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population: State Distribution

	1991				
	Number	Per cent of Australian indigenous population	Per cent of State's total population	1976 Number	1986 Number
New South Wales	70,019	26.4	1.2	40,450	59,011
Victoria	16,735	6.3	0.4	14,760	12,611
Queensland	70,124	26.4	2.4	41,343	61,268
South Australia	16,232	6.1	1.2	10,714	14,291
Western Australia	41,779	15.7	2.6	26,126	37,789
Tasmania	8,885	3.3	0.2	2,942	6,716
Northern Territory	39,910	15.0	22.7	23,750	34,739
Australian Capital Territory	1,775	0.7	0.6	828	1,220
Australia	265,459	100.0	1.6	160,913	227,645

Regions

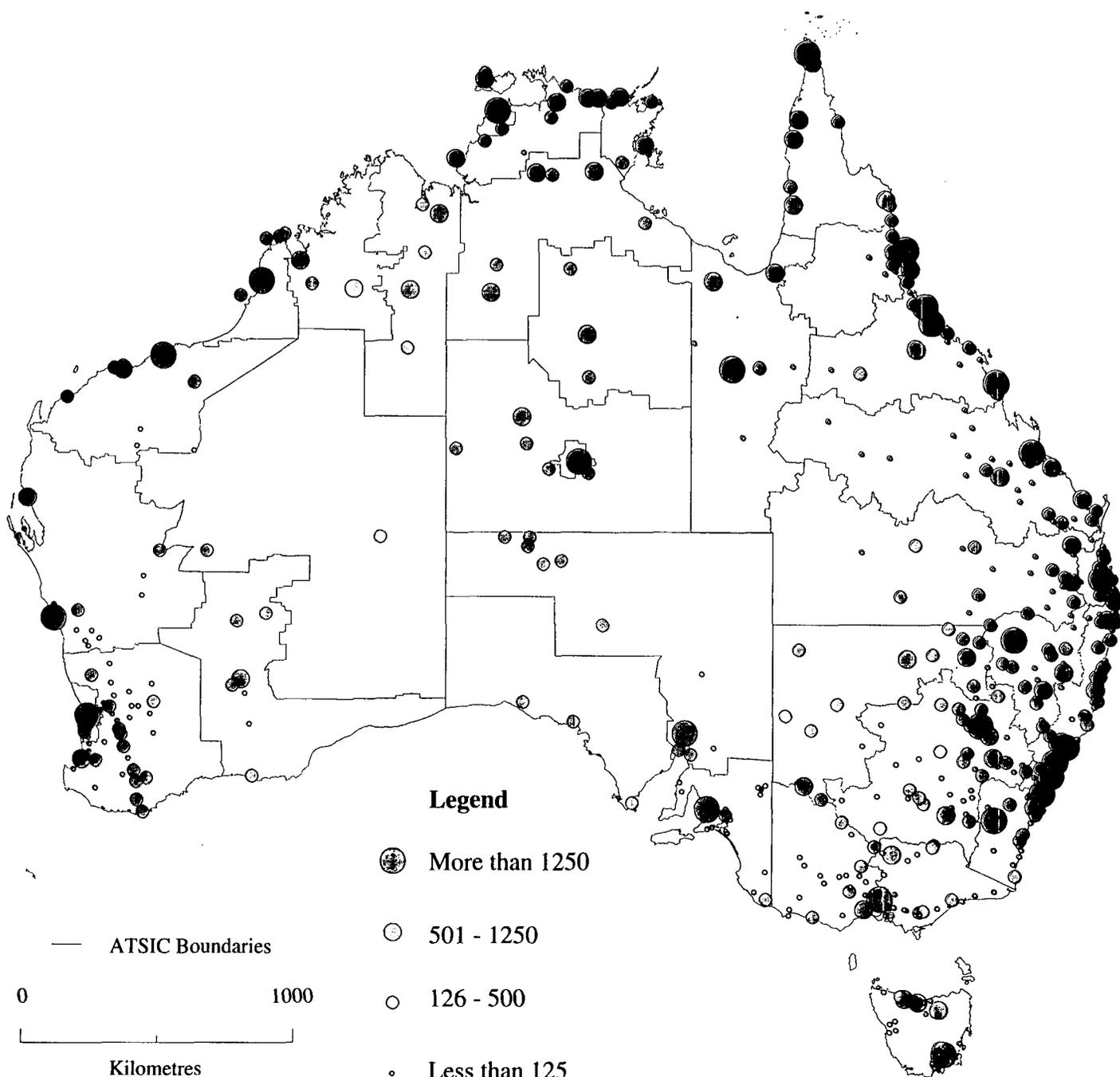
28% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population lived in capital cities and just under 20% in rural and remote areas with 50% in towns and rural localities. Within some States, however there were significant variations in the regional distribution of indigenous people. In Victoria, almost half of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was counted in Melbourne while in Queensland and Western Australia three to four times as many people were counted in areas outside of the capital city.

In Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory, a large proportion of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was counted in localities and communities with a total population of between 200 and 999 people. In the Northern Territory over 26% were counted in such localities.

Table 1.2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population: Proportion in Capital City and Rest of State

	<i>Capital city</i>		<i>Rest of State</i>		<i>Total number</i>
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	
New South Wales	22,599	32.3	47,420	67.7	70,019
Victoria	7,956	47.5	8,779	52.5	16,735
Queensland	13,456	19.2	56,668	80.8	70,124
South Australia	6,948	42.8	9,284	57.2	16,232
Western Australia	11,744	28.1	30,035	71.9	41,779
Tasmania	3,026	34.1	5,859	65.9	8,885
Northern Territory	6,179	15.5	33,731	84.5	39,910
Australian Capital Territory	1,775	100.0	—	—	1,775
Australia	73,683	27.8	191,776	72.2	265,459

Figure 1.1 Distribution of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population: Urban Centres/Localities Within ATSIC Regions



ATSIC Regions

Under the provisions of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989* Australia is divided into 36 regions. Each of these regions has its own elected representative body (called the Regional Council) to make decisions in relation to funding and development priorities within that region. Staff of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) support these councils which are elected on a three yearly basis. The following table shows the population and age distribution within each of the ATSIC regions.

Table 1.4 Population and Age Distribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in ATSIC Regions

<i>ATSIC Regions</i>	<i>Aged 0 to 4 years</i>	<i>Aged 5 to 14 years</i>	<i>Aged 15 to 54 years</i>	<i>Aged 55 years or more</i>	<i>Total</i>
New South Wales					
Queanbeyan	824	1,447	3,205	293	5,769
Bourke	951	1,415	3,223	380	5,969
Coffs Harbour	2,394	3,977	8,554	951	15,876
Sydney	3,288	5,234	13,105	1,278	22,905
Tamworth	1,387	2,227	4,417	468	8,499
Wagga Wagga	2,081	3,313	6,637	745	12,776
Victoria					
Wangaratta	1,160	1,797	4,683	516	8,156
Ballarat	1,411	2,066	4,575	527	8,579
Queensland					
Brisbane	2,477	4,025	8,956	803	16,261
Cairns & district	1,551	2,766	5,979	763	11,059
Mount Isa	881	1,504	3,173	389	5,947
Peninsula	778	1,186	3,298	462	5,724
Rockhampton	1,245	2,132	4,272	434	8,083
Roma	953	1,674	3,234	334	6,195
Thursday Island	862	1,528	2,652	575	5,617
Townsville	1,618	2,896	6,037	687	11,238
South Australia					
Adelaide	1,398	2,290	5,249	522	9,459
Ceduna	219	431	816	74	1,540
Port Augusta	736	1,277	2,811	409	5,233
Western Australia					
Perth	2,015	3,008	6,547	529	12,099
Broome	529	827	1,563	247	3,166
Kununurra	573	996	1,868	276	3,713
Warburton	313	577	1,280	237	2,407
Narrogin	863	1,460	2,825	272	5,420
South Headland	584	985	2,276	349	4,194
Derby	570	837	1,982	439	3,828
Kalgoorlie	389	663	1,349	166	2,567
Geraldton	652	1,514	2,265	314	4,385
Tasmania					
Hobart	1,262	2,423	4,744	456	8,885
Northern Territory					
Alice Springs	514	943	2,281	* 1,767 ²⁶²	4,000
Jabiru	994	1,810	4,005	441	7,250
Katherine	972	1,646	3,176	418	6,212
Apatula	792	1,549	3,278	494	6,113
Nhulunbuy	758	1,604	3,289	285	5,936
Tennant Creek	444	755	1,665	210	3,074
Darwin	1,077	1,817	4,060	371	7,325
Total Australia	39,515	66,239	143,329	16,376	265,459

* amendments according to the Corrigendum Dec. 1993
(see inside front cover)

Age distribution

A young population

Few older people

There were marked differences in the age structure of the indigenous and non-indigenous population. The major differences were in the younger and older ages. Of the total indigenous population almost 40% were children aged less than 15 years and almost 15% were aged less than 5 years. These figures compare with 22% and 7% respectively for the non-indigenous population.

In the older age groups, the difference is even greater. Only 6% of indigenous people were aged over 55 years compared with 20% of the non-indigenous population.

Figure 1.2 Age and Sex Profile

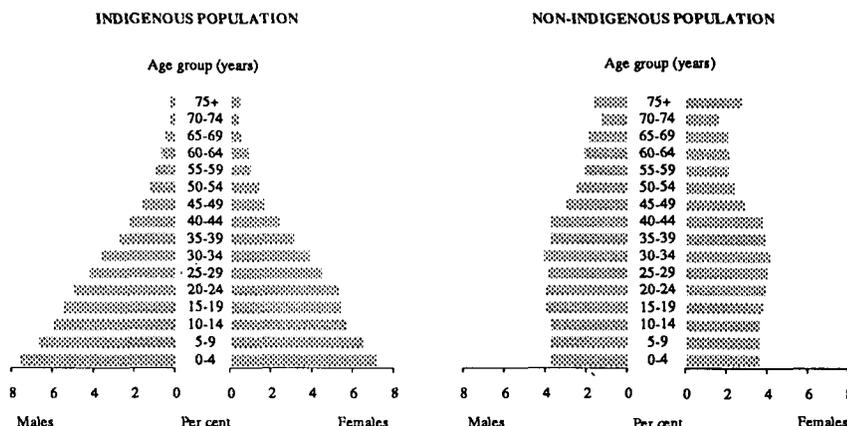


Figure 1.3A Age 0-4 Years

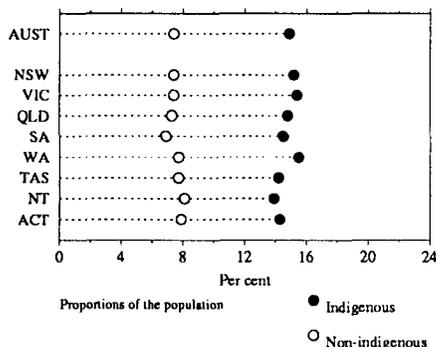
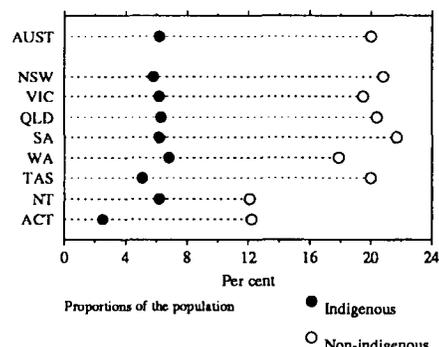


Figure 1.3B Age 55 Years and Over



The age distributions were generally similar in all States and have changed relatively little since 1986.

