





About the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey

The 2014-15 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey is part of an established program of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander statistics collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The main purpose of the survey is to tell the stories of change in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' social and economic wellbeing.

The NATSISS builds on information collected in other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander surveys to:

- Explore the extent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' participation in society and barriers to that participation
- Provide information that is relevant and useful to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their communities for their decision making and planning
- Allow for interrelationships between different areas of society to be explored
- Measure change over time

The NATSISS is developed in close consultation with a range of stakeholders including Commonwealth and State/Territory Governments, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations, academics and researchers.

What does the NATSISS collect?

The NATSISS collects information on a range of topics related to social and economic wellbeing such as:

- Language and culture
- Social networks and support
- Employment and education
- Health and disability
- Law and justice
- Housing
- Income

How many people shared their stories in the 2014-15 NATSISS?

11,500 people were randomly selected to take part in the 2014-15 NATSISS, including 3,000 people from some of the remotest areas of Australia.

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What does the 2014-15 NATSISS tell us?

Population In 2014, the total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population This represents 3% of the total Australian population.	ion (0)(000 / from E20 250 in 2000)
	ion was 686,800 (up from 520,350 in 2008).
Almost half of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population	n was under the age of 20.
35% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were living in in remote areas.	n major cities, 44% in regional areas and 21%
Culture, identity and connection 11% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people spoke an Austrian Indigenous language.	
62% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people identified wit	th a clan, tribal or language group.
Almost two thirds (63%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander per	ople were regularly involved in cultural events.
70% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people watched Inclined Indigenous radio.	digenous TV while 28% tuned in to
34% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years least once in the previous 12 months because they were Aborigin	
Health The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people wh 45% in 2008 to 39% in 2014.	no are current daily smokers has declined from
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65% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported havi	ing a long-term health condition.
One-quarter of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had p disability, long-term health conditions or old age in the last 4 we	
Education 96% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 4-14 u	isually attended school.
The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people com up from 20% in 2008.	npleting year 12 or equivalent was 26% in 2014,
The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people wit 32% in 2008 to 47% in 2014.	th a non-school qualification increased from
Employment Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males (38%) were more females (18%).	likely to be in full time employment than
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females (23%) were more males (14%).	likely to be in part-time employment than
Crime and Justice 1 in 8 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experienced phase and of those 61% had experienced physical violence on more that	
Of the 13% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who re last 12 months, 1 in 2 reported that their most recent experience	
Housing The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who vercrowded (requiring at least one or more extra bedrooms) was	
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NEW SOUTH WALES

What does the 2014-15 NATSISS tell us?

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Subject	Key findings ^a
Population	In 2014, the total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was 215,149 (up from 154,308 in 2008).
	Almost half (46%) of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was under the age of 20.
	44% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were living in major cities, 51% in regional areas and 5% in remote areas.
Culture,	4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people spoke an Australian Indigenous language.
identity and connection	55% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people identified with a clan, tribal or language group.
	More than half (62%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were regularly involved in cultural events.
	A majority (93%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people felt they were able to get support in times of crisis from outside the household.
Health	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are current daily smokers has declined from 48% in 2008 to 38% in 2014.
	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people engaging in risky single occasion drinking (four or more standard drinks at a time according to 2009 NHMRC guidelines) was 29% which is lower than the National rate (30%).
	Just over two-thirds (68%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported having a long-term health condition.
	Almost one-quarter (24%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had provided unpaid care for a person with disability, long-term health conditions or old age in the last 4 weeks.
Education	97% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 4-14 usually attended school.
	Just over two-thirds (69%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were being taught about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture at school.
	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a non-school qualification increased from 32% in 2008 to 46% in 2014.
Housing	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were living in a dwelling that was overcrowded (requiring at least one or more extra bedrooms) was 12% in 2014, down from 15% in 2008.
Employment	49% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were employed. Of those who were employed, 60% were in full-time employment.
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males (43%) were more likely to be in full-time employment than females (19%).
Crime and Justice	Nearly one-quarter (21%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experienced physical or threatened physical violence in the last 12 months.
	One in eight (12%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported experiencing physical violence in the last 12 months. Of these people, almost half (45%) reported that their most recent experience of physical violence was by a family member.

(a) The key findings presented above are for NSW unless otherwise stated.

Thank you









VICTORIA

What does the 2014-15 NATSISS^a tell us?

