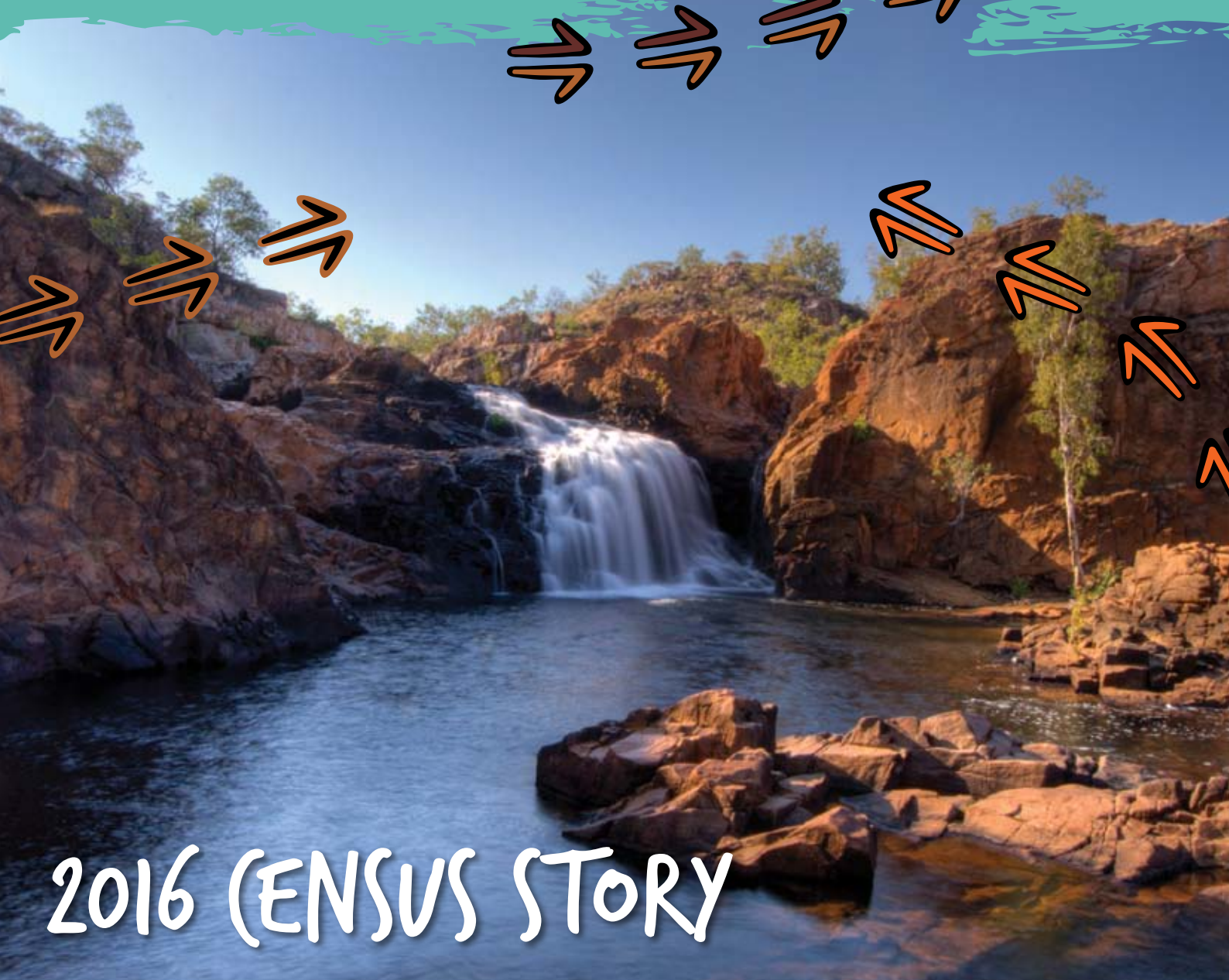


NORTHERN TERRITORY

# Roper Gulf & Katherine

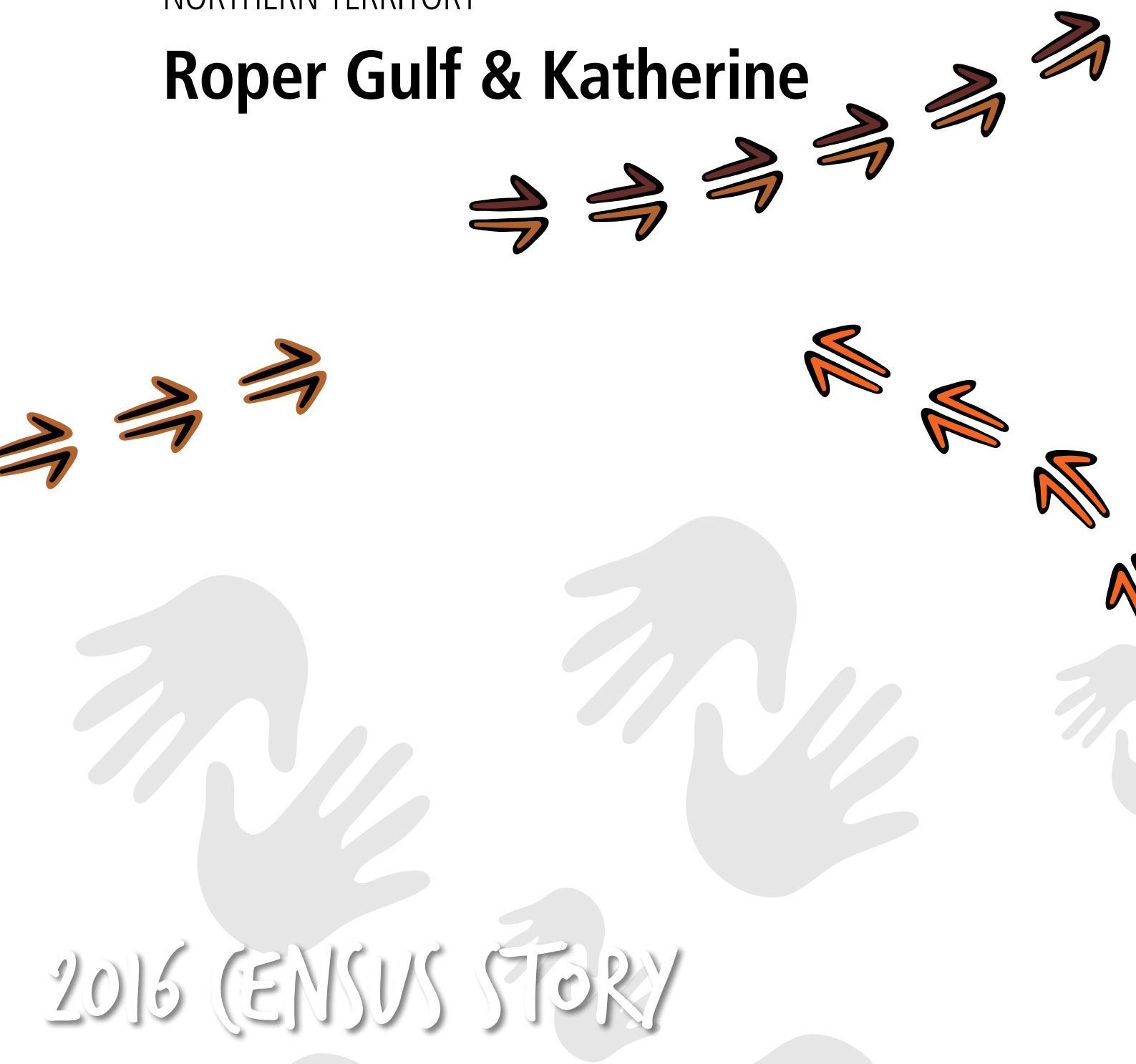


## 2016 CENSUS STORY



NORTHERN TERRITORY

# Roper Gulf & Katherine



2016 CENSUS STORY

## Glossary

<b>Caring for Children</b>	People who spent time caring for a child/children (under 15 years) without pay in the two weeks prior to Census night.
<b>Children</b>	Are people aged under 15 years of age.
<b>Completed Year 12</b>	Includes people aged 15 years and over who are no longer attending primary or secondary school.
<b>Families</b>	Includes couple families with and without children, single parents, and other families.
<b>Houses</b>	Includes private dwellings, occupied and unoccupied. A dwelling is a structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which was habitable on Census night, for example houses, flats, caravans and humpies.
<b>Language</b>	Top Australian Indigenous language spoken at home.
<b>People</b>	Total population figures are based on place of 'usual residence' or where that person usually lives.
<b>Students</b>	Includes everyone who said they were attending a school, university or technical institution.
<b>Weekly Income</b>	Includes people aged 15 years and over and is the middle value (median) of total weekly personal income.
<b>Working</b>	Includes everyone who said they were working full-time or part-time, or were away from work. This does not include people involved in the Community Development Program (CDP).



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## Artwork

The artwork in this story book was commissioned by the Centre of Excellence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics to embody what the centre represents. The work incorporates Larrakia Artist Shaun Lee's (AKA Gwarkabah's) diverse heritage, through contemporary and traditional hand-created designs. Using spray-paint medium on hardwood, the work features and combines various traditional stories and symbols from local areas and across Australia. Together, the artwork tells the story of the Centre of Excellence and its people. The designs were digitalised by Dreamtime Creative.



## Traditional stories and symbol break down



**Star shape:** National courage – representing navigation, called the 'Guiding Star'.

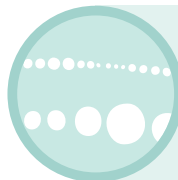
**Core centre design:** Black represents the earth and the soil; the pattern symbolises an 'ageless recognition' used through Northern Australia, and perhaps wider Australia. An 'ageless recognition' is the closest translation into English. It's derived from a number of terms that describe an instant identification of a particular established symbol of connection or linkage.



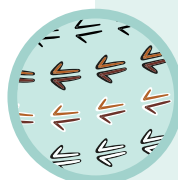
**Message sticks:** Representing unique messages; signifies that a story is being told and needs to be received.

Is a connection to and from Larrakia Country, and between other Indigenous cultures.

- **Top message stick:** Country and regions across Australia
- **Middle message stick:** Coming together and meeting
- **Bottom message stick:** Two half-moons facing inwards represents the people; and the two lines on either side identifies that the message is inclusive of both male and female.



**Dots:** Symbolises the link between people, organisations, States and Territories, representing the importance of strong linkage and communication. A dot in a dot in a dot: Traditional Larrakia design colours represent the artist's own diversity – his Northern Larrakia, Wardaman, Karrijarri heritage, and his acknowledgement of all of these people.



**Kangaroo tracks:** Acknowledge the journey and pathways that have been taken; and symbolises moving forward, as the kangaroo is known for not moving backwards.

**Track colours:** Represent diversity and the differences between people. The kangaroo is an iconic Australian animal, representing our uniqueness, and recognition Nationally.



**Paperbark vessel:** Carrying safely all the gathered information and knowledge

# THE ABS SAYS THANKS



The Australian Bureau of Statistics would like to thank the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities who helped to make the 2016 Census a success.

## Roper Gulf & Katherine, your numbers are in.

The results of our latest national Census reveal who we are, where we live, what we do, and where we're headed.

The information we've gathered will inform planning and decision-making for our future, like where we build schools, roads and hospitals. Census data helps us decide where we need funding and services across every community in Australia – this means your community, too!

So here is the story for Roper Gulf & Katherine – a living biography updated every five years.

### Future surveys

The ABS also has other surveys. We thank you in advance for your help in completing these. They may include questions about your health, employment or other details. You can see how this information helps your community at [www.abs.gov.au/participant-info](http://www.abs.gov.au/participant-info).



Photos by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, taken from the Jabiru township.