When comparing the age profile of the urban and rural populations, in those States with a large remote area population (Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory) there was a slightly higher proportion of people aged over 55 years outside the capital cities. (See Appendix A).

Torres Strait Islanders

Of the 265,459 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people counted in the Census, 26,884 were Torres Strait Islanders.

Table 1.7 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People: State Distribution

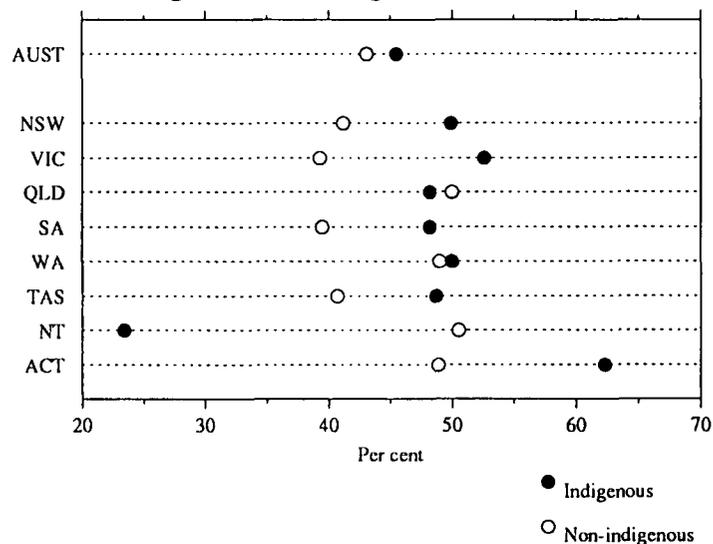
	Aboriginal people		Torres Strait Islanders	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
New South Wales	65,133	27.3	4,886	18.2
Victoria	13,739	5.8	2,996	11.1
Queensland	55,474	23.3	14,650	54.5
South Australia	14,640	6.1	1,592	5.9
Western Australia	41,003	17.2	776	2.9
Tasmania	7,621	3.2	1,264	4.7
Northern Territory	39,285	16.5	625	2.3
Australian Capital Territory	1,680	0.7	95	0.3
Australia	238,575	100.0	26,884	100.0

The demographic characteristics of Torres Strait Islanders were very similar to those of Aboriginal people. Torres Strait Islanders were on average slightly older than the Aboriginal population with 3.6% aged over 65 years compared with 2.3% of Aboriginal people. There was also a slightly smaller proportion aged less than 15 with 38% of Torres Strait Islanders compared with 40% of Aboriginal people in this age range.

Internal migration

Similar proportions of indigenous and non-indigenous people (45% and 43% respectively) reported that their address on Census night were different from those recorded 5 years ago.

Figure 1.4 Persons With a Different Address 5 Years Ago (Persons Aged 5 Years and Over)



The level of mobility was highest in the Australian Capital Territory where 63% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people indicated that they had a different address in 1986 and lowest in the Northern Territory where 22% indicated that they had a different address in 1986. This is consistent with the fact that the highest migration rates occurred in those States where a large proportion of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was counted in the capital city.

The majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who changed address between the 1986 and 1991 Censuses moved within the State.

2 FAMILIES AND HOUSING

Families

The Census Form includes a question about each person's relationship to the first person enumerated on the form. Responses to this question are used to classify the family and household type of the people included.

The Census classifies all people living in private dwellings into families and households. A family is a group of related individuals living together and a household is a group of people who usually reside and eat together. Households are further classified into family and non-family households, the latter defined as group households and people living alone.

Indigenous families and households are those where person 1 (person 1 on the Census form is termed the family or household reference person) or person 2 is an Aborigine or a Torres Strait Islander.

Table 2.1 Household Type of Indigenous and Non-indigenous Persons

Household type	Indigenous		Non-indigenous	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
One family household	204,779	77.1	13,555,235	83.1
Multi-family household	31,473	11.9	242,107	1.5
Total family households	236,252	89.0	13,797,342	84.6
Group household	6,787	2.6	584,073	3.6
Lone person household	7,928	3.0	1,157,886	7.1
Visitors only	2,593	1.0	214,586	1.3
Not classifiable	882	0.3	28,900	0.2
Non-private dwellings	11,017	4.2	532,752	3.3
Total	265,459	100.0	16,315,539	100.0

Multi-family households

Few living alone

Multi-family households are a feature of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population. Almost 12% of the indigenous population were counted in multi-family households compared with less than 1% of the non-indigenous population. In addition, the proportion of indigenous people who were living alone (3%) was less than half the proportion of non-indigenous people (6.8%) who lived alone.

The average size of indigenous households was 4.6 persons compared with 2.6 persons for non-indigenous households (see Table 2.2).

Table 2.2 Average Household Size

	<i>Average number of persons per household(s)</i>	
	<i>Indigenous household(s)</i>	<i>Non-indigenous household(s)</i>
New South Wales	4.0	2.6
Victoria	3.8	2.6
Queensland	4.6	2.7
South Australia	4.5	2.5
Western Australia	5.2	2.6
Tasmania	3.2	2.5
Northern Territory	6.5	2.9
Australian Capital Territory	3.8	2.9
Australia	4.6	2.6

Table 2.3 Family Type

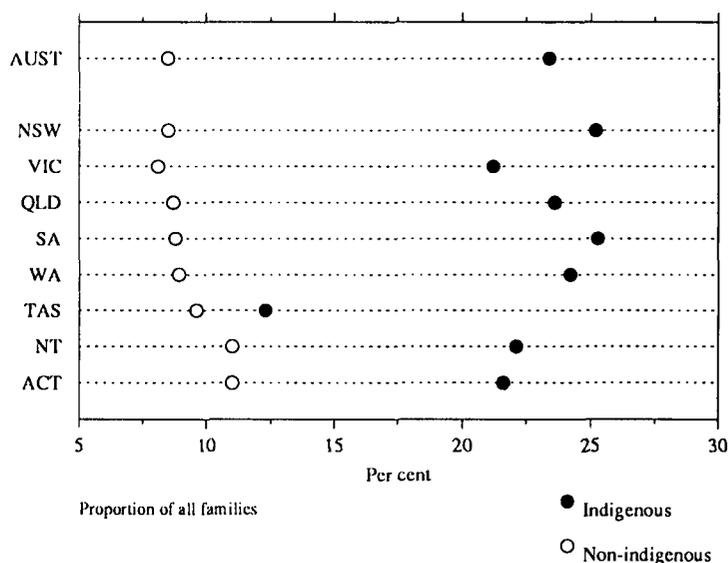
<i>Family Type</i>	<i>Indigenous families</i>		<i>Non-indigenous families</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
<i>One parent family</i>				
with dependent offspring only	9,440	15.2	287,279	6.8
with dependent offspring and related individuals only	2,296	3.7	23,501	0.6
with other offspring only	1,868	3.0	165,347	3.9
with other offspring and other related individuals only	378	0.6	7,275	0.2
with dependent and other offspring only	2,042	3.3	49,276	1.2
with dependent and other offspring and other related individuals	713	1.1	2,997	0.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>16,737</i>	<i>27.0</i>	<i>535,675</i>	<i>12.6</i>
<i>Couple only</i>				
Couple and other related individuals only	9,078	14.6	1,308,817	30.9
	799	1.3	39,804	0.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,877</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>1,348,621</i>	<i>31.8</i>
<i>Two parent family</i>				
with dependent offspring only	22,888	36.9	1,540,563	36.4
with dependent offspring and related individuals only	3,175	5.1	62,470	1.5
with other offspring only	2,600	4.2	388,889	9.2
with other offspring and other related individuals only	294	0.5	15,163	0.4
with dependent and other offspring only	4,096	6.6	254,810	6.0
with dependent and other offspring and other related individuals	1,071	1.7	11,639	0.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>34,124</i>	<i>55.0</i>	<i>2,273,534</i>	<i>53.7</i>
Other related individuals only	1,299	2.1	78,843	1.9
Total families	62,037	100.0	4,236,673	100.0

Families with dependents

In 1991 there were 62,037 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. Over 73% of these families were families with dependents compared with just under 53% of non-indigenous families. While the proportion of two parent families was approximately the same for both indigenous and non-indigenous families there were noticeable differences for other family types. Over one quarter of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families were one parent families compared with less than 9% of non-Aboriginal families. Most (86.6%) of these contained dependent family members. Families consisting of couples only accounted for 15% of indigenous families compared with 31% of non-indigenous families.

The proportion of indigenous one parent families varied between 20% and 25% in all States except Tasmania (12.3%) where the proportion was much closer to that of the non-indigenous population. Within each State, there were no major differences in the distribution of family types between the Capital City and the Rest of the State. However, in those States with a large remote area population (Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory) there was a slightly higher proportion of one parent families in the capital city.

Figure 2.1 One Parent Families With Dependents



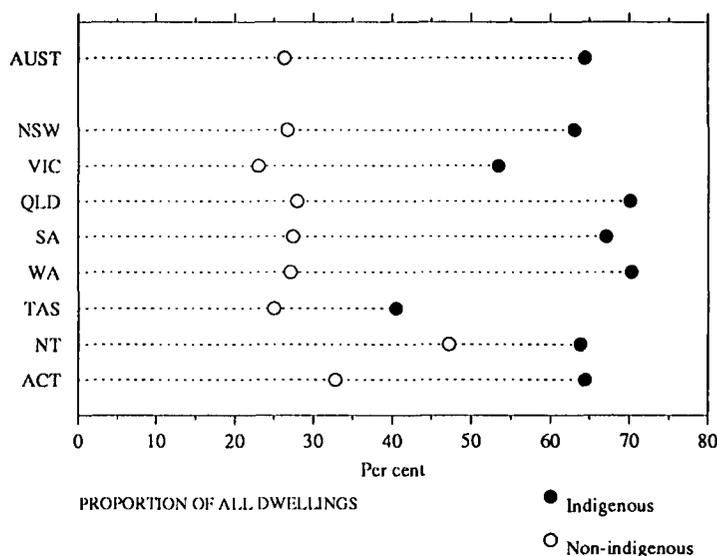
Housing

The 62,037 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the census were counted in 58,194 dwellings. The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dwellings which were rented was 64.0% and ranged from 70% in Queensland and Western Australia to 40% in Tasmania. This compares with just over 25% for the non-indigenous population.

