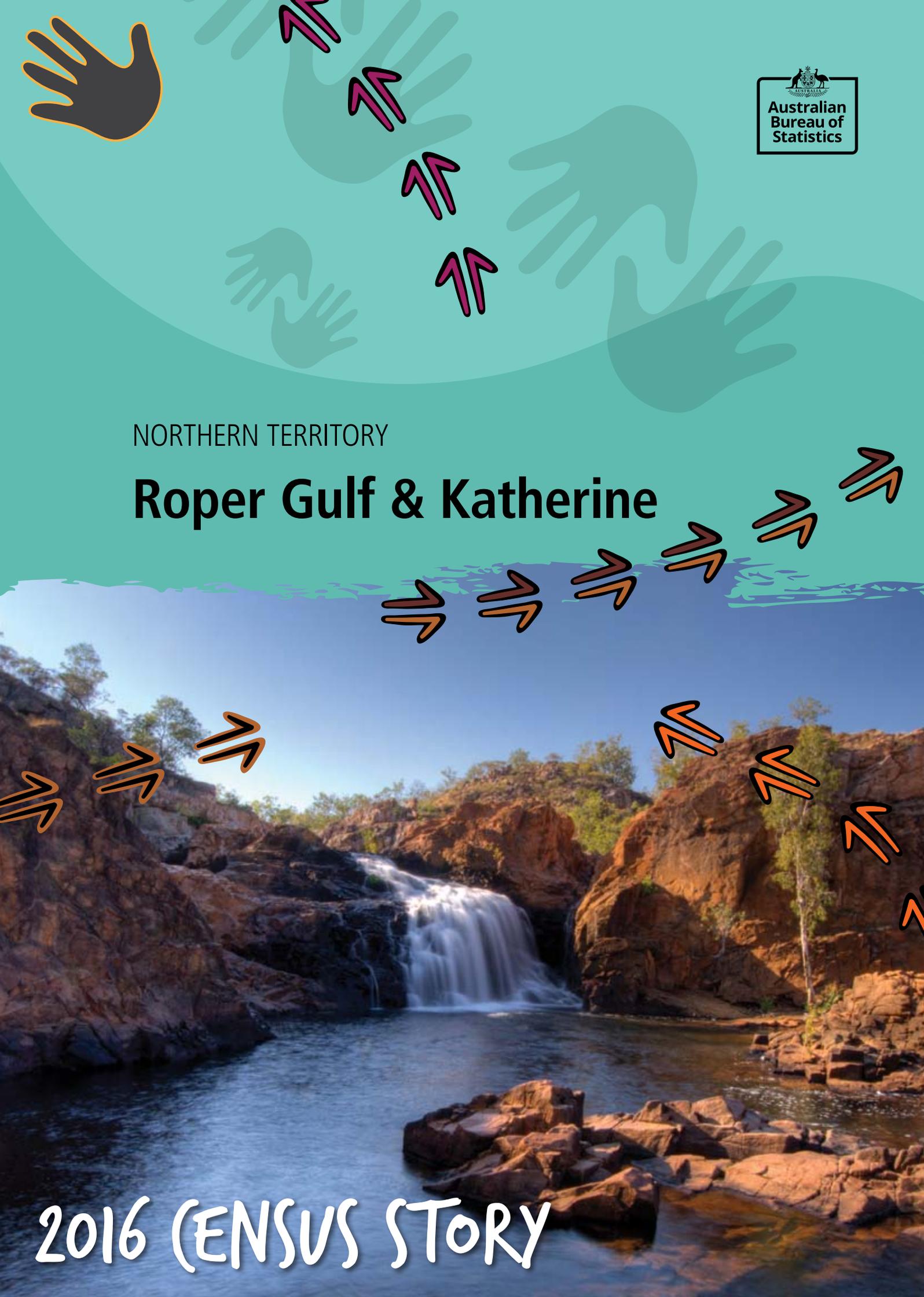


NORTHERN TERRITORY

# Roper Gulf & Katherine

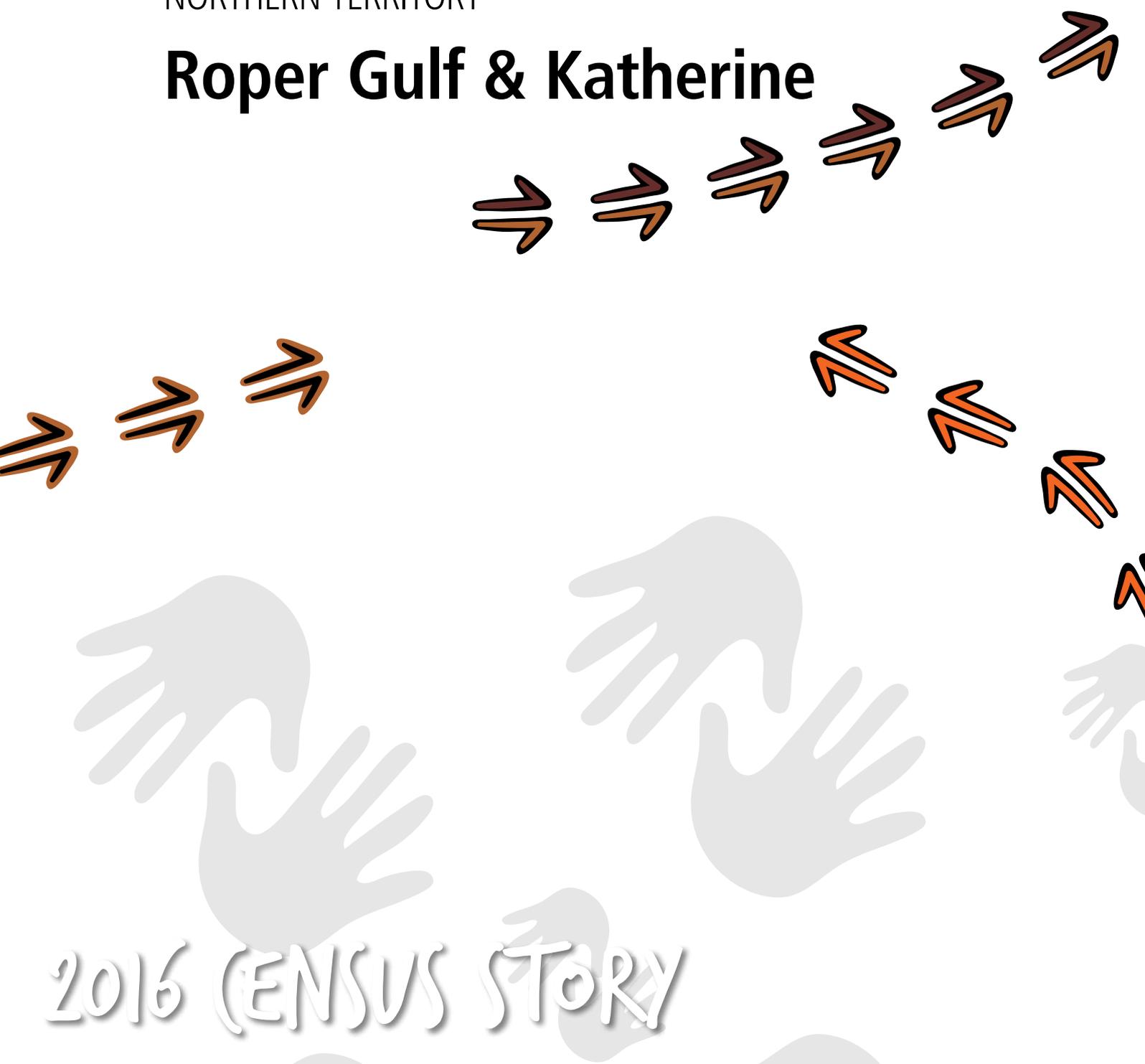


2016 CENSUS STORY



NORTHERN TERRITORY

# Roper Gulf & Katherine



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## 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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*Shaun Lee*  
Original concept by Shaun Lee

## 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'.

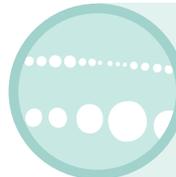
**Core centre design:** Black represents the earth and the soil; the pattern symbolises an 'ageless recognition' used through Northern Australia, and perhaps wider Australia. An 'ageless recognition' is the closest translation into English. It's derived from a number of terms that describe an instant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



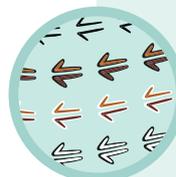
**Message sticks:** Representing unique messages; signifies that a story is being told and needs to be received.

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).

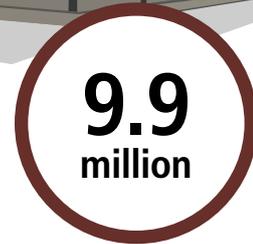
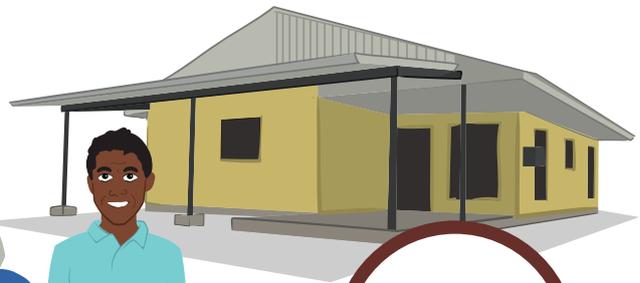
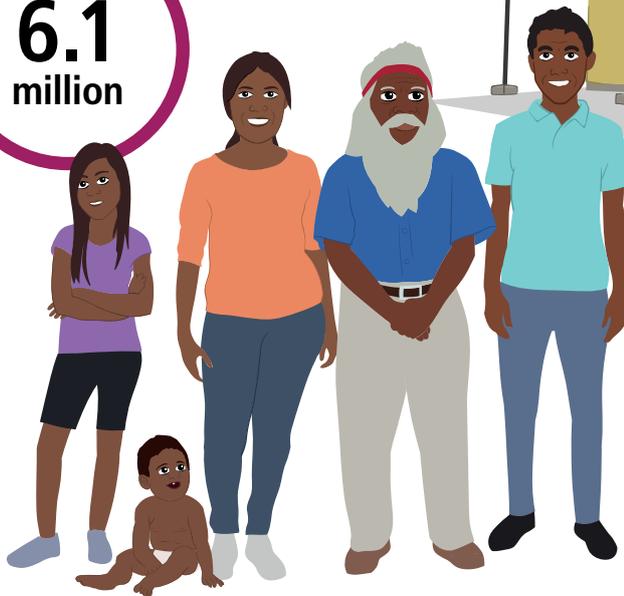
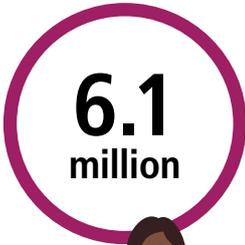


Photos by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, taken from the Jabiru township.

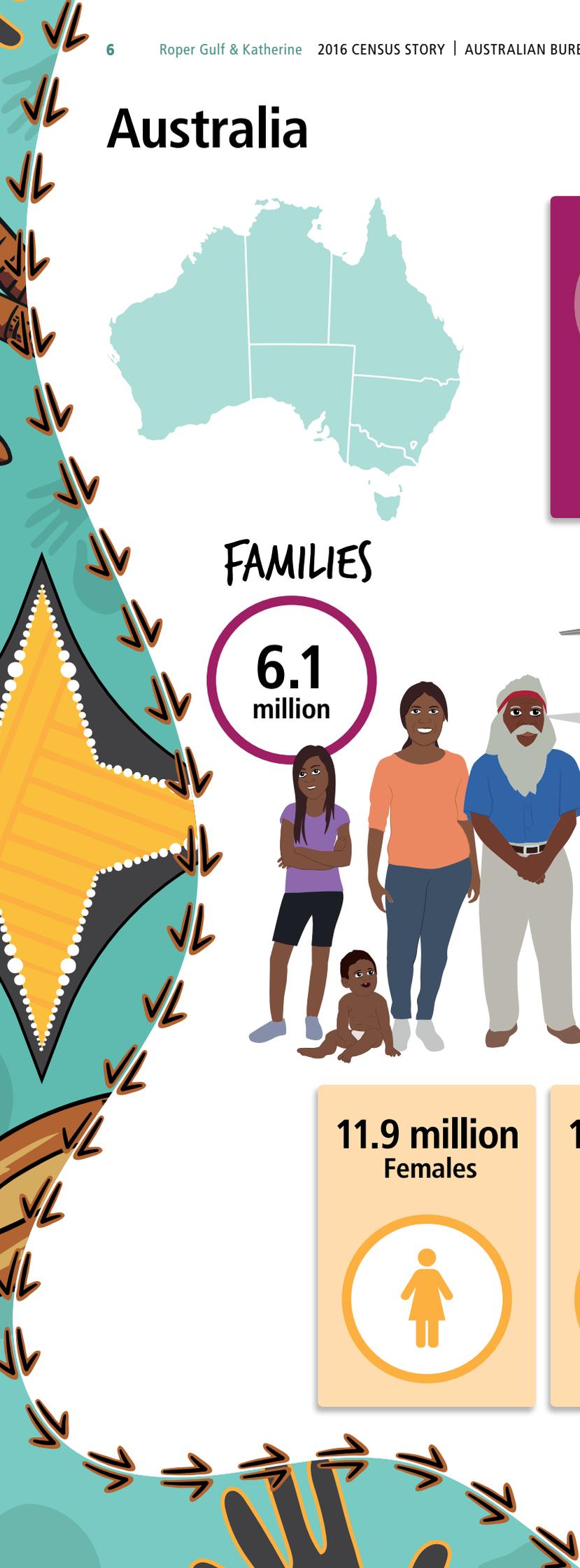
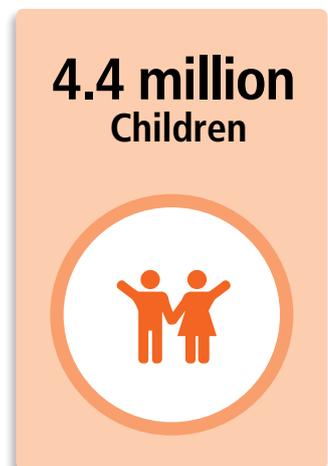
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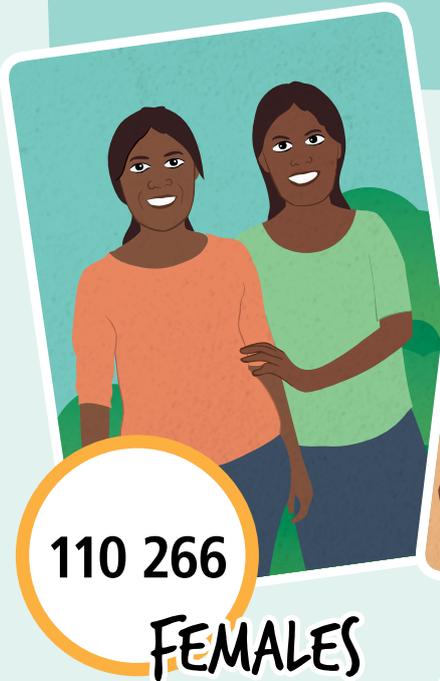
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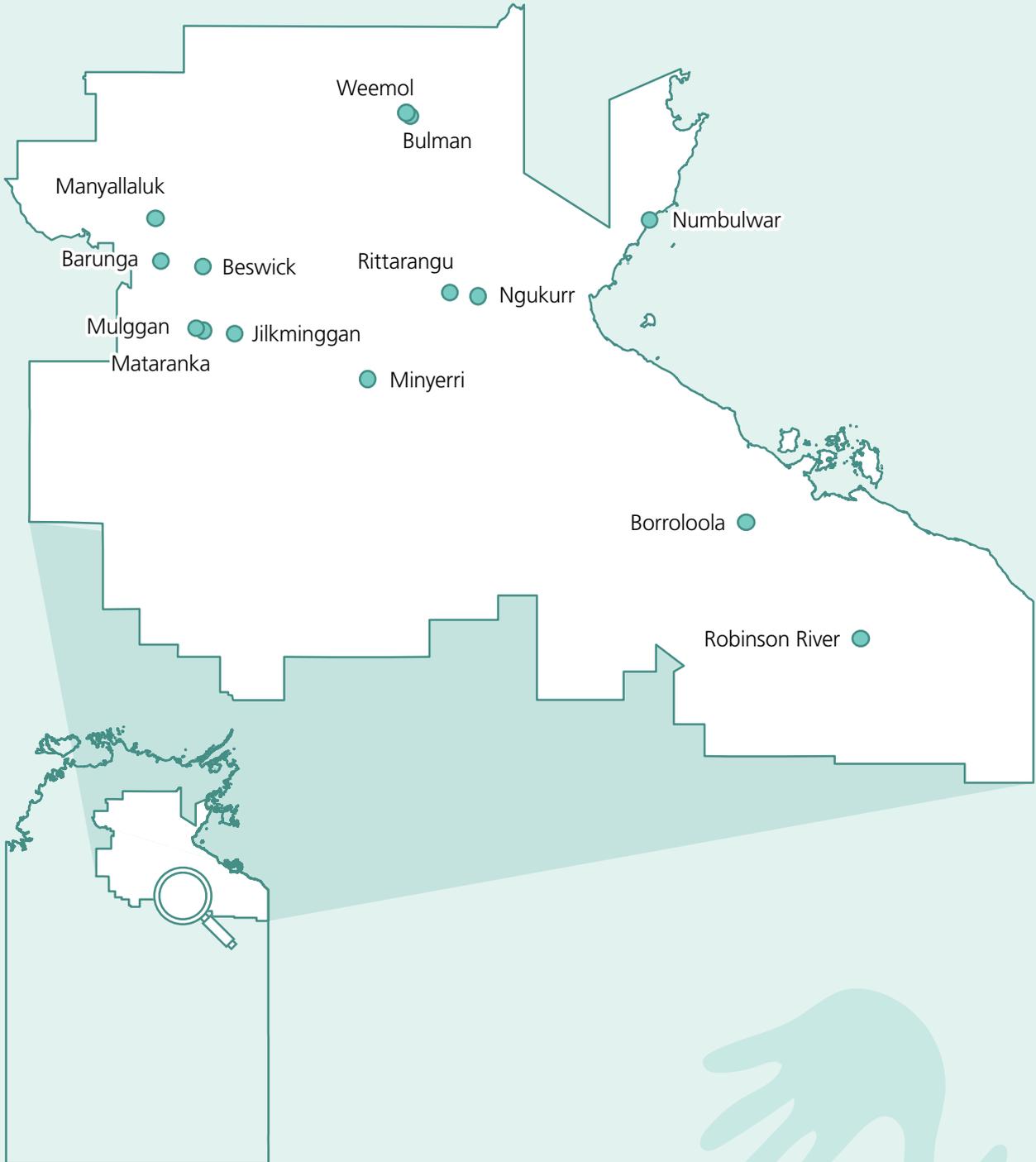
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# Roper Gulf



# Roper Gulf



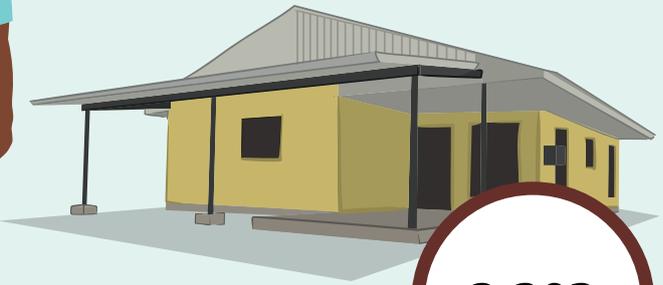
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People

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Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait  
Islander people