# Australia



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million

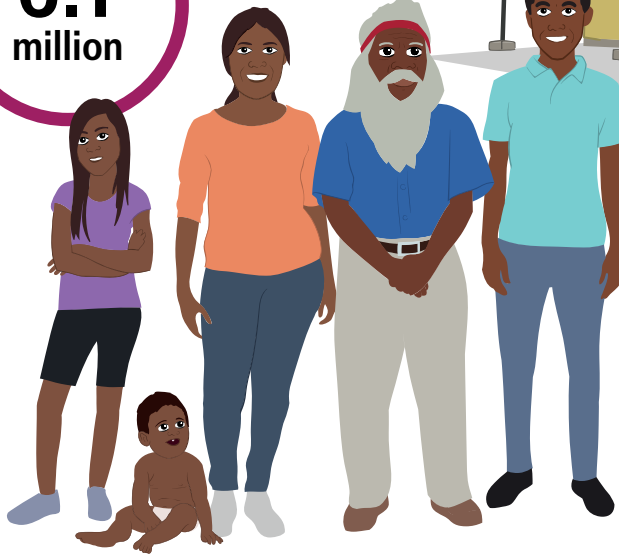
People

**649 168**

Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait  
Islander people

## FAMILIES

**6.1**  
million



**9.9**  
million

HOUSES

**11.9 million**  
Females



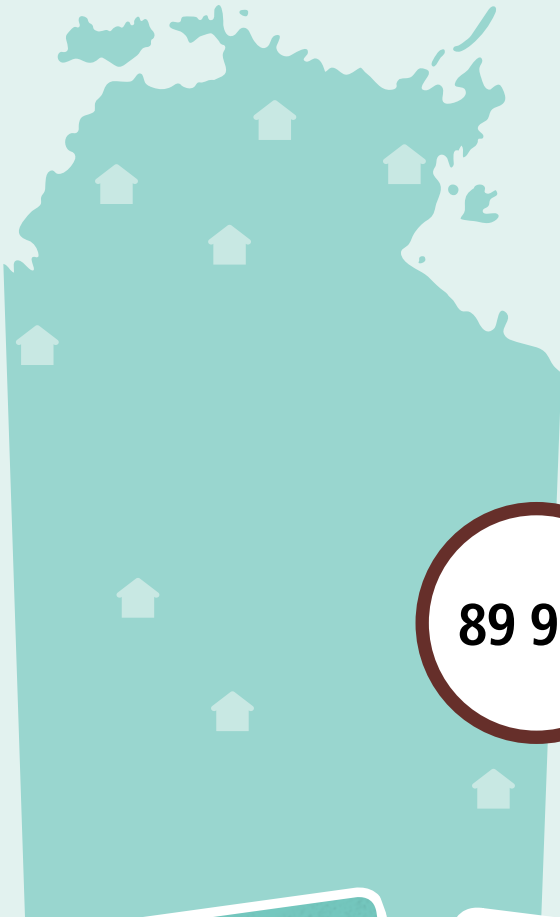
**11.5 million**  
Males



**4.4 million**  
Children



# Northern Territory



228 833

People

58 247

Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait  
Islander people

89 959

HOUSES

110 266

FEMALES

118 570

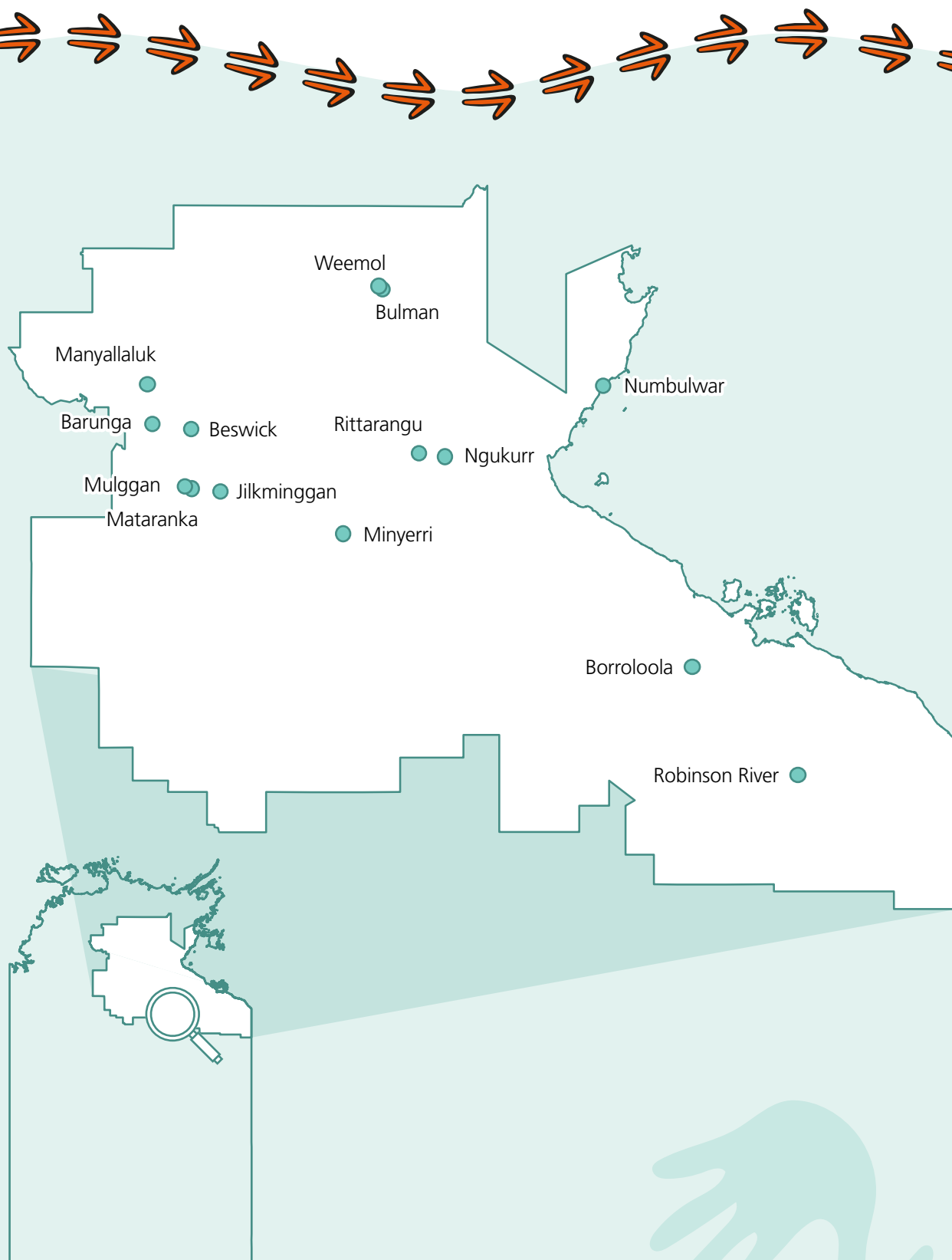
MALES

49 474

(CHILDREN

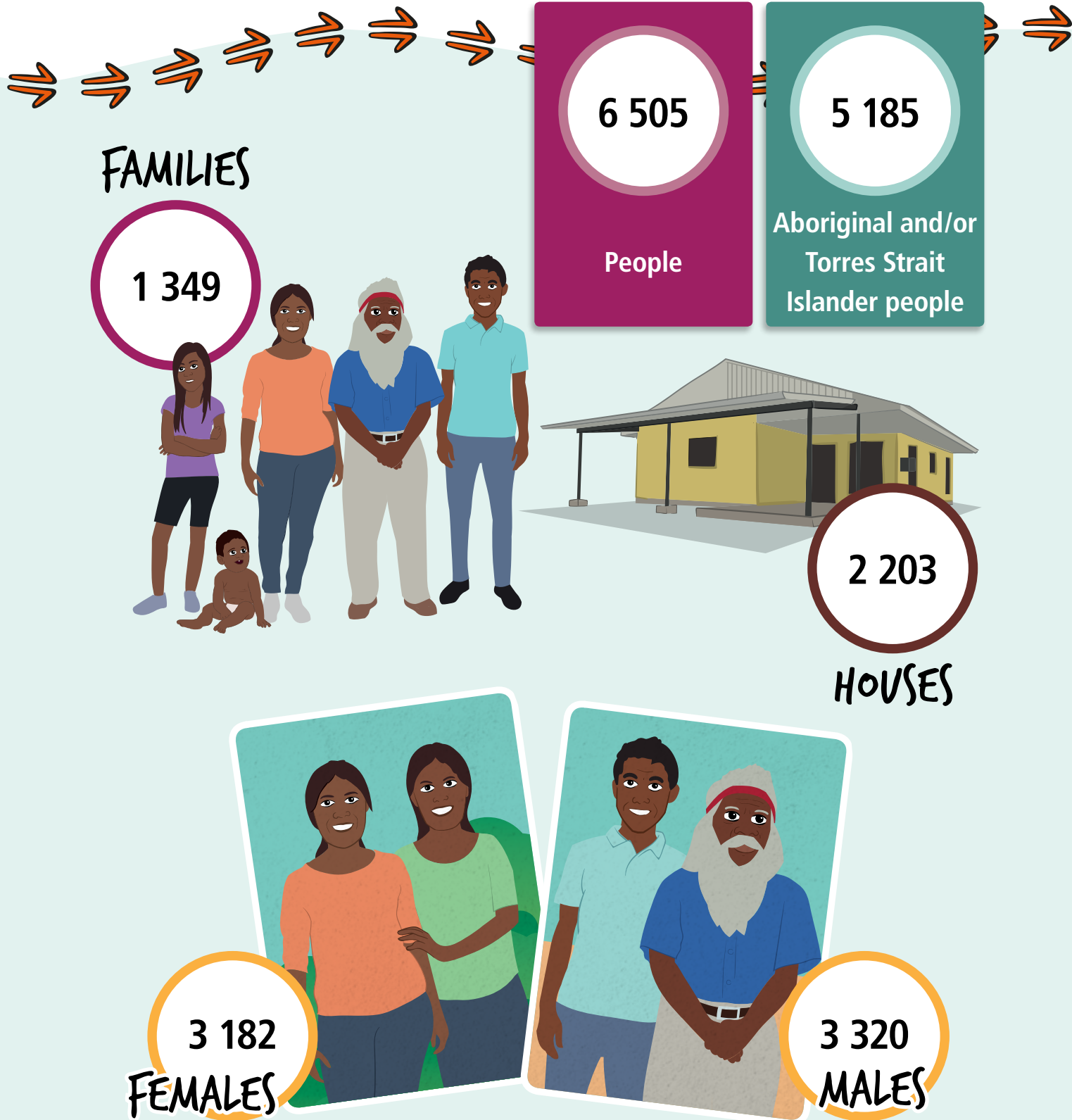


# Roper Gulf





# Roper Gulf



Geography: Roper Gulf (R) LGA

# Barunga

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

363

People

331

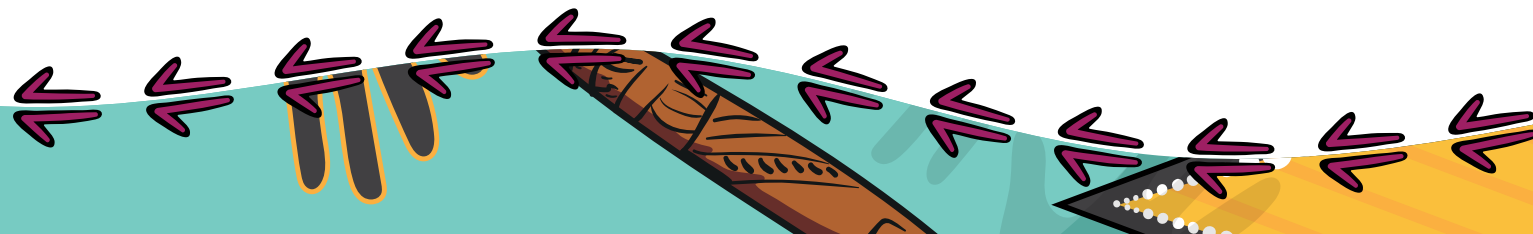
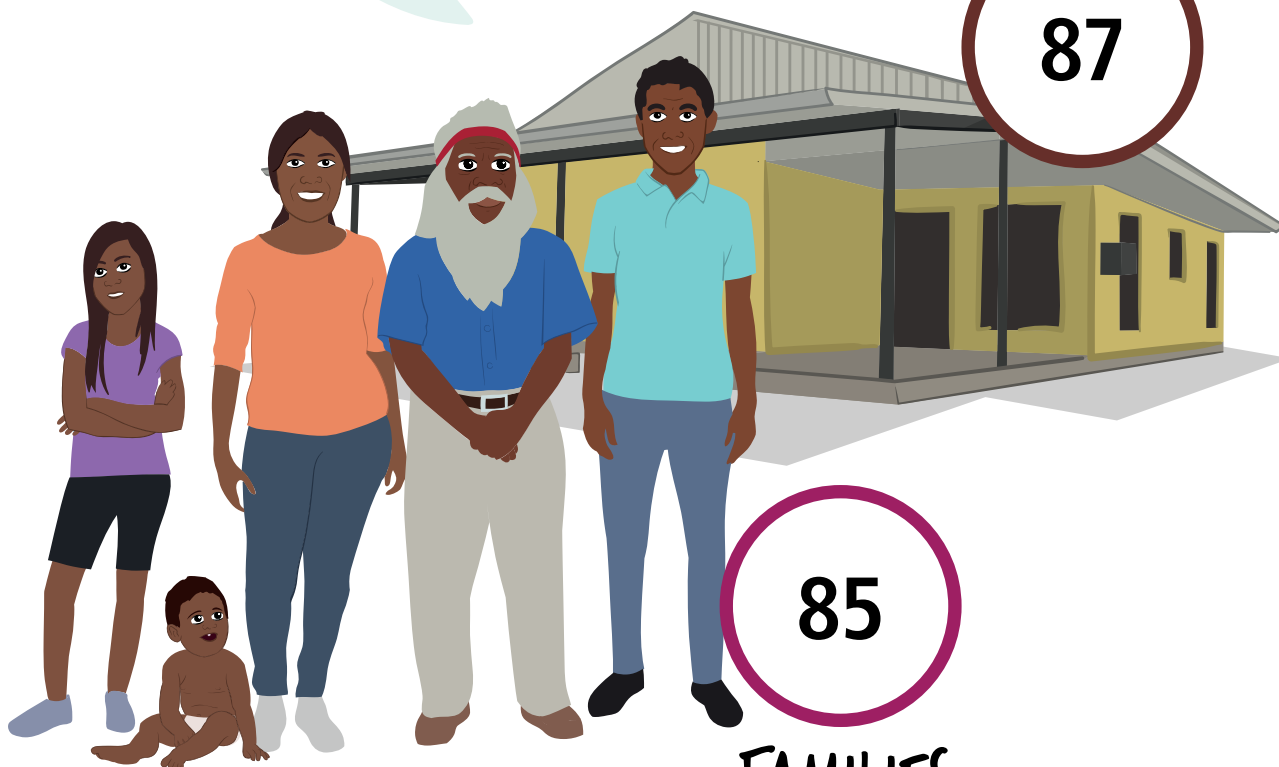
Aboriginal and/or  
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Islander people

HOUSES

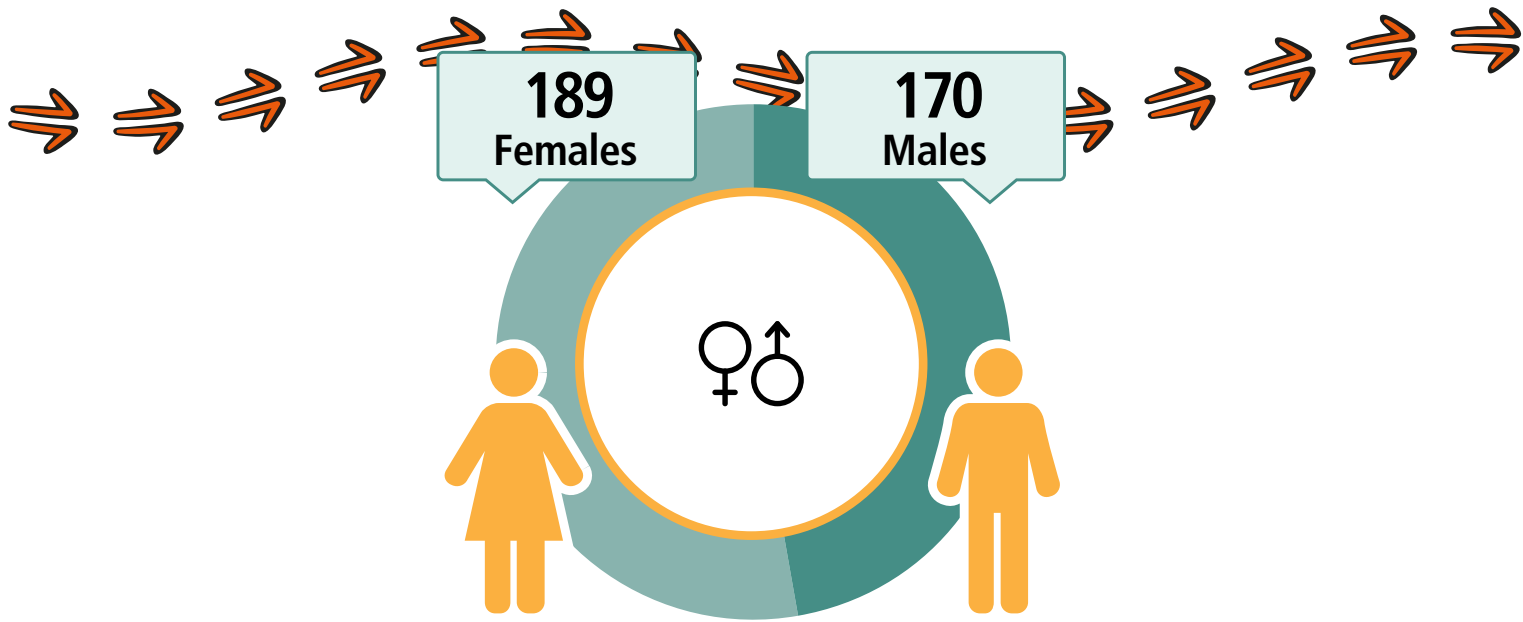
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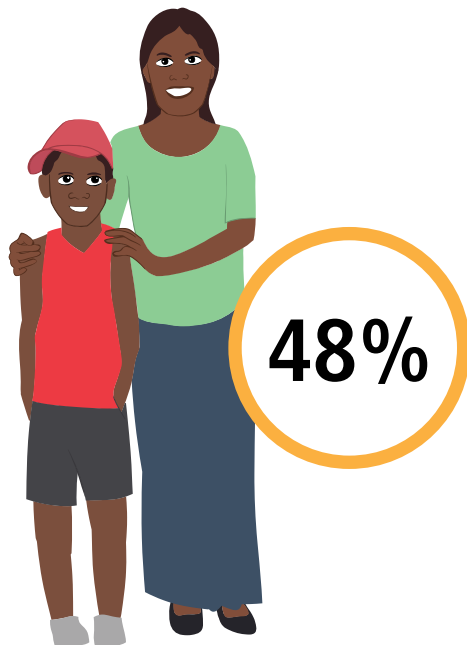
FAMILIES



# Barunga



## CARED FOR CHILDREN



**61**  
Working



**\$243**  
Weekly Income



**109**  
Students



**39**  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Barunga ILOC

# Beswick

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

531

People

515

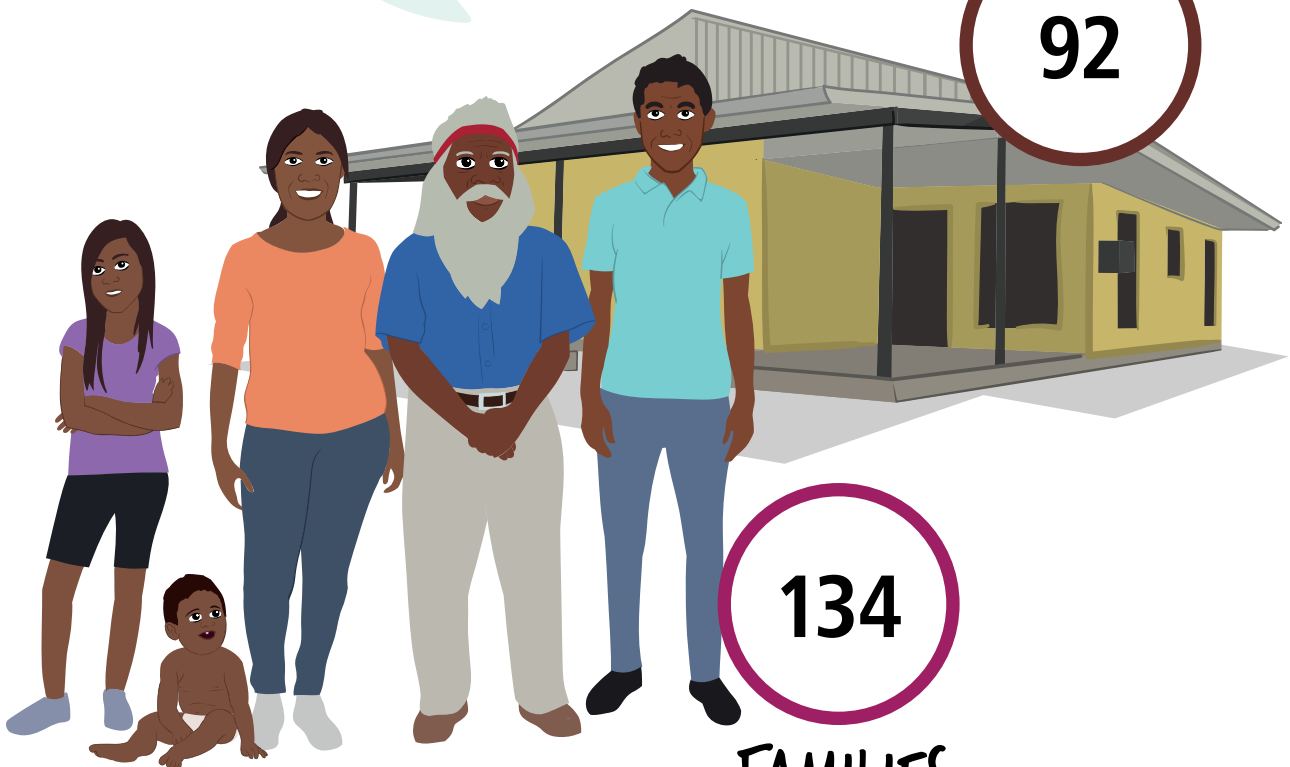
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HOUSES

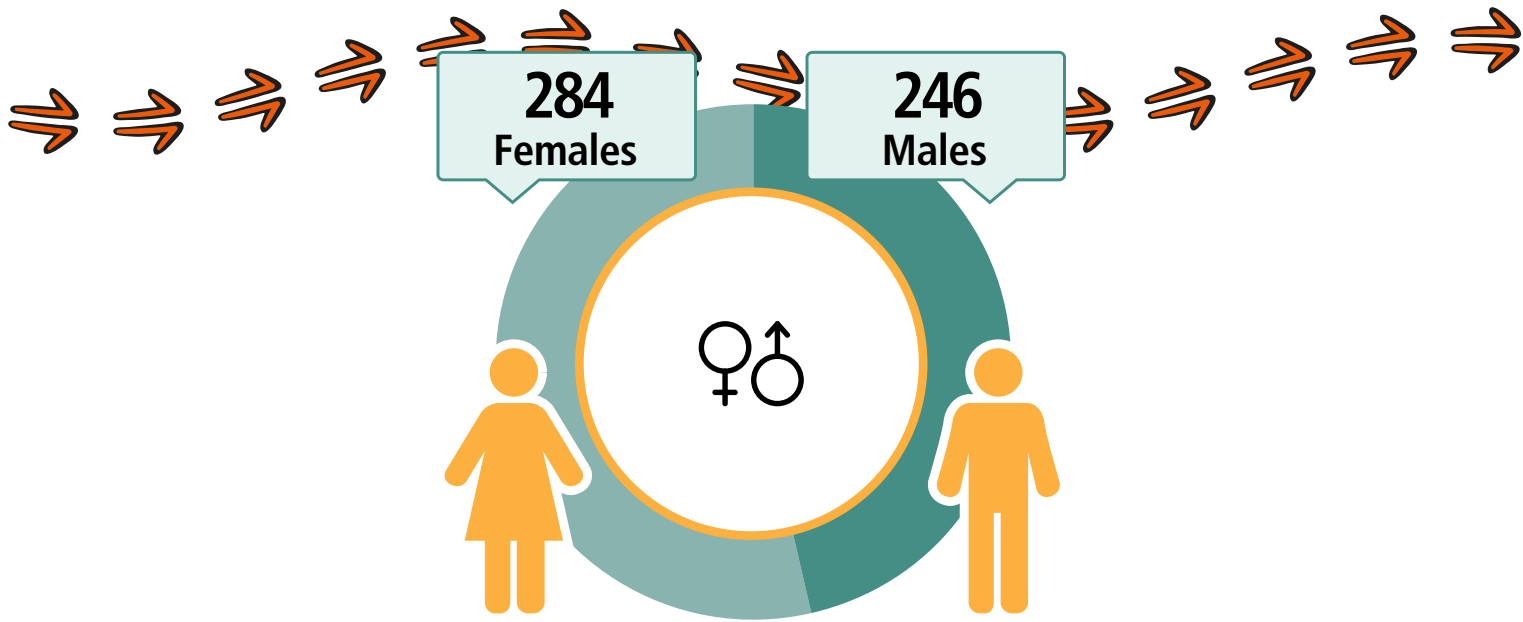
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134

