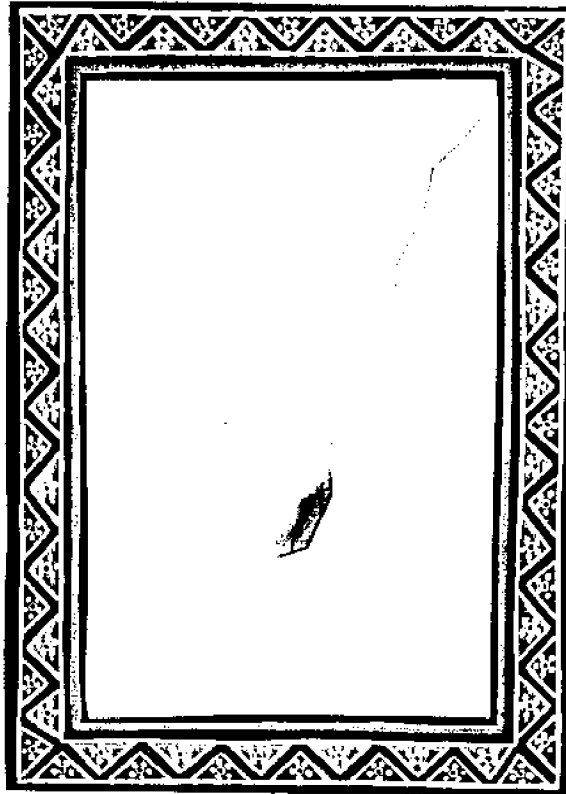


**Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
People at a Glance
TASMANIA**



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

Tasmania

Age group (years)	Indigenous population			Total population (all persons)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
0-4	700	700	1 400	17 400	16 700	34 100
5-9	700	600	1 400	18 300	17 500	35 800
10-14	700	600	1 300	18 900	18 100	37 100
15-19	600	600	1 200	17 600	16 900	34 500
20-24	600	500	1 100	17 300	16 400	33 700
25-29	500	500	900	17 400	16 800	34 200
30-34	400	400	700	17 600	18 100	35 700
35-39	400	400	700	18 900	19 400	38 300
40-44	300	300	500	17 700	17 800	35 500
45-49	200	200	400	17 200	16 700	33 900
50-54	100	100	300	13 400	13 100	26 500
55-59	100	100	200	11 400	11 100	22 500
60-64	100	100	100	9 300	9 600	19 000
65-69	(b)	100	100	9 100	9 500	18 700
70-74	(b)	100	100	7 600	9 100	16 800
75+	(b)	(b)	100	9 500	15 700	25 300
Total	5 400	5 200	10 700	238 800	242 600	481 400

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Estimate between 0 and 50.

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

	Tasmania	Australia		Tasmania	Australia
Health	%	%	Family and culture	%	%
Self reported conditions(a)			Speaks Indigenous language(d)	1.0	21.0
Asthma	20.6	15.3	Identifies with a clan(b)	17.7	59.8
Diabetes	1.5	4.5	Recognises homeland/ traditional country(b)	39.9	75.2
Heart problems	5.5	4.7	Taken away from natural family(e)	2.5	10.3
Chest problems	5.0	6.6			
Skin problems	14.8	7.8	Education and training	%	%
High blood pressure	4.6	7.7	Left school and currently studying(c)	5.7	5.4
Ear/hearing problems	13.3	11.0	Taught about Indigenous culture at school(f)	39.0	52.2
Eye problems	4.5	3.0	Taught by Indigenous person(f)		
Kidney problems	3.0	3.6	Yes, teacher	1.6	13.7
			Yes, education worker	7.2	21.8
Perceived local health problems(b)	%	%	Yes, community member	1.4	11.9
Alcohol problems	26.2	58.8	No	75.9	55.8
Diabetes	1.4	22.0			
Diet/nutrition	9.6	19.6	Housing(g)	% of households	
Drugs	22.2	30.2	Running water connected to dwelling	98.8	96.1
Happy with local health services	66.1	79.3	Satisfied with dwelling	90.6	77.3
			Dwelling on sealed road	83.4	81.6
Healthy/risk factors(b)	%	%	Average persons per private dwelling (no.)	3.3	4.1
Drank alcohol in last year	76.3	61.7			
Cigarette smokers	45.9	49.7	Law and justice(b)	%	%
			Relations with police better now than 5 years ago	15.4	21.5
Employment and income(c)	%	%	In the last year		
Participation rate	62.6	58.0	Hassled by police	8.8	9.6
Unemployment rate	28.5	38.2	Physically attacked	8.4	8.0
Main source of income			Verbally threatened	9.5	8.5
Non-CDEP	41.3	24.1			
CDEP	0.2	8.5			
Government payments	47.6	54.9			
No income	10.3	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)
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Catalogues:

- Electronic catalogue of statistics data: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Statistics (1138.0)
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