Subject	Key findings ^b
Population	In 2014—15, the total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was 49,900 (up from 34,400 in 2008). Half (50%) live in the Greater Melbourne area, 35% and 15% in inner and outer regional areas, respectively.
	Just under half (46%) the total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population were under the age of 20.
Culture, identity and connection	4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people spoke an Australian Indigenous language.
	57% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people identified with a clan, tribal or language group.
	Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 3 years and over, more than half (57%) participated in cultural activities.
	More than 9 out of 10 (93%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people felt they were able to get support in times of crisis from outside the household.
	37% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people felt they had been unfairly treated at least once in the previous 12 months because they were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
Health	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were current daily smokers decreased from 46% in 2008 to 38% in 2014–15.
	39% of people living in the Greater Melbourne area and 30% in regional areas had never smoked.
	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people engaging in risky single occasion drinking (four or more standard drinks at a time according to 2009 NHMRC guidelines) was 27%, marginally lower than the national rate (30%).
	3 out of 4 (75%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported having a long-term health condition.
	Almost 1 in 10 (9%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported having a profound or severe disability.
Housing	Along with the ACT, Victoria had the highest proportion (37%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who had experienced homelessness.
Employment	Around half (51%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were employed. Of those who were employed, 57% were in full-time employment.
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males (39%) were around twice as likely to be in full-time employment as females (19%).
Crime and Justice	Around 1 in 5 (21%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experienced physical or threatened physical violence in the last 12 months.
	13% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported experiencing physical violence in the last 12 months. Of these, nearly half (47%) reported their most recent experience of physical violence was by a family member.

- (a) National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey
- (b) The key findings above are for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over in Victoria unless otherwise stated.

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QUEENSLAND - What does the 2014-15 NATSISS tell us?

Subject	Key findings
Population	In 2014-15, the estimated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in Queensland was 196,200.
	More than one-third (73,200) were under the age of 15 and 123,000 were 15 years and over.
	Around one in five (21%) people were Torres Strait Islander in origin (including those who were both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander).
	30% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were living in major cities, 51% in regional areas, 7% in remote areas and 12% in very remote areas.
	Among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over:
Culture, identity and	11% spoke an Australian Indigenous language as their main language (including 37% of Torres Strait Islander people who spoke a Torres Strait Island language)
connection	More than half (61%) had attended a cultural event in the last 12 months
	Two-thirds (66%) identified with a clan, tribal or language group
	77% recognised traditional country or homelands
	One-quarter (25%) had provided unpaid care for a person with disability, long-term health conditions or old age in the last 4 weeks
Education	35% had completed Year 12, up from 27% in 2008
	Half (51%) had a non-school qualification
	36% had a Certificate 3 or higher qualification
Employment	48% were employed (54% of males and 42% of females)
	The unemployment rate(a) was 25% (23% for males and 26% for females)
Health & risk	38% were current daily smokers (43% of males and 33% of females)
factors	29% had used illicit substance(s) in the last 12 months, up from 20% in 2008
	One-third (33%) had exceeded the guidelines(b) for alcohol consumption (single occasion risk)
	15% had exceeded the guidelines(b) for alcohol consumption (lifetime risk), down from 21% in 2008
	64% had a long-term health condition, including 28% with a mental health condition(c)
Crime and	Two-thirds (64%) were aware of neighbourhood problems
justice	85% felt safe at home alone after dark (93% of males and 78% of females)
	54% felt safe walking alone after dark (75% of males and 35% of females)
	13% had experienced physical violence in the last 12 months (9% of males and 17% of females)
Housing &	One in six (17%) were living in an overcrowded dwelling, down from 26% in 2008
homelessness	30% had experienced homelessness in their lifetime.

- (a) Unemployed as a proportion of people in the labour force.
 (b) 2009 NHMRC Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol.
- (c) Depression; anxiety; behavioural and emotional problems; and/or harmful use of/dependence on alcohol or drugs.

Thank you











SOUTH AUSTRALIA - What does the 2014-15 NATSISS tell us?

Subject	Key findings
Population	In 2014-15, the estimated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in South Australia was 38,100
	One-third (13,200) were under the age of 15 and 24,900 were 15 years or older
	Half (50%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were living in major cities, one-third (33%) in regional areas, 4% in remote areas and 13% in very remote areas
	Among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over:
Culture,	One-quarter (24%) spoke an Australian Indigenous language and another 30% spoke some words
identity and connection	11% spoke an Australian Indigenous language as their main language
Connection	More than half (57%) had attended a cultural event in the last 12 months
	61% identified with a clan, tribal or language group
	Three-quarters (75%) recognised an area as traditional country or homelands
	Half (51%) provided support to a relative living outside their household
	One-quarter (27%) had provided unpaid care for a person with disability, long-term health conditions or old age in the last 4 weeks
Education	27% had completed Year 12, up from 19% in 2008
	Half (49%) had a non-school qualification, up from 37% in 2008
	35% had attained a Certificate III or higher qualification, up from 21% in 2008
Employment	44% were employed (50% of males and 38% of females)
	The unemployment rate(a) was 22%
Health & risk	68% had a long-term health condition, including 32% with a mental health condition(b)
factors	One-third (33%) had experienced high/very high psychological distress in the last 4 weeks
	35% were current daily smokers, down from 46% in 2008
	36% had used illicit substance(s) in the last 12 months, up from 27% in 2008
	One in ten (10%) had exceeded the guidelines(c) for alcohol consumption (lifetime risk), down from 22% in 2008
	25% had exceeded the guidelines(c) for alcohol consumption (single occasion risk), down from 38% in 2008
Crime and	More than one-third (39%) had experienced racial discrimination in the last 12 months
justice	71% reported an awareness of neighbourhood problems
	84% felt safe at home alone after dark (92% of males and 75% of females)
	50% felt safe walking alone after dark (66% of males and 34% of females)
	One in six (16%) had experienced physical violence in the last 12 months
Housing &	One in eight (12%) were living in an overcrowded dwelling, down from 20% in 2008
homelessness	30% had experienced homelessness in their lifetime