FAMILIES



# Beswick



## CARED FOR (CHILDREN



**58%**

**83**  
Working



**\$229**  
Weekly Income



**154**  
Students



**31**  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Wugularr (Beswick) ILOC

# Borroloola

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Garrwa

871

People

671

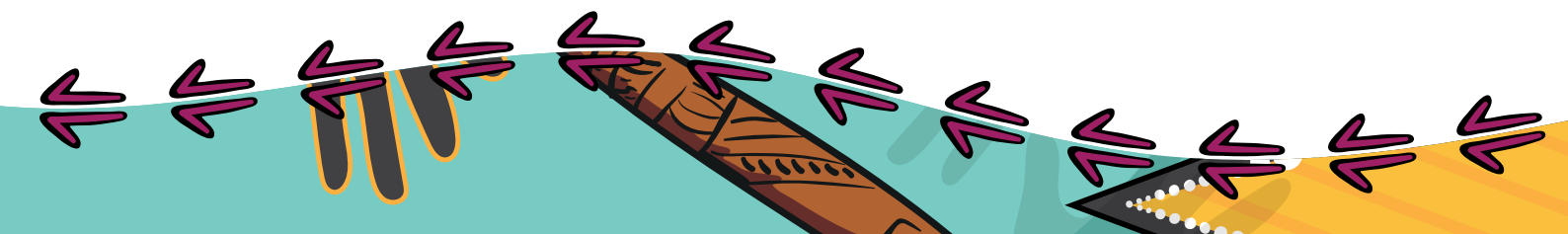
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Islander people

HOUSES

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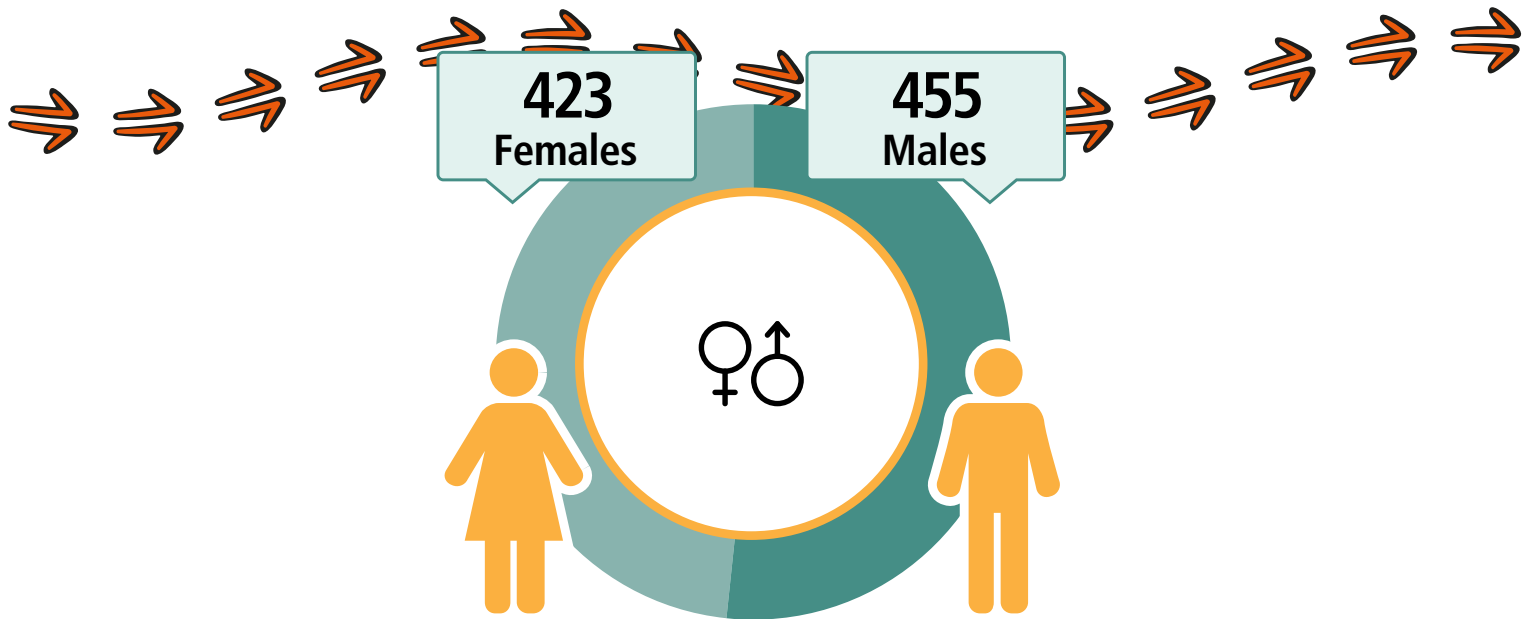
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FAMILIES





# Borrooloola



## CARED FOR CHILDREN



23%

**276**  
Working



**\$419**  
Weekly Income



**273**  
Students



**135**  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Borrooloola SSC

A decorative border at the bottom of the page featuring stylized Aboriginal art. It includes a yellow and orange pattern on the left, a teal and black pattern in the middle, and a black and orange pattern on the right, all with white dots and arrows.

# Bulman - Weemol

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

280

People

264

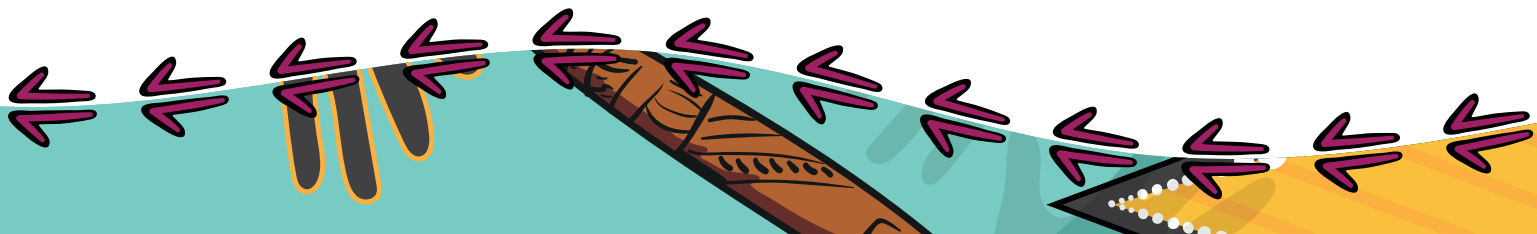
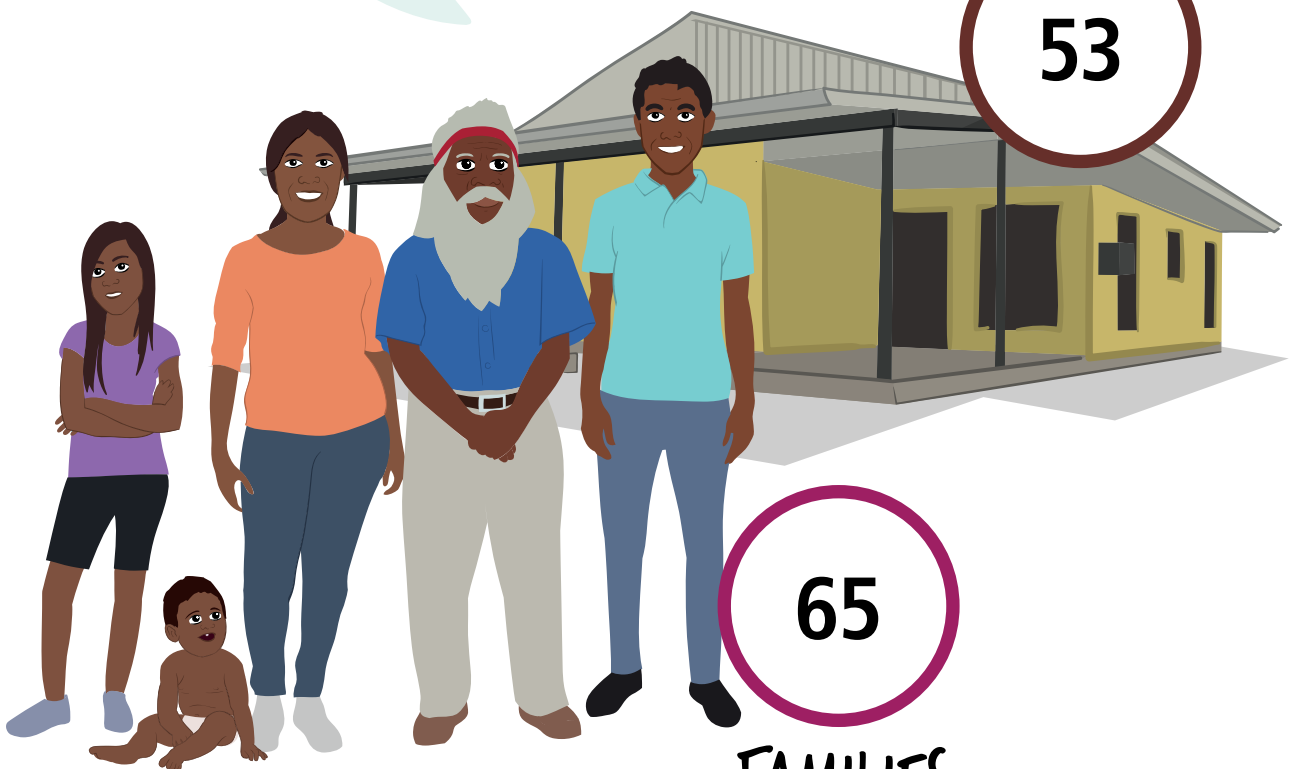
Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait  
Islander people

HOUSES

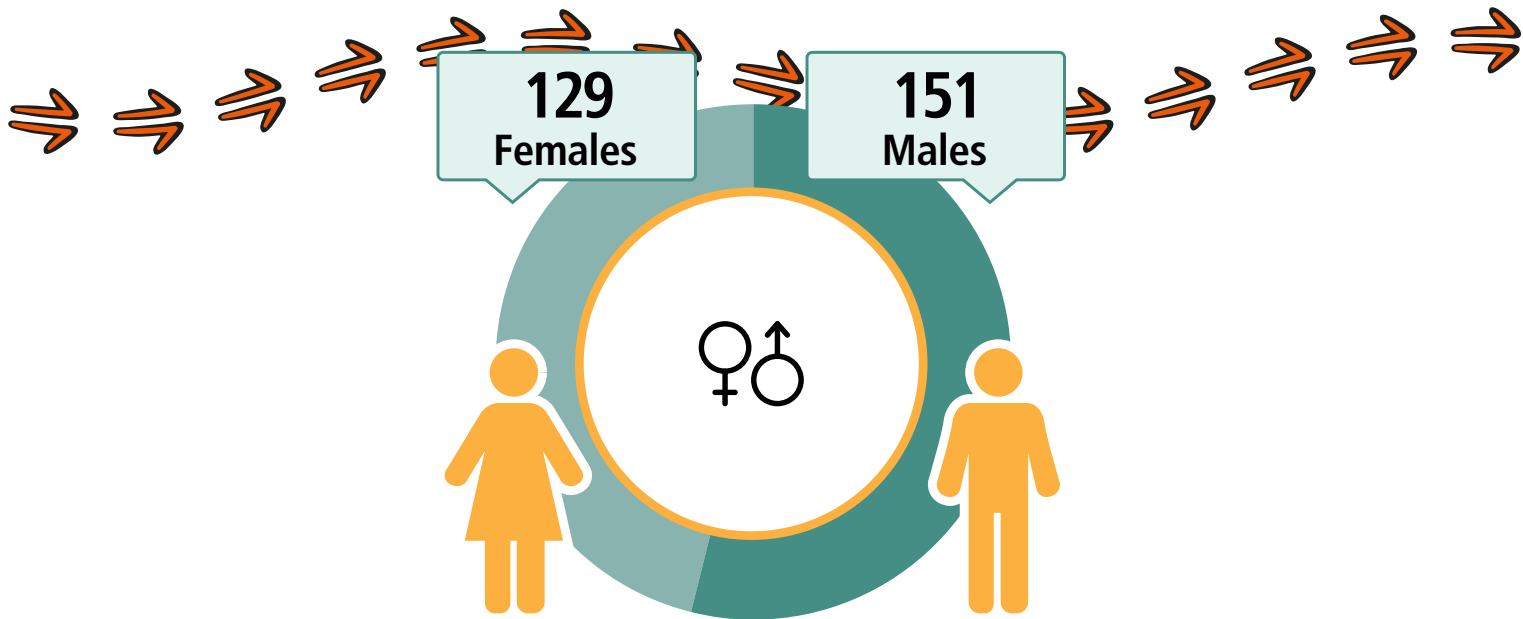
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65

FAMILIES



# Bulman - Weemol



## CARED FOR CHILDREN



59%

**62**  
Working



**\$240**  
Weekly Income



**81**  
Students



**29**  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Bulman - Weemol ILOC

A decorative border at the bottom of the page featuring stylized Indigenous art. It includes a yellow and orange patterned area on the left, a teal wavy line, and a dark brown area with white dots and arrows on the right.

# Jilkminggan

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

301

People

295

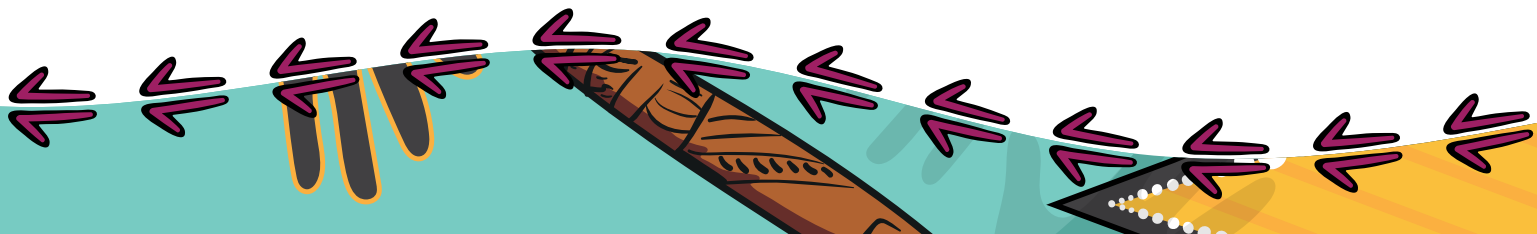
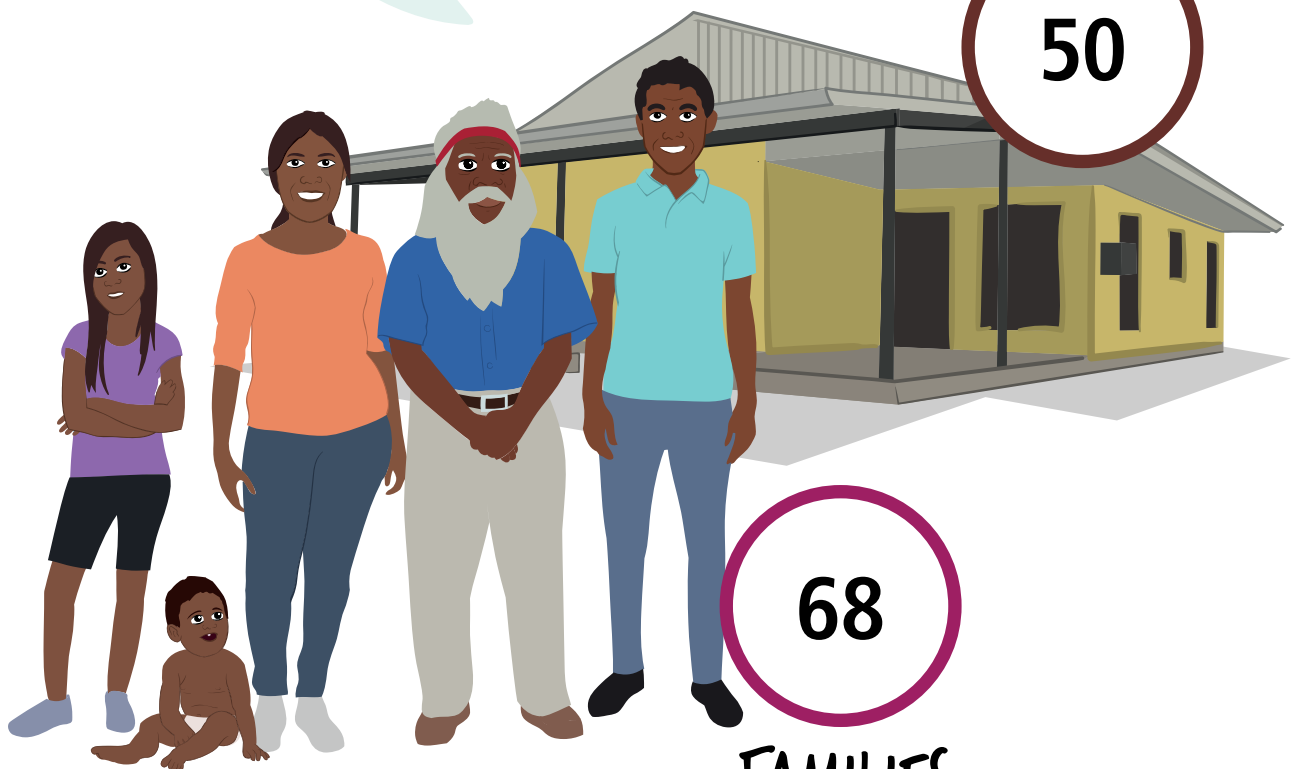
Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait  
Islander people