Table 2.5 Dwellings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders: Nature of Occupancy

	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST
Nature of occupancy									
Owned	2,390	637	1,561	345	444	664	379	25	6,445
Being purchased	3,390	1,229	2,112	525	1,104	902	406	125	9,793
Rented: Govt. authority	5,842	1,189	3,630	1,639	3,564	609	1,494	143	18,110
Other	5,265	1,169	6,962	763	2,098	516	2,433	159	19,366
Total rented	11,107	2,358	10,592	2,402	5,662	1,125	3,927	302	37,476
Occupancy not stated	744	193	838	308	844	89	1,447	17	4,480
Total dwellings	17,631	4,417	15,103	3,580	8,054	2,780	6,150	469	58,194

Figure 2.2 Rented Dwellings



Rents

Almost half of the rented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dwellings were rented from government housing authorities with the remainder rented from the private sector, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and community councils.

Of those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households which rent about 25% paid rent of less than \$47 per week. This compared with 14% of other rented households. For those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households renting from a government agency 63% paid rent of less than \$78 per week compared with 50% of those who rented from the private sector.

Table 2.7 Dwellings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders: Weekly Rent and Landlord

Rent per week	Government authority		Private landlord		Total	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
\$0-\$47	3,914	21.6	5,401	27.9	9,315	24.9
\$48-\$77	7,502	41.4	4,157	21.5	11,659	31.1
\$78-\$107	3,544	19.6	3,311	17.1	6,855	18.3
\$108-\$137	1,767	9.8	2,627	13.6	4,394	11.7
\$138-\$197	670	3.7	2,652	13.7	3,322	8.9
Over \$197	139	0.8	560	2.9	699	1.9
Not stated	574	3.2	658	3.4	1,232	3.3
Total	18,110	100.0	19,366	100.0	37,476	100.0

Improvised dwellings

2.8%

In the Census 2.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dwellings were classified as improvised. These included sheds, tents and other structures of temporary accommodation.

A low proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dwellings were classified as being improvised in the southern and eastern States, *i.e.* those with a large urban population (New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia). There was, however a larger proportion of improvised dwellings in other States. In the Northern Territory almost 11% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dwellings were improvised followed by almost 8% in Queensland and 6.5% in Western Australia. The highest proportion was in rural areas of the Northern Territory (outside Darwin) where more than 13% of dwellings were recorded as being improvised.

Non-private dwellings

A higher proportion of indigenous people than non-indigenous people were counted in non-private dwellings (*see* table 2.1). This was due to the higher representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in hospitals and prisons.

Prisons

Aboriginal people in prisons and institutions of detention represented only a small proportion of the Aboriginal population (0.6%), however other census data shows that they represented over 12% (one in eight) of the total prison population.

Table 2.8 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Persons in Non-Private Dwellings

	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
Type of non-private dwelling									
Hotels, motels	291	74	240	74	57	18	107	6	867
Staff quarters	81	42	230	26	136	5	55	—	575
Boarding houses, priv. hotels	123	37	186	24	43	5	72	7	497
Boarding schools	96	32	389	34	233	0	173	—	957
Residential colleges	69	45	193	10	165	18	266	23	789
Public hospitals	362	56	299	123	315	12	261	3	1,431
Private hospitals	13	10	21	7	5	—	—	—	56
Psychiatric hospital or inst.	40	23	57	9	17	3	—	—	149
Hostels for the disabled	51	3	57	21	59	3	8	—	202
Nursing homes	87	19	58	22	84	—	56	—	326
Homes for the aged	40	26	54	24	37	3	30	—	214
Hostels for the homeless, night shelters, refuges	245	84	229	61	94	10	57	3	783
Childcare institutions	38	8	26	—	19	5	—	—	96
Corrective inst. for children	82	16	31	22	70	3	15	3	242
Other welfare institutions	89	4	58	6	29	3	8	3	200
Prisons & Institutions of detention	460	59	333	98	410	9	263	—	1,632
Convents, monasteries, etc	5	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	12
Other and not classifiable	274	96	490	60	229	6	233	10	1,398
Not stated	75	47	113	36	201	6	34	4	516
Total	2,521	684	3,068	657	2,203	109	1,638	62	10,942

3 EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE

Education

There were large differences between indigenous and non-indigenous people with respect to the numbers of years of education.

Over 40% of indigenous people had left school before the age of 16 years compared with 36% of non-indigenous people. Excluding those who did not state the age at which they left school, the proportions are 46% and 36% respectively.

Table 3.1 Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders: Age Left School

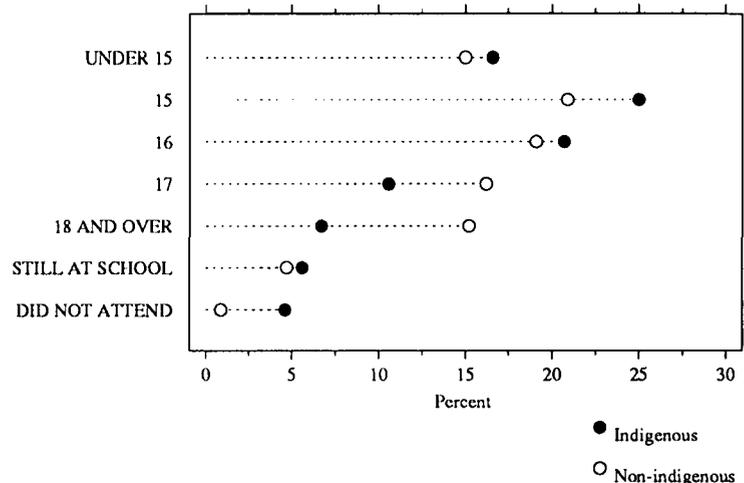
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST
	(Per cent)								
Under 15	13.7	17.0	17.0	18.3	19.5	12.8	18.2	8.4	16.6
15	29.1	22.8	25.2	23.4	26.8	29.6	16.6	18.9	25.0
16	23.2	19.9	20.0	20.6	18.9	30.9	17.6	22.2	20.7
17	9.3	13.2	12.3	11.4	8.3	6.6	11.7	17.6	10.6
18 & over	6.8	8.8	6.6	5.8	3.8	5.3	9.0	15.7	6.7
Still at school	6.0	6.6	6.4	5.1	4.1	6.5	4.7	8.6	5.6
Did not attend	1.5	1.6	2.6	4.6	8.1	0.7	12.1	1.9	4.6
Not stated	10.4	10.1	9.8	10.8	10.5	7.6	10.2	6.8	10.1
Total	100.0								

Leaving school earlier

A much lower proportion of indigenous people (17.3%) than non-indigenous people (34.0%) had left school at age 17 years or older. This proportion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was highest in the Australian Capital Territory (33.3%) and Victoria (32.0%) and lowest in Tasmania (11.9%).

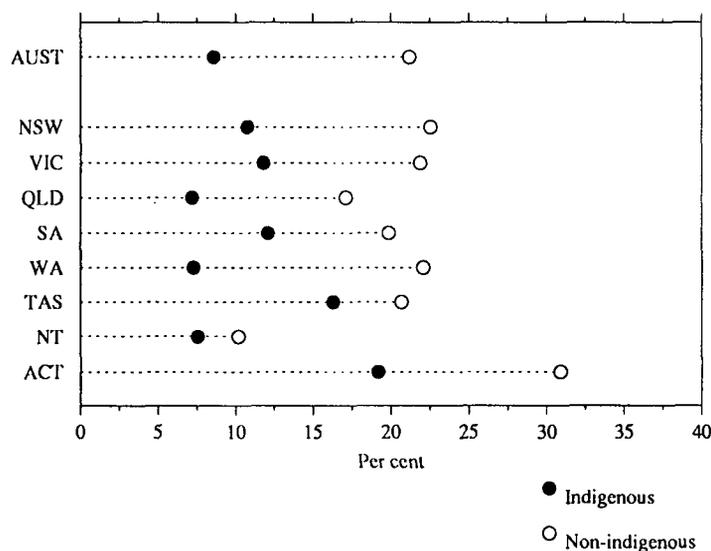
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years or more who stated that they had not attended school numbered over 7,000 or 4.6% of the population. This is almost half the proportion (8%) that indicated at the 1986 Census that they had not attended school.

Figure 3.1 Persons Aged 15 Years and Over: Age Left School



Data on attendance at a post-secondary educational institution (University, TAFE etc) also show large differences. For those aged 15 to 24 years, 8.6% of the indigenous population were attending a tertiary educational institution compared with over 21% of the non-indigenous population.

Figure 3.2 Persons Aged 15 to 24 Years Attending a Tertiary Institution



Qualifications

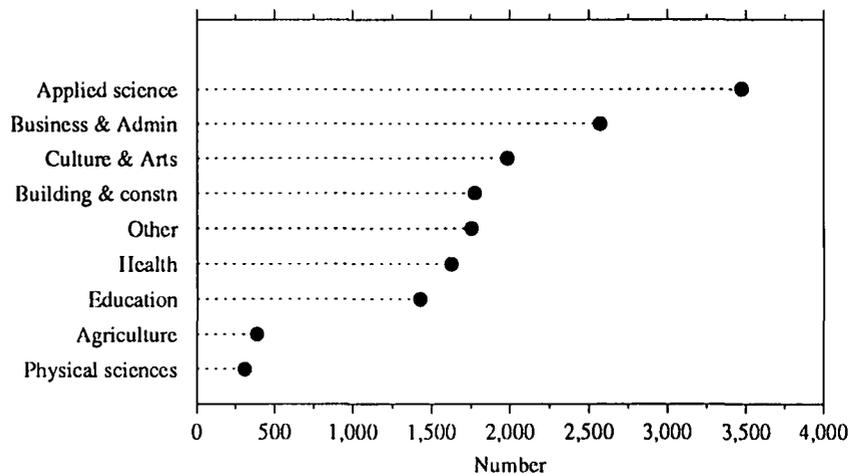
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had a much lower level of educational attainment. Almost 80% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over had no post-secondary school educational qualification. This compares with 61% for the non-indigenous population.

Table 3.4 Persons Aged 15 Years and Over: Level of Qualification

	<i>Indigenous</i>		<i>Non-indigenous</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Degree or higher	1,307	0.8	994,842	7.7
Diploma	2,285	1.4	680,809	5.3
Trade qualifications	5,865	3.7	1,339,425	10.4
Basic qualifications	2,848	1.8	427,733	3.3
Inadequately described	20,097	12.6	1,612,423	12.5
No qualifications	127,303	79.7	7,869,536	60.9
Total	159,705	100.0	12,924,768	100.0

For those indigenous people with a qualification, the proportion of people by field of qualification was broadly similar to that of the non-indigenous population. However, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were under represented in the physical sciences, over-represented in building and construction and slightly over represented in the fields associated with culture and the arts.