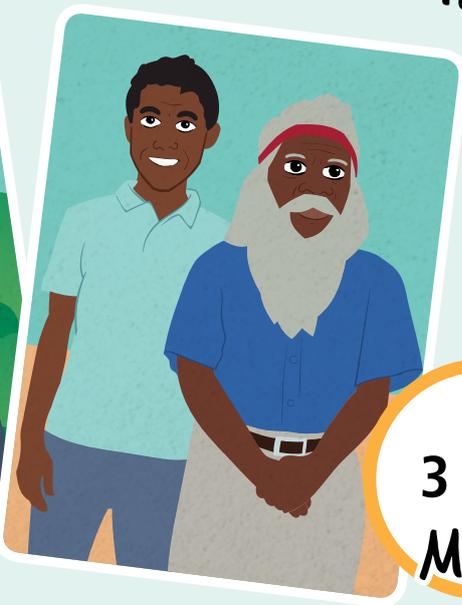


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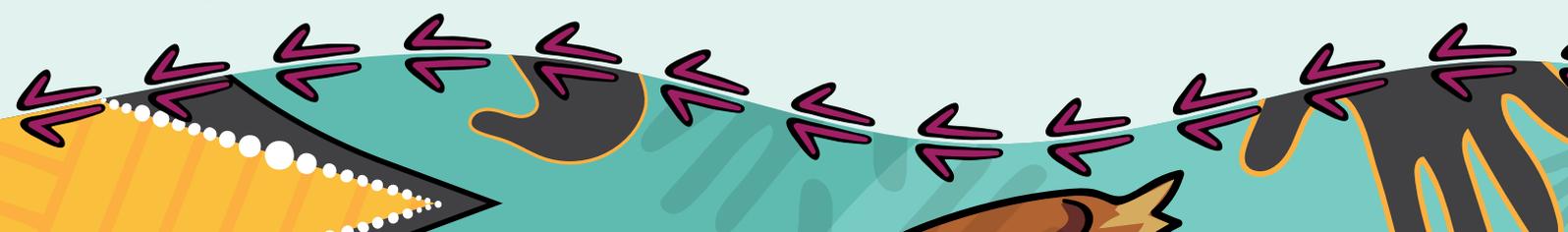
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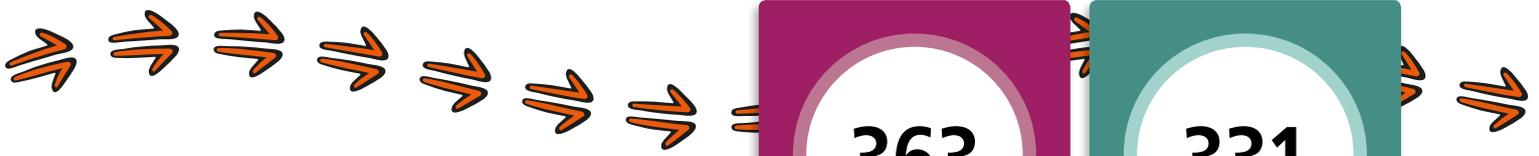
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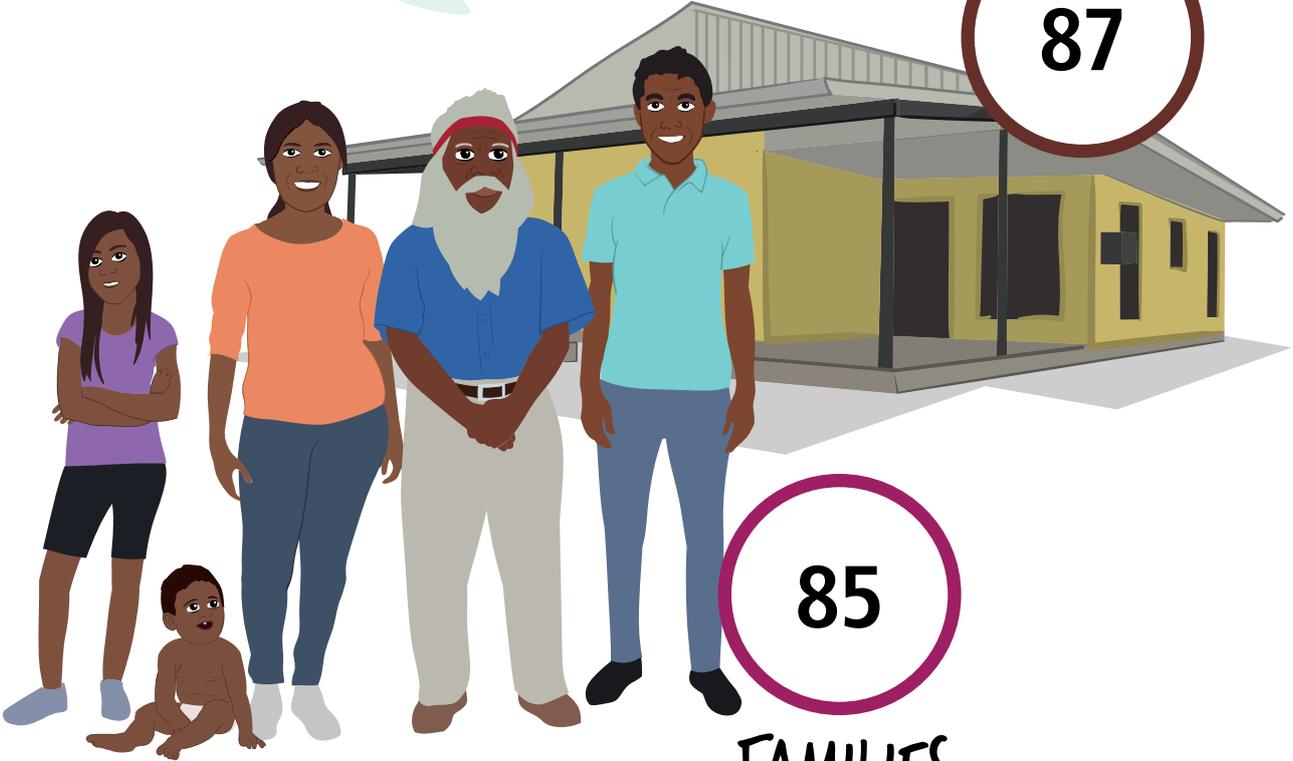
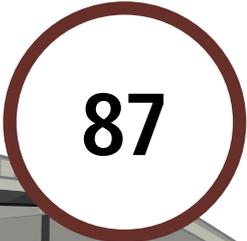


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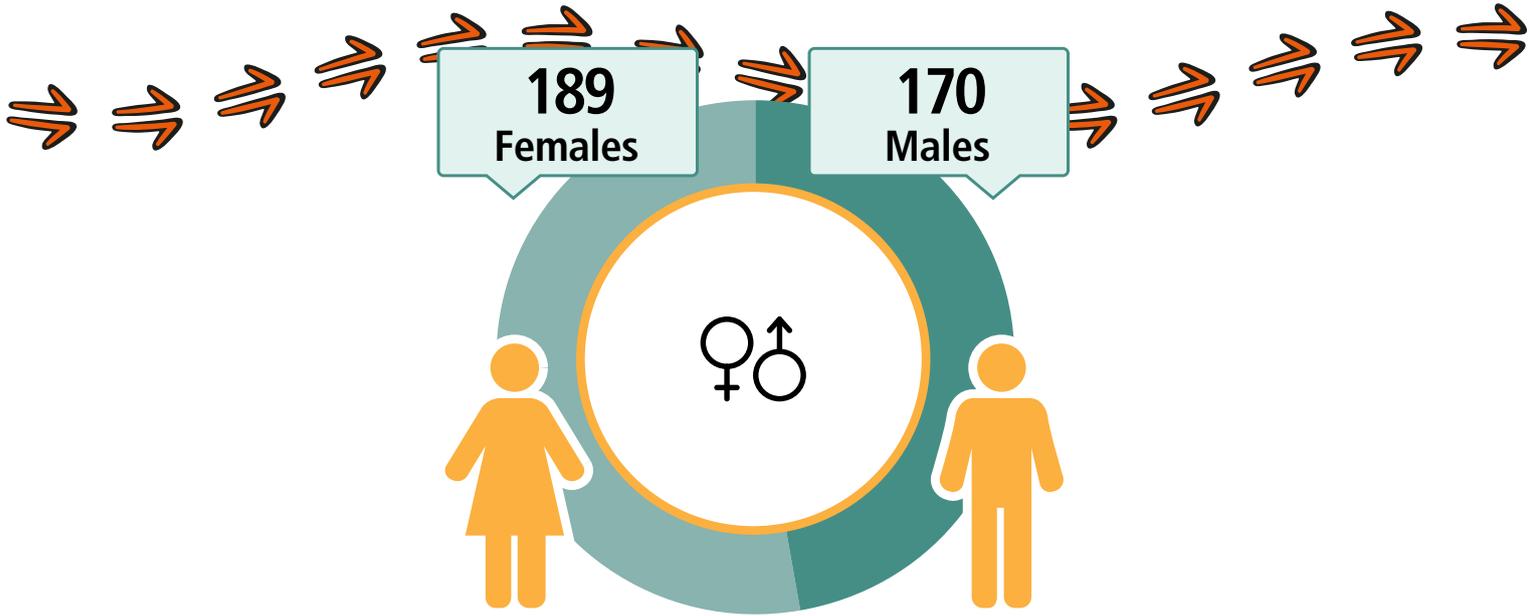
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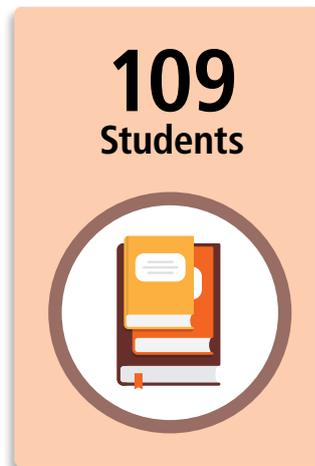
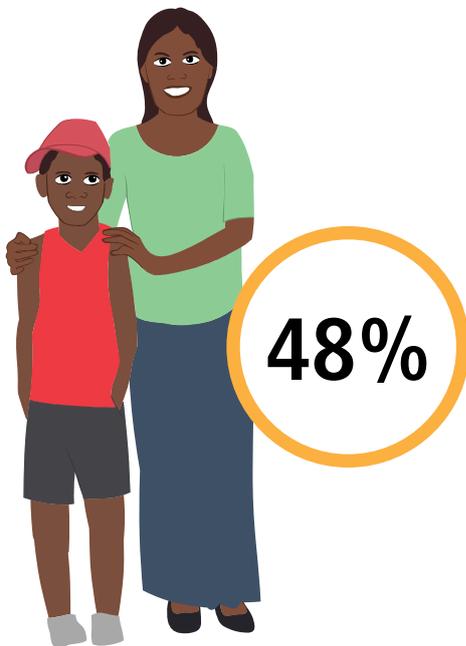
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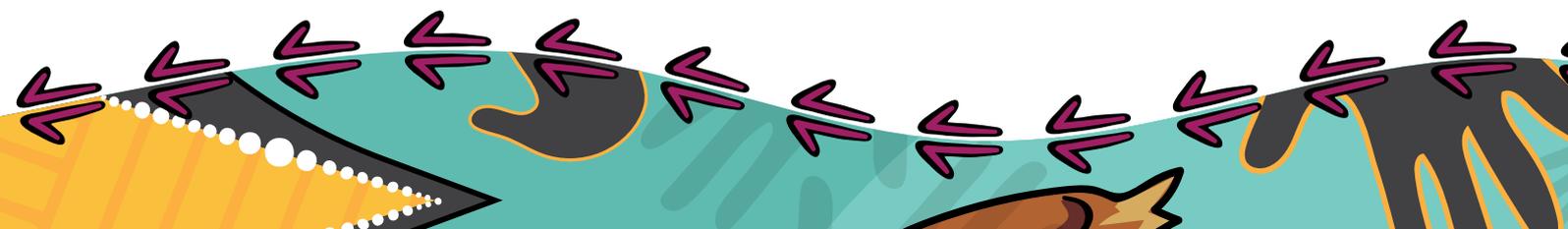
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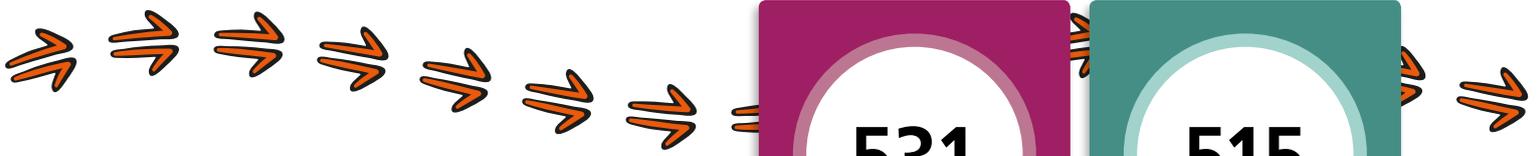
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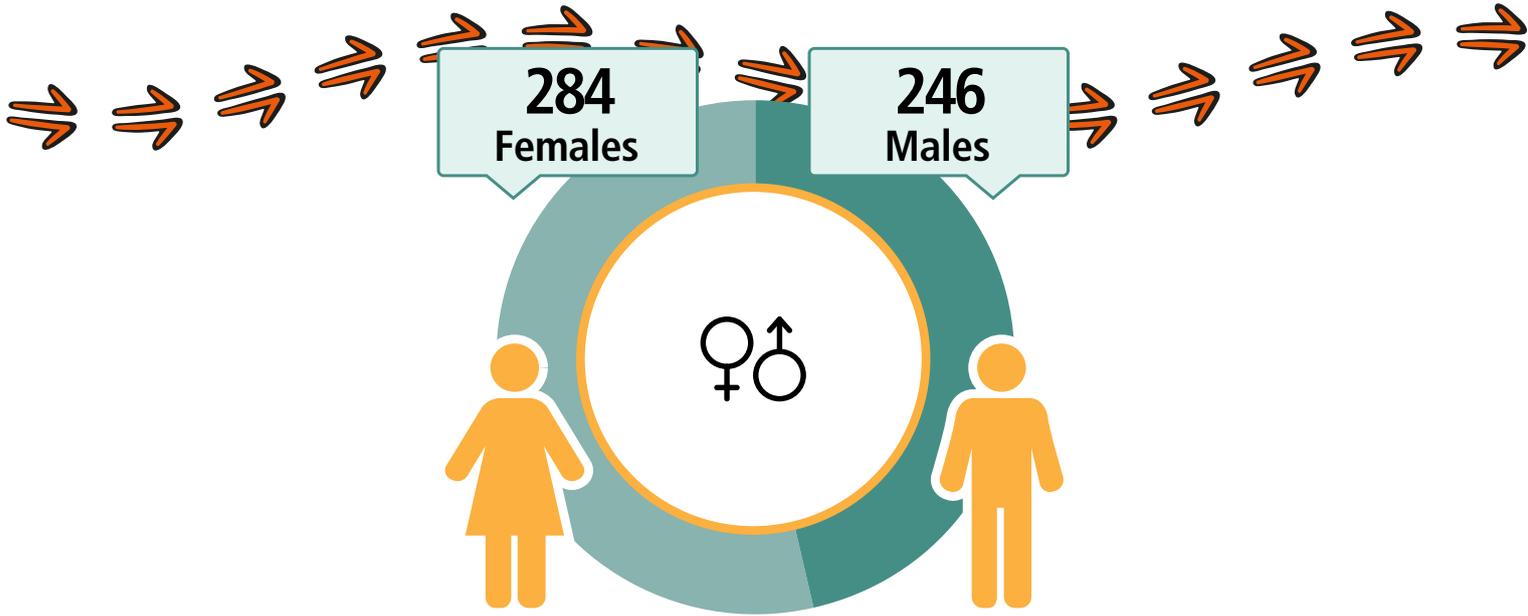
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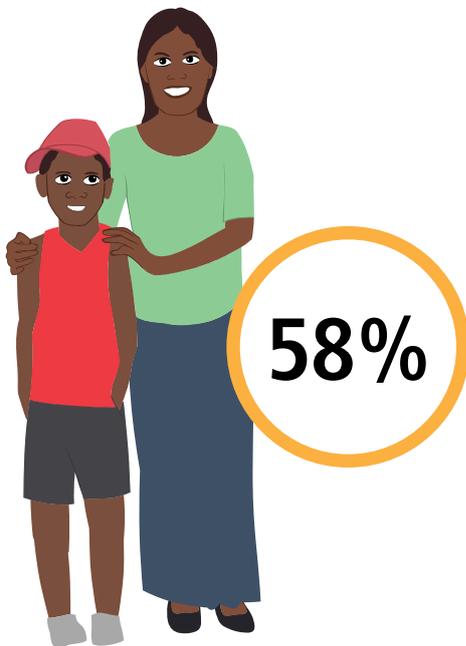
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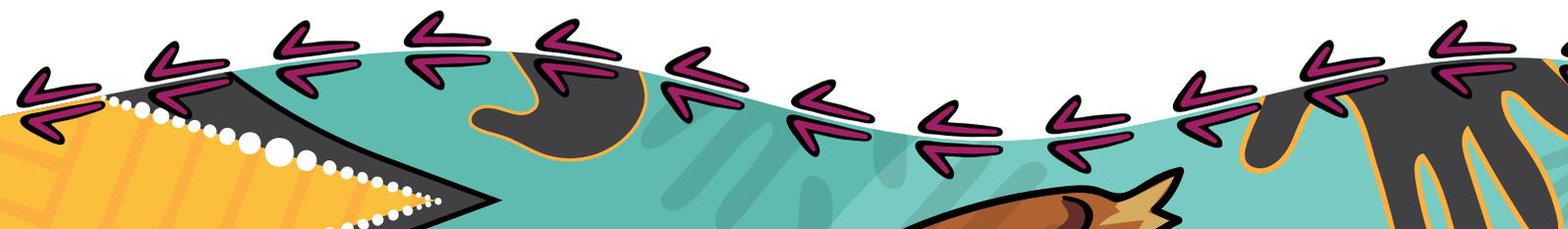
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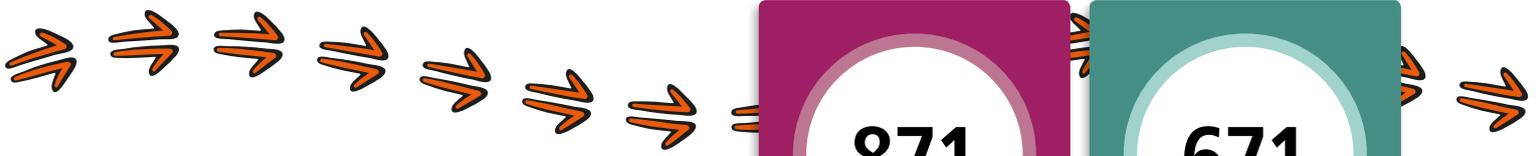
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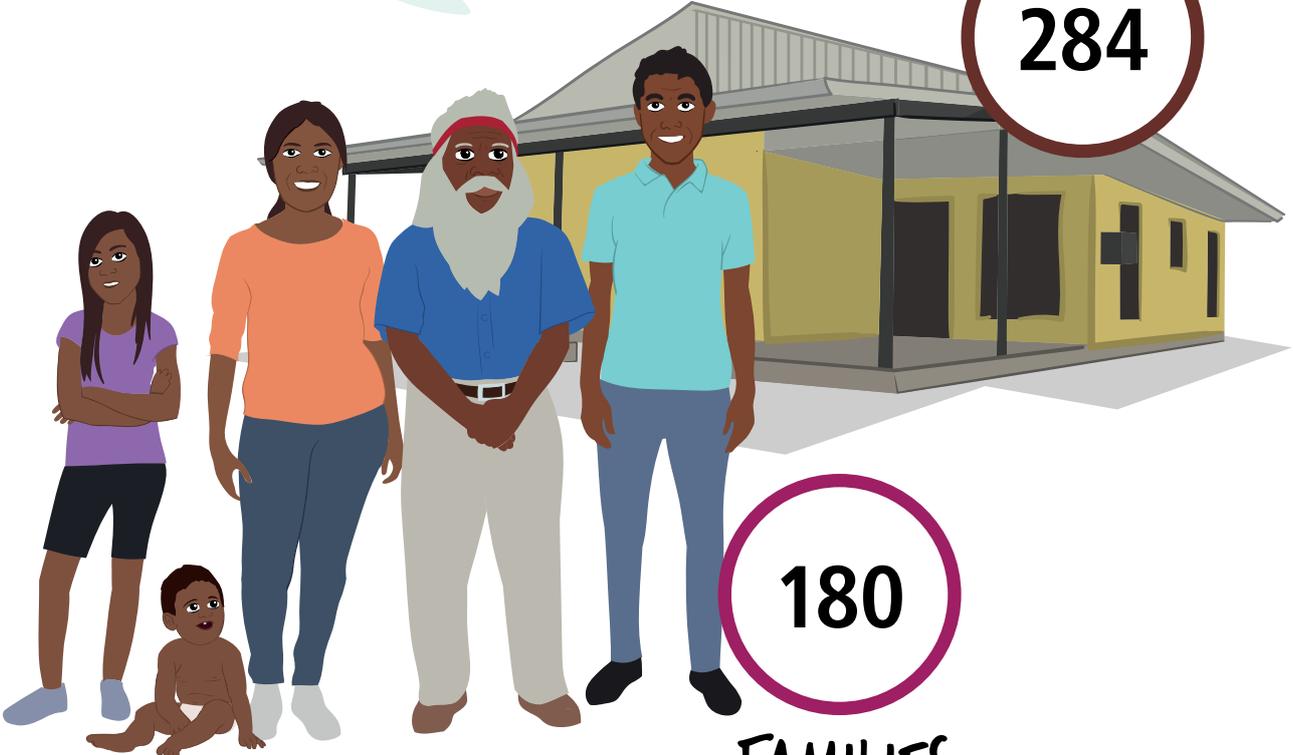