HOUSES

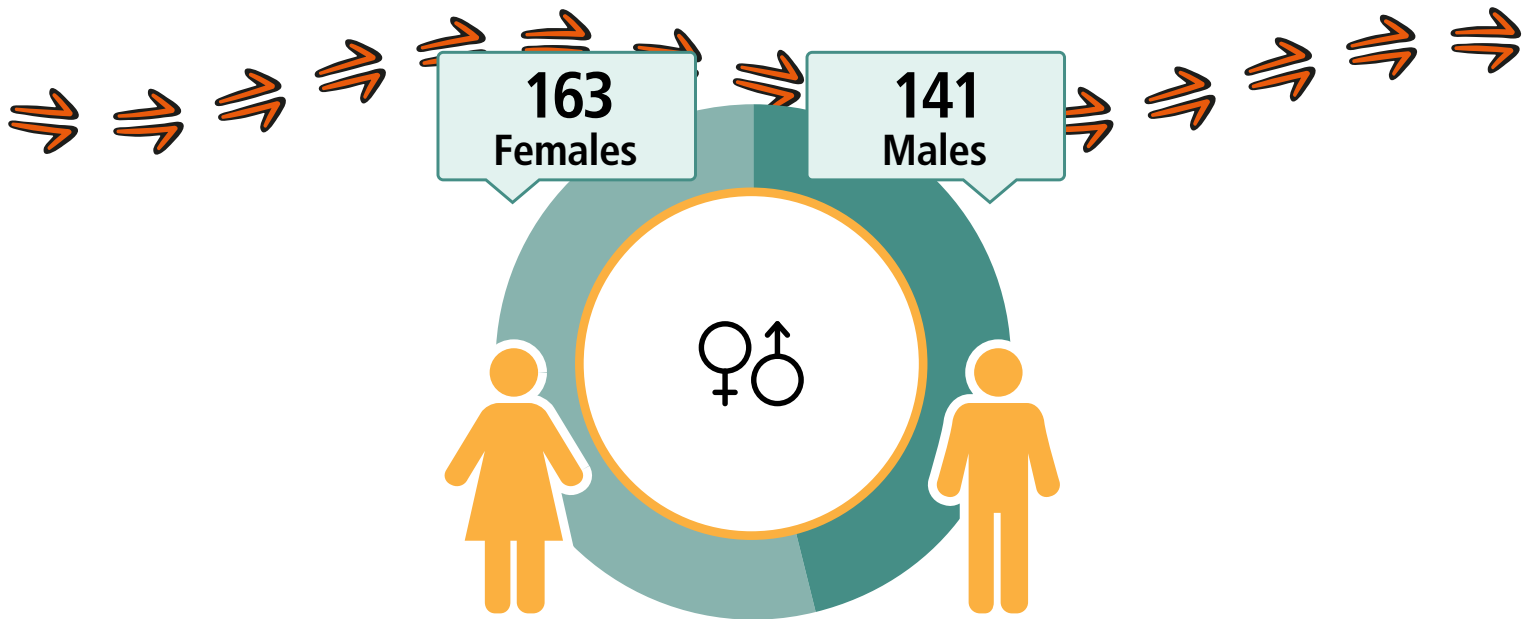
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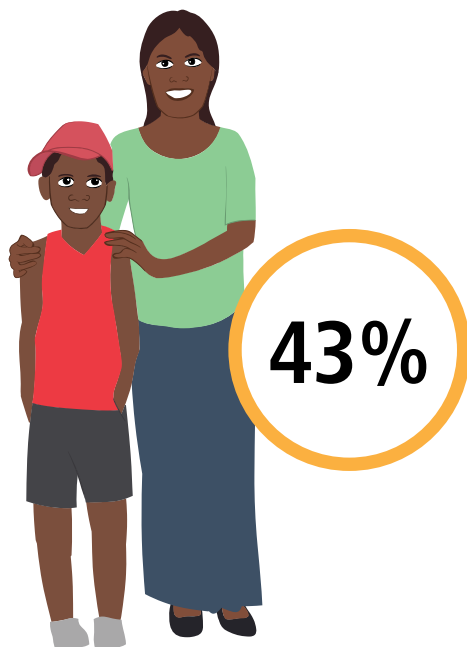
FAMILIES



# Jilkminggan



## CARED FOR CHILDREN



**31**  
Working



**\$220**  
Weekly Income



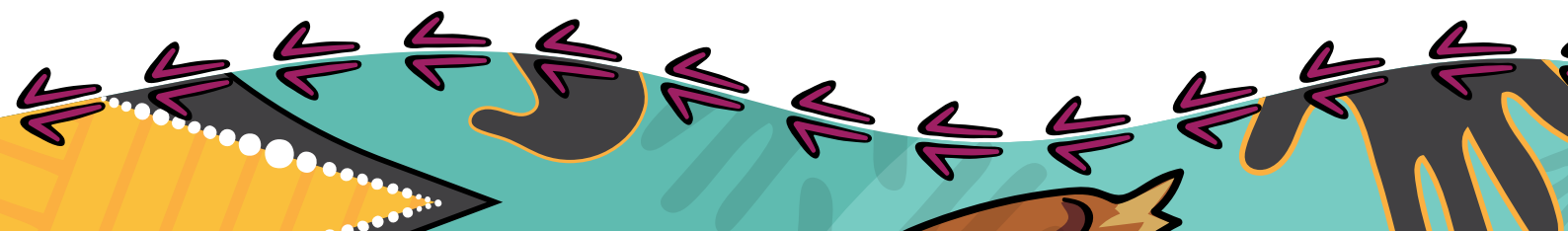
**120**  
Students



**31**  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Jilkminggan ILOC



# Manyallaluk

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

92

People

82

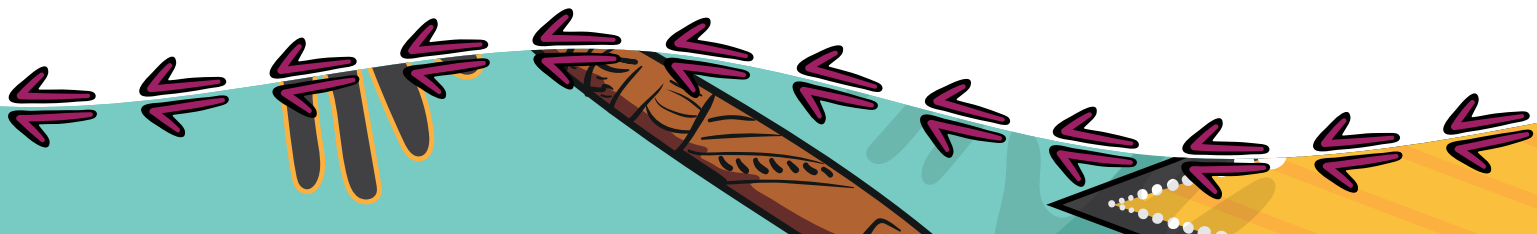
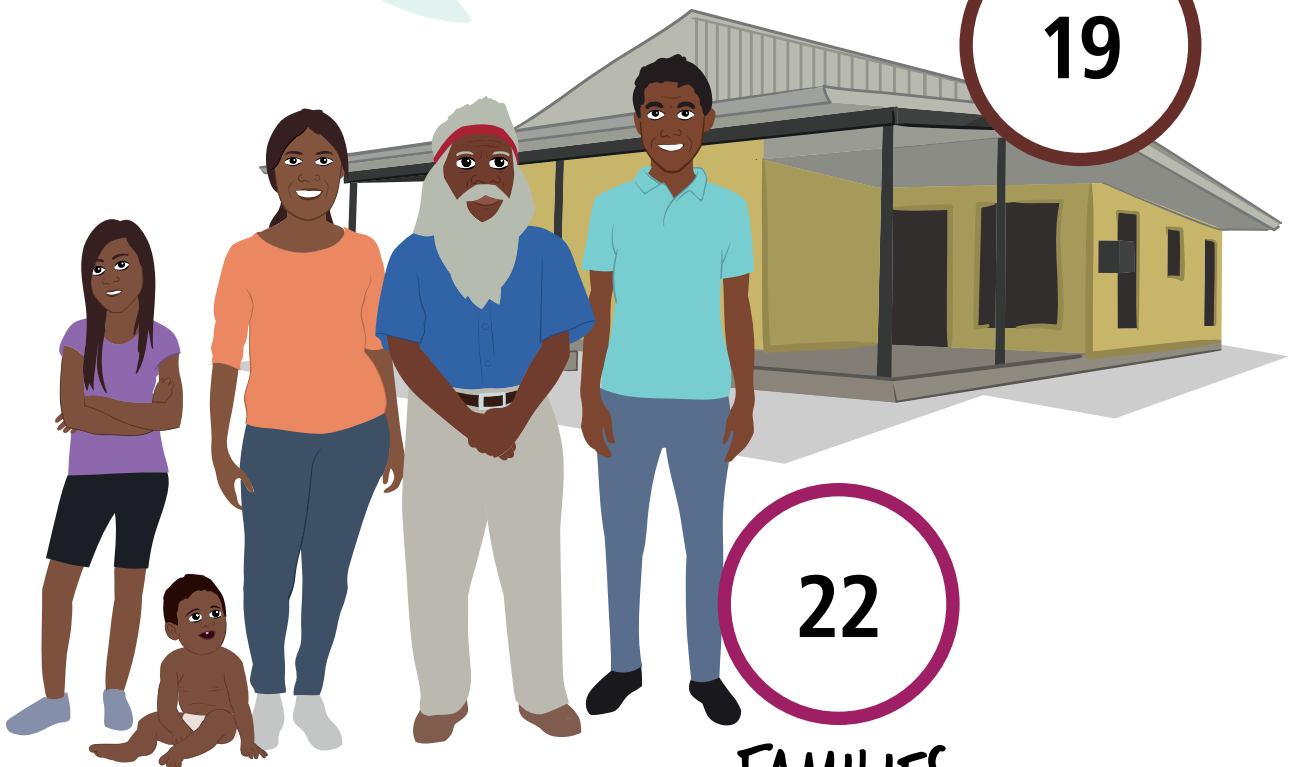
Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait  
Islander people

HOUSES

19

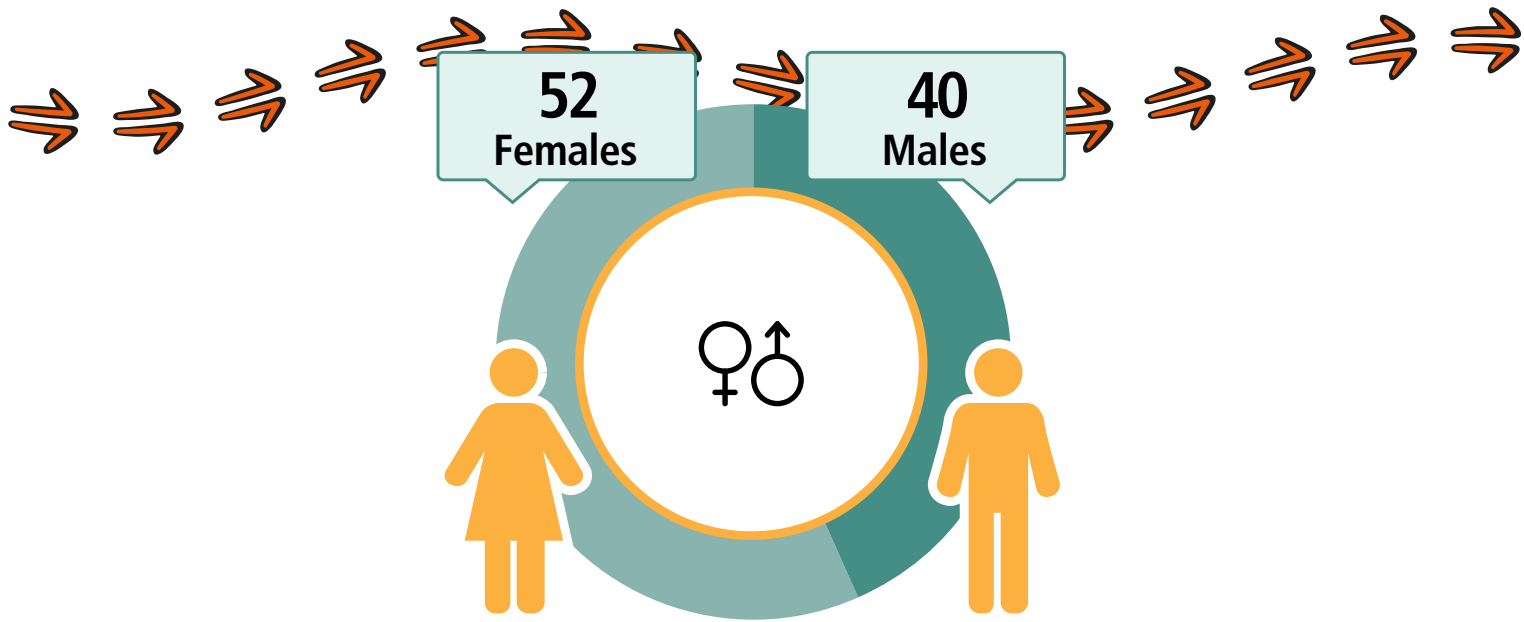
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FAMILIES





# Manyallaluk



## CARED FOR (CHILDREN



47%

**18**  
Working



**\$345**  
Weekly Income



**38**  
Students



**7**  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Manyallaluk ILOC

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# Mataranka - Mulggan

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

310

People

104

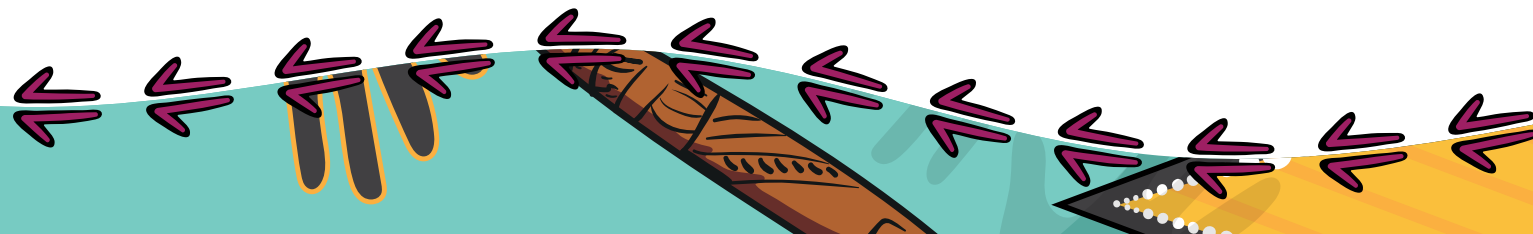
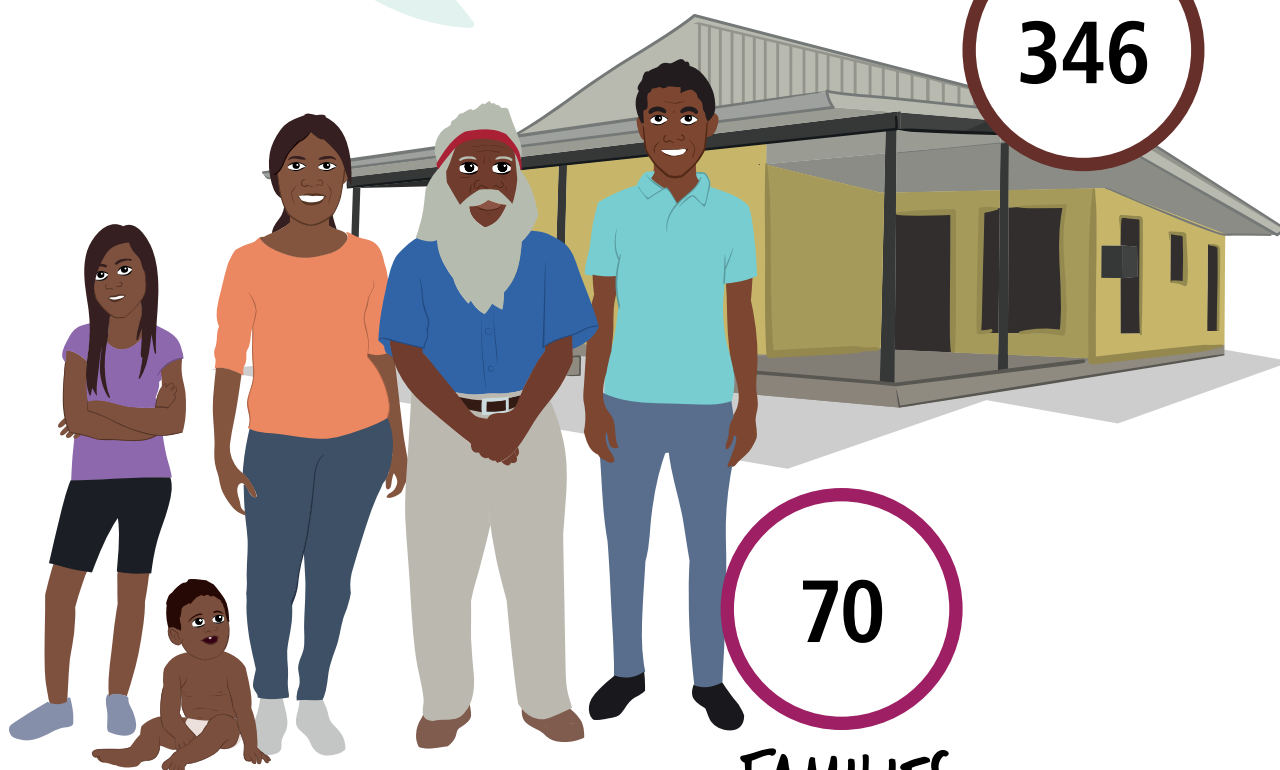
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Islander people