Figure 3.3 Aboriginals Aged 15 Years and Over With a Qualification: Field of Qualification



Language

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people spoke a language other than English at home. This was especially so in remote and rural areas. In total, one in five (over 43,000) people indicated that they spoke an indigenous language at home. This proportion was highest in the Northern Territory where 79% of the indigenous population aged 5 years and over indicated that they spoke an indigenous language. This was followed by South Australia and Western Australia with about one quarter of the population speaking an indigenous language at home. In the more urbanised States of New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, however, very few Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (less than 2%) indicated that they spoke an indigenous language at home.

Table 3.6 Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders Aged 5 Years and Over: Indigenous Languages and Proficiency in English

	<i>Persons speaking an indigenous language</i>		<i>Proficiency in English</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Very well</i>	<i>Well</i>	<i>Not well</i>	<i>Not at all</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	
NSW	573	1.0	440	61	33	7	32	573
VIC	158	1.2	129	16	9	—	4	158
QLD	6,004	10.3	2,057	2,534	1,027	197	189	6,004
SA	3,143	23.5	838	835	1,047	363	60	3,143
WA	7,823	23.2	2,910	3,171	1,350	252	140	7,823
TAS	17	0.2	12	2	3	—	—	17
NT	25,753	79.0	4,998	10,531	7,293	2,627	304	25,753
ACT	28	1.9	28	—	—	—	—	28
Australia	43,499	19.9	11,412	17,150	10,762	3,446	729	43,499

Proficiency in English was measured at the Census by asking for those people who spoke a language other than English at home, how well that person spoke English.

A third of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population who indicated that they spoke an indigenous language also indicated that they spoke English 'not well' or 'not at all'. This proportion was highest in South Australia (45%) and the Northern Territory (38%).

4 LABOUR FORCE AND INCOME

Labour Force

There are large differences in the levels of employment and unemployment between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

Unemployment data collected in the Census are not strictly comparable with unemployment measured by the ABS Monthly Labour Force Survey (MLFS). The survey uses personal interviews and a carefully structured questionnaire to determine labour force status. To be unemployed in the MLFS, a person has to meet strict criteria about not working, actively looking for and able to start work. The Census collects information, in most cases, by self enumeration using a series of questions which do not cover these criteria. In the 1991 Census as in previous Censuses, unemployment has been higher than official ABS unemployment measures collected from the survey.

Table 4.1 Labour Force Status (Persons Aged 15 Years and Over)

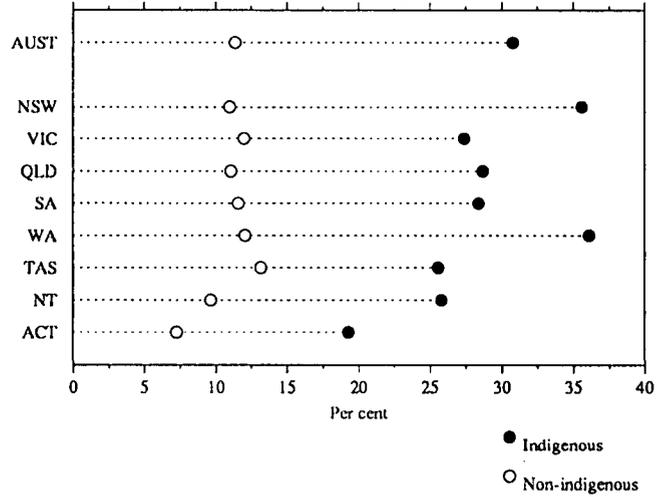
	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>
Employed	56,895	7,050,977
Unemployed	25,279	907,570
Total labour force	82,164	7,958,547
Unemployment rate	30.8	11.4
Not in labour force	71,317	4,664,637
Participation rate	53.5	63.0
Labour force status not stated	6,214	301,476
Total population aged 15 years and over	159,705	12,924,660

Low labour force participation

Over 82,000 indigenous people aged 15 years and over (53.5%) participated in the labour force compared with 63% of non-indigenous people. The participation rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males was 66% and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females 46%, both about 6 percentage points lower than the comparable rates for non-indigenous people. The gap between the participation rates for males and females (about 20%) was similar for both Aboriginal and non-indigenous people.

The participation rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders was highest in the Australian Capital Territory (69%) and lowest in the Northern Territory (41%).

Figure 4.1 Unemployment Rates



High unemployment

Unemployment amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders was almost three times higher than that for non-indigenous people at the time of the Census.

Differences between the States

There were noticeable differences in the unemployment rate between States. The rate ranged from 19% in the Australian Capital Territory to over 36% in Western Australia. Within each State the rate also varied. In all States except New South Wales and Victoria the unemployment rate in the Capital City was higher than the rate in the Rest of the State. In New South Wales country areas the rate was over 41% compared with 25% in Sydney. The differences could possibly be attributed to the impact and implementation of the Community Development Employment Program (CDEP) in the States with a large remote area population (South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory).

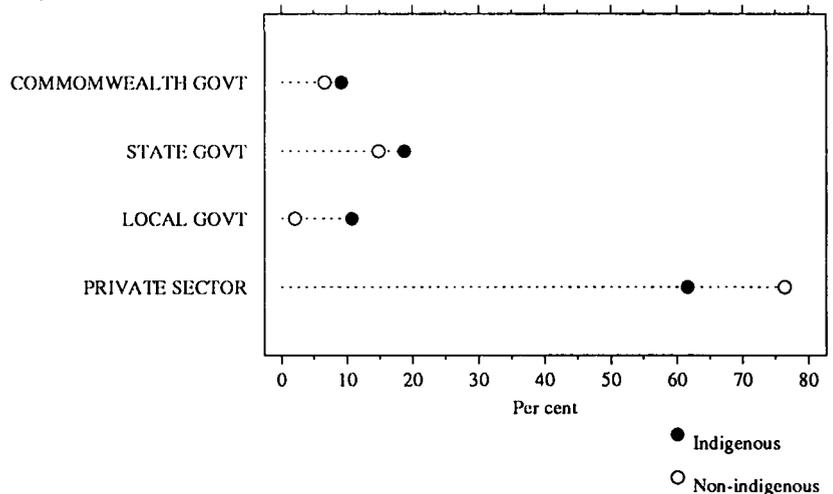
... and between the sexes

Other Census data show that the unemployment rate for Aboriginal males was 32.2% and for females, 28.6%. For the non-Aboriginal population the unemployment rate for females (10.6%) was lower than that for males (12.4%).

Employment

The majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were employed in the private sector. However, proportionally more indigenous people than non-indigenous people were employed in the Government sector.

Figure 4.2 Industry Sector of Employed Persons



The proportion of local government employees that were indigenous was five times greater than for any other level of government. This is due in part to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community councils, including those participating in CDEP, being classified as local government.

The high proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employed by government agencies was reflected in the industry of employment with the majority of employment (almost 50%) being in public administration and community services. For the non-indigenous population 25% of employed people were in these industries.

Table 4.4 Industry of Employed Persons

Industry	Indigenous		Non-indigenous	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	2,721	5.4	317,842	4.8
Mining	907	1.8	85,700	1.3
Manufacturing	4,256	8.4	929,396	14.2
Electricity, gas and water	566	1.1	90,987	1.4
Construction	2,744	5.4	418,430	6.4
Wholesale and retail trade	5,687	11.3	1,331,559	20.3
Transport and storage	2,201	4.4	323,252	4.9
Communication	734	1.5	116,238	1.8
Finance, property and business services	2,157	4.3	786,126	12.0
Public admin and defence	7,166	14.2	395,244	6.0
Community services	17,846	35.4	1,243,415	19.0
Recreation, personal and other (a)	3,406	6.8	518,890	7.9
Not stated	6,504	(b)	495,356	(b)
Total	56,895	100.0	7,052,435	100.0

(a) Includes industry not classifiable or inadequately described. (b) Not stated category excluded from percentages

Unskilled and semi-skilled

Indigenous people were far more likely to be employed in unskilled (labourers and related workers) and semi-skilled occupations (sales and services, plant and machine operators) than non-indigenous people. More than twice as many indigenous people as non-indigenous people were employed in unskilled occupations while only half as many were employed as managers and professionals.

The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people whose occupation was recorded as unskilled was highest in Queensland (33.5%) and lowest in the Australian Capital Territory (7.3%).

Table 4.5 Occupation of Employed Persons

Occupation	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Managers and administrators	2,423	4.7	859,048	12.9
Professionals	3,962	7.7	886,788	13.3
Para-professionals	4,132	8.0	476,111	7.1
Tradespersons	7,077	13.7	951,983	14.3
Clerks	7,303	14.1	1,061,886	15.9
Sales and personal services	5,471	10.6	978,053	14.7
Plant and machine operators	4,857	9.4	496,489	7.5
Labourers and related workers	14,456	27.9	865,279	13.0
Other (a)	1,973	3.8	84,462	1.3
Not stated	5,241	(b)	389,878	(b)
Total	56,895	100.0	7,049,977	100.0

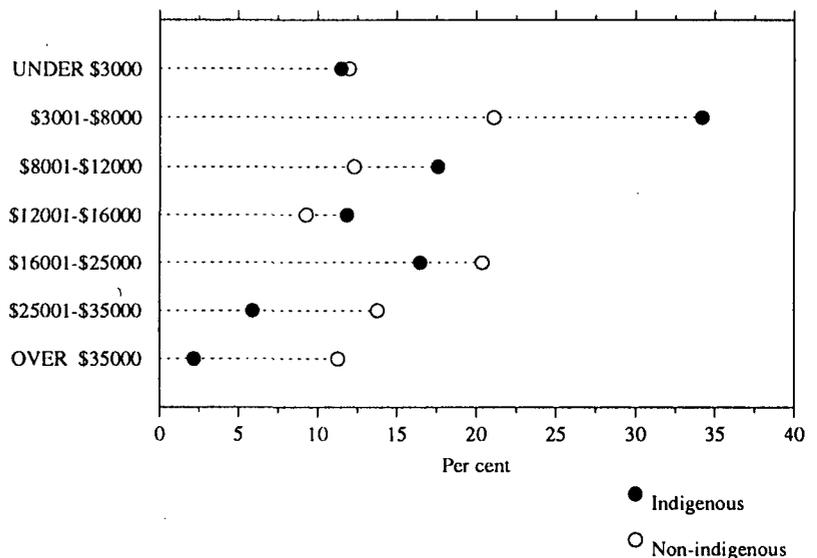
(a) Includes occupations not classifiable or inadequately described. (b) Not stated category excluded from percentages.