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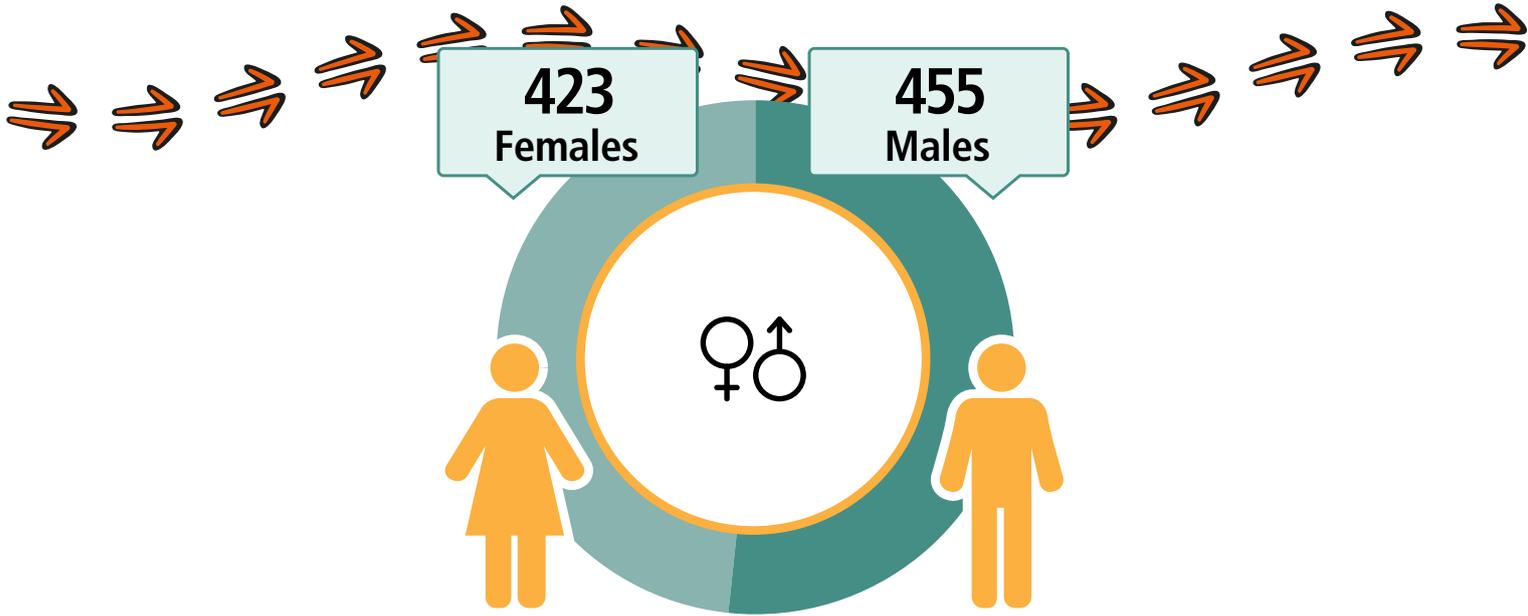
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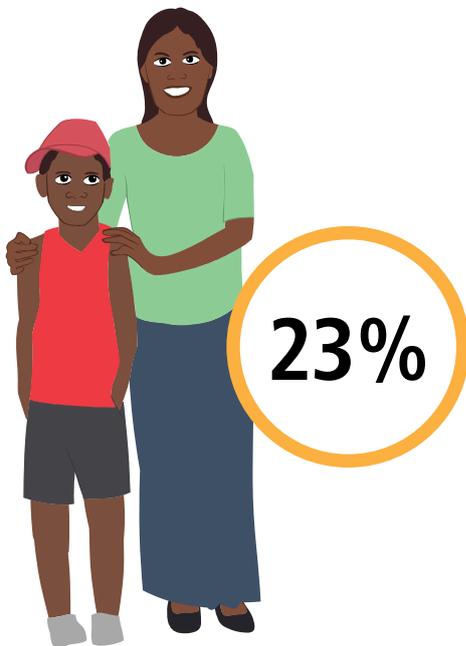
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# Borrooloola



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Working



**\$419**  
Weekly Income



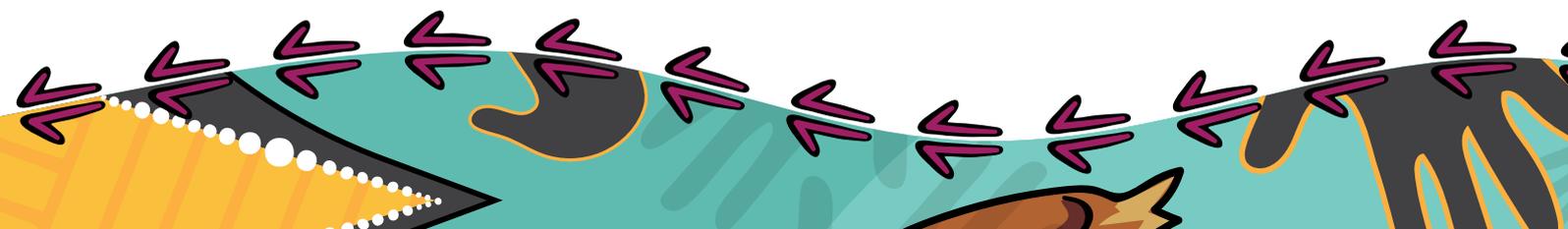
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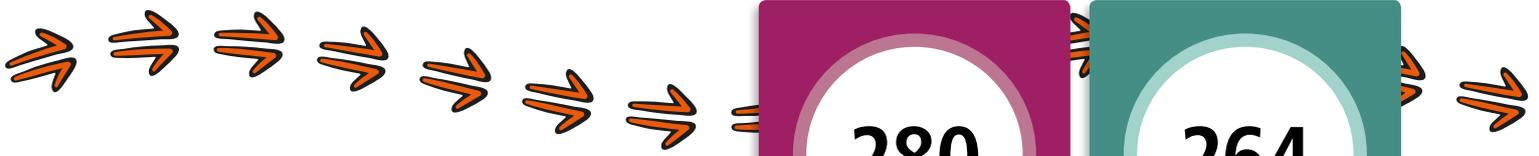
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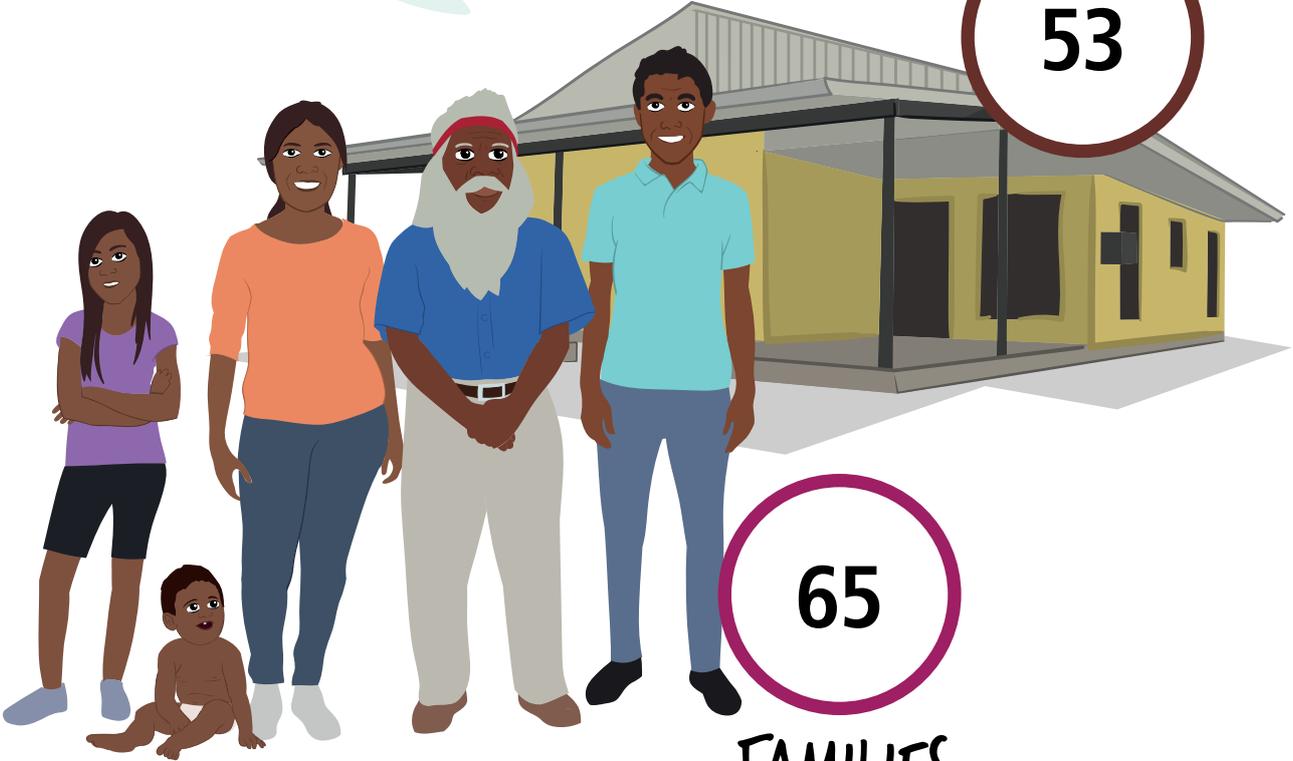
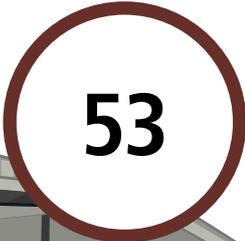


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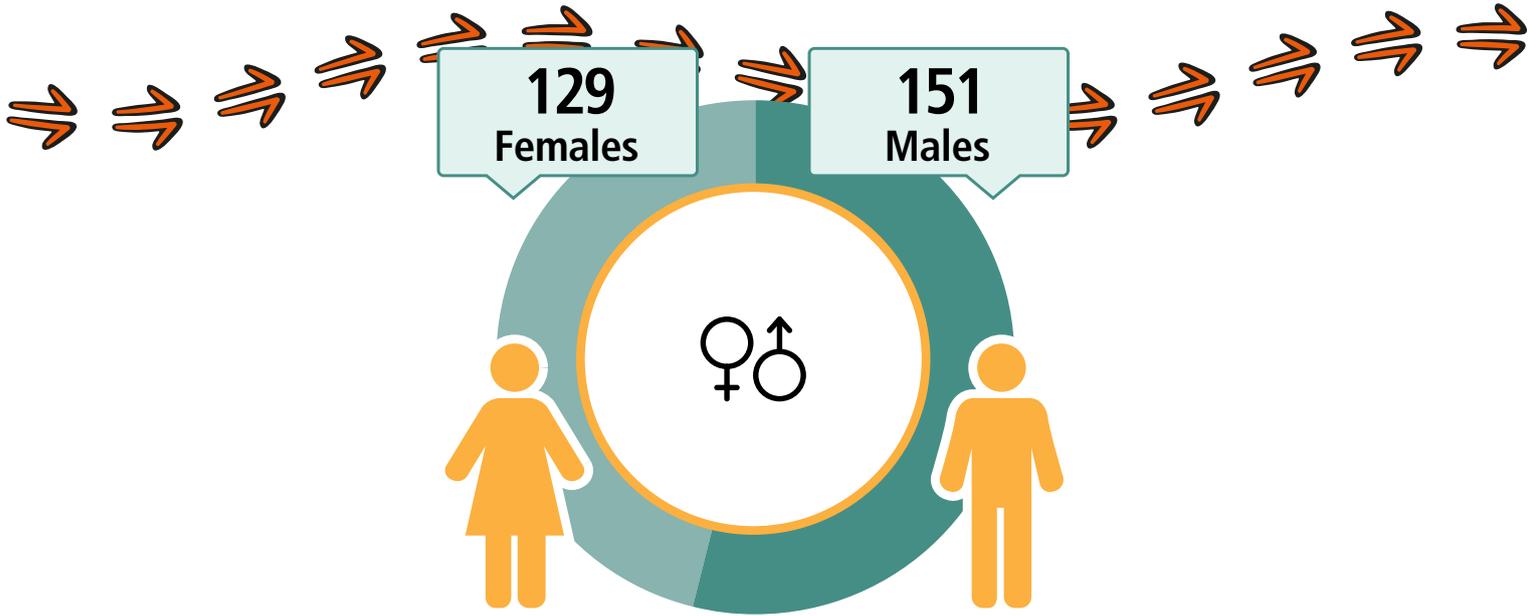
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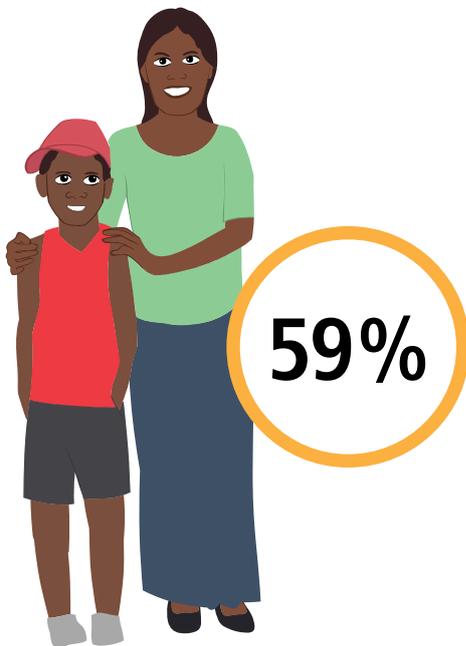
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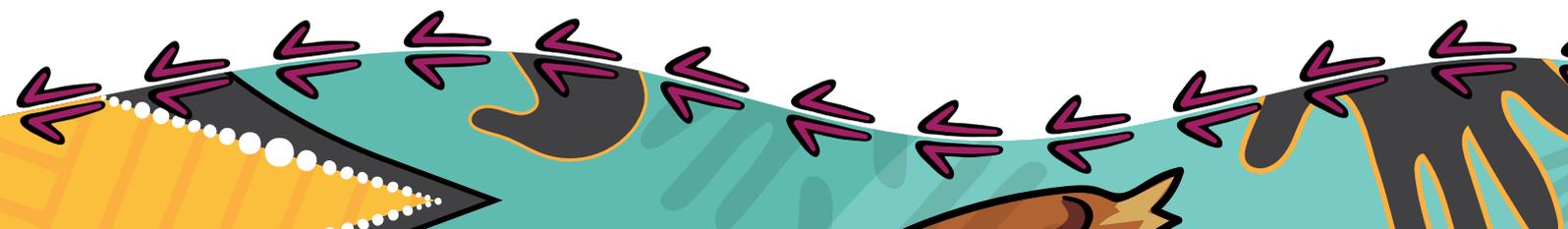
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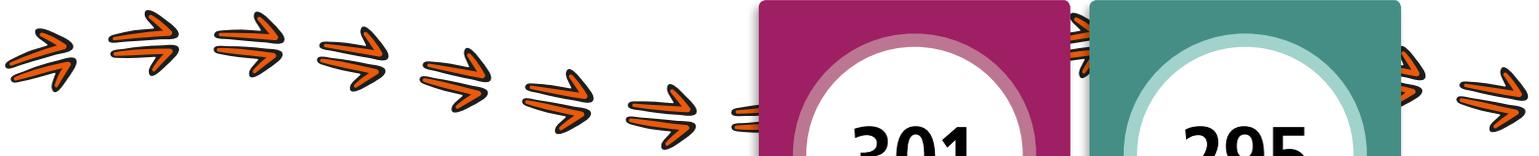
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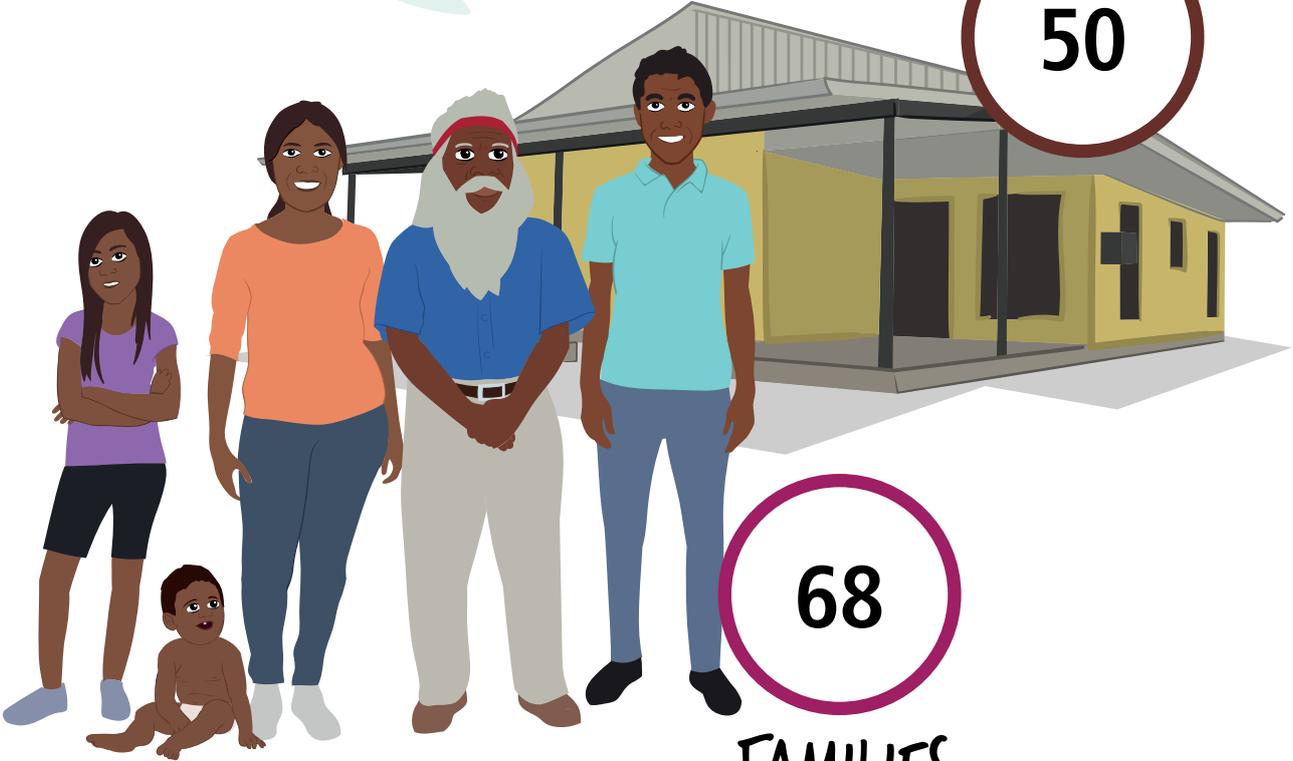