HOUSES

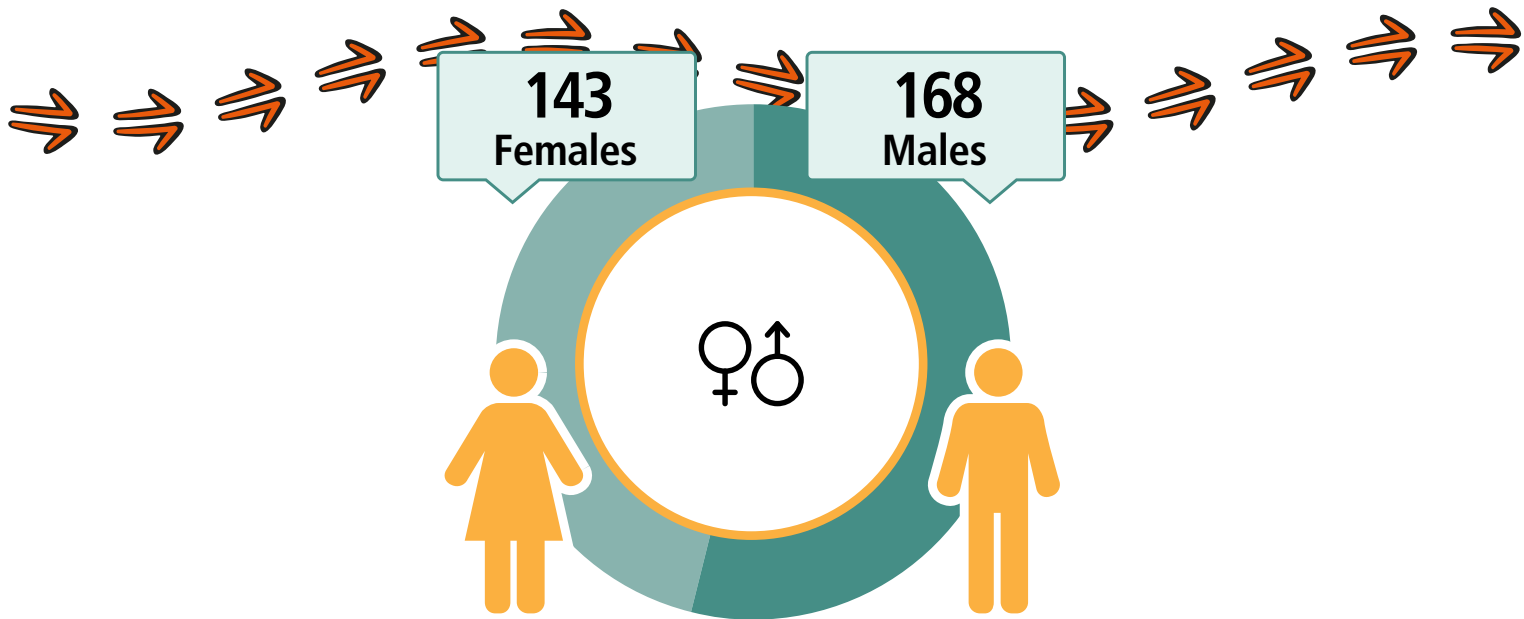
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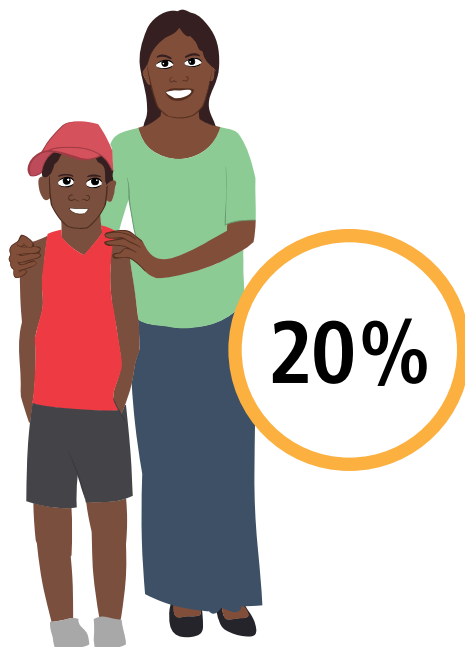
FAMILIES



# Mataranka - Mulggan



## CARED FOR CHILDREN



**93**  
Working



**\$441**  
Weekly Income



**110**  
Students



**44**  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Mataranka - Mulggan ILOC

# Minyerri

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

618

People

589

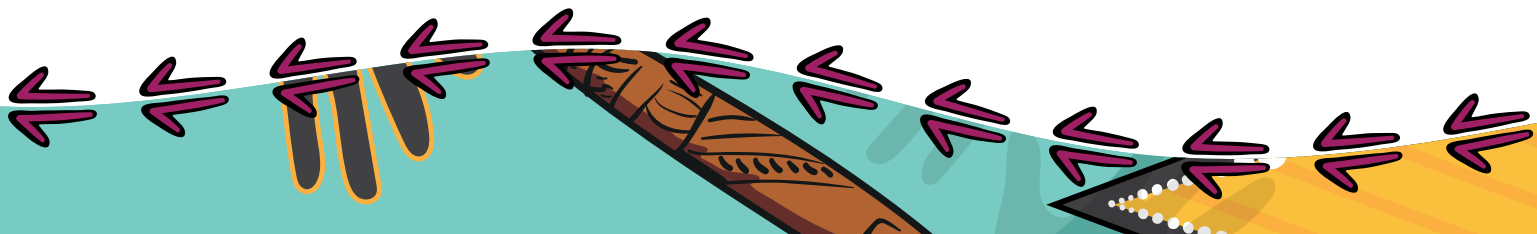
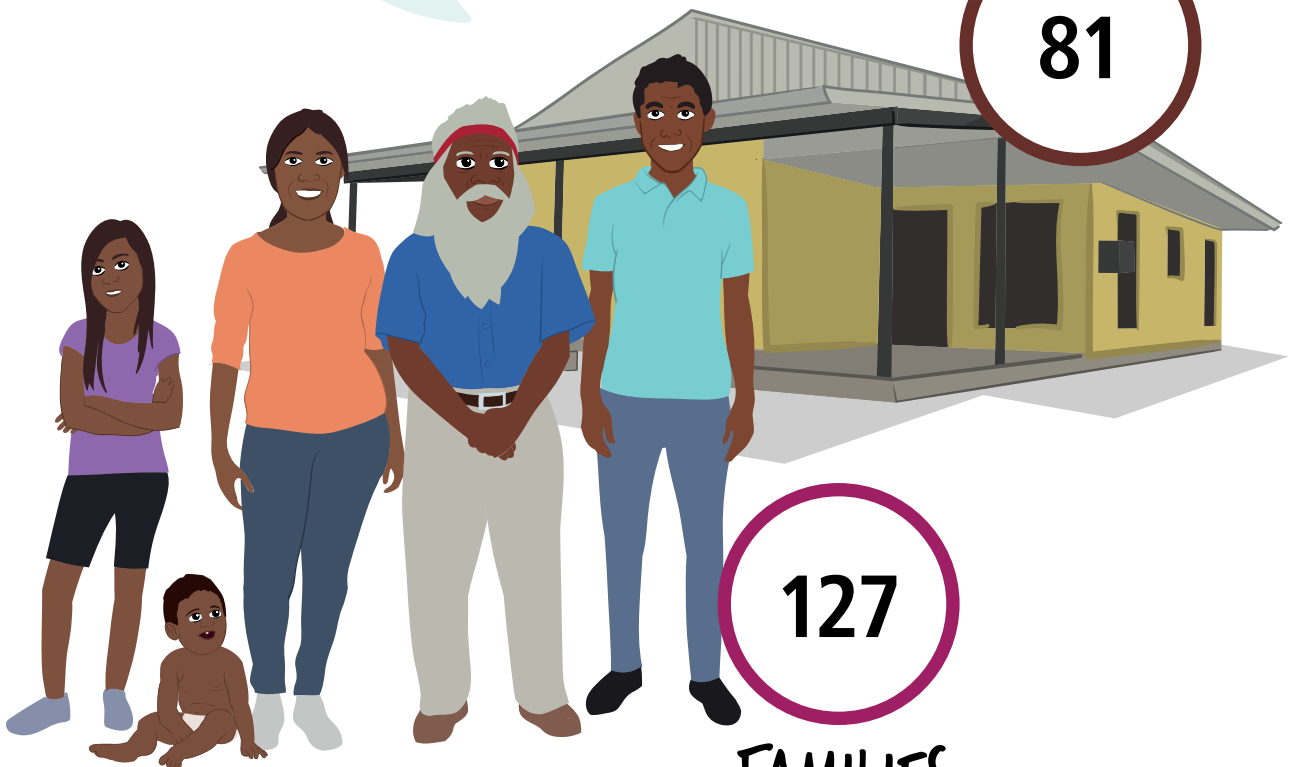
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Islander people

HOUSES

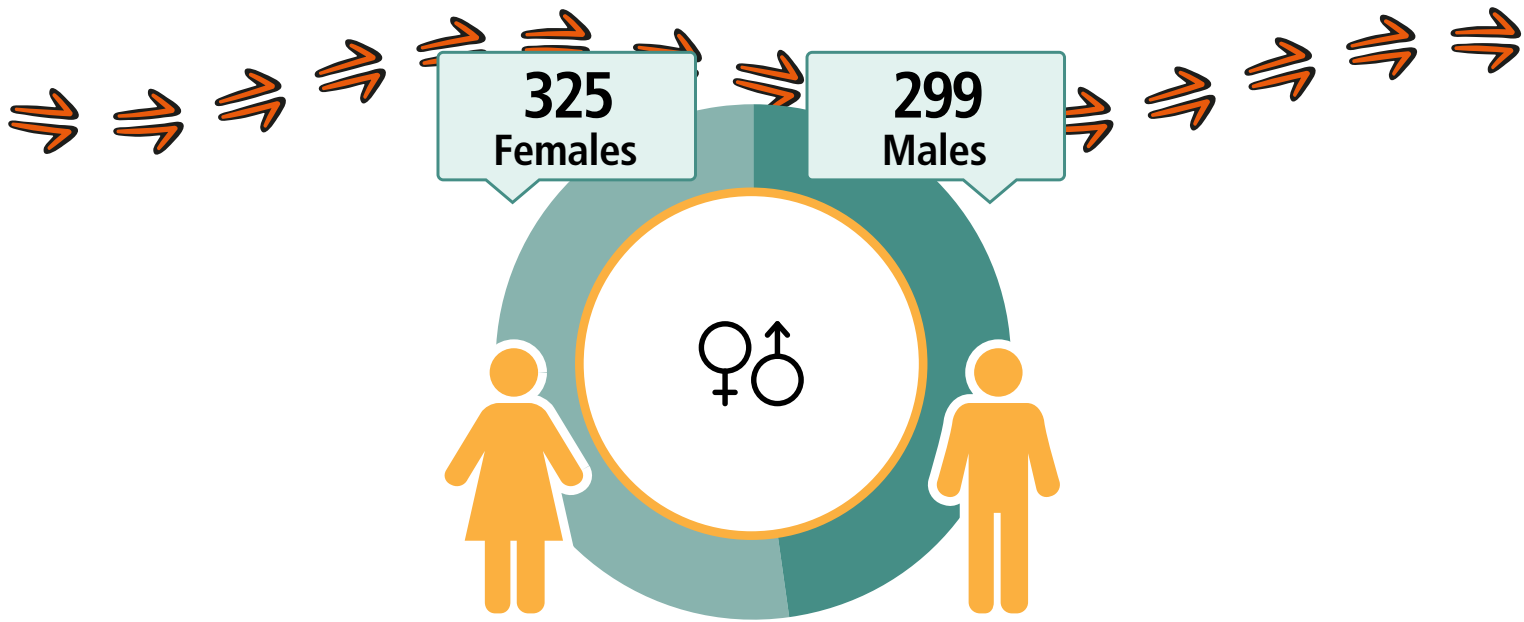
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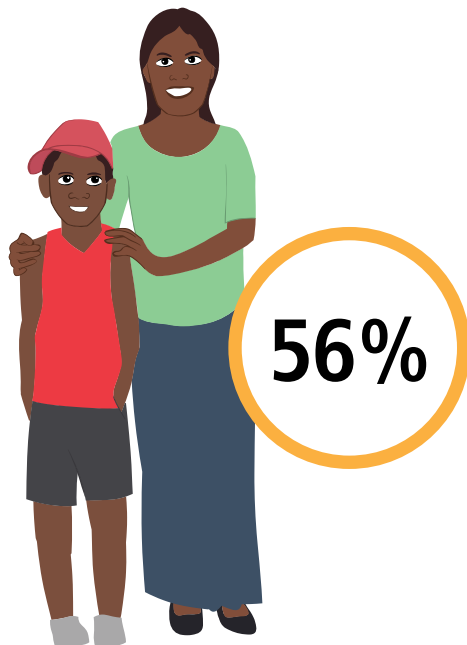
FAMILIES



# Minyerri



## CARED FOR CHILDREN



**90**  
Working



**\$278**  
Weekly Income



**223**  
Students



**54**  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Minyerri ILOC

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# Ngukurr

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

1 149

People

1 074

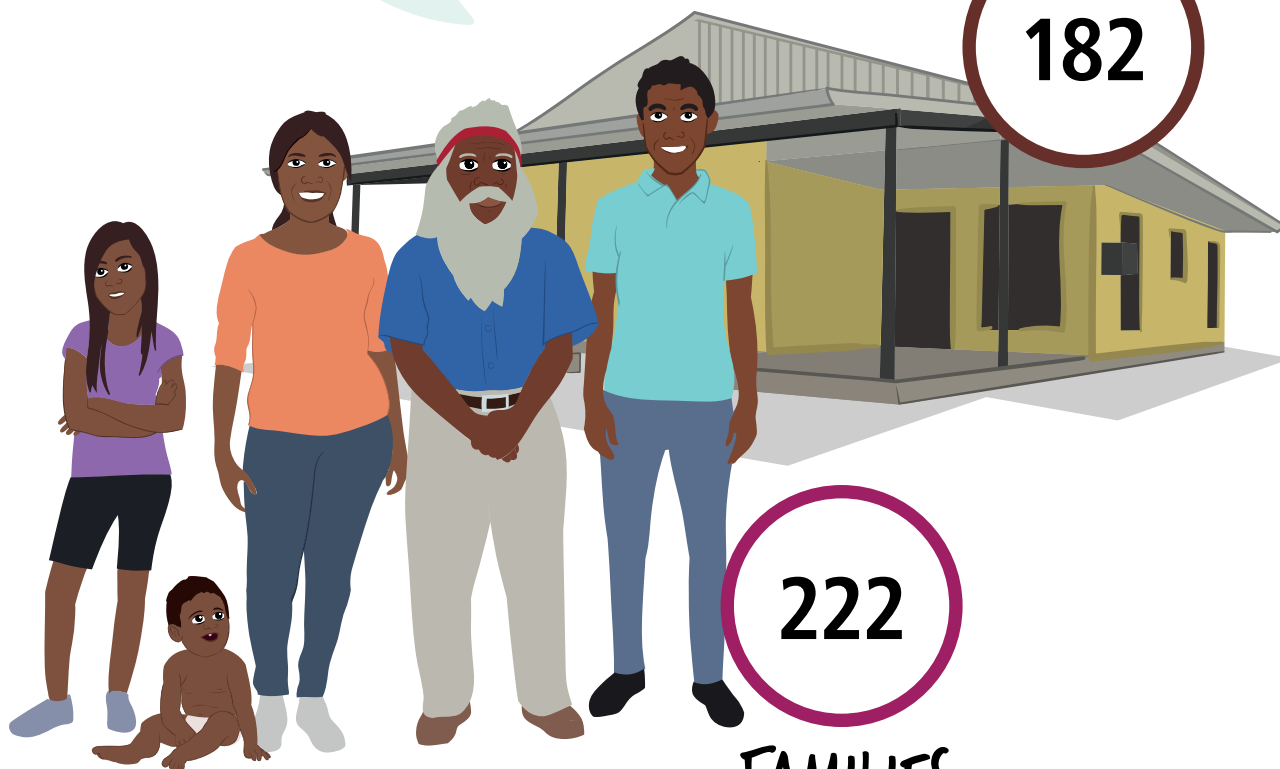
Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait  
Islander people

HOUSES

182

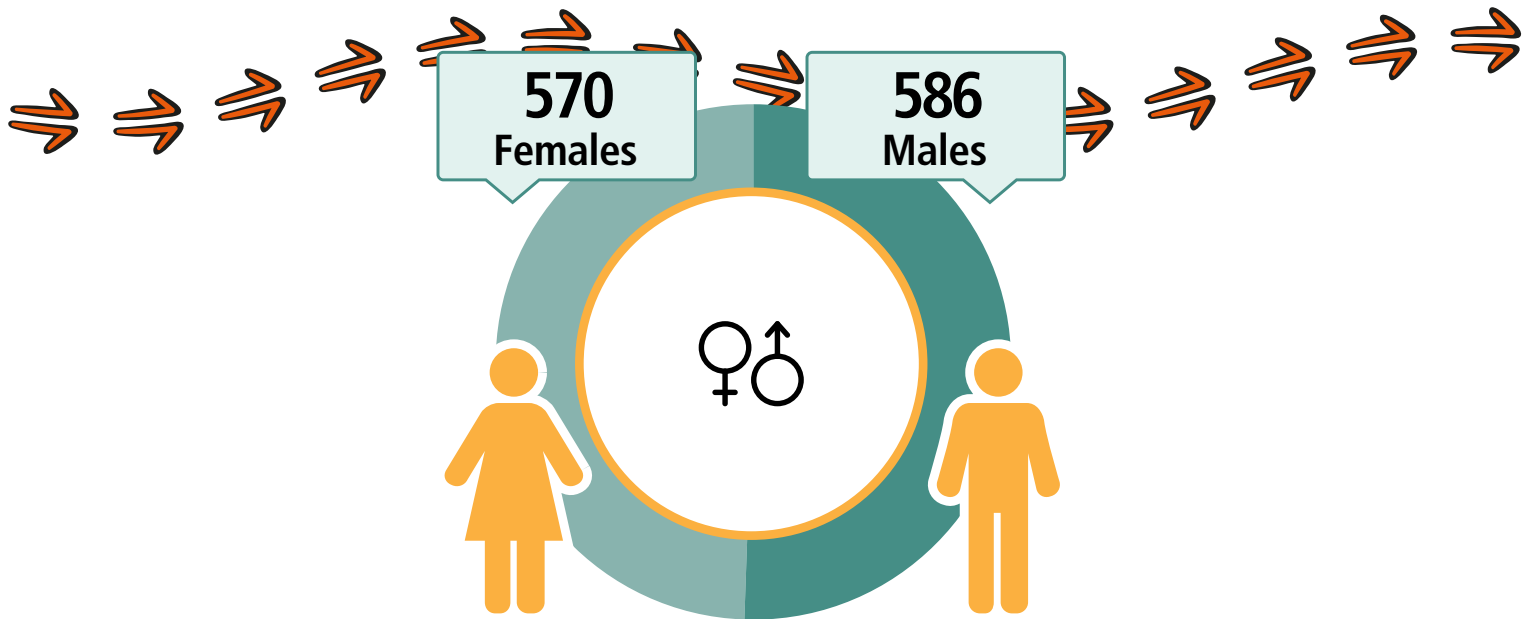
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FAMILIES