Income

The question on income in the Census is asked of all people aged 15 years and over. A large proportion of those aged 15 to 18 years still attending an educational institution and those aged over 60 years who have retired from the labour force will have low incomes. This needs to be considered when assessing the proportions of people who earn above and below given ranges of income. In addition, 12% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population did not state their income.

Low incomes

Almost two thirds (63.5%) of indigenous people aged 15 years and over reported an income of under \$12,000 per year. This compared with 45% of non-indigenous people. At the other end of the income scale very few indigenous people (2.2%) reported an income in excess of \$35,000 per year compared with over 11% of non-indigenous people.

Figure 4.3 Annual Income (Persons Aged 15 Years and Over)

The difference in income between indigenous and non-indigenous people was greatest in the Northern Territory where over three quarters of indigenous people compared with one third of non-indigenous people reported individual income below \$12,000 per year. The gap was closest in Tasmania where about half of all people reported income below this level.

Table 4.7 Income Distribution (Persons Aged 15 Years and Over)

<i>Individual income (per year)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>TAS</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>AUST</i>
Under \$3,000	4,336	1,091	4,490	840	2,531	577	2,375	114	16,354
\$3,001-\$8,000	11,708	2,509	11,638	3,114	8,306	1,260	9,108	193	47,836
\$8,001-\$12,000	6,140	1,313	6,601	1,501	4,102	648	4,303	103	24,711
\$12,001-\$16,000	4,462	1,051	4,941	1,039	2,292	590	2,131	103	16,609
\$16,001-\$25,000	6,873	1,880	6,660	1,417	2,929	1,024	2,081	201	23,065
\$25,001-\$35,000	2,669	828	1,886	489	1,067	400	748	186	8,273
\$35,001 or more	1,006	330	650	173	507	151	209	103	3,129
Not stated	4,980	1,299	5,182	1,308	3,050	550	3,280	79	19,728
Total	42,174	10,301	42,048	9,881	24,784	5,200	24,235	1,082	159,705

The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people earning below \$12,000 per year was also higher in areas outside the Capital City in all States except Tasmania where the proportion was about the same.

Selected Social Indicators

Person	Aged 0-4 years	Aged 0-14 years	Aged 55 years and over	Average household size	Improvised dwellings	One parent families (a)	Indigenous language used at home	Income less than \$12,000 per year
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Persons	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
NSW - Indigenous	15.2	39.8	5.8	4.0	0.2	25.2	1.0	59.6
- Non-Indigenous	7.4	21.8	20.8	2.6	0.1	8.5		44.2
VIC - Indigenous	15.4	38.4	6.2	3.8	0.1	21.2	1.2	54.6
- Non-Indigenous	7.4	22.0	19.5	2.6	0.1	8.1		44.8
QLD - Indigenous	14.8	40.0	6.3	4.6	1.7	23.6	10.3	61.7
- Non-Indigenous	7.3	22.2	20.4	2.7	0.4	8.7		47.0
SA - Indigenous	14.5	39.1	6.2	4.5	4.1	25.3	23.5	63.6
- Non-Indigenous	6.9	21.0	21.7	2.5	0.1	8.8		48.1
WA - Indigenous	15.5	40.7	6.8	5.2	4.4	24.2	23.2	68.7
- Non-Indigenous	7.7	23.1	17.9	2.6	0.2	8.9		45.4
TAS - Indigenous	14.2	41.5	5.1	3.2	0.1	12.3	0.2	53.4
- Non-Indigenous	7.7	23.4	20.0	2.5	0.3	9.6		49.0
NT - Indigenous	13.9	39.3	12.1	6.5	10.9	22.1	79.0	75.3
- Non-Indigenous	8.1	22.6	6.2	2.9	2.2	11.0		32.0
ACT - Indigenous	14.3	39.1	2.5	3.8	0.0	21.6	1.9	40.8
- Non-Indigenous	7.9	24.0	12.2	2.9	0.0	11.0		33.8
AUST - Indigenous	14.9	39.8	6.2	4.6	2.5	23.4	19.9	63.5
- Non-Indigenous	7.4	22.1	20.0	2.6	0.2	8.5		45.2

Selected Social Indicators – continued

Aborigines/Torres Strait Islanders	Age 0-4 years	Age 0-14 years	Age 55 years and over	Average household size	Improvised dwellings	One parent families (a)	Indigenous language used at home	Income less than \$12,000 per year
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Persons	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
NSW – Sydney	15.2	37.0	5.7	3.7	0.0	24.6	1.3	51.7
– Rest of State	14.7	41.1	5.9	4.1	0.3	25.6	0.9	63.8
VIC – Melbourne	14.7	35.1	6.2	3.7	0.0	18.7	1.2	48.7
– Rest of State	15.9	41.5	6.2	3.9	0.1	23.6	1.1	60.6
QLD – Brisbane	15.3	39.9	5.1	3.8	0.0	22.1	2.1	56.5
– Rest of State	14.7	40.1	6.6	4.9	0.2 3.2	24.0	12.3	62.9
SA – Adelaide	14.6	38.3	5.3	4.1	0.0	28.3	7.5	58.5
– Rest of State	14.4	39.8	6.9	4.9	7.9	22.8	35.6	67.7
WA – Perth	16.7	41.3	4.3	4.6	0.5	28.3	2.8	61.2
– Rest of State	15.1	40.4	7.7	5.5	6.5 7.2	22.4	31.2	71.6
TAS – Hobart	15.1	44.3	4.6	3.4	0.0	16.2	0.0	52.7
– Rest of State	13.7	40.0	5.4	3.1	0.2	10.5	0.3	53.8
NT – Darwin	15.0	39.7	5.0	4.7	2.2	29.4	20.4	55.6
– Rest of State	13.7	39.2	6.4	6.9	1.3 14.9	20.6	89.7	78.8
ACT – Total	14.3	39.1	2.5	3.8	0.0	21.6	1.9	40.8
AUST – Capital Cities	15.0	38.7	5.2	3.9	0.2	24.2	3.8	54.4
– Rest of Aust	14.8	40.3	6.5	4.9	3.5 4.1	23.0	26.1	67.2

Selected Social Indicators – continued

Person	Did not go to school	Left school age 15 years and under	Currently attending tertiary inst aged 15–24 years (b)	Post secondary qualifications	Unemployment rate	Labour force participation rate	Occupation: unskilled (c) (d)	Occupation: semi skilled (c) (e)
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
NSW – Indigenous	1.6	47.9	10.8	22.6	35.6	56.9	25.5	39.0
– Non-Indigenous	1.1	35.4	22.6	40.1	11.0	62.4	12.8	38.3
VIC – Indigenous	1.8	44.3	11.8	24.3	27.4	61.1	17.9	39.3
– Non-Indigenous	1.2	30.8	21.9	37.0	12.0	63.7	12.3	37.9
QLD – Indigenous	2.8	46.1	7.2	18.8	27.7	56.0	33.5	30.6
– Non-Indigenous	0.5	42.7	17.1	35.5	11.1	61.9	14.4	38.7
SA – Indigenous	5.8	46.8	12.1	21.3	28.4	55.5	24.2	32.3
– Non-Indigenous	0.8	37.4	19.9	35.2	11.6	62.7	13.9	37.8
WA – Indigenous	9.1	51.7	7.3	17.7	36.1	48.8	29.1	31.9
– Non-Indigenous	0.7	41.4	22.1	38.6	12.1	64.3	13.2	37.5
TAS – Indigenous	0.7	45.7	16.3	22.1	25.6	63.3	22.5	40.6
– Non-Indigenous	0.4	38.0	20.7	34.7	13.2	60.4	13.8	38.1
NT – Indigenous	13.4	38.8	7.6	18.8	25.8	40.9	31.0	28.9
– Non-Indigenous	0.6	31.2	10.2	44.0	9.7	74.0	11.7	35.6
ACT – Indigenous	1.8	31.0	19.2	26.5	19.3	69.4	7.3	45.0
– Non-Indigenous	1.5	20.4	30.9	46.3	7.3	72.4	7.4	37.3
AUST – Indigenous	5.1	46.3	8.6	20.3	30.8	53.5	28.0	34.1
– Non-Indigenous	0.9	35.9	21.2	37.9	11.4	63.0	13.0	38.0

Selected Social Indicators – continued

Aborigines/Torres Strait Islanders	Did not go to school		Left school age 15 years and under		Currently attending tertiary inst aged 15-24 years (b)		Post secondary qualifications		Unemployment rate		Labour force participation rate		Occupation unskilled (c) (d)		Occupations semi-skilled (c) (e)	
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
NSW – Sydney	1.3	47.2	n.a.	25.6	25.4	61.8	30.0	35.5								
– Rest of State	1.8	48.3		21.0	41.5	54.5	25.5	39.0								
VIC – Melbourne	1.7	40.9		26.7	21.7	64.7	19.1	36.0								
– Rest of State	1.9	47.9		21.9	34.0	57.4	17.9	39.3								
QLD – Brisbane	1.6	50.1		22.4	32.6	58.3	36.1	28.2								
– Rest of State	3.1	46.1		18.0	26.5	55.4	33.5	30.6								
SA – Adelaide	1.5	43.5		23.4	31.9	54.3	29.9	26.9								
– Rest of State	7.8	49.4		19.7	25.9	56.3	24.2	32.3								
WA – Perth	1.9	54.8		21.2	42.0	51.4	33.3	29.1								
– Rest of State	11.8	50.5		16.3	33.7	47.9	29.1	31.9								
TAS – Hobart	0.4	44.8		23.2	26.9	63.5	23.7	40.1								
– Rest of State	1.9	46.2		21.5	24.9	63.3	22.5	40.6								
NT – Darwin	3.2	34.5		23.5	34.0	50.1	33.9	25.4								
– Rest of State	15.3	39.5		17.9	23.8	39.2	31.0	28.9								
ACT - Total	1.8	31.0		26.5	19.3	69.4	7.3	45.0								
Aust Capital cities	1.6	46.3		24.0	29.4	58.5	18.7	42.3								
Rest of Aust	6.4	46.4		18.8	31.3	51.6	32.4	30.3								

(a) Families with dependents. (b) Proportion aged 15-24 attending a tertiary institution only available for total State/Territory. (c) Proportion of employed persons. (d) Unskilled is classification 'labourers and related workers. (e) Semi skilled is classification 'clerks, machinery and plant operators etc.'. Category 'not stated' has been excluded in the calculation of the rates in the above tables

Data quality

When collecting information in the Census there are a number of potential sources of error that may affect the quality of the resulting data. Errors in the Census may result from incorrect enumeration, incomplete responses, respondent mistakes or errors in processing. The counts will also be affected by adjustments to the data to protect confidentiality.