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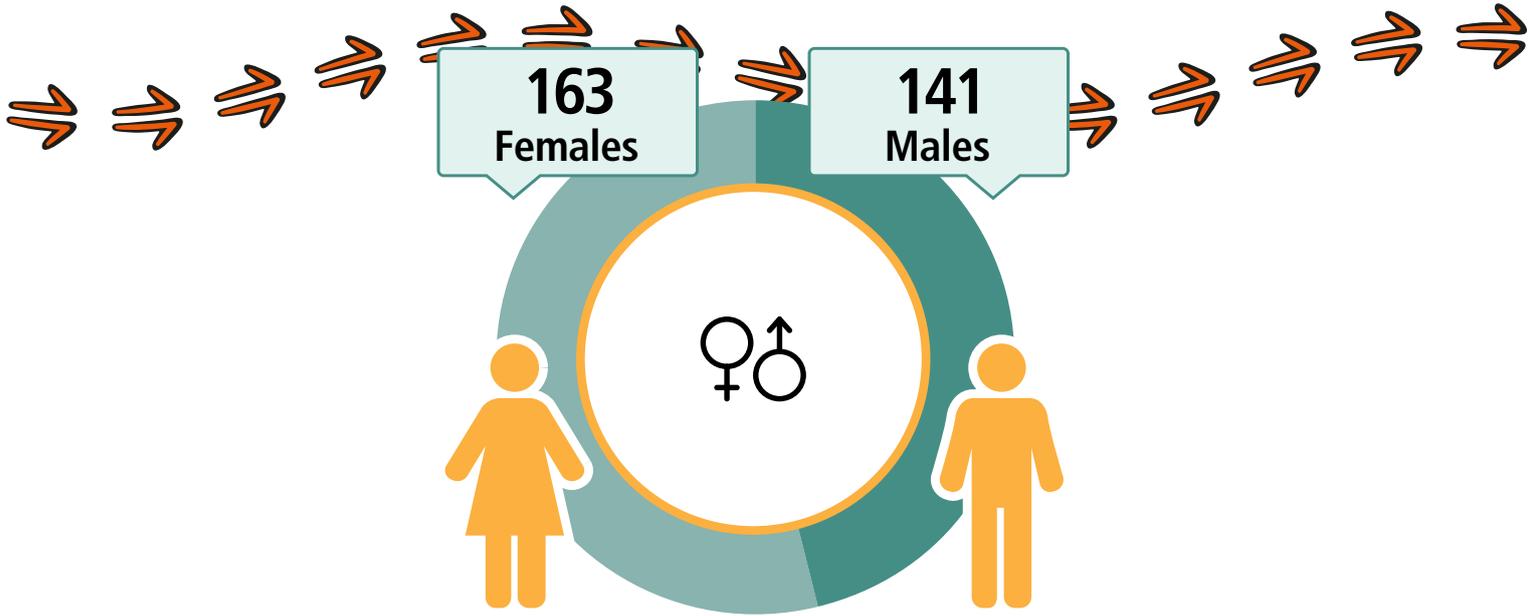
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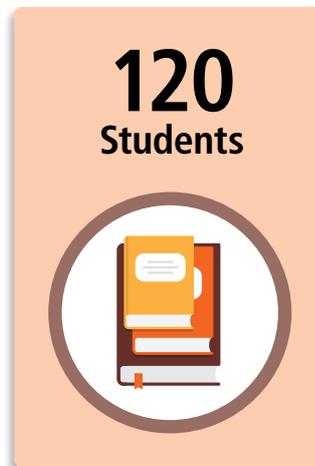
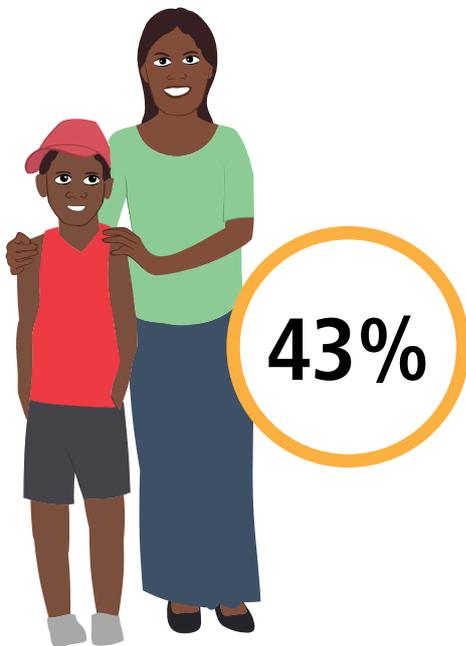
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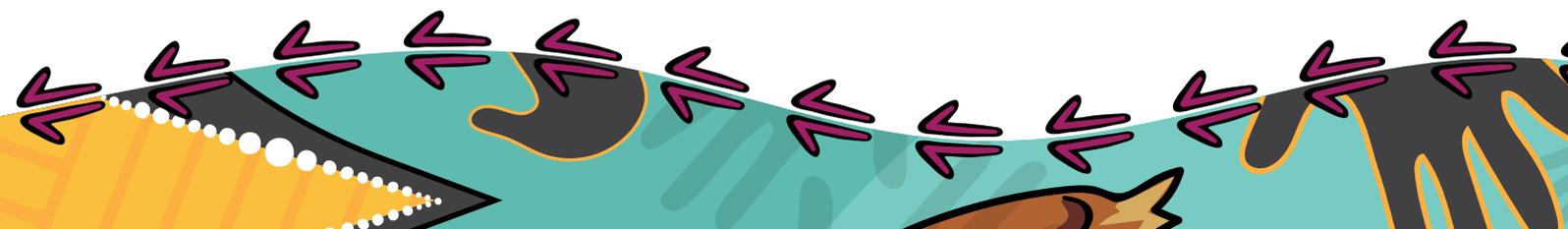
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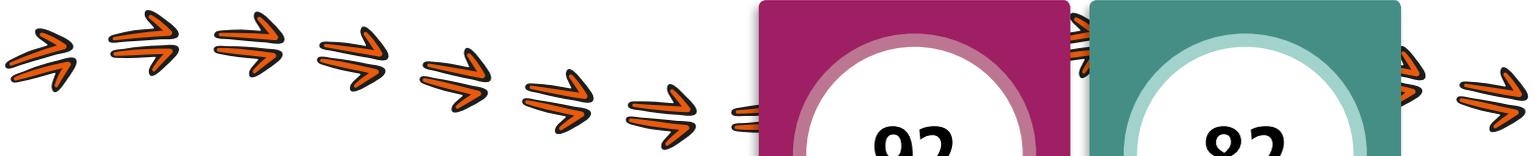
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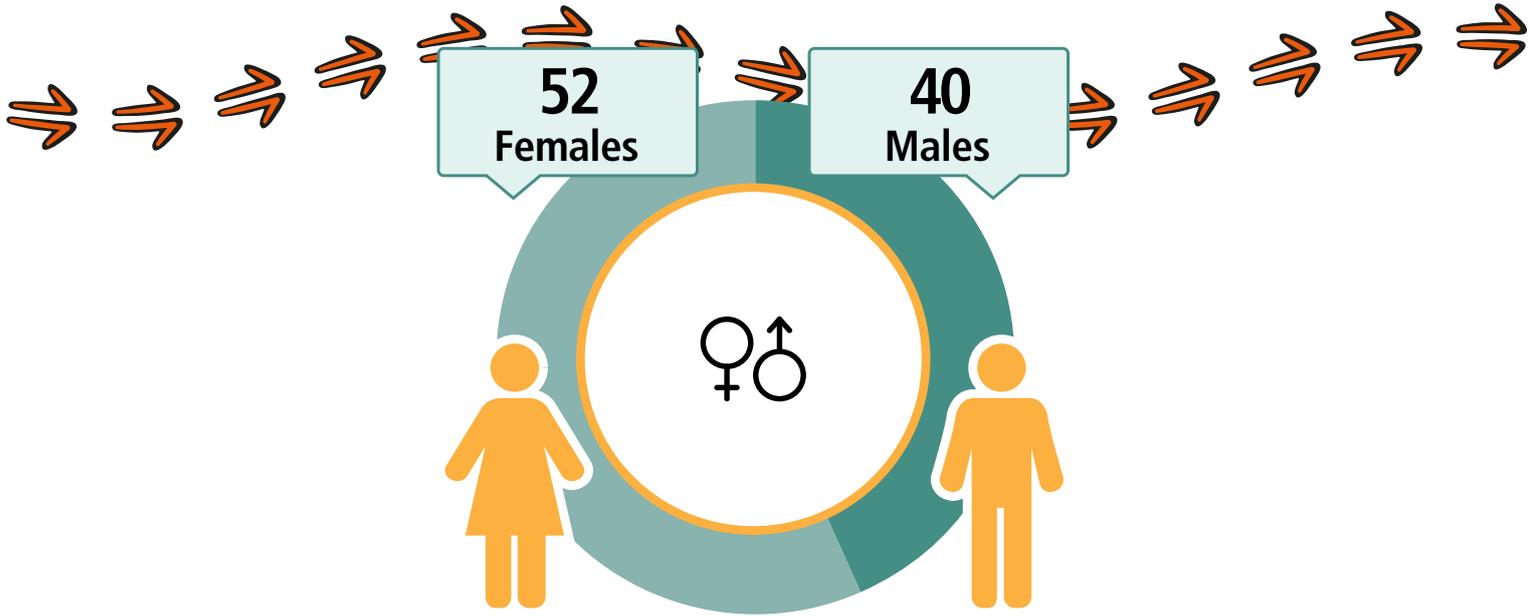
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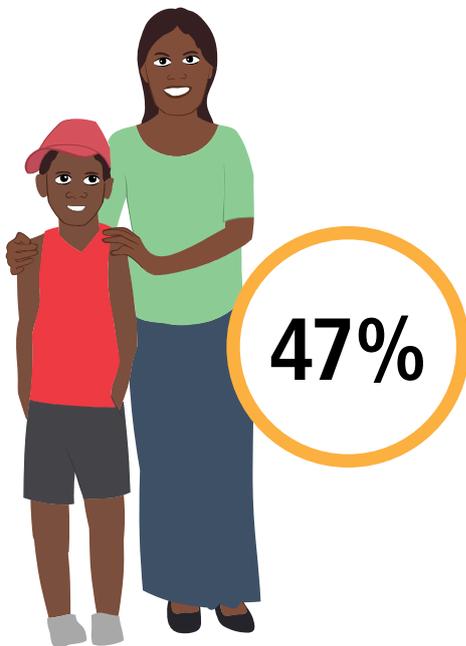
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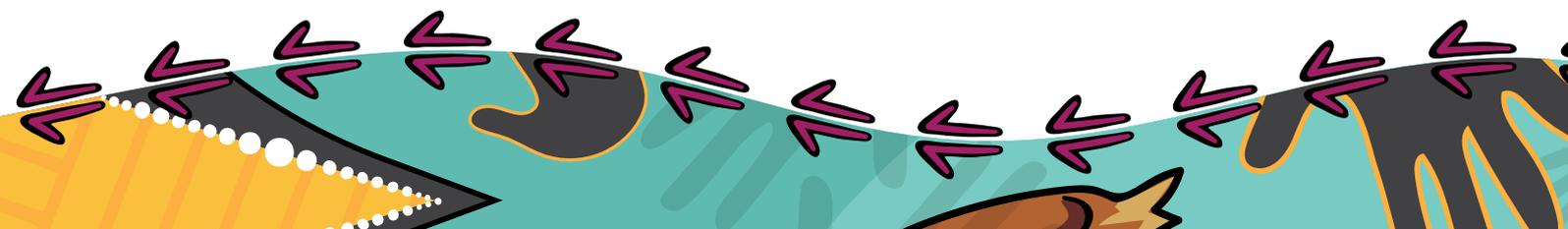
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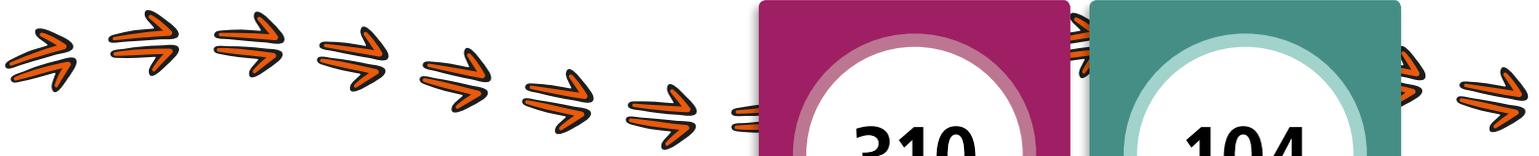
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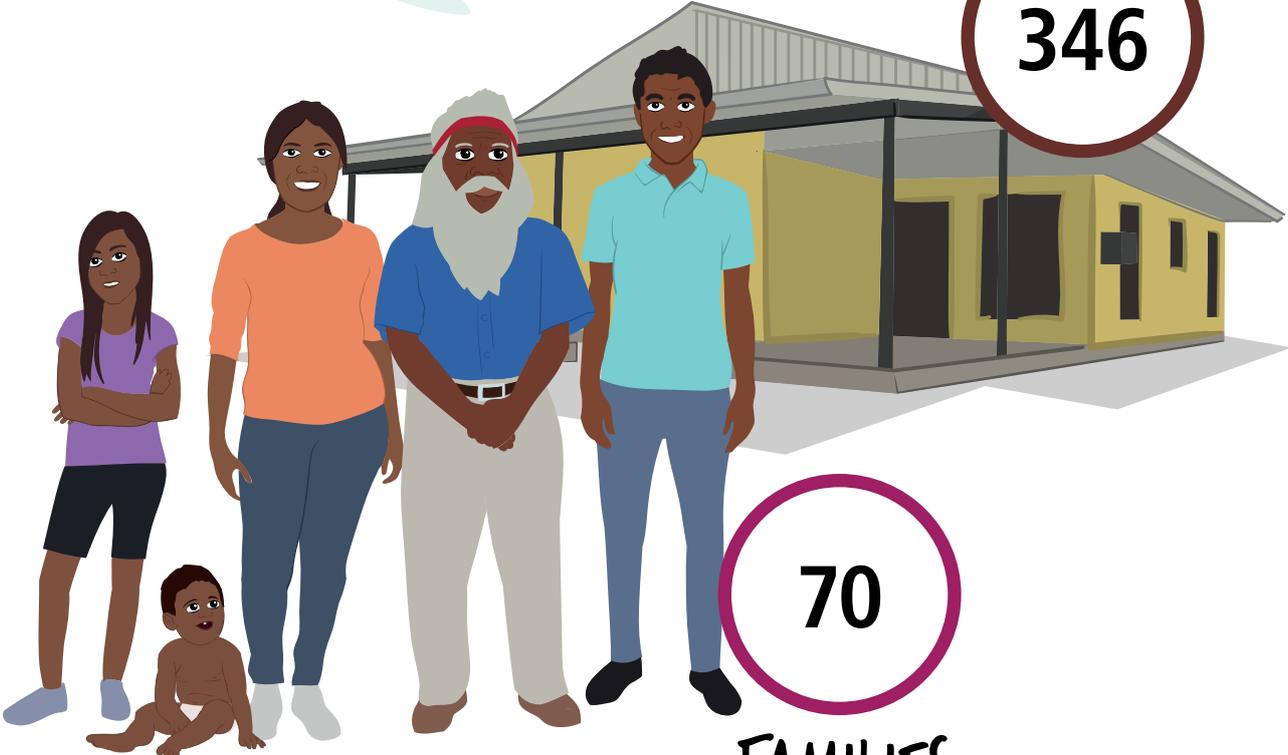