# Ngukurr



## CARED FOR CHILDREN



50%

191  
Working



\$252  
Weekly Income



535  
Students



118  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Ngukurr ILOC

# Numbulwar

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

723

People

678

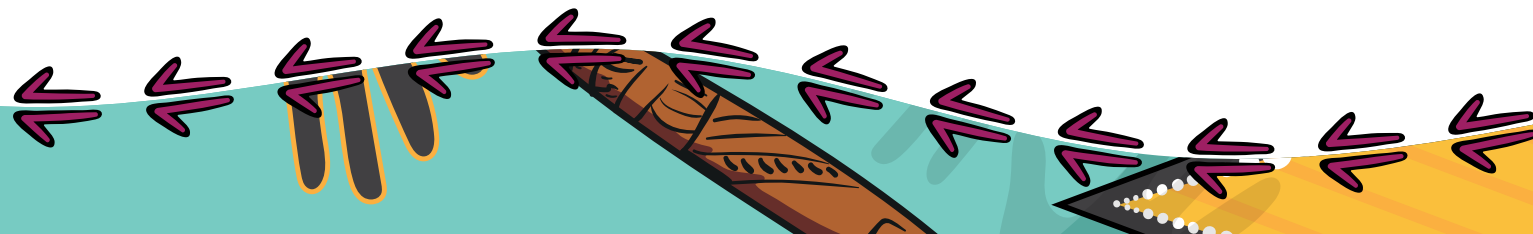
Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait  
Islander people

HOUSES

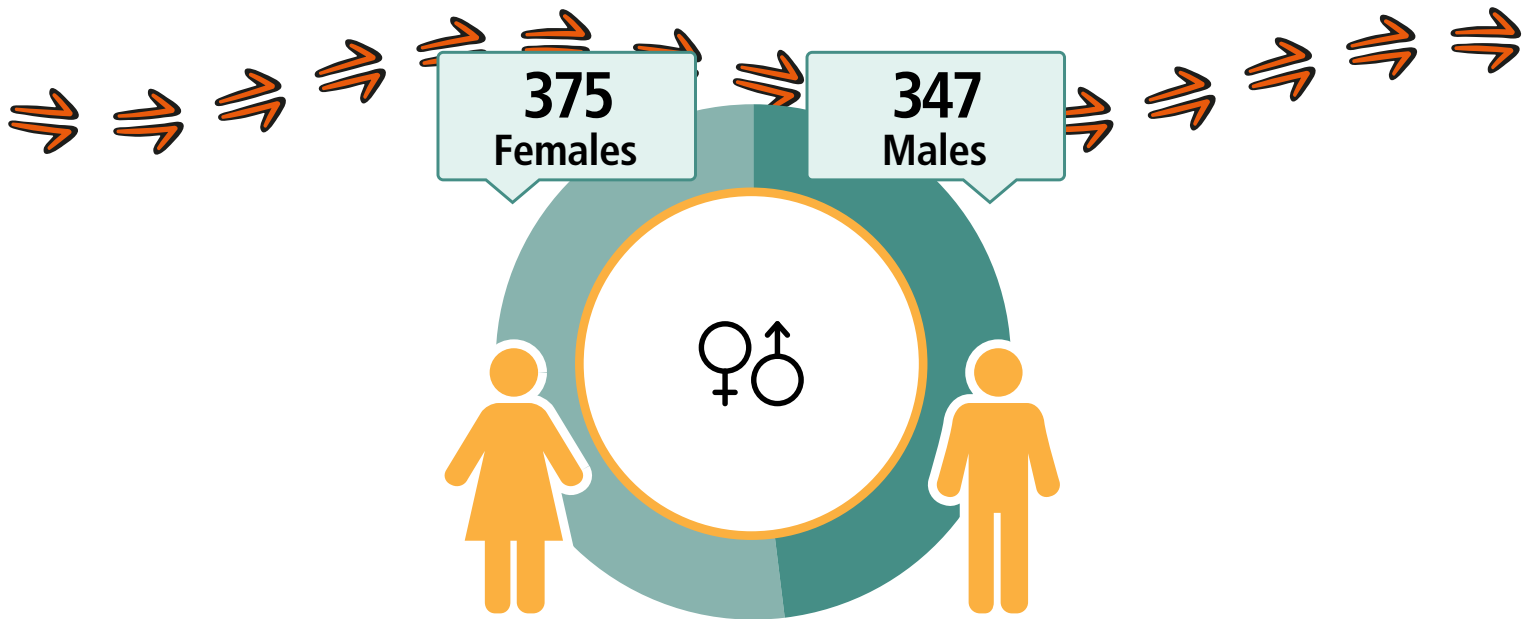
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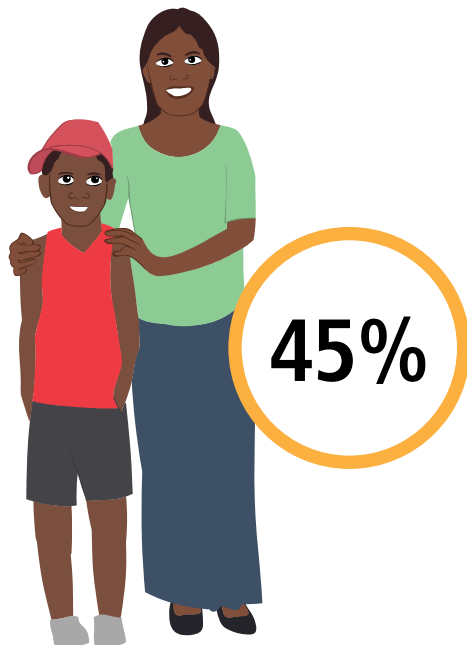
FAMILIES



# Numbulwar



## CARED FOR CHILDREN



**110**  
Working



**\$156**  
Weekly Income



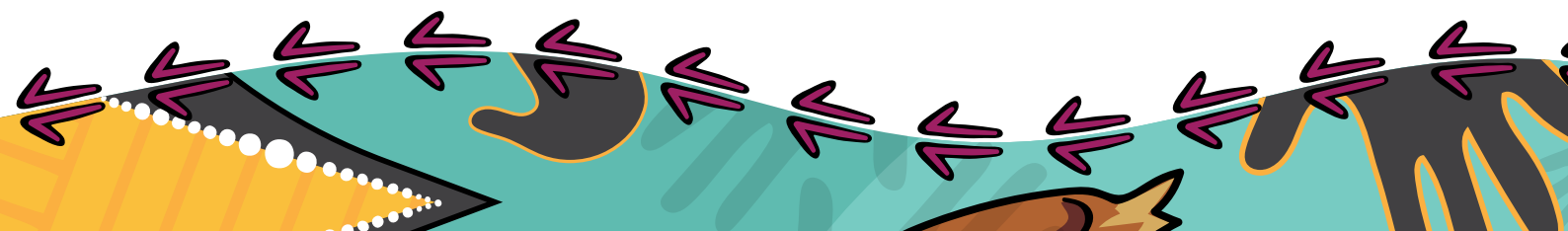
**243**  
Students



**102**  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Numbulwar SSC



# Rittarangu

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

136

People

128

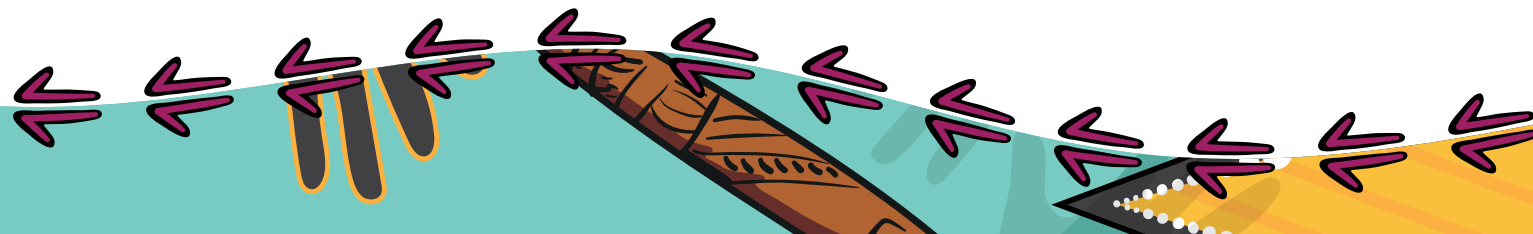
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HOUSES

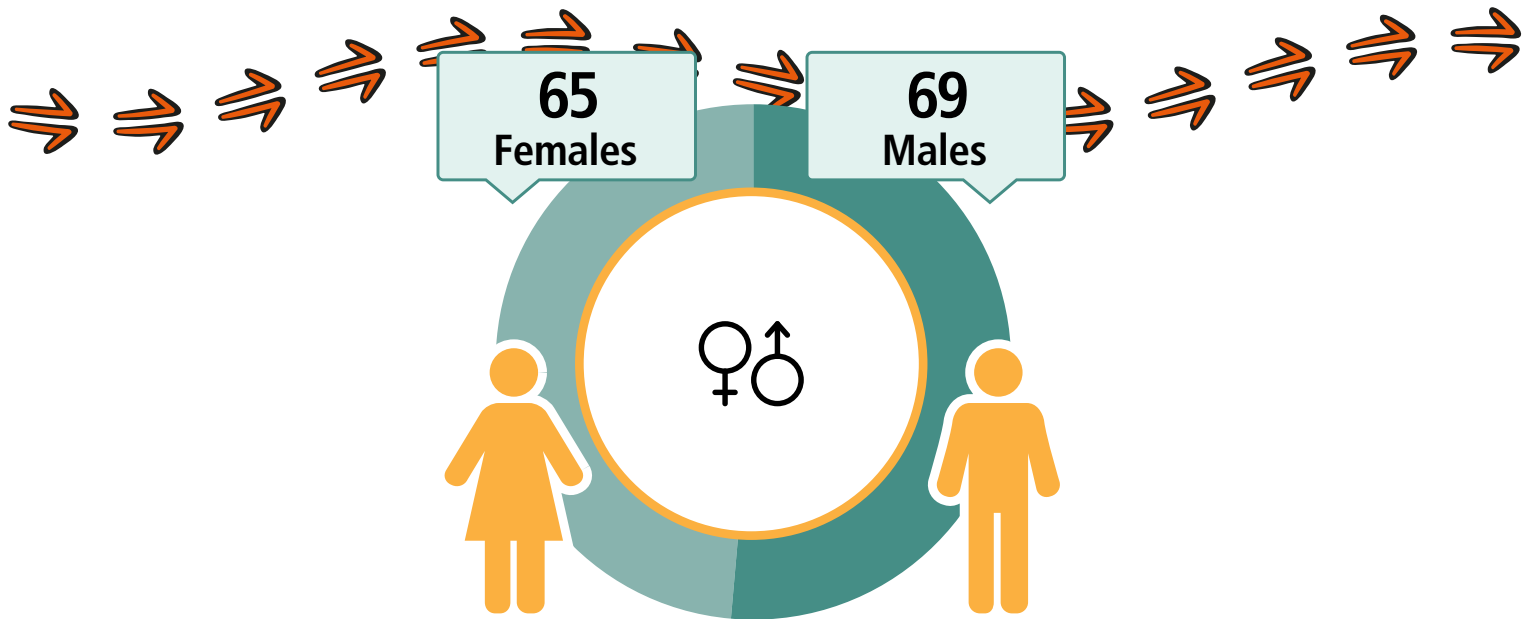
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FAMILIES



# Rittarangu



## CARED FOR CHILDREN



61%

3  
Working



\$239  
Weekly Income



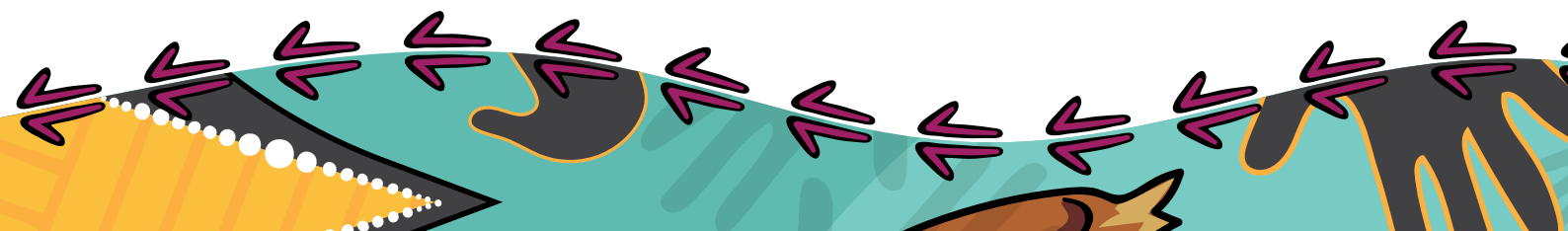
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Students



9  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Rittarangu ILOC



# Robinson River

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Garrwa

222

People

213

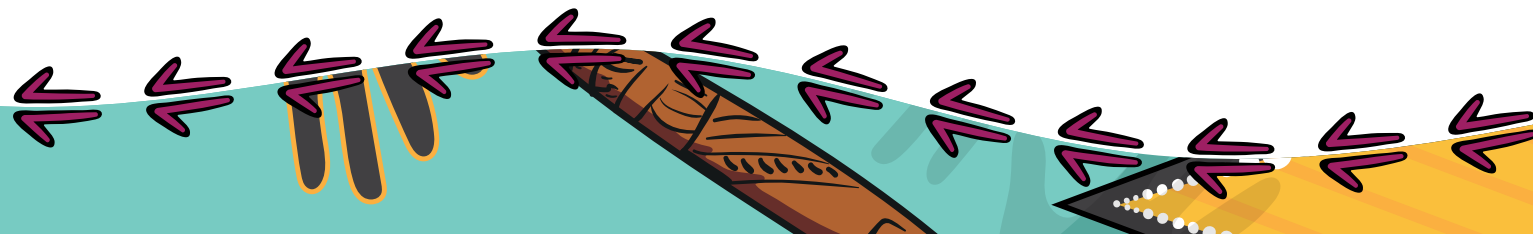
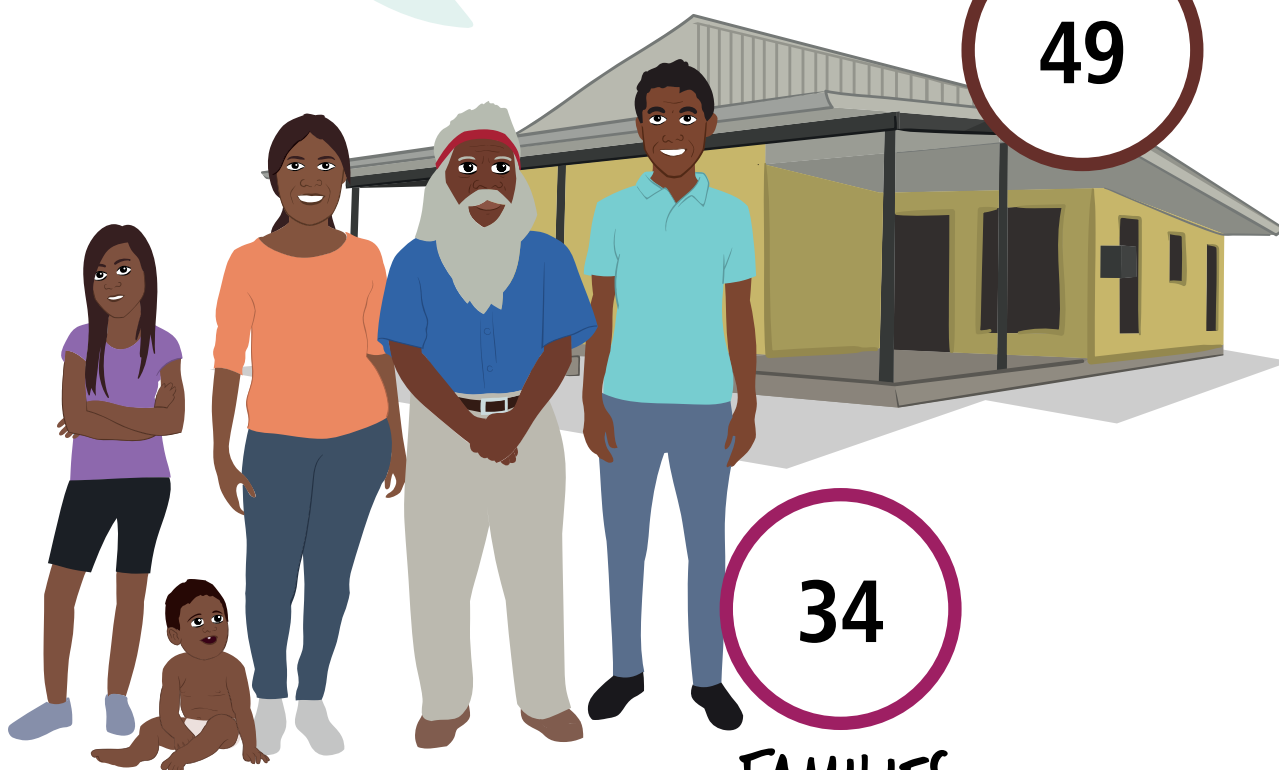
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Islander people