For the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population a number of special procedures are implemented to maximise coverage and to minimise respondent error. These procedures include the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as community coordinators, liaison officers and as Census collectors and interviewers. A range of appropriate publicity material is also produced and used to assist in explaining the purpose of the Census.

In remote areas, a separate and different Census form is used to collect relevant data. This form is designed to address the more traditional lifestyles, sensitivity to some questions, and language difficulties in some communities.

The overriding influences on data quality are the ability of the ABS to communicate with and to gain the cooperation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, as well as the willingness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to identify themselves as such.

When processing and classifying Census data, a category of 'not stated' is included to cover non-response. In this publication, unless specifically stated or included in a table, the 'not stated' category and non-responses have been excluded from the calculation of percentages.

Data sources

Four main sources of Census output were used in the compilation of the statistics in this publication. These were the Aboriginal Community Profile and Basic Community Profile for each State and Territory (catalogue nos 2722.0 to 2722.9), the set of 10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander national standard matrixes (CAD5001 to CAD5010) and matrixes specifically produced from the 1991 Census final unit record file (FURF) Aboriginal sub-file.

The Aboriginal Community Profile is a set of 11 pages of information (29 tables) available for each community and Statistical Local Area in Australia with 80 or more Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people while the Basic Community Profile contains 22 pages of information for the total population. The standard Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander matrixes provide cross classified data, for example labour force status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by age and age left school. These matrixes are available for each State and Territory and Australia. The Aboriginal sub-file is used to produce customised and special output and is only available within the ABS.

Confidentiality

All personal information collected in the Census is confidential. In statistical tables, to protect the confidentiality of information about individual persons or families, automatic adjustments are made to some tables. For this reason the sum of the components of a table will not always equal the total of the table nor will the totals of similar tables be the same. The automatic adjustments have a greater impact

on cells with a small value and as a consequence extreme care should be used when examining cells with a value of 5 or less.

References and related publications

1991 Census

For definitions of terms and concepts used in the Census and in this publication refer to:

1991 Census: Dictionary (2901.0)

Other references are:

How Australia Takes a Census (2903.0)

1991 Census: Directory of Classifications (2904.0)

Aborigines in South Australia (2841.4)

Western Australia's Aboriginal People (4107.5)

1986 Census

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Census 86 - Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders: Australia, States and Territories (2499.0)

Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People (2503.0)

Census 86 --Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in Queensland (2510.3)

Census 86 - Data Quality: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Counts (2602.0)

Aboriginal People in the Northern Territory (4107.7)

Unpublished data for other States or on other topics relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population may be available. Contact the ABS National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics Unit in Darwin or your local ABS office for details.

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NATIONAL
STANDARD MATRIXES (2715.0)**

CAD5001

Total population (Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, other, total).
Age (0–4, 5–24/single years, 25–64/10 year groups, 65 and over, total).
Marital status.
Sex (Male, female, total).

CAD5002

Employed Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders.
Occupation (313 categories).
Industry sector (Commonwealth, State, Local Govt, private, NS, total).
Employment (Part time, full time, NS, total).
Sex (Male, female, total).

CAD5003

Employed Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders.
Occupation (major groups).
Industry (divisions).
Income(\$) (0–5000, 5001–16000, 16001–25000, 25000+, NS, total).
Sex (Male, female, total).

CAD5004

Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders aged 15 years and over
Age (15–64/10 year groups, 65 and over, total).
Labour force status (Full classification).
Income(\$) (0–5000, 5001–8000, 8001–16000, 16001–25000, 25000+, NS, total).
Sex (Male, female, total).

CAD5005

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander families with dependent children.
Family type (Parent and children, couple and children, parent children and adults, couple children and adults).
Number of dependent children (1–7/singly, 8 or more, total).
Family income(\$) (0–8000, 8001–16000, 16001–25000, 25001–40000, 40000+, partial income stated, NS, total).
Household type (One family, 2 families, 3 families, other, total).

CAD5006

Rented Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander dwellings.
Weekly rent(\$) (0–77, 78–107, 108–137, 138–197, 197+, NS, total).
Weekly household income(\$) (0–96, 97–154, 155–308, 309–481, 482–577, 577+, partial income stated, NS, total).
Household type (One family, 2 families, 3 families, other, total).
Landlord (Housing Commission, other government, other, NS, total).
Dwelling structure (Separate house, terrace/townhouse, flat or apartment, other, NS, total).

CAD5007

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander dwellings.

Nature of occupancy (Owned, being purchased, rented, other, total).

Family type (Parent and children, couple, couple and children, related adults, parent children and adults, couple and adults, couple children and adults, total).

Household income(\$) (0-5000, 5001-16000, 16001-25000, 25001-30000, 30000+, partial income stated, no income stated, total).

Household type (One family, 2 families, 3 families, total).

CAD5008

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders attending an educational institution.

Age (0-4, 5-9, 10-24/single years, 25 and over, total).

Attendance (Full time student, part time student, NS, total).

Labour force status (Employed, unemployed, not in LF, NS, total).

Sex (Male, female, total).

CAD5009

Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders aged 15 years and over.

Age (15-24/single years, 25-34, 35-44, 45 and over, total).

Age left school (Under 15 years, 16, 17, 18, 19+, still at school, did not attend, NS, total).

Labour force status (Employed, unemployed, not in LF, NS, total).

Sex (Male, female, total).

CAD5010

Total Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders.

Age (15-49/5 year groups, 50 and over, total).

Language spoken (Speaks English only, speaks other language and English well, speaks other language and English not well, speaks other language and English not at all, other language and English proficiency not stated).

Labour force status (Employed, unemployed, not in LF, NS, total).

Sex (Male, female, total).

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A01 SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

	Males	Females	Persons
Aboriginal persons	118081	120494	238575
Torres Strait Islanders	13361	13522	26883
Total	131442	134016	265458
Aged 15 years or more	77327	82385	159712
Speaks English only and aged 5 years or more	86677	90591	177268
Speaks language other than English(a)	21202	21514	42716
Aged 18 years or more	68640	73997	142637
Unemployed(b)	15982	9306	25288
Employed(b)	33629	23268	56897
In the labour force(b)	49611	32574	82185
Not in the labour force(b)	25103	46224	71327
Enumerated in private dwellings:			
In caravans etc in caravan parks(c)	1410	1344	2754
In other private dwellings	123195	128488	251683
Total	124605	129832	254437
Enumerated in non-private dwellings	6780	4160	10940
Enumerated in a migratory or offshore collection district	53	21	74

A02 AGE BY SEX
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

	Males	Females	Persons	Prop%
0	4154	3835	7989	3.0
1	4033	3963	7996	3.0
2	4219	4049	8268	3.1
3	3983	3726	7709	2.9
4	3887	3664	7551	2.8
5	3720	3648	7368	2.8
6	3755	3620	7375	2.8
7	3551	3446	6997	2.6
8	3543	3446	6989	2.6
9	3343	3079	6422	2.4
10	3434	3196	6630	2.5
11	3163	2943	6106	2.3
12	3127	3026	6153	2.3
13	3079	3035	6114	2.3
14	3130	2951	6081	2.3
15	2866	2680	5546	2.1
16	2903	2838	5741	2.2
17	2918	2870	5788	2.2
18	3049	2933	5982	2.3
19	2948	2928	5876	2.2
20-24	13209	14178	27387	10.3
25-29	11081	12008	23089	8.7
30-34	9445	10227	19672	7.4
35-39	7512	8258	15770	5.9
40-44	6020	6503	12523	4.7
45-49	4442	4527	8969	3.4
50-54	3377	3613	6990	2.6
55-59	2602	2765	5367	2.0
60-64	1894	2295	4189	1.6
65 years or more	3061	3762	6823	2.6
Total	131448	134012	265460	100.0
True table population			265459	

(a) Includes 'other language indicated but not stated' and 'inadequately described'.
 (b) Applicable to persons aged 15 years or more.
 (c) Includes occupied boats in marinas.

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A03 STATE AND STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE ON CENSUS NIGHT BY SEX
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

	Males	Females	Persons	Prop %
Counted at home	121576	125716	247292	93.1
Visitors from -				
Same statistical local area	3354	2789	6143	2.3
Different statistical local area in:				
New South Wales	1425	1221	2646	1.0
Victoria	379	308	687	0.3
Queensland	1763	1471	3234	1.2
South Australia	456	370	826	0.3
Western Australia	1322	1093	2415	0.9
Tasmania	151	127	278	0.1
Northern Territory	919	843	1762	0.7
Aust Capital Territory	52	46	98	0.0
Total	6467	5479	11946	4.5
Overseas	54	43	97	0.0
Total	9875	8311	18186	6.9
Total	131451	134027	265478	100.0
True table population				265459

A04 STATE AND STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE 5 YEARS AGO BY SEX
Aboriginal/TSI persons aged 5 years or more counted at home(a) on census night

	Males	Females	Persons	Prop %
Same address 5 years ago	54081	55926	110007	52.4
Different address 5 years ago:				
Same statistical local area	15310	16877	32187	15.3
Different statistical local area in:				
New South Wales	7107	7884	14991	7.1
Victoria	2134	2304	4438	2.1
Queensland	7705	8338	16043	7.6
South Australia	1761	1943	3704	1.8
Western Australia	4120	4593	8713	4.1
Tasmania	949	1011	1960	0.9
Northern Territory	2279	2440	4719	2.2
Aust Capital Territory	275	290	565	0.3
Total	26330	28803	55133	26.2
Overseas	161	177	338	0.2
Not stated(b)	793	698	1491	0.7
Total	42594	46555	89149	42.4
Not stated(c)	5809	5139	10948	5.2
Total	102484	107620	210104	100.0
True table population				210089

A05 TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ATTENDING (FULL-TIME/PART-TIME) BY SEX
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

	Males	Females	Persons	Prop %
Pre School	4116	3960	8076	3.0
Infant/Primary	20663	19876	40539	15.3
Secondary	9833	9891	19724	7.4
TAFE college:				
Full-time	1229	1646	2875	1.1
Part-time	1269	1226	2495	0.9
Not stated	57	54	111	0.0
Total	2555	2926	5481	2.1
CAE/University:				
Full-time	876	1304	2180	0.8
Part-time	367	739	1106	0.4
Not stated	12	12	24	0.0
Total	1255	2055	3310	1.2
Other	818	767	1585	0.6
Not attending	78913	81965	160878	60.6
Not stated	13288	12566	25854	9.7
Total	131441	134006	265447	100.0
True table population				265459

A06 AGE LEFT SCHOOL BY SEX
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years or more

	Males	Females	Persons	Prop %
Under 15 years of age	14004	12526	26530	16.6
15 years	19382	20595	39977	25.0
16 years	15179	17887	33066	20.7
17 years	7576	9391	16967	10.6
18 years	3283	3528	6811	4.3
19 years or more	1880	2007	3887	2.4
Still at school	4486	4519	9005	5.6
Did not go to school	3591	3680	7271	4.6
Not stated	7942	8241	16183	10.1
Total	77323	82374	159697	100.0
True table population				159705

(a) Excludes visitors, and usual residents who were absent on census night.
(b) Comprises persons who stated that they lived at a different address five years ago but did not state that address.
(c) Comprises persons who did not state whether they lived at a different address five years ago.