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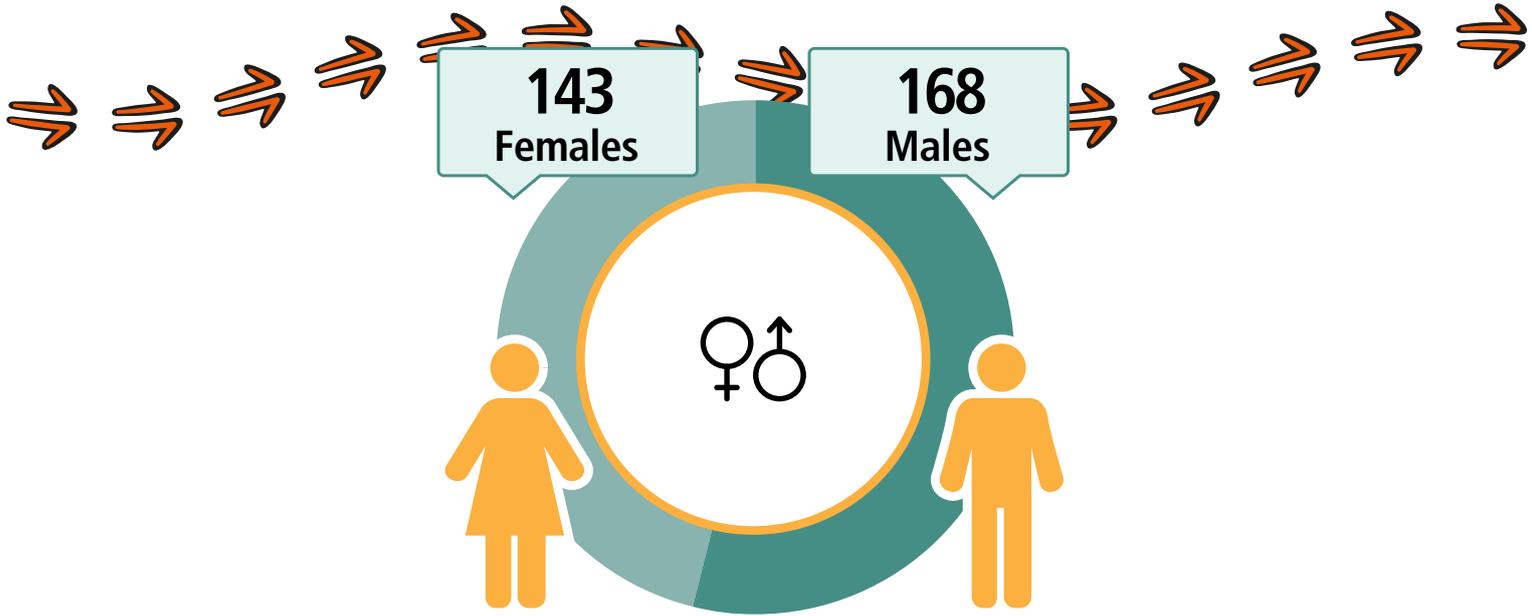
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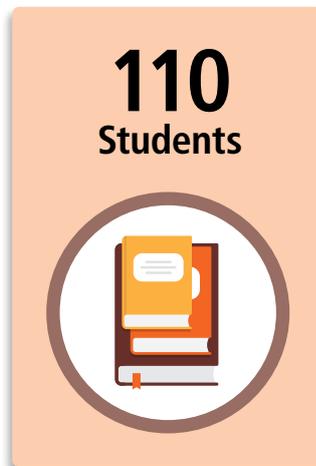
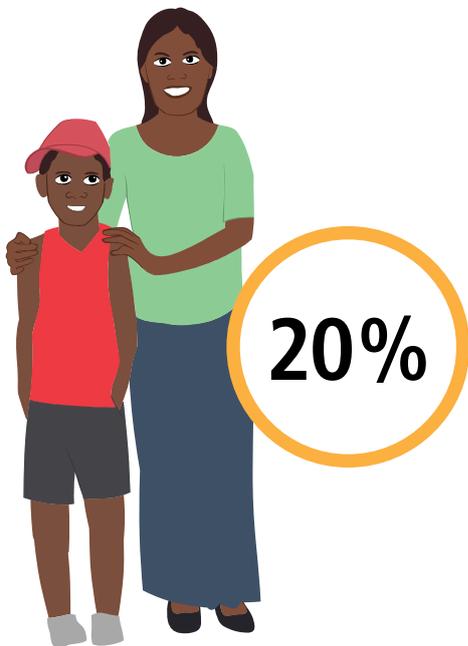
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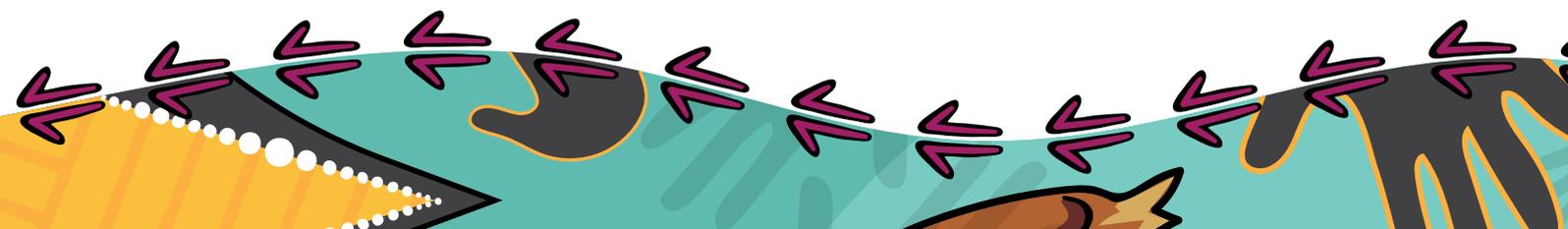
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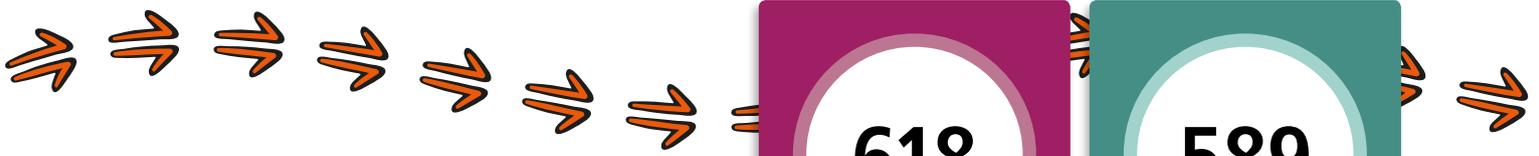
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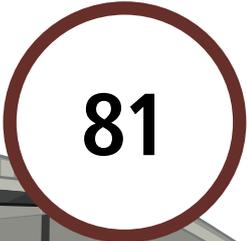


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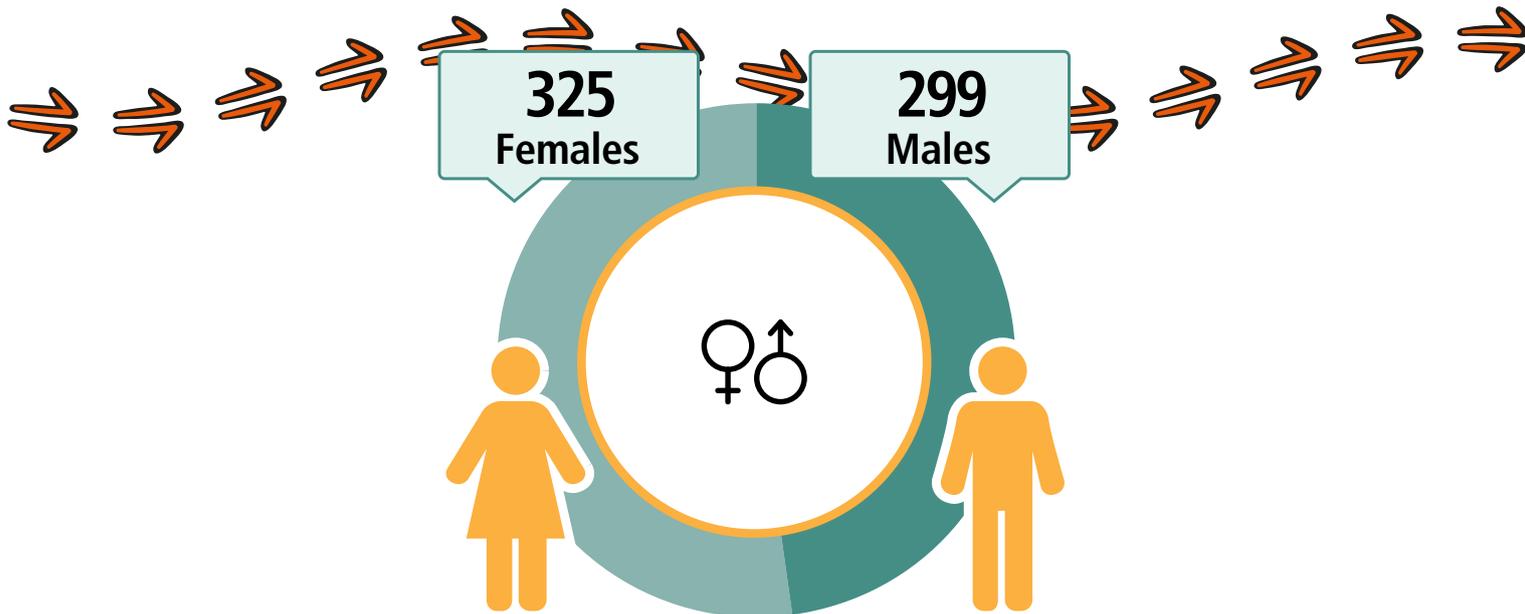
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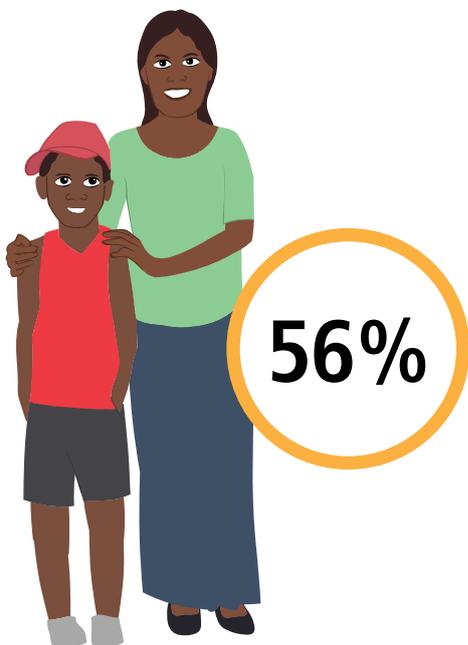
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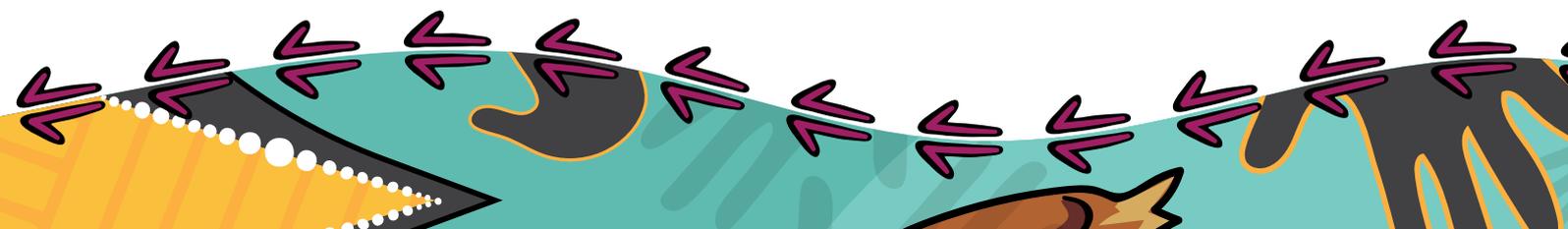
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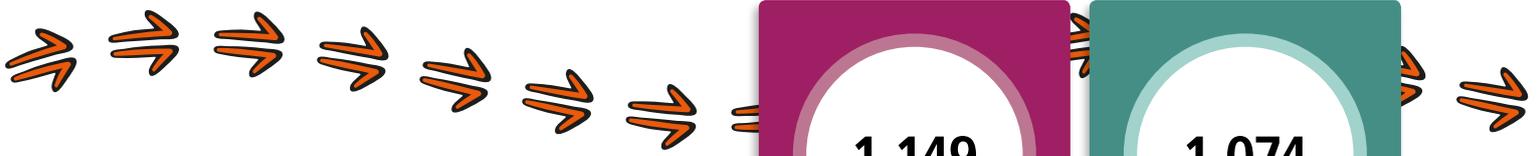
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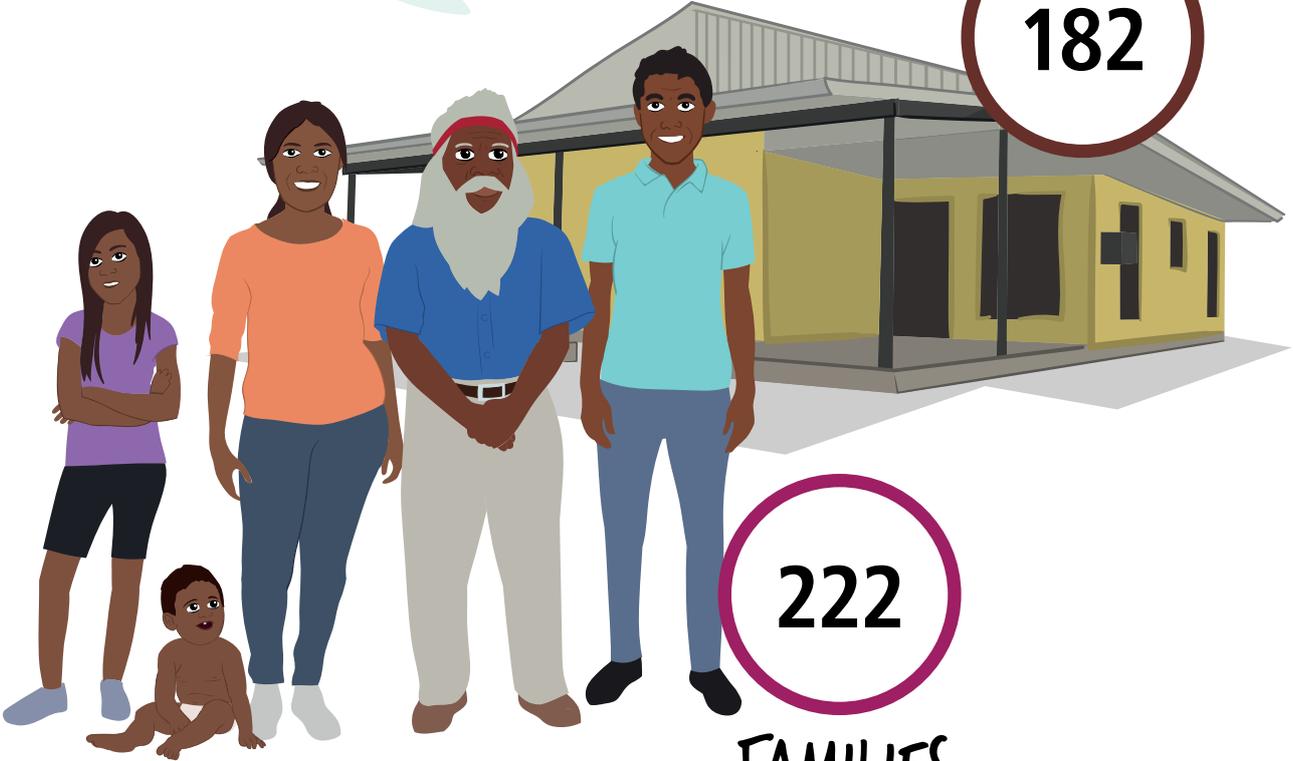


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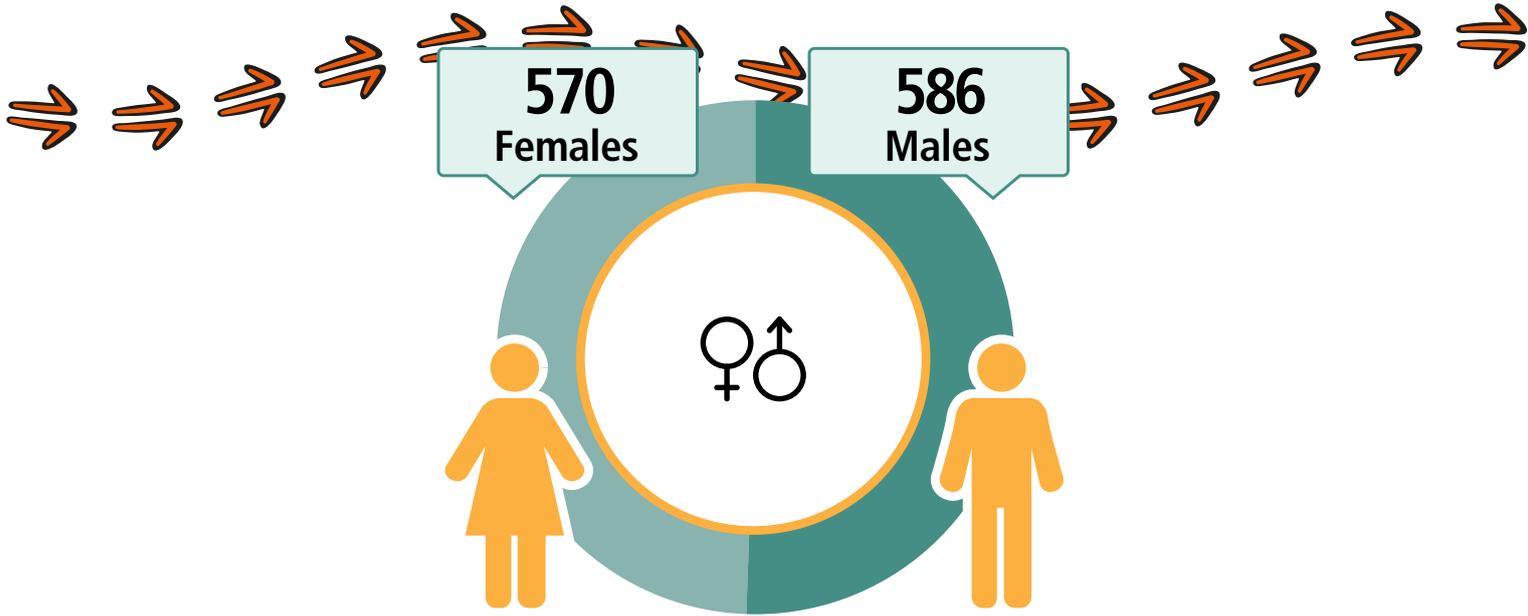
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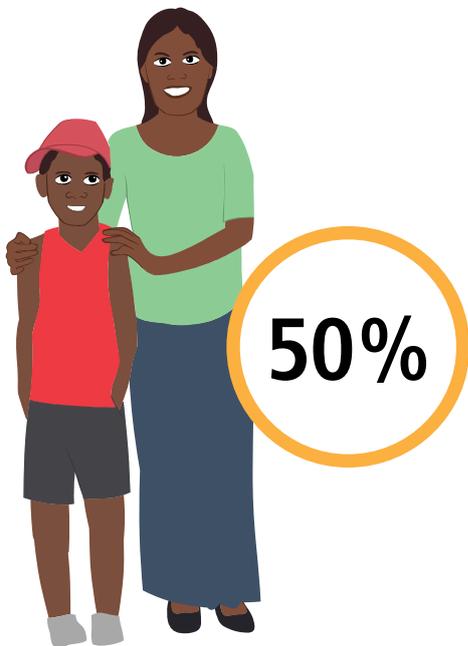
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# Ngukurr



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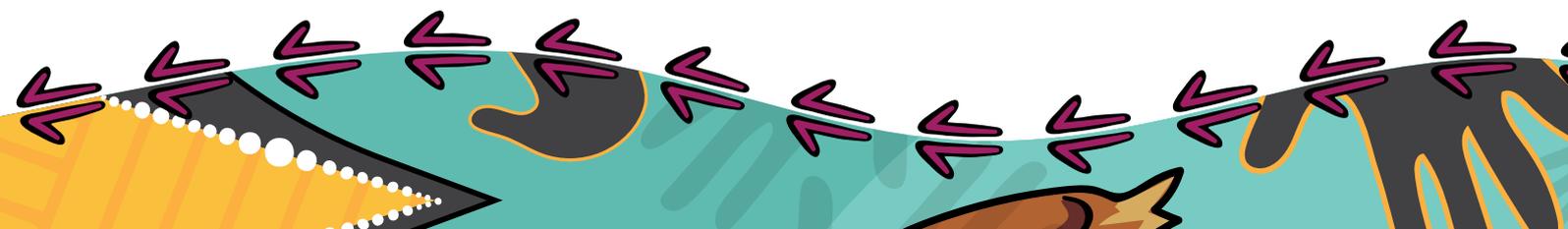
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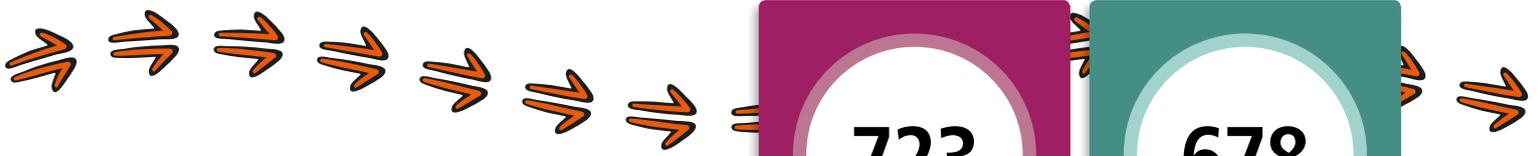
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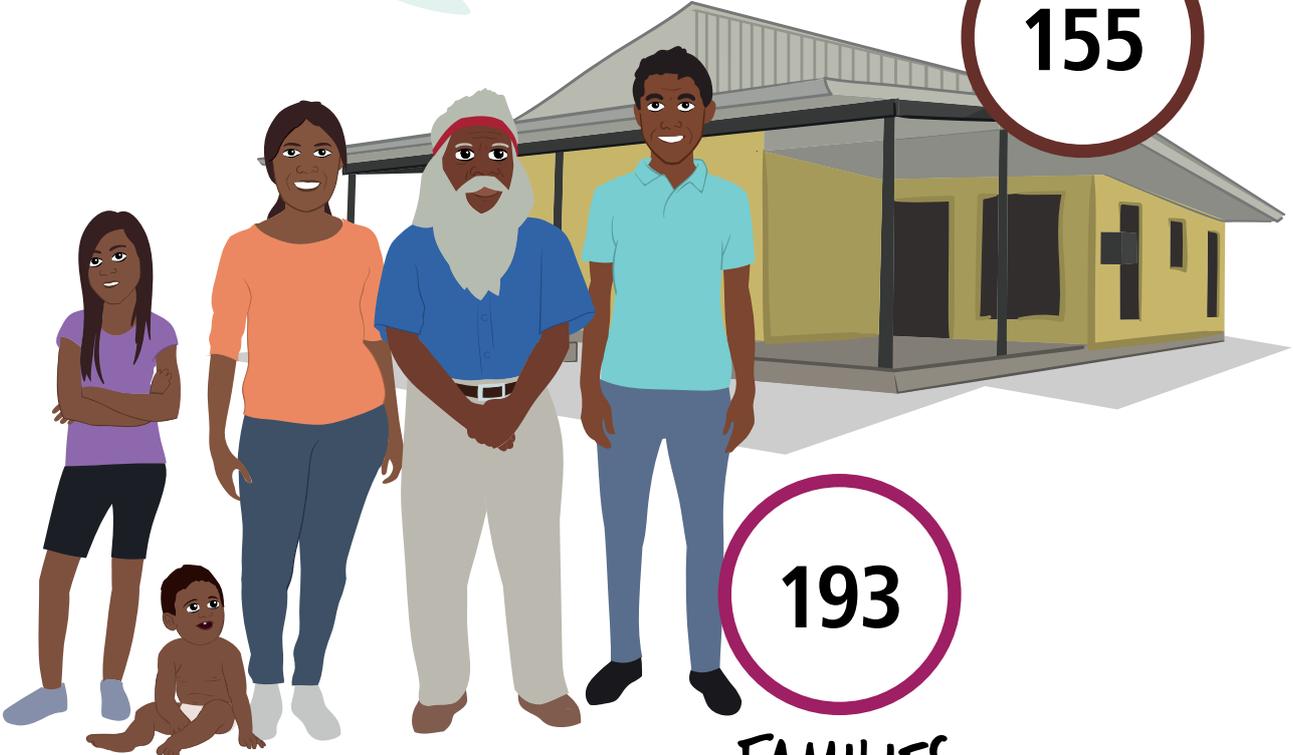