HOUSES

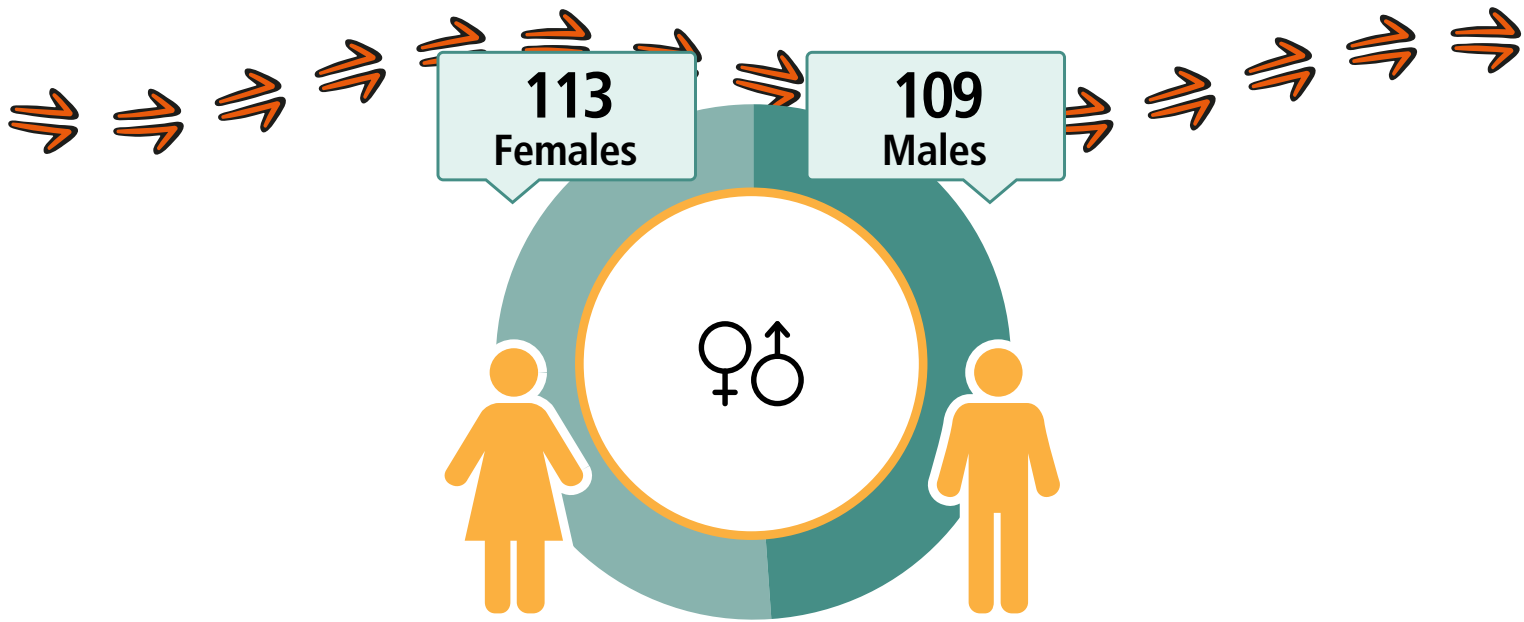
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FAMILIES



# Robinson River



## CARED FOR (CHILDREN



27%

49  
Working



\$231  
Weekly Income



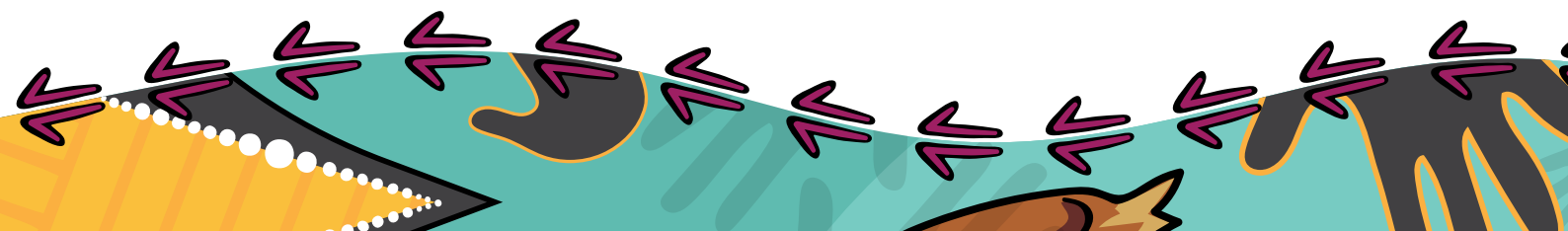
60  
Students



27  
Completed  
Year 12

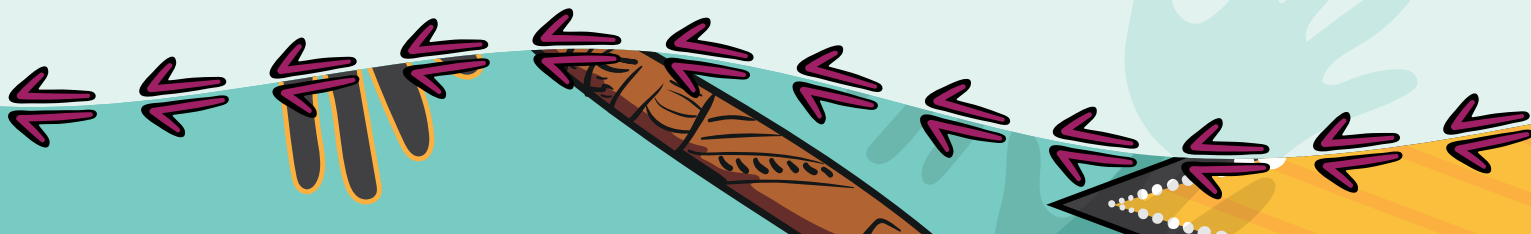
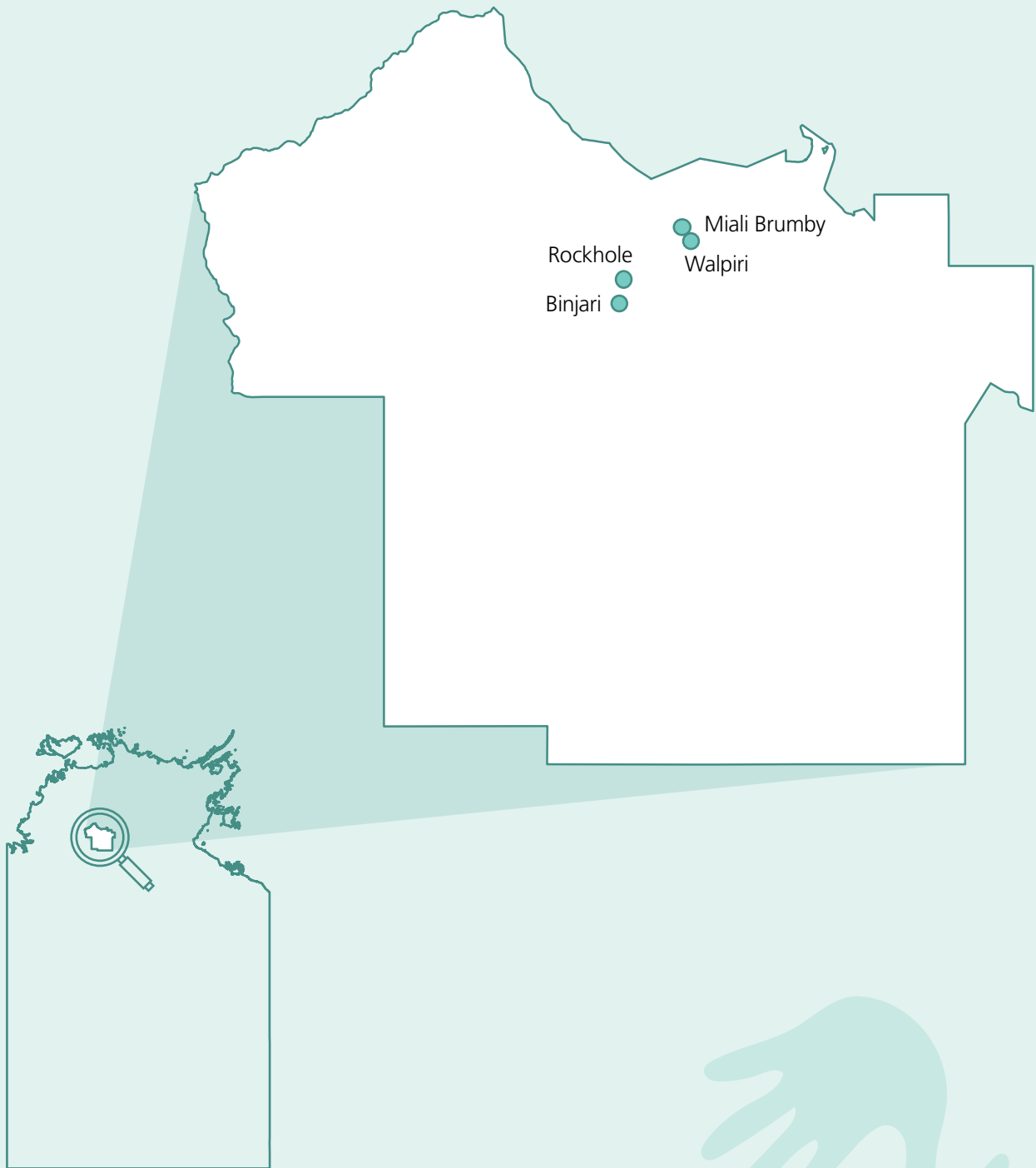


Geography: Robinson River (Mungoorbada) ILOC





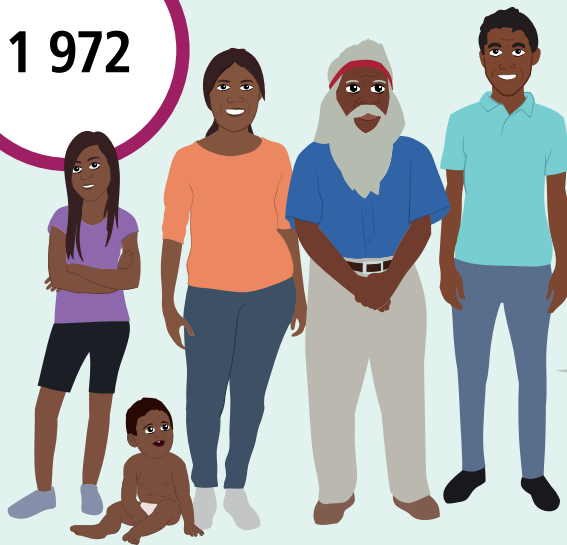
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# Katherine

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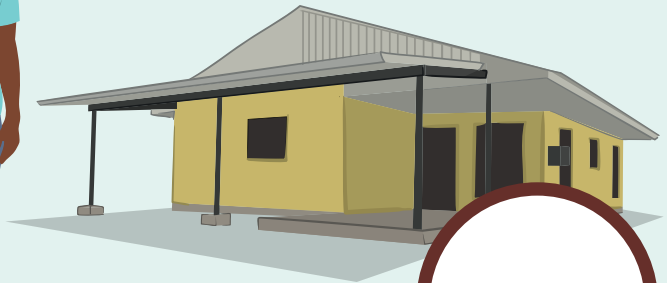


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People

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Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait  
Islander people



4 034

## HOUSES

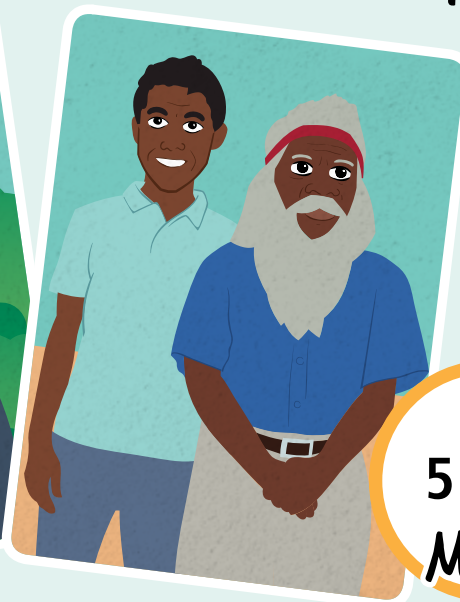
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## FEMALES



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## MALES



# Binjari

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

190

People

189

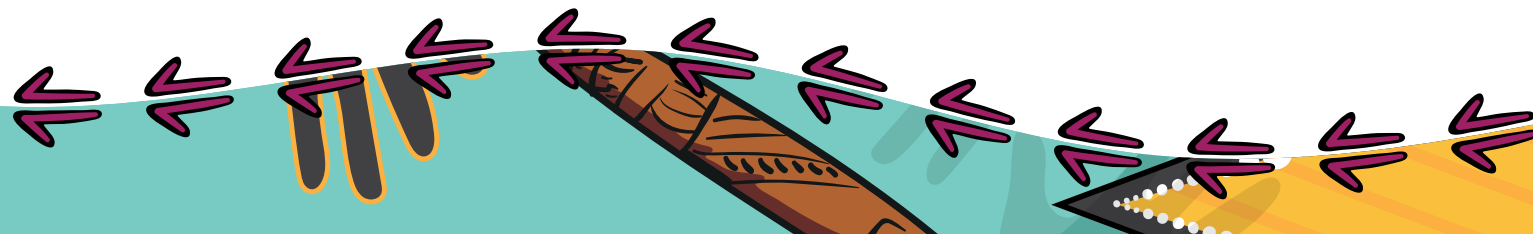
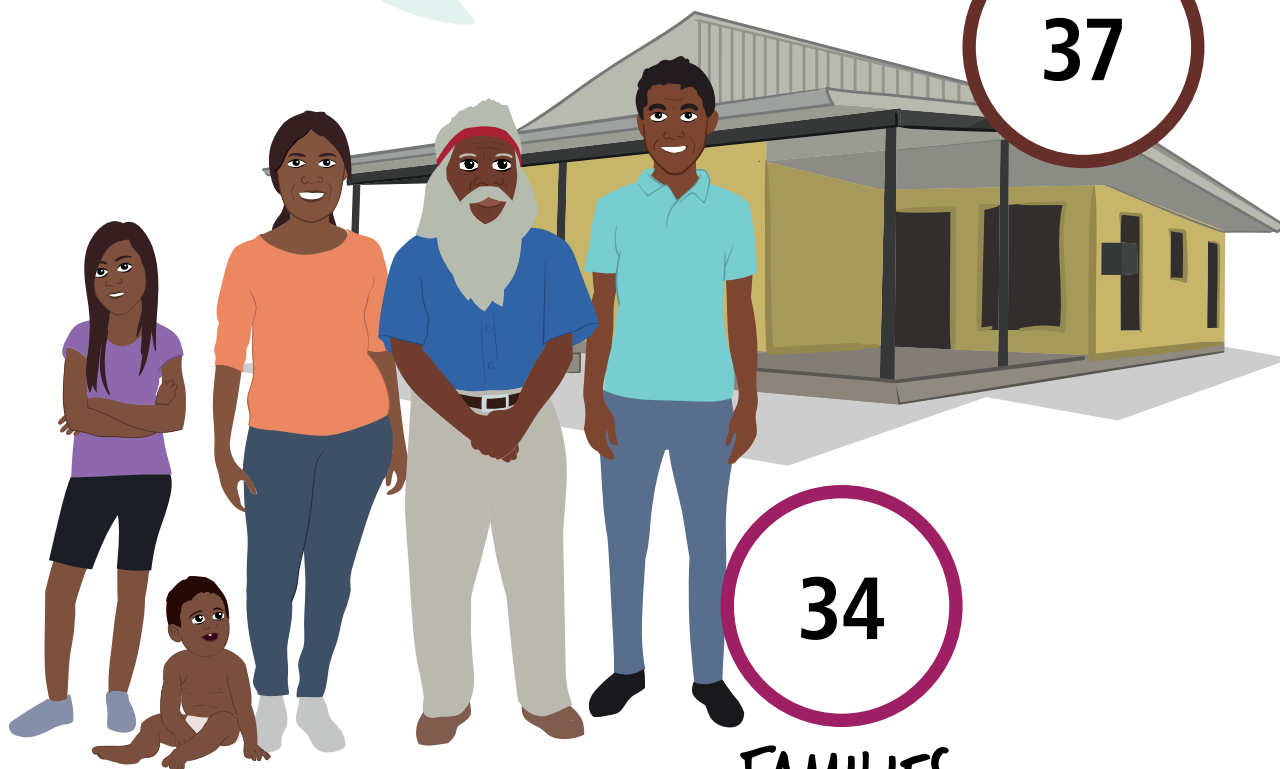
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Torres Strait  
Islander people