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A07 QUALIFICATION (HIGHEST) LEVEL BY SEX

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years or more

	Males	Females	Persons	Prop %
Higher degree	69	40	109	0.1
Post graduate diploma	88	165	253	0.2
Bachelor degree	407	555	962	0.6
Undergraduate diploma	388	1156	1544	1.0
Associate diploma	308	441	749	0.5
Skilled vocational	5149	716	5865	3.7
Basic vocational	995	1856	2851	1.8
Inadequately described	400	376	776	0.5
Not qualified	60324	66979	127303	79.7
Not stated	9204	10122	19326	12.1
Total	77332	82406	159738	100.0
True table population			159705	

A08 QUALIFICATION (HIGHEST) FIELD BY SEX

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years or more

	Males	Females	Persons	Prop %
Business & administration	452	2123	2575	1.6
Health	186	1439	1625	1.0
Education	400	1027	1427	0.9
Society and culture	737	1249	1986	1.2
Natural and physical sciences	173	139	312	0.2
Engineering	3327	148	3475	2.2
Architecture & building	1731	45	1776	1.1
Agriculture & related fields	330	61	391	0.2
Miscellaneous fields	1157	598	1755	1.1
Inadequately described	372	249	621	0.4
Not qualified	60324	66979	127303	79.7
Not stated	8137	8329	16466	10.3
Total	77336	82386	159712	100.0
True table population			159705	

A09 AGE BY MARITAL STATUS BY SEX
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years or more

	Never married		Married		Separated not divorced		Divorced		Widowed		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
15-24 years	24681	23345	2780	4323	200	434	110	149	112	164	27883	28415
25-34 years	11161	10182	7816	9285	813	1491	620	969	123	308	20533	22235
35-44 years	4131	3411	7235	7611	928	1458	1045	1573	195	704	13534	14757
45-54 years	1700	1055	4512	4342	608	764	693	857	300	1117	7813	8135
55-64 years	849	483	2502	2267	333	378	347	358	459	1572	4490	5058
65 years or more	495	388	1548	1095	173	151	133	131	717	2002	3066	3767
Total	43017	38864	26393	28923	3055	4676	2948	4037	1906	5867	77319	82367
True table population												159705

A10 RELIGION BY SEX
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

	Males	Females	Persons	Prop %
Christian:				
Anglican	34053	35213	69266	26.1
Baptist	4391	4995	9386	3.5
Catholic	30033	31608	61641	23.2
Churches of Christ(a)	1373	1646	3019	1.1
Jehovah's Witness	825	1118	1943	0.7
Lutheran	4477	4746	9223	3.5
Orthodox	169	131	300	0.1
Pentecostal	3123	3615	6738	2.5
Presbyterian(b)	2679	2713	5392	2.0
Salvation Army	906	1083	1989	0.7
Uniting Church	8256	8815	17071	6.4
Other	4694	5187	9881	3.7
Total	94979	100870	195849	73.8
Non-Christian	2845	2456	5301	2.0
Inadequately described	658	542	1200	0.5
No religion(c)	17702	15685	33387	12.6
Not stated	15262	14455	29717	11.2
Total	131446	134008	265454	100.0
True table population				265459

(a) Comprises 'Churches of Christ' and 'Churches of Christ Non-denominational'.
 (b) Comprises 'Presbyterian so described' and 'Reformed'.
 (c) Includes 'Humanist/Materialist'.

A11 AGE BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS (PART-TIME/FULL-TIME) BY SEX
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years or more

	Part-time	Employed Full-time(a)	Not stated(b)	Total employed	Unemployed looking for:		Total un-employed	Total labour force	Not in labour force	Not stated(c)	Total
					Full-time work	Part-time work					
MALES											
15-19 years	1451	2004	366	3821	2619	488	3107	6928	7307	443	14678
20-24 years	1777	3659	424	5860	3486	465	3951	9811	2987	406	13204
25-34 years	2703	7292	763	10758	4407	624	5031	15789	4052	686	20527
35-44 years	1767	5376	535	7678	2039	350	2389	10067	3018	449	13534
45-54 years	866	2709	269	3844	851	180	1031	4875	2627	337	7839
55-64 years	367	960	120	1447	328	91	419	1866	2340	287	4493
65 years or more	81	102	38	221	31	23	54	275	2772	0	3047
Total	9012	22102	2515	33629	13761	2221	15982	49611	25103	2608	77322
FEMALES											
15-19 years	1317	1198	279	2794	1898	571	2469	5263	8555	429	14247
20-24 years	1605	2367	330	4302	1635	674	2309	6611	7049	524	14184
25-34 years	3200	3548	555	7303	1669	806	2475	9778	11364	1095	22237
35-44 years	2318	2856	482	5656	913	401	1314	6970	7015	778	14763
45-54 years	991	1276	213	2480	351	176	527	3007	4601	542	8150
55-64 years	275	275	72	622	65	85	150	772	4052	237	5061
65 years or more	45	26	40	111	35	27	62	173	3588	0	3761
Total	9751	11546	1971	23268	6566	2740	9306	32574	46224	3605	82403
PERSONS											
15-19 years	2768	3202	645	6615	4517	1059	5576	12191	15862	872	28925
20-24 years	3382	6026	754	10162	5121	1139	6260	16422	10036	930	27388
25-34 years	5903	10840	1318	18061	6076	1430	7506	25367	15416	1781	42764
35-44 years	4085	8232	1017	13334	2952	751	3703	17037	10033	1227	28297
45-54 years	1857	3985	482	6324	1202	356	1558	7882	7228	879	15989
55-64 years	642	1235	192	2069	393	176	569	2638	6392	524	9554
65 years or more	126	128	78	332	66	50	116	448	6360	0	6808
Total	18763	33648	4486	56897	20327	4961	25288	82185	71327	6213	159725
True table population											159705

A12 STATUS OF WORKER BY SEX
Employed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

	Males		Females		Persons	Prop%
	Males	Females	Males	Females		
Wage or salary earner	31374	21904	53278	93.7		
Self employed	1424	752	2176	3.8		
Employer	711	394	1105	1.9		
Unpaid helper	114	202	316	0.6		
Total	33623	23252	56875	100.0		
True table population					56895	

(a) Full-time is defined as having worked 35 hours or more in the main job held last week.
 (b) Comprises employed persons who did not state their hours worked.
 (c) Comprises persons who did not state their labour force status.

A14 OCCUPATION BY AGE BY SEX
Employed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years or more	Total	Prop%
	MALES								
Managers & administrators	85	141	477	534	295	88	18	1638	2.9
Professionals	50	236	612	523	227	71	15	1734	3.0
Para-professionals	177	356	860	636	269	83	14	2395	4.2
Tradespersons	950	1304	1902	1139	491	203	27	6016	10.6
Clerks	120	369	590	366	148	52	9	1654	2.9
Sales & personal service workers	200	276	443	257	130	40	3	1349	2.4
Plant & machine operators & drivers	147	518	1521	1281	694	212	25	4398	7.7
Labourers & related workers	1475	1912	3079	2041	1123	466	62	10158	17.8
Inadequately described	167	246	403	310	152	80	15	1373	2.4
Not stated	447	510	867	595	308	133	51	2911	5.1
Total	3818	5868	10754	7682	3837	1428	239	33626	59.1
	FEMALES								
Managers & administrators	19	81	251	259	144	38	3	795	1.4
Professionals	79	337	851	651	264	52	6	2240	3.9
Para-professionals	75	265	606	532	213	53	12	1756	3.1
Tradespersons	188	200	257	234	141	52	12	1084	1.9
Clerks	644	1396	2048	1153	360	53	15	5669	10.0
Sales & personal service workers	840	863	1168	856	299	76	6	4108	7.2
Plant & machine operators & drivers	38	80	149	126	59	6	6	464	0.8
Labourers & related workers	474	598	1154	1194	695	165	6	4286	7.5
Inadequately described	105	118	159	141	51	6	0	580	1.0
Not stated	338	379	666	528	248	89	56	2304	4.0
Total	2800	4317	7309	5674	2474	590	122	23286	40.9
	PERSONS								
Managers & administrators	104	222	728	793	439	126	21	2433	4.3
Professionals	129	573	1463	1174	491	123	21	3974	7.0
Para-professionals	252	621	1466	1168	482	136	26	4151	7.3
Tradespersons	1138	1504	2159	1373	632	255	39	7100	12.5
Clerks	764	1765	2638	1519	508	105	24	7323	12.9
Sales & personal service workers	1040	1139	1611	1113	429	116	9	5457	9.6
Plant & machine operators & drivers	185	598	1670	1407	753	218	31	4862	8.5
Labourers & related workers	1949	2510	4233	3235	1818	631	68	14444	25.4
Inadequately described	272	364	562	451	203	86	15	1953	3.4
Not stated	785	889	1533	1123	556	222	107	5215	9.2
Total	6618	10185	18063	13356	6311	2018	361	56912	100.0
True table population	56894								

A15 INDUSTRY SECTOR BY SEX
Employed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

	Males	Females	Persons	Prop%
Commonwealth government	2389	2259	4648	8.2
State/Territory government	4646	4880	9526	16.7
Local government	3918	1534	5452	9.6
Private sector	19350	12074	31424	55.2
Not stated	3327	2519	5846	10.3
Total	33630	23266	56896	100.0
True total population			56895	

A16 HOURS WORKED BY SEX
Employed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

	Males	Females	Persons	Prop%
0 hours	1080	893	1973	3.5
1-15 hours	2383	3368	5751	10.1
16-24 hours	3113	2981	6094	10.7
25-34 hours	2441	2509	4950	8.7
35-39 hours	6942	4961	11903	20.9
40 hours or more	15165	6579	21744	38.2
Not stated	2510	1969	4479	7.9
Total	33634	23260	56894	100.0
True table population			56895	

A17 ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL INCOME BY SEX
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years or more

	Males	Females	Persons	Prop%
\$0-\$3,000	6253	10101	16354	10.2
\$3,001-\$5,000	5658	5889	11547	7.2
\$5,001-\$8,000	19237	17053	36290	22.7
\$8,001-\$12,000	9008	15703	24711	15.5
\$12,001-\$16,000	7422	9187	16609	10.4
\$16,001-\$20,000	7491	5520	13011	8.1
\$20,001-\$25,000	6200	3854	10054	6.3
\$25,001-\$30,000	3507	2051	5558	3.5
\$30,001-\$40,000	2878	1279	4157	2.6
Over \$40,000	1352	342	1694	1.1
Not stated	8315	11413	19728	12.4
Total	77321	82392	159713	100.0
True table population			134921	