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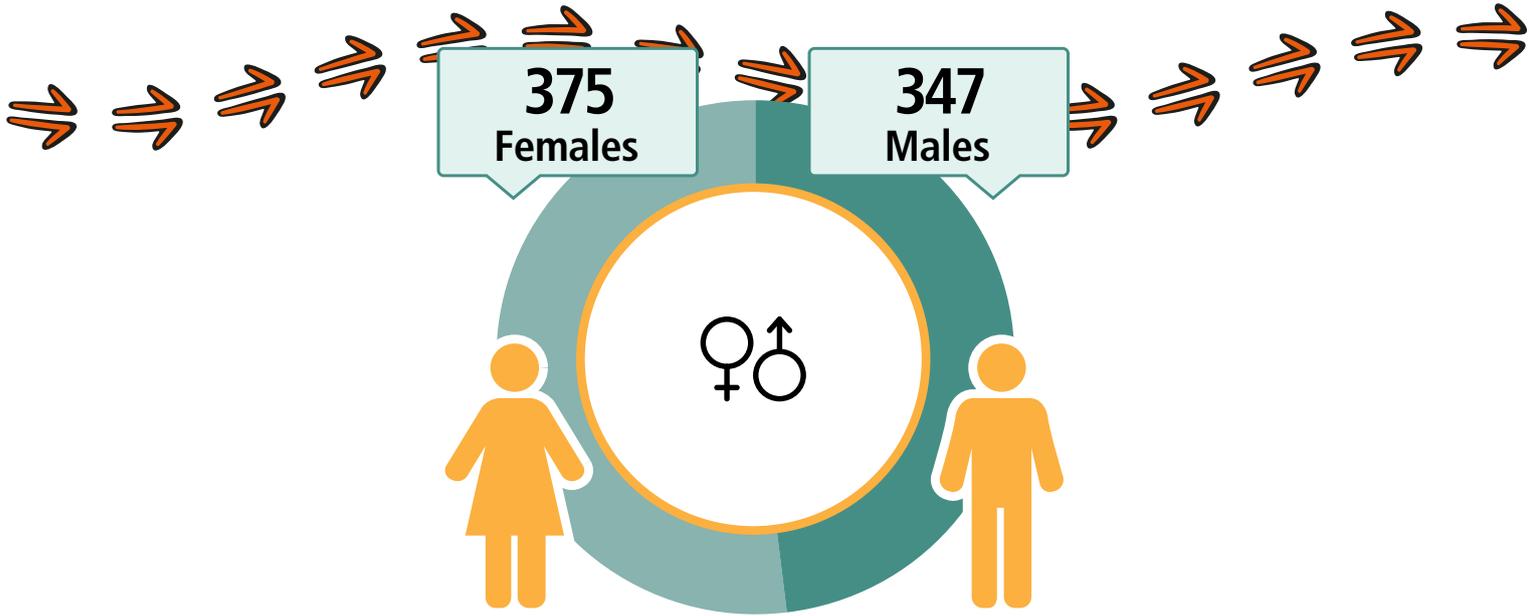
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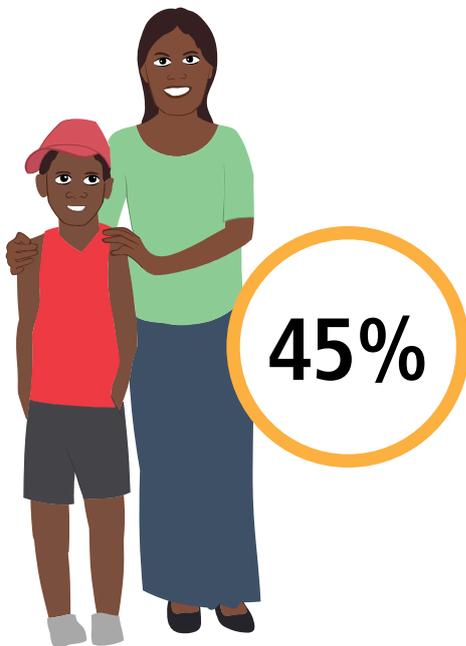
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# Numbulwar



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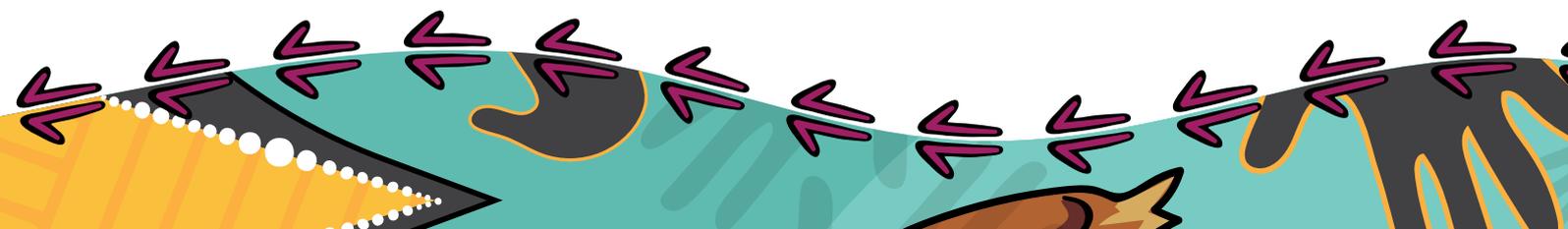
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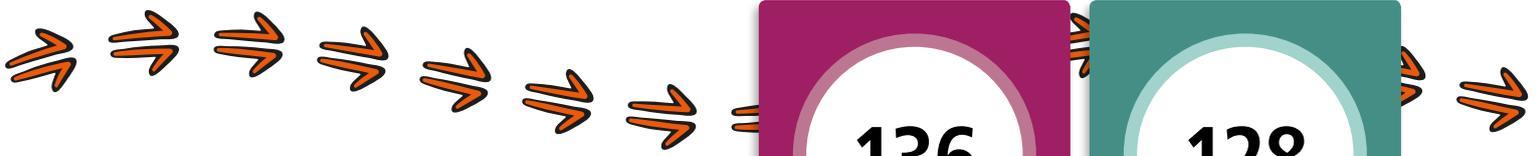
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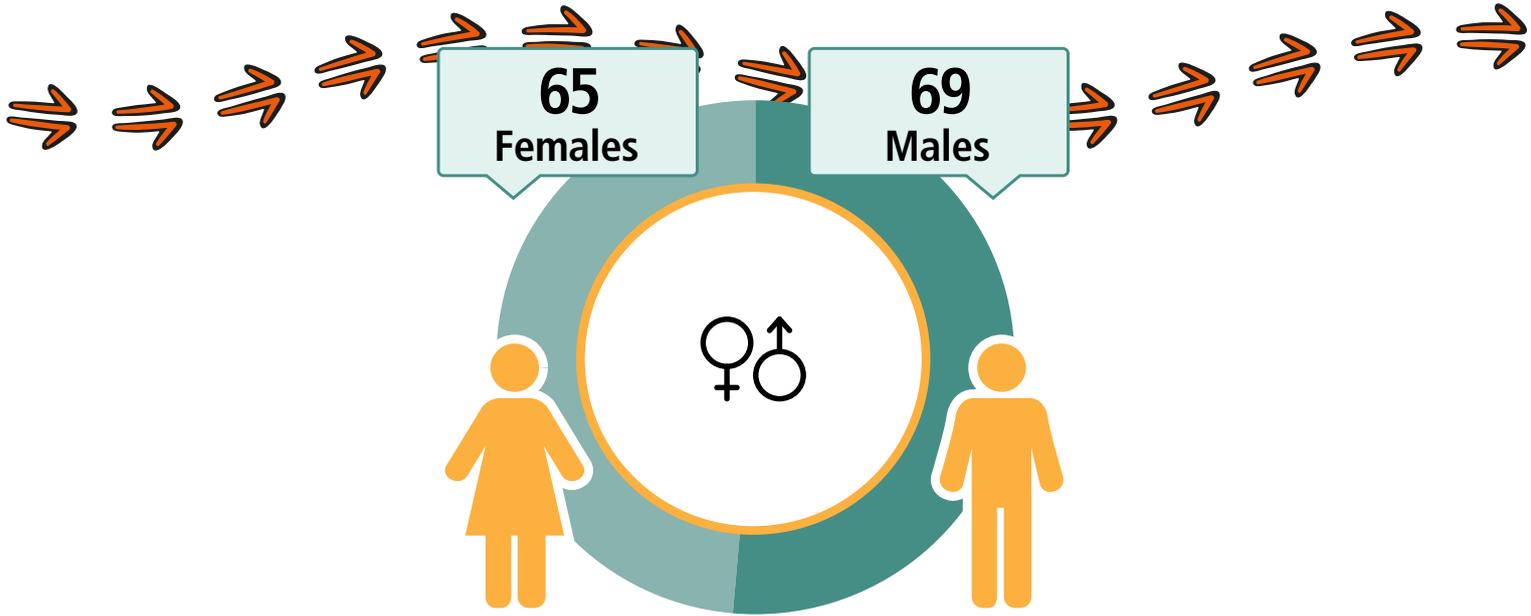
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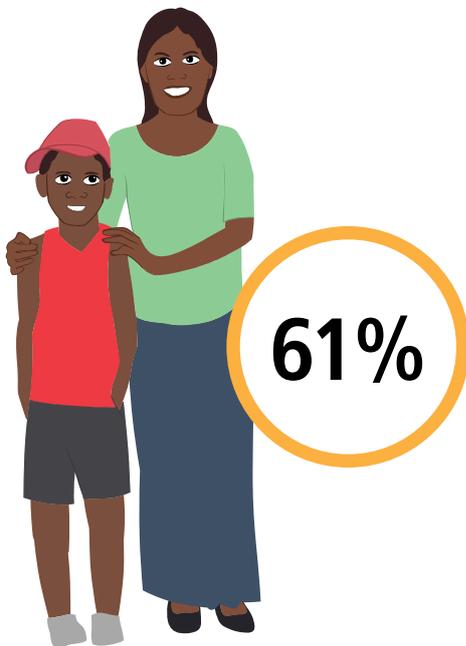
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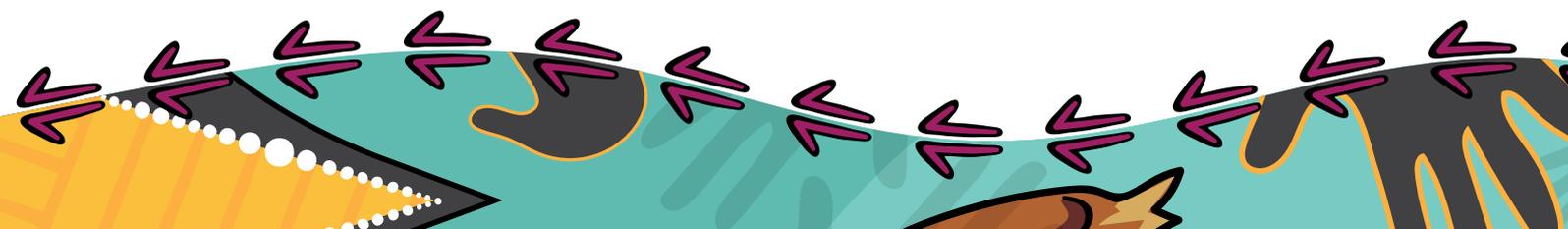
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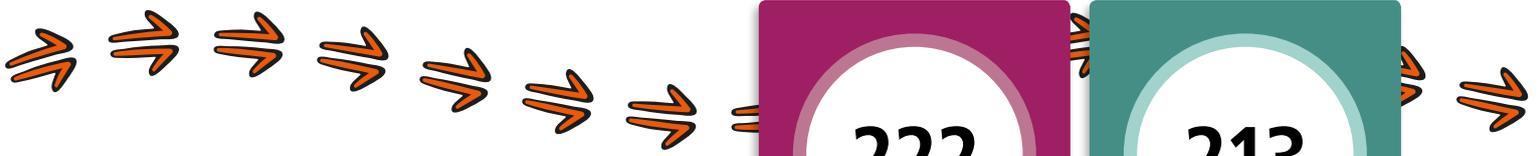
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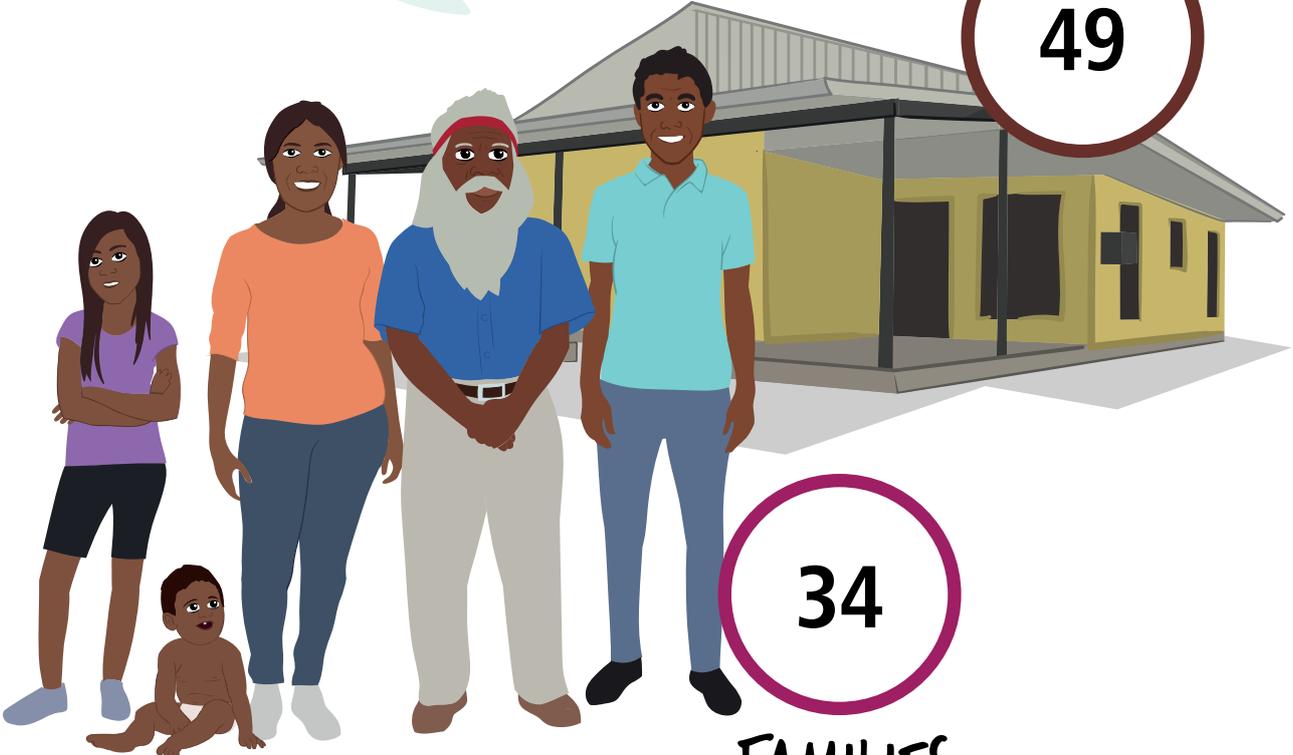
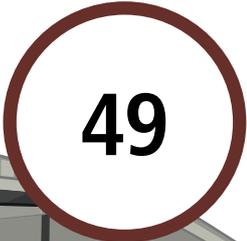