HOUSES

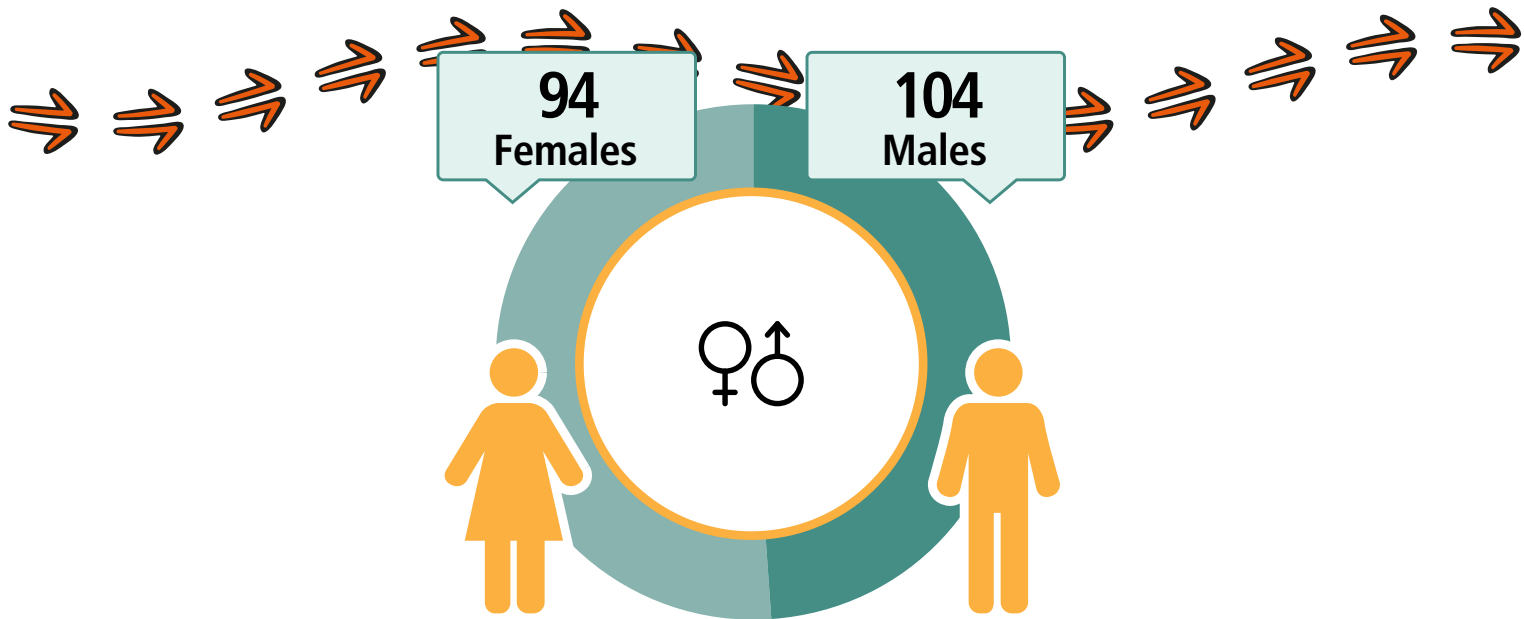
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FAMILIES



# Binjari



## CARED FOR CHILDREN



22%

7  
Working



\$194  
Weekly Income



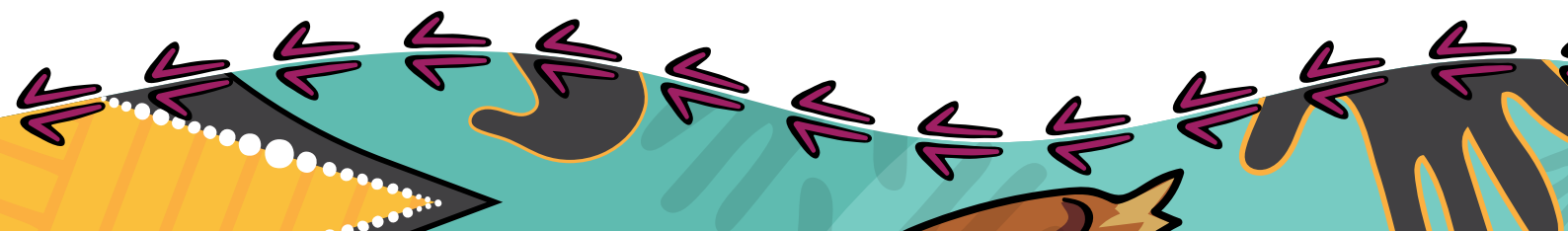
63  
Students



0  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Binjari ILOC



# Miali Brumby - Warlpiri

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

299

People

256

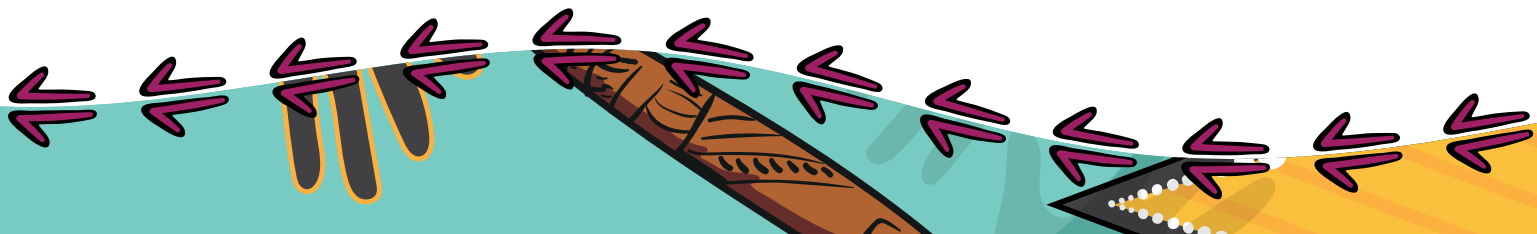
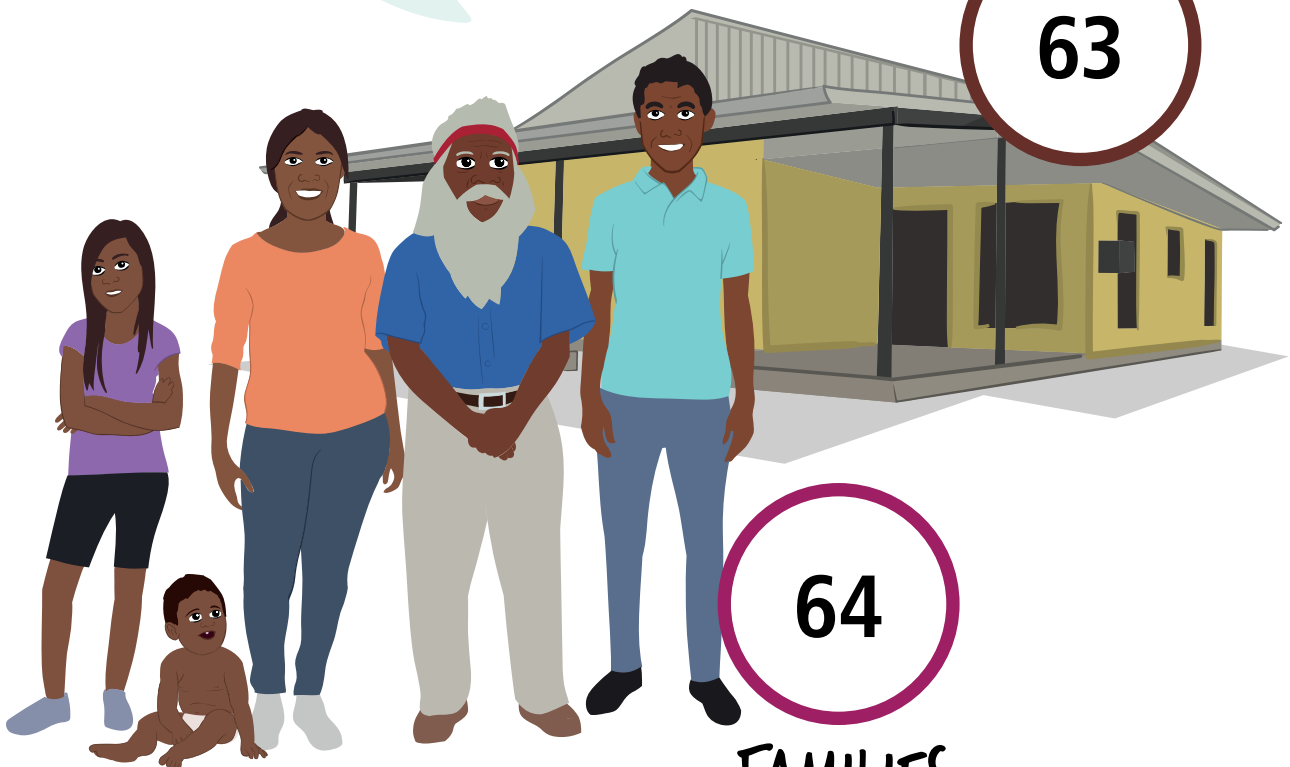
Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait  
Islander people

HOUSES

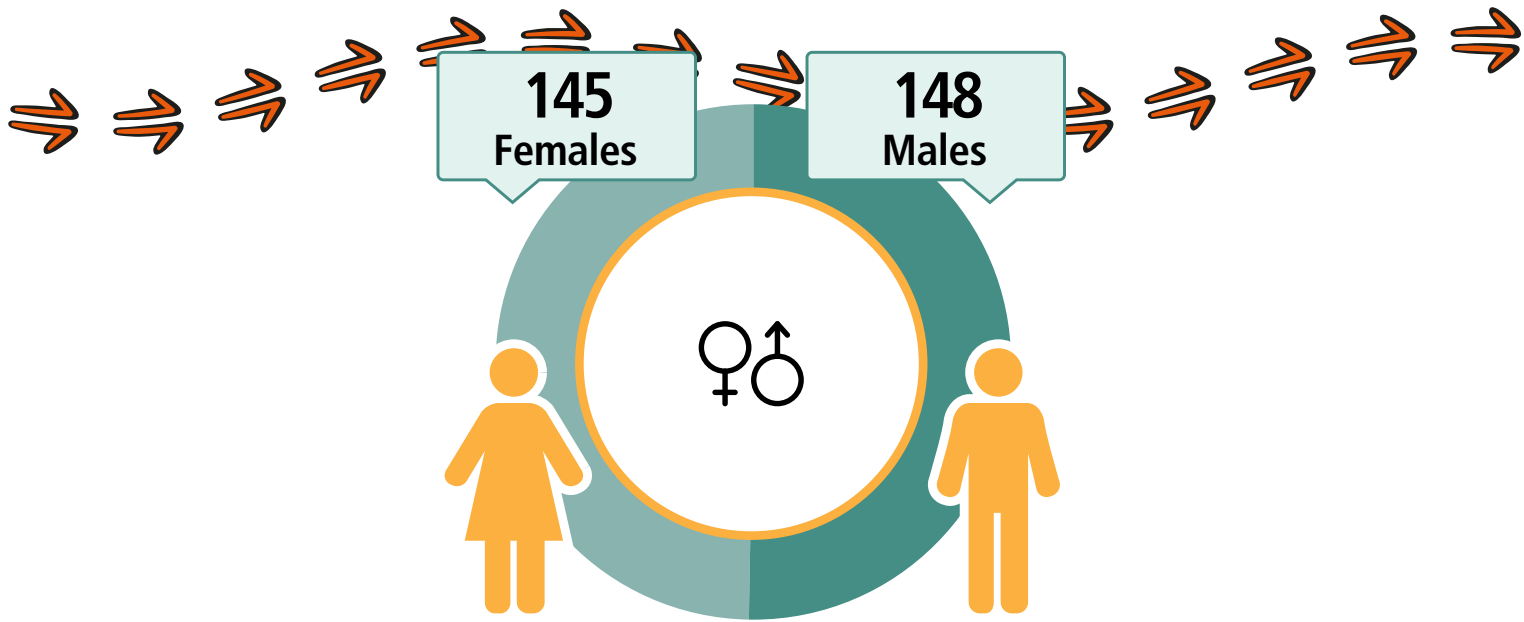
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FAMILIES



# Miali Brumby - Warlpiri



## CARED FOR CHILDREN



37%

54  
Working



\$264  
Weekly Income



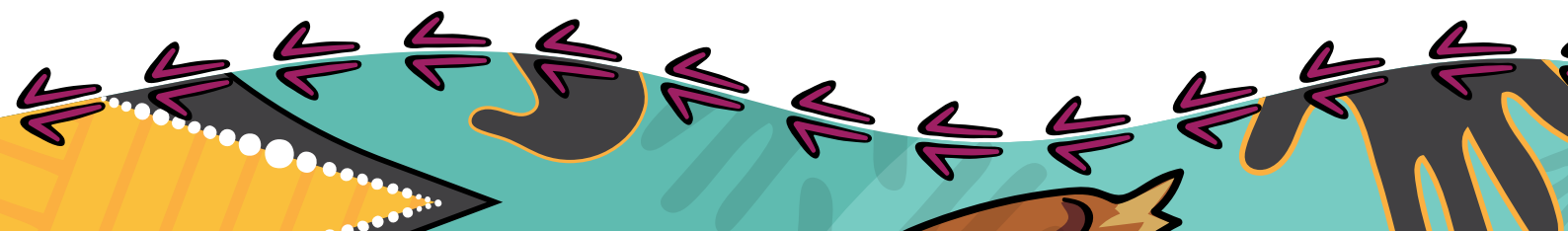
67  
Students



25  
Completed  
Year 12



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# Rockhole

LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
Kriol

145

People

145

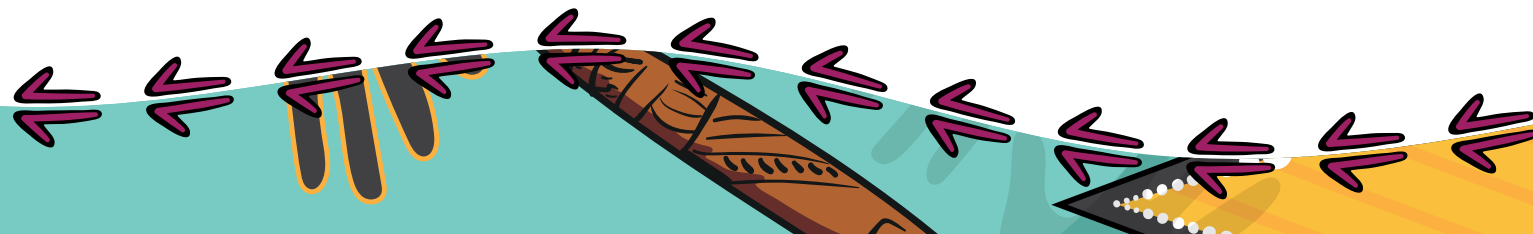
Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait  
Islander people

HOUSES

21

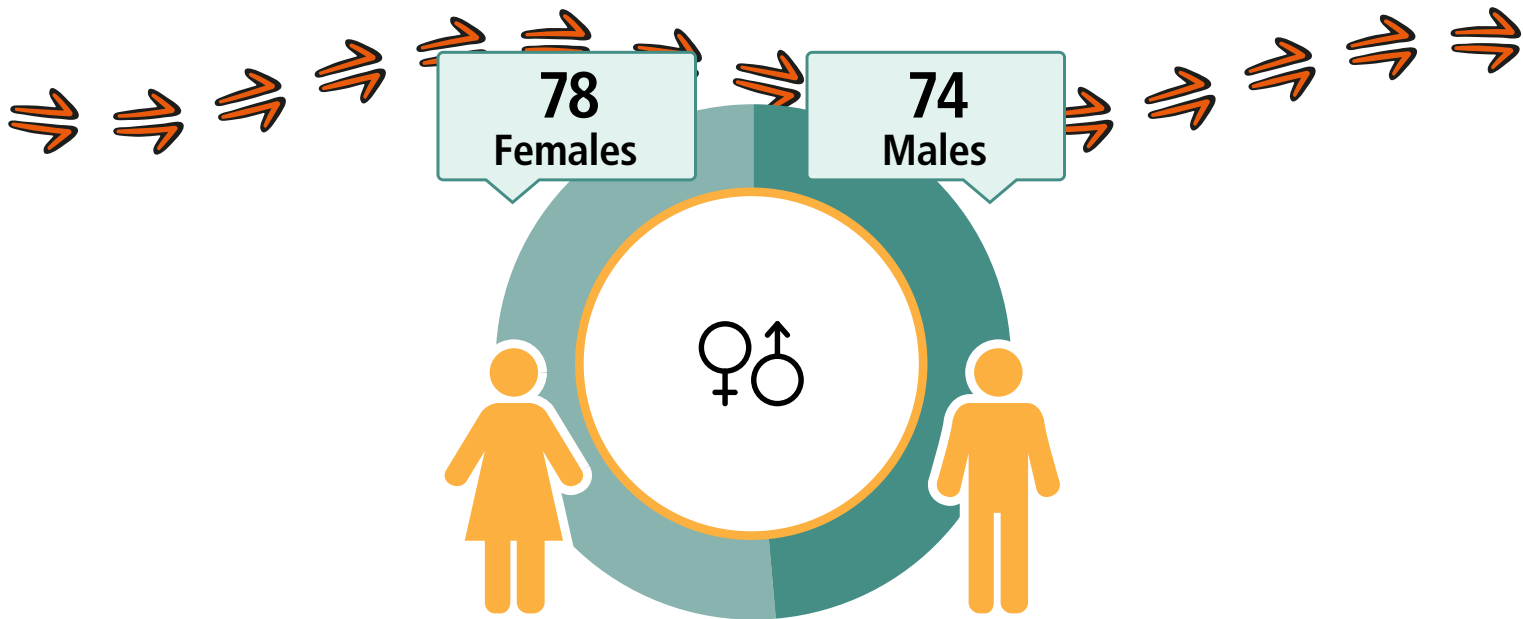
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FAMILIES





# Rockhole



## CARED FOR (CHILDREN



48%

**11**  
Working



**\$212**  
Weekly Income



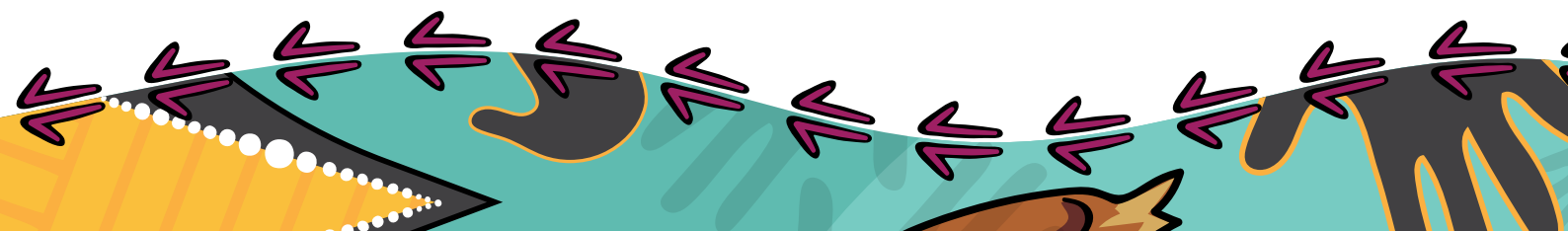
**44**  
Students



**5**  
Completed  
Year 12



Geography: Rockhole ILOC















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