A18 ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL INCOME BY AGE
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Persons aged 15 years or more

	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years or more	Total
\$0-\$3,000	6989	2213	3544	2033	972	407	194	16352
\$3,001-\$5,000	5094	1841	2012	1149	683	463	301	11543
\$5,001-\$8,000	5080	7291	7979	5231	4120	3530	3060	36291
\$8,001-\$12,000	2903	4546	6352	4265	2719	2012	1915	24712
\$12,001-\$16,000	1426	3274	5685	3442	1649	793	341	16610
\$16,001-\$20,000	604	2586	4857	2999	1316	505	137	13004
\$20,001-\$25,000	269	1762	3692	2634	1213	420	57	10047
\$25,001-\$30,000	96	737	2185	1613	699	203	27	5360
\$30,001-\$40,000	40	325	1656	1414	543	154	16	4148
Over \$40,000	17	111	572	599	290	66	29	1684
Not stated	6399	2691	4228	2911	1757	1008	733	19727
Total	28917	27377	42762	28290	15961	9561	6810	159678
True table population								159705

A19 ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
All classifiable Aboriginal/TSI households(a)

	H'holds	Prop%
\$0-\$3,000	440	0.8
\$3,001-\$5,000	192	0.3
\$5,001-\$8,000	960	1.6
\$8,001-\$12,000	2674	4.6
\$12,001-\$16,000	5419	9.3
\$16,001-\$20,000	4978	8.6
\$20,001-\$25,000	5507	9.5
\$25,001-\$30,000	4716	8.1
\$30,001-\$40,000	6968	12.0
\$40,001-\$50,000	5285	9.1
\$50,001-\$60,000	2867	4.9
Over \$60,000	3073	5.3
Partial income stated(b)	12628	21.7
No incomes stated(c)	2481	4.3
Total	58188	100.0
True table population	58193	

(a) Excludes those dwellings which were temporarily unoccupied at the time of the census but the collector had ascertained that it was normally occupied, or the household contained only persons under 15 years of age.
 (b) Comprises households where at least one, but not all, member(s) aged 15 years or more did not state an income and/or at least one spouse, offspring, or co-tenant was temporarily absent.
 (c) Comprises households where no members present stated an income.

A20 ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME

Primary Aboriginal/TSI families

	Families	Prop %
\$0-\$3,000	479	0.8
\$3,001-\$5,000	225	0.4
\$5,001-\$8,000	1122	1.9
\$8,001-\$12,000	3080	5.3
\$12,001-\$16,000	6027	10.4
\$16,001-\$20,000	5418	9.4
\$20,001-\$25,000	5759	9.9
\$25,001-\$30,000	4709	8.1
\$30,001-\$40,000	6695	11.6
\$40,001-\$50,000	4885	8.4
\$50,001-\$60,000	2562	4.4
Over \$60,000	2417	4.2
Partial income stated(a)	12003	20.7
No incomes stated(b)	2556	4.4
Total	57937	100.0
True table population	57942	

A21 STRUCTURE OF DWELLING

Occupied Aboriginal/TSI private dwellings

	Occupied dwellings	Prop %
Separate house	47131	81.0
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc	3278	5.6
Flat or apartment:		
In a 1, 2 or 3 storey block	3507	6.0
In a 4 or more storey	342	0.6
Attached to house	113	0.2
Total	3962	6.8
Caravan etc in caravan park	771	1.3
Caravan not in caravan park, houseboat etc	234	0.4
Improvised home, campers out	1413	2.4
House or flat attached to shop, office etc	219	0.4
Not stated	1200	2.1
Total	58208	100.0
True table population	58193	

(a) Comprises families where at least one, but not all, member(s) aged 15 years or more did not state an income and/or at least one spouse or offspring was temporarily absent.

(b) Comprises families where no members present stated an income.

A22 STRUCTURE OF DWELLING

Aboriginal/TSI persons in private dwellings

	Persons	Prop %
Separate house	206367	81.1
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc	12469	4.9
Flat or apartment:		
In a 1, 2 or 3 storey block	12704	5.0
In a 4 or more storey	1201	0.5
Attached to house	404	0.2
Total	14309	5.6
Caravan etc in caravan park	2761	1.1
Caravan not in caravan park, houseboat etc	928	0.4
Improvised home, campers out	9409	3.7
House or flat attached to shop, office etc	751	0.3
Not stated	7434	2.9
Total	254428	100.0
True table population	254442	

A23 NATURE OF OCCUPANCY BY LANDLORD TYPE BY DWELLING TYPE

Occupied Aboriginal/TSI private dwellings

	C'vans etc in c'van parks(a)	Other occupied private dwellings	Total	Prop %
Owned	158	6284	6442	11.1
Being purchased	70	9720	9790	16.8
Rented:				
Housing commission/authority	0	15125	15125	26.0
Other government agency	12	2978	2990	5.1
Other	467	17934	18401	31.6
Not stated	22	941	963	1.7
Total	501	36978	37479	64.4
Other(b)	41	4445	4486	7.7
Total	770	57427	58197	100.0
True table population			58193	

(a) Nature of occupancy and landlord type were not captured for caravans etc in caravan parks in previous censuses.

(b) Comprises 'other/inadequately described' and 'not stated'.

A24 STRUCTURE OF DWELLING BY NATURE OF OCCUPANCY

Occupied Aboriginal/TSI private dwellings
and not classifiable households(a)

	Owned	Being purchased	Rented	Other(a)	Total
Separate house	5884	9342	29318	2587	47131
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, town house etc	110	145	2949	70	3274
Flat or apartment	78	83	3695	102	3958
Caravan etc in caravan park(b)	170	38	497	38	781
Other	169	77	578	1050	1874
Not stated	54	76	423	647	1200
Total	6465	9799	37460	4494	58218
True table population					58193

A25 NUMBER OF BEDROOMS BY NUMBER OF PERSONS (USUALLY RESIDENT)(c)

Occupied Aboriginal/TSI private dwellings containing family, group, and lone person households (excludes caravans etc in caravan parks)

	Number of persons usually resident						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
0-1 bedrooms	0	1005	384	216	132	248	1985
2 bedrooms	0	4041	2904	1733	814	1210	10702
3 bedrooms	0	5117	6741	8286	5702	6930	32776
4 bedrooms	0	594	1025	1594	1740	3178	8131
5 or more bedrooms	0	94	117	179	220	600	1210
Not stated	0	490	397	398	360	990	2635
Total	0	11341	11568	12406	8968	13156	57439
True table population							57426

A26 MONTHLY HOUSING LOAN REPAYMENT BY DWELLING TYPE

Occupied Aboriginal/TSI private dwellings which are being purchased

	C'vans etc in c'van parks(d)		Other occupied private dwellings		Total	Prop %
	Prop %	Number	Prop %	Number		
\$0-\$200	19	24.4	964	9.9	983	10.0
\$201-\$300	17	21.8	1354	13.9	1371	14.0
\$301-\$400	9	11.5	1726	17.8	1735	17.7
\$401-\$475	12	15.4	1067	11.0	1079	11.0
Over \$475	21	26.9	4262	43.9	4283	43.7
Not stated	0	0.0	345	3.6	345	3.5
Total	78	100.0	9718	100.0	9796	100.0
True table population					9793	

(a) Comprises 'other/ inadequately described' and 'not stated'.

(b) Nature of occupancy and landlord type were not captured for caravans etc in caravan parks in previous censuses.

(c) Spouses, offspring, and co-tenants (in group households) who were temporarily absent on census night are included. A maximum of 3 temporary absentees can be counted in each household.

(d) Monthly housing loan repayments were not captured for caravans etc in caravan parks in previous censuses.

A27 ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY MONTHLY HOUSING LOAN REPAYMENT

Occupied Aboriginal/TSI private dwellings which are being purchased (excludes caravans etc in caravan parks and not classifiable households(a))

Annual household income	Monthly housing loan repayment						Total
	\$0-\$200	\$201-\$300	\$301-\$400	\$401-\$475	Over \$475	Not stated	
\$0-\$3,000	3	6	0	0	15	3	27
\$3,001-\$5,000	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
\$5,001-\$8,000	6	18	9	0	12	0	45
\$8,001-\$12,000	19	27	20	15	104	0	104
\$12,001-\$16,000	80	73	77	32	72	12	346
\$16,001-\$25,000	123	175	281	152	323	31	1085
\$25,001-\$40,000	207	311	467	281	975	60	2301
\$40,001-\$60,000	197	265	330	257	1337	51	2437
Over \$60,000	93	105	105	60	676	20	1059
Partial income stated(b)	244	346	400	247	771	76	2084
No incomes stated(c)	27	35	20	13	53	83	231
Total	999	1361	1709	1057	4260	336	9722
True table population							9720

A28 WEEKLY RENT BY DWELLING TYPE

Occupied rented Aboriginal/TSI private dwellings

	C'vans etc in c'van parks(d)		Other occupied private dwellings		Total	Prop %
	Prop %	Number	Prop %	Number		
\$0-\$47	31	6.3	9286	25.1	9317	24.9
\$48-\$77	147	29.8	11508	31.1	11655	31.1
\$78-\$107	208	42.2	6640	18.0	6848	18.3
\$108-\$137	71	14.4	4326	11.7	4397	11.7
\$138-\$167	15	3.0	2474	6.7	2489	6.6
\$168-\$197	3	0.6	830	2.2	833	2.2
Over \$197	3	0.6	703	1.9	706	1.9
Not stated	15	3.0	1222	3.3	1237	3.3
Total	493	100.0	36989	100.0	37482	100.0
True table population					37475	

(a) Not classifiable households are those dwellings which were temporarily unoccupied at the time of the census, but the collector had ascertained that it was normally occupied, or the household contained only persons aged under 15 years.

(b) Comprises households where at least one, but not all, member(s) aged 15 years or more did not state an income and/or at least one spouse, offspring, or co-tenant was temporary absent.

(c) Comprises households where no members present stated an income.

(d) Weekly rent was not captured for caravans etc in caravan parks in previous censuses.

A29 LANDLORD TYPE BY WEEKLY RENT
 Occupied rented Aboriginal/TSI private dwellings (excludes caravans etc in caravan parks)

	\$0- \$77	\$78- \$107	\$108- \$137	Weekly rent		Over \$197	Not stated	Total
				\$138- \$197	\$197			
Housing commission/authority	9451	2985	1526	554	118	497	15131	
Other govt agency	1967	560	246	113	28	75	2989	
Other	9020	2988	2497	2559	542	333	17939	
Not stated	360	124	63	73	17	320	957	
Total	20798	6657	4332	3299	705	1225	37016	

True table population 36978

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