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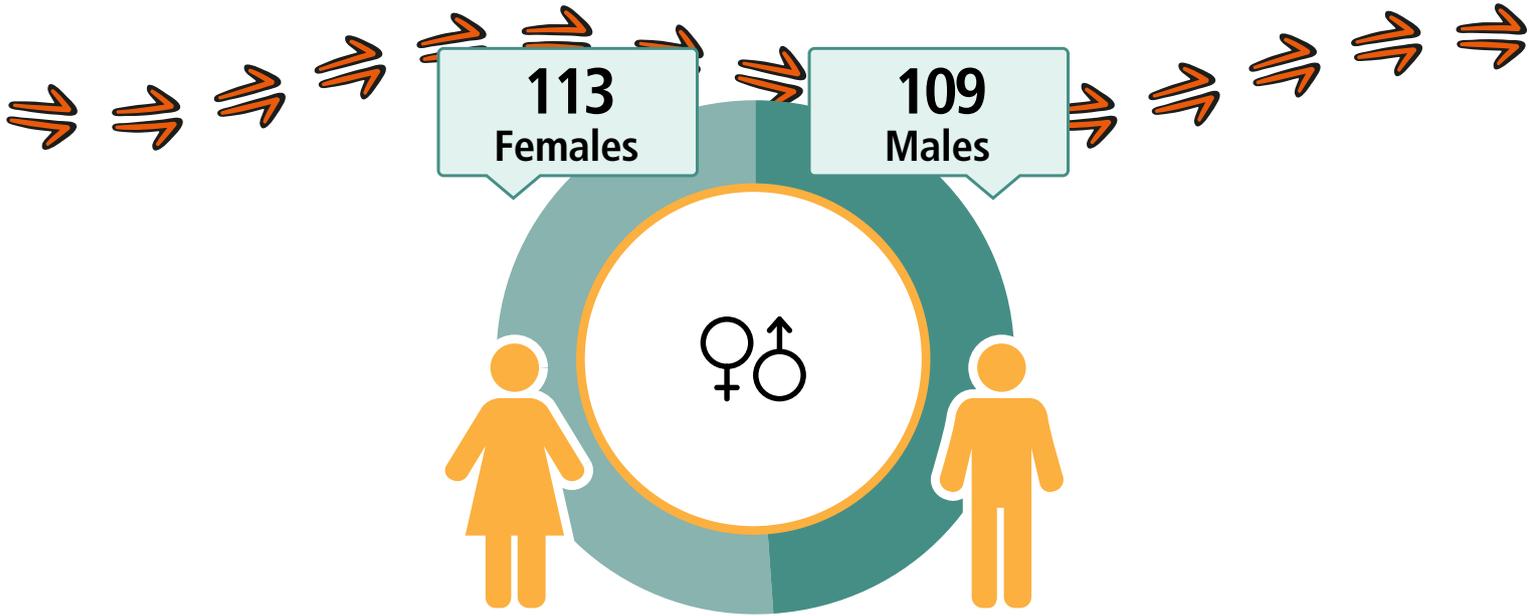
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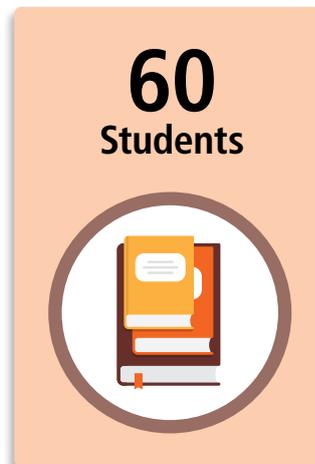
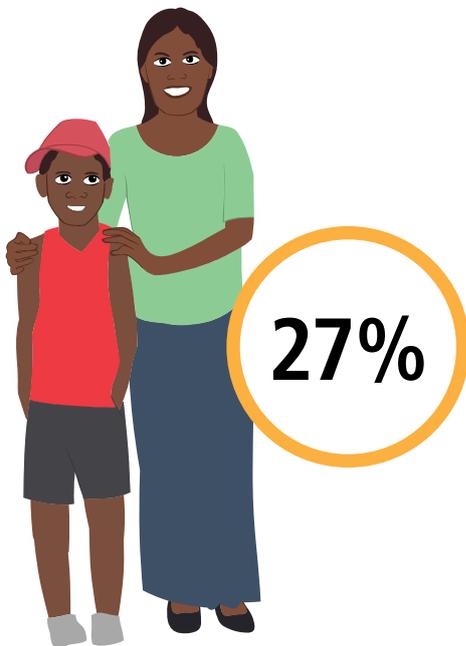
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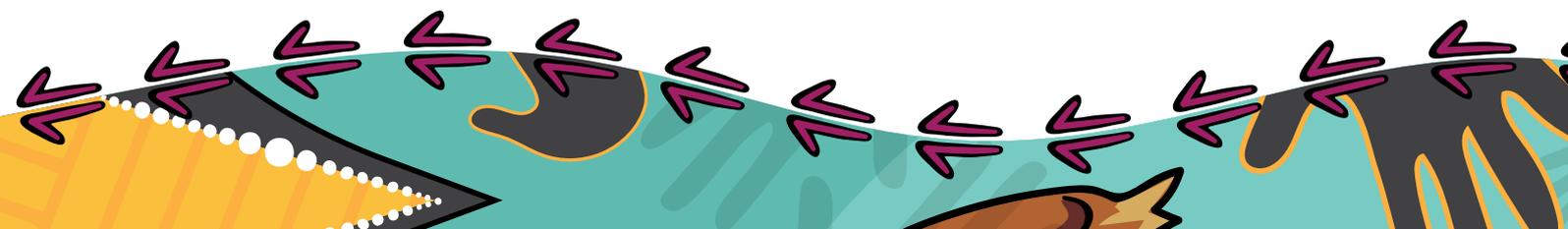
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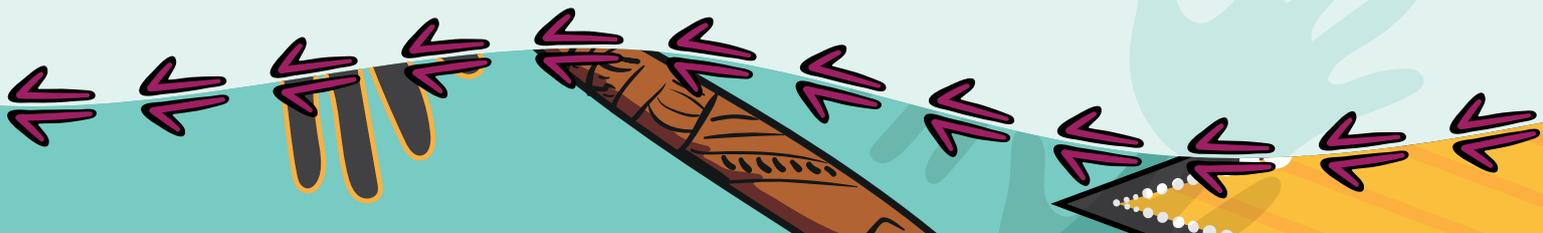
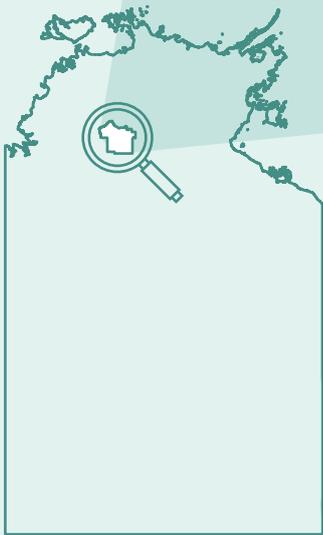
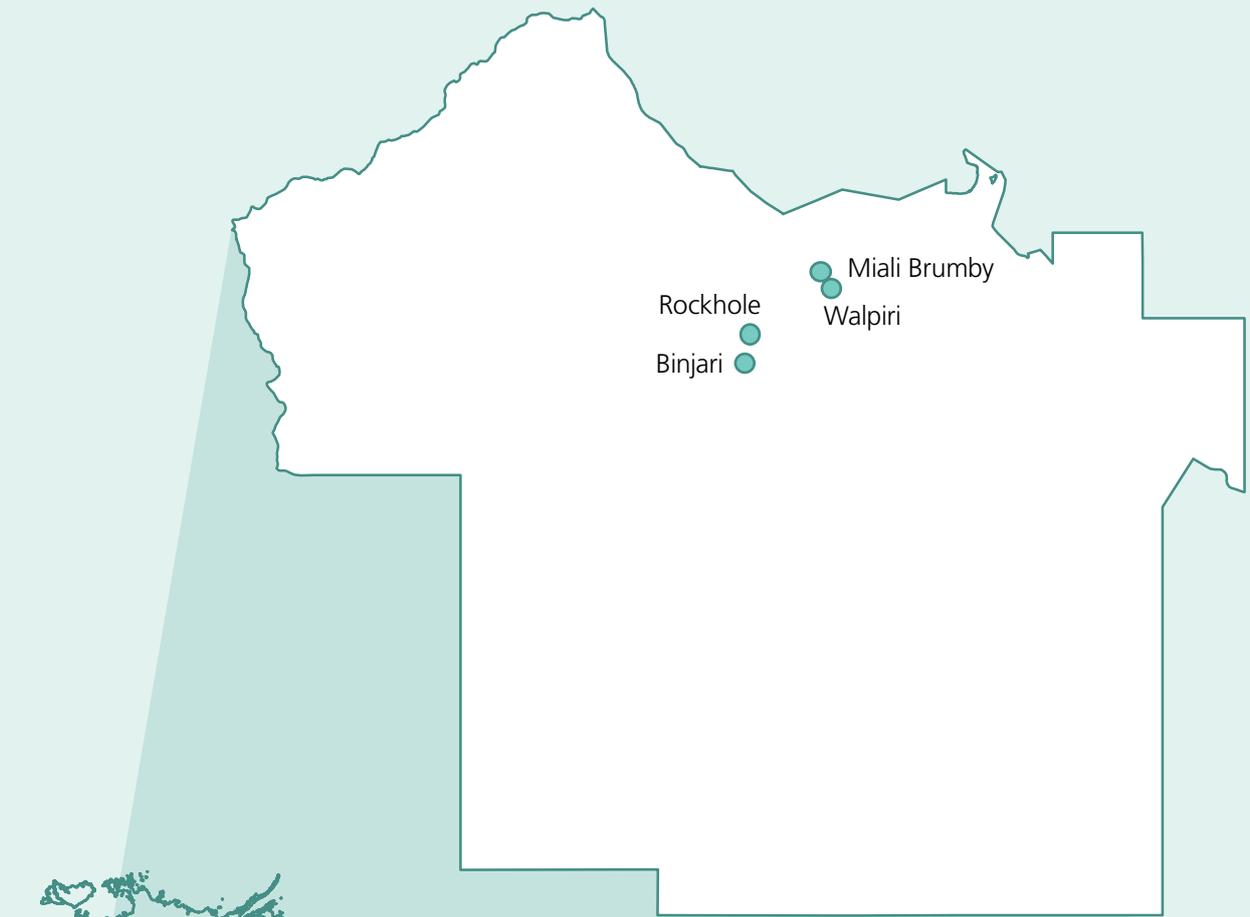
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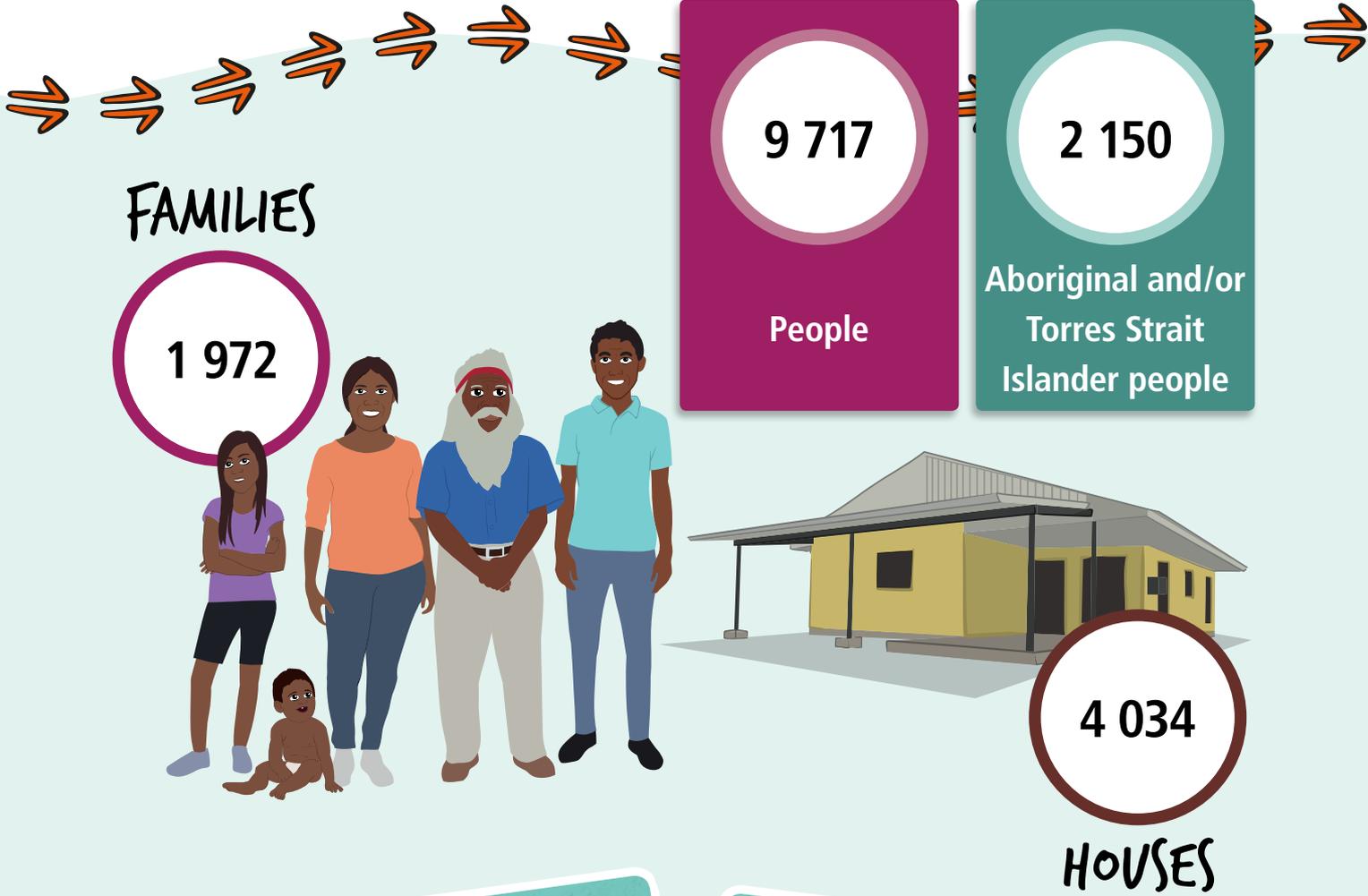
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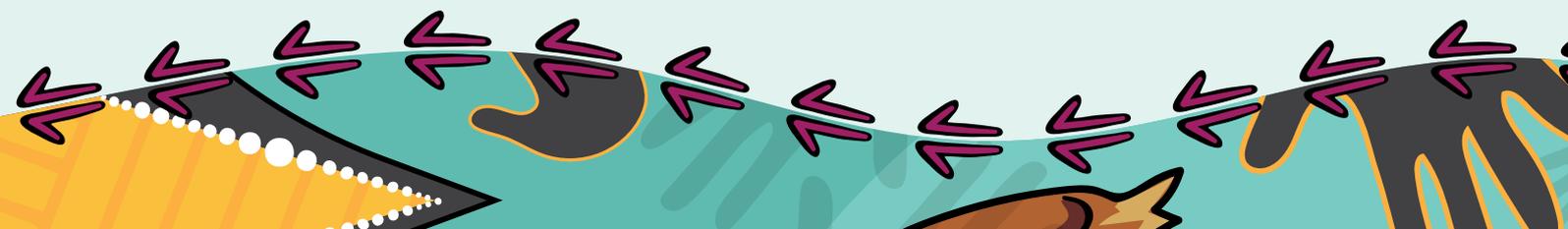
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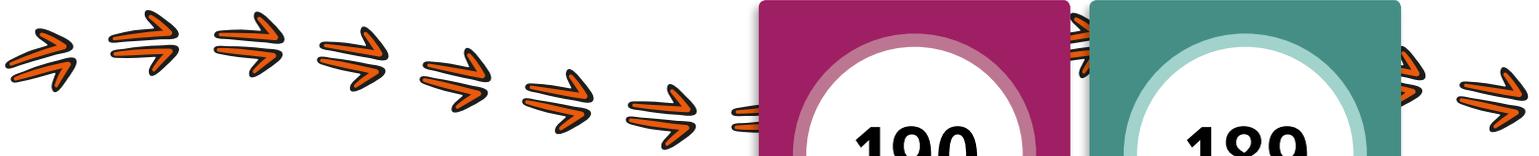
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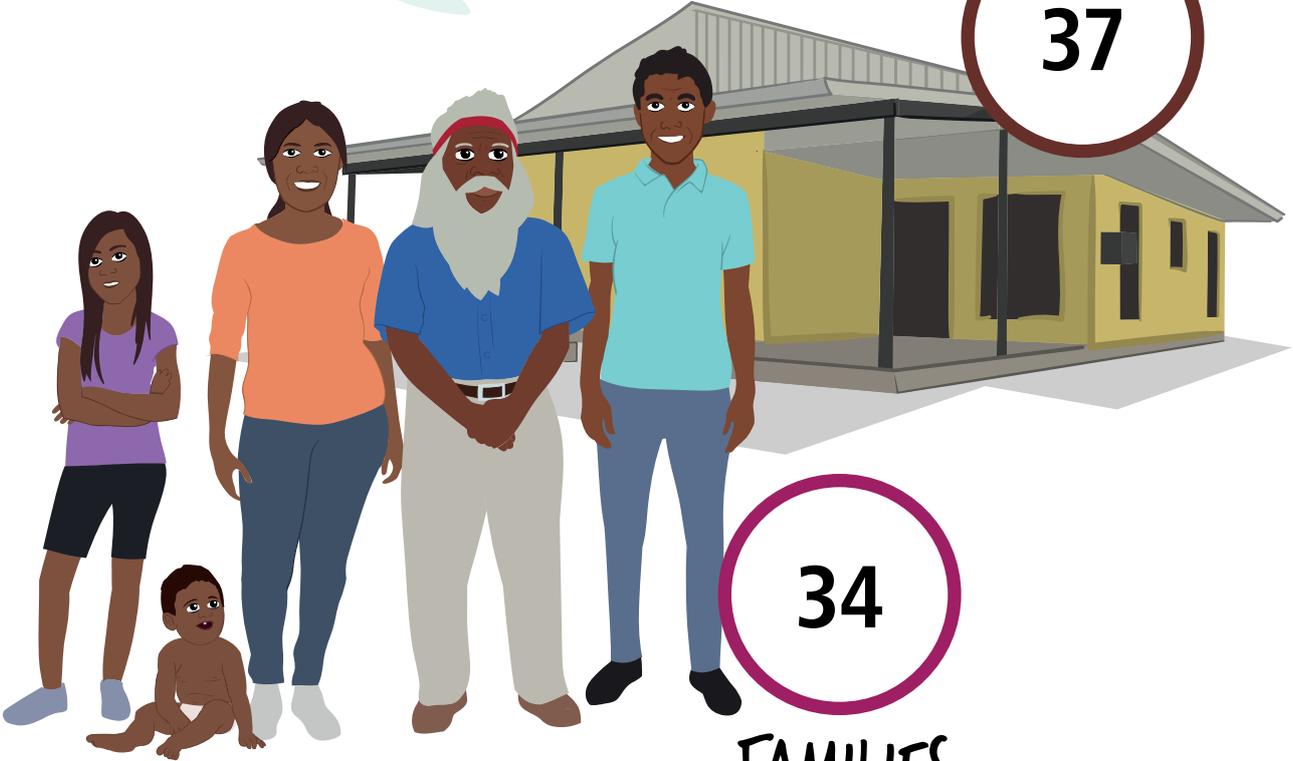


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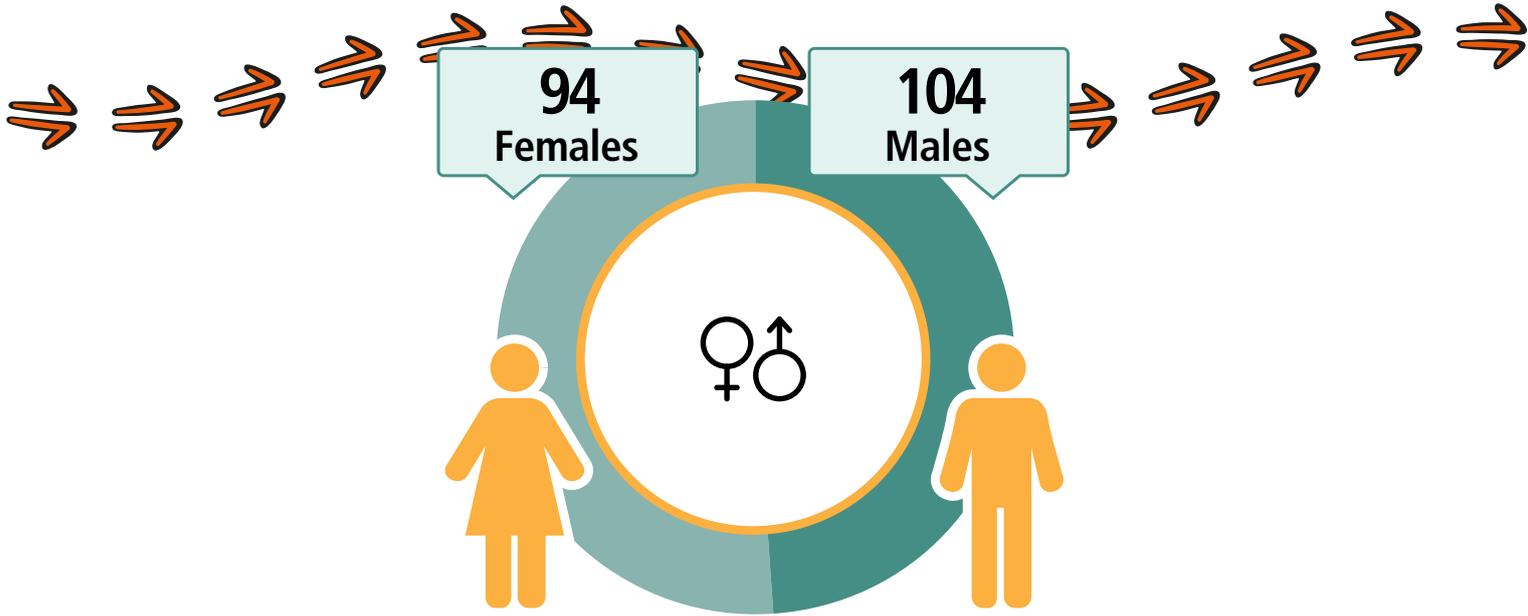
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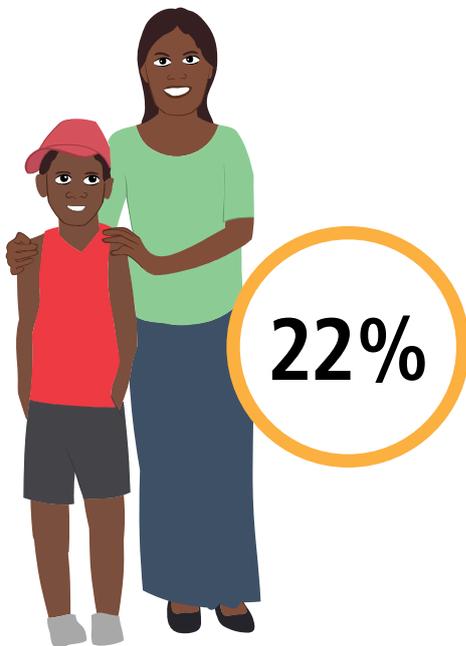
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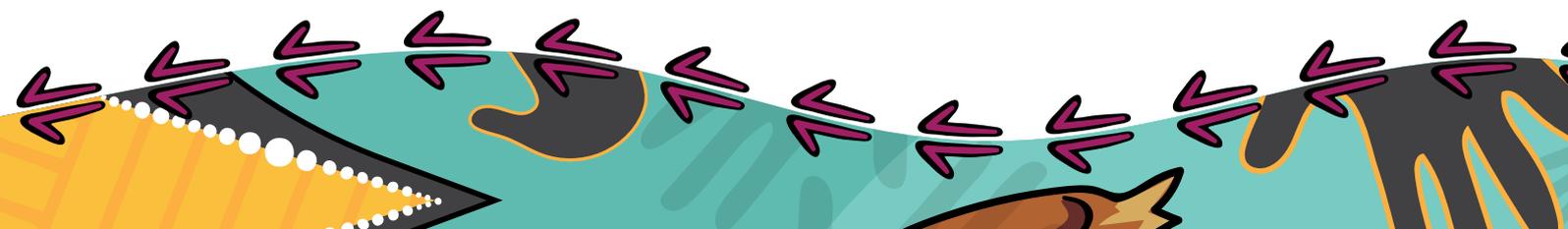
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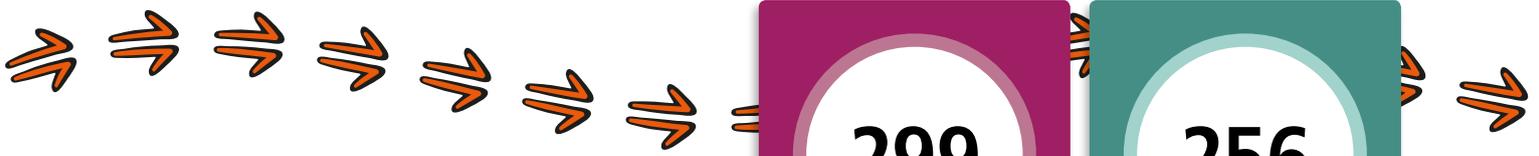
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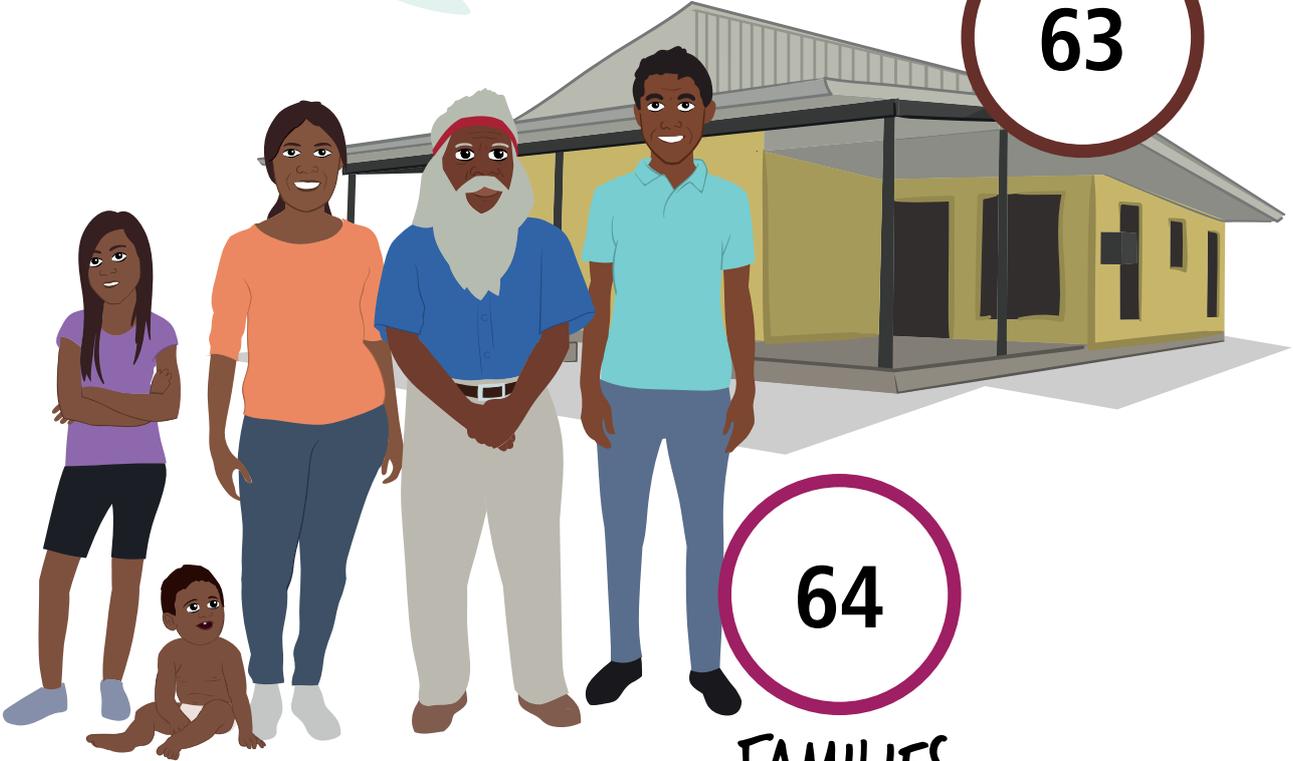


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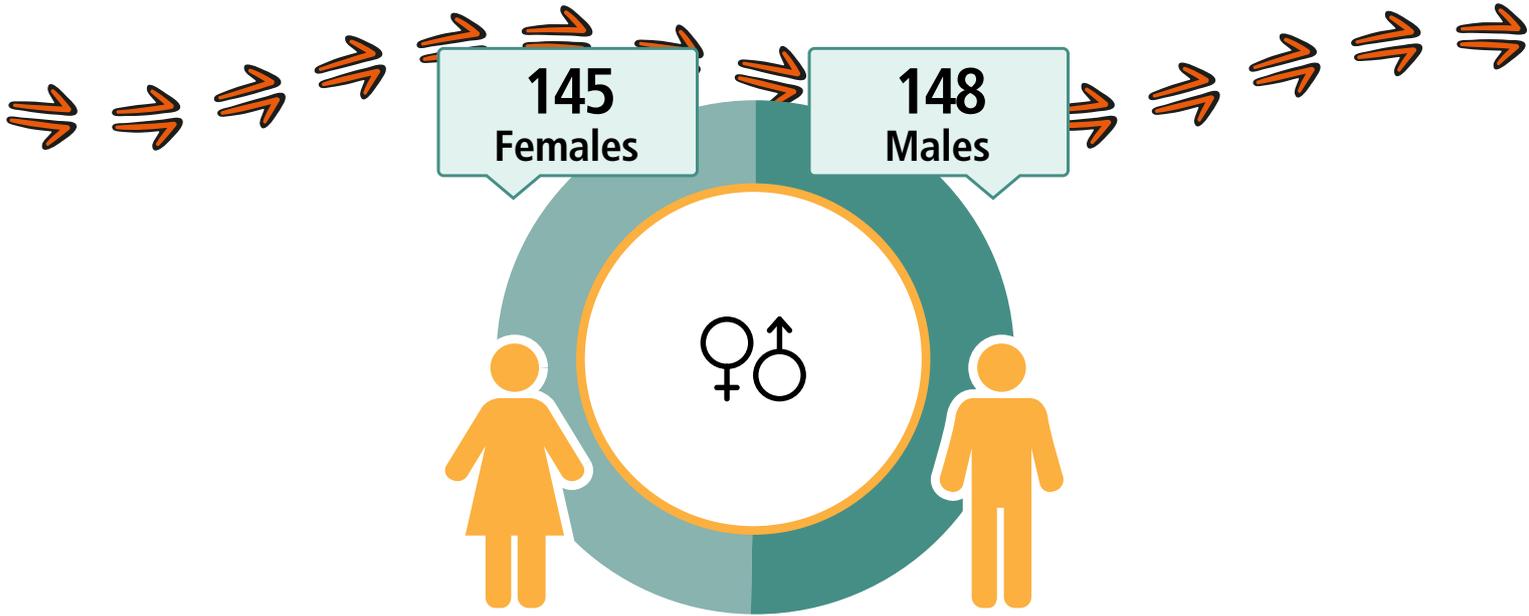
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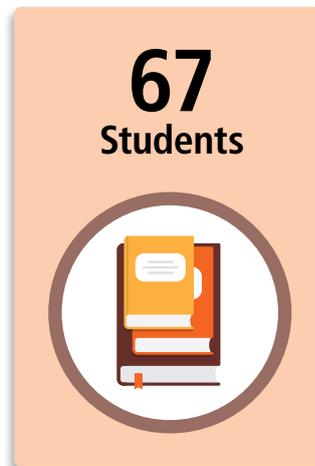
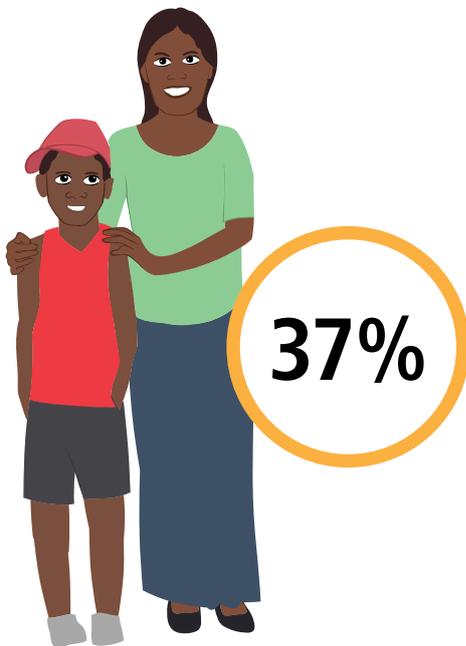
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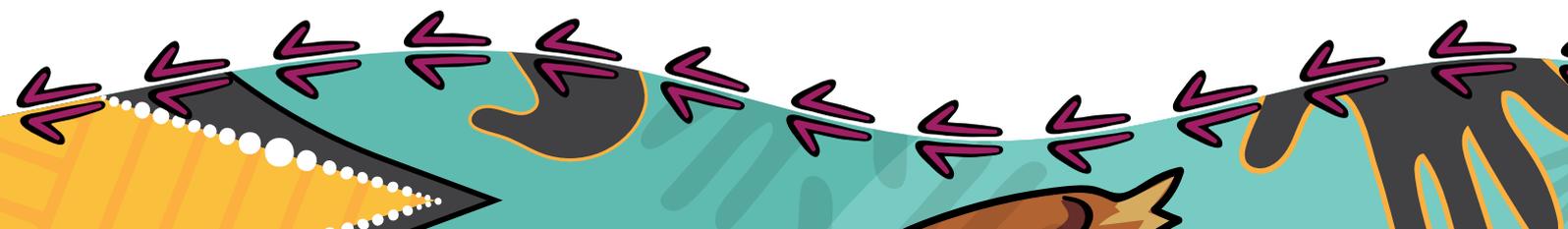
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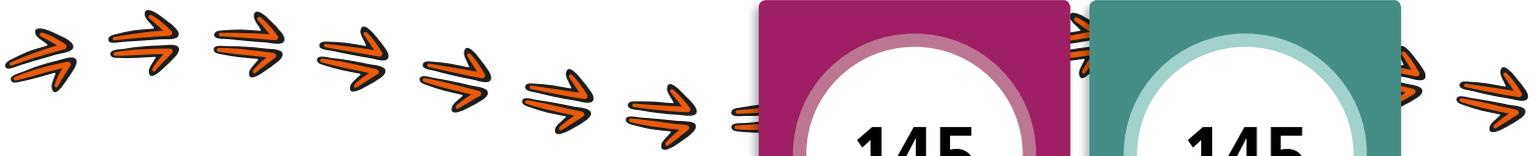
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Geography: Miali Brumby - Warlpiri ILOC



# Rockhole



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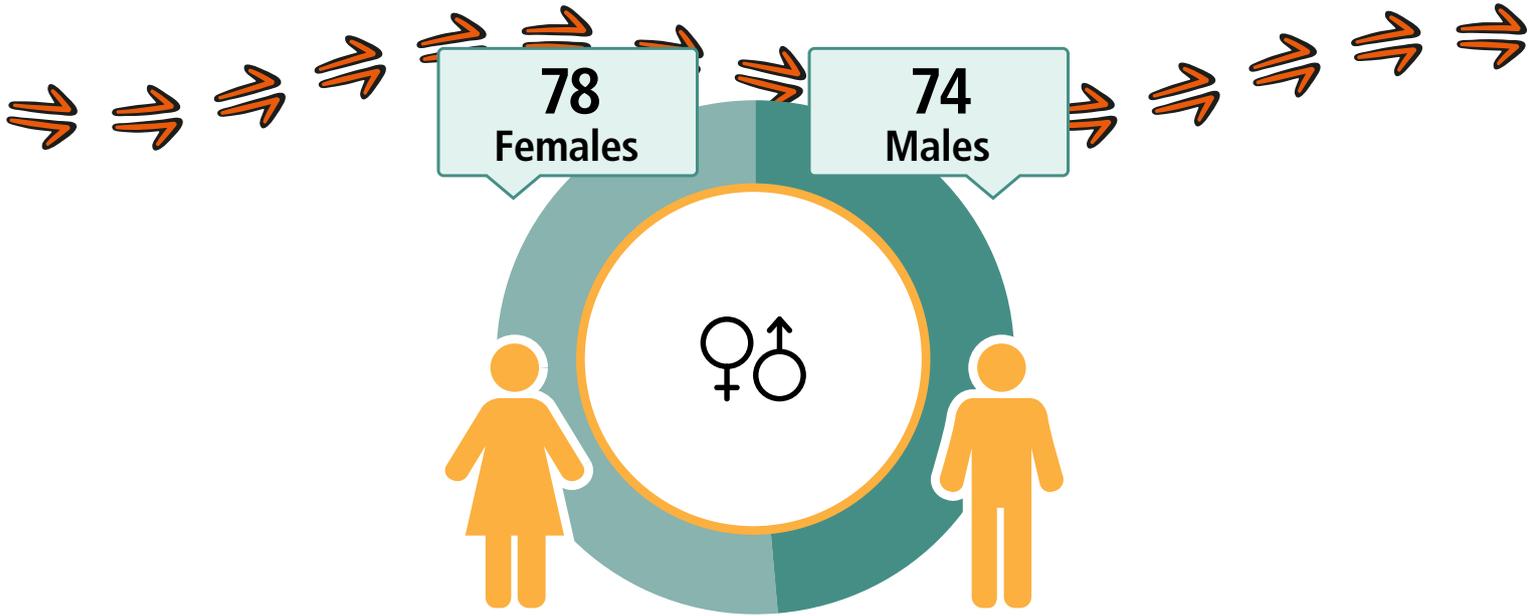
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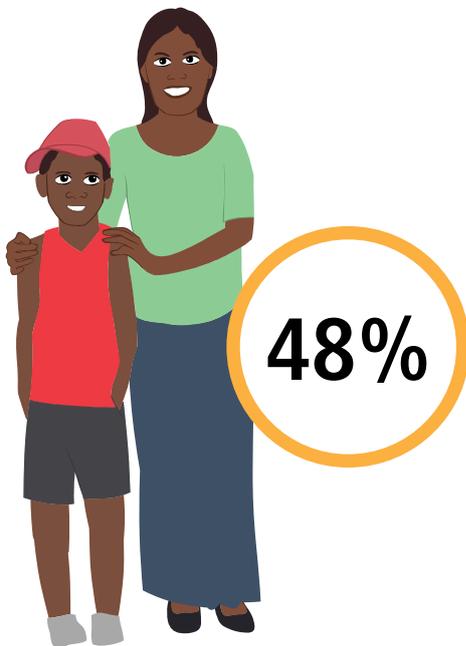
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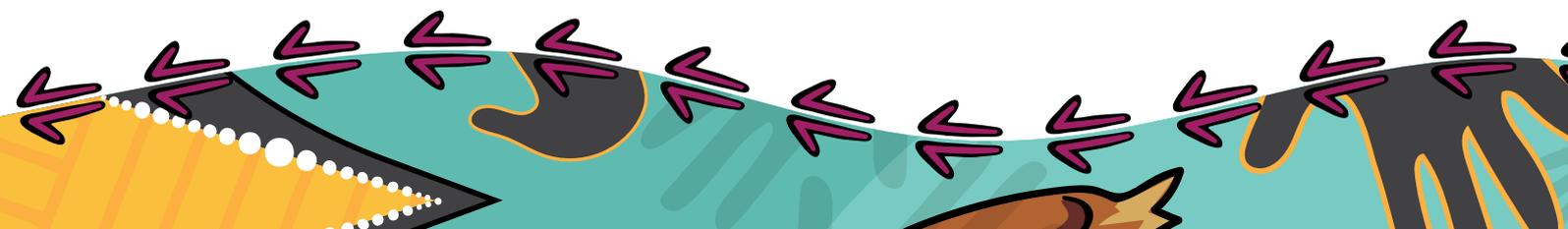
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Geography: Rockhole ILOC









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