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⁽a) Unemployed people as a proportion of people in the labour force.
(b) Depression; anxiety; behavioural and emotional problems; and/or harmful use of/dependence on alcohol or drugs.
(c) 2009 NHMRC Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol.









WESTERN AUSTRALIA

What does the 2014-15 NATSISS tell us about

Subject	Key findings
Population	In 2014-15, the estimated total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was 87,200 (up from 69,200 in 2008). Around one-third (38%) live in the Greater Perth area, 22% in regional areas, and 40% in remote and very remote areas.
	Nearly half (45%) the total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population were under the age of 20.
Culture,	24% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people spoke an Australian Indigenous language.
identity and connection	70% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people identified with a clan, tribal or language group.
	Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 3 years and over, more than two-thirds (68%) participated in cultural activities. More than 9 out of 10 (92%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people felt they were able to get support in times of crisis from outside the household.
	37% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people felt they had been unfairly treated at least once in the previous 12 months because they were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
Health	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were current daily smokers remained the same from 2008 to 2014-15 (41%)
	37% of people living in the Greater Perth area and 33% and 32% in remote/very remote and regional areas respectively had never smoked.
	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people engaging in risky single occasion drinking (four or more standard drinks at a time according to 2009 NHMRC guidelines) was 33%, similar to the national rate (30%)
	60% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported having a long-term health condition.
	1 in approx. 15 (6%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported having a profound or severe disability.
Housing	Around 1 in 3 (31%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had experienced homelessness.
Employment	Close to 4 in 10 (38%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were employed. Of those who were employed, around two-thirds (67%) were in full-time employment.
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males (33%) were nearly twice as likely to be in full-time employment as females (18%)
Crime and justice	Around 1 in 4 (27%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experienced physical or threatened physical violence in the last 12 months.
	18% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported experiencing physical violence in the last 12 months. Of these, more than half (54%) reported their most recent experience of physical violence was by a family member.

(a) National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey

(b) The key findings above are for **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over** in WA unless otherwise stated.

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What does the 2014-15 NATSISS^a tell us?

Subject	Key findings ^b
Population	In 2014-15, the estimated total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was 25,600 (up from 19,100 in 2008).
	Just under half (46%) the total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population were under the age of 20.
Culture,	35% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people identified with a clan, tribal or language group.
identity and connection	10% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people spoke some Indigenous words.
	Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 3 years and over, nearly two-thirds (63%) participated in cultural activities. More than 9 out of 10 (93%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people felt they were able to get support in times of crisis from outside the household.
	Around 1 in 5 (19%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people felt they had been unfairly treated at least once in the previous 12 months because they were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
Health	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were current daily smokers was 37% in 2014-15, compared to 43% in 2008.
	34% of people had never smoked.
	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people engaging in risky single occasion drinking (four or more standard drinks at a time according to 2009 NHMRC guidelines) was the highest of all states and territories at 36%. The national rate was 30%.
	7 out of 10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported having a long-term health condition.
	Around 1 in 8 (12%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported having a profound or severe disability.
Housing	3 in 10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had experienced homelessness.
Employment	Half of Tasmania's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population were employed. Of those who were employed, half were in full-time employment.
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males (36%) were more than twice as likely to be in full-time employment as females (15%).
Crime and justice	Around 1 in 6 (18%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experienced physical or threatened physical violence in the last 12 months.
	12% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported experiencing physical violence in the last year. Of these, 1 in 5 reported their most recent experience of physical violence was by a family member.

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(b) The key findings above are for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over in Tasmania unless otherwise stated.







NORTHERN TERRITORY

What does the 2014-15 NATSISS tell us?

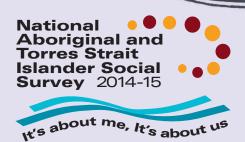
Subject	Key findings ^a
Population	In 2014, the total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was 68,427 (up from 63,378 in 2008).
	41% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was under the age of 20.
	A majority (79%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were living in remote areas.
Culture, identity and	Just over two-thirds (68%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people spoke an Australian Indigenous language.
connection	81% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people identified with a clan, tribal or language group.
	83% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were regularly involved in cultural events.
	A majority (88%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people felt they were able to get support in times of crisis from outside the household.
Health	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are current daily smokers has declined from 49% in 2008 to 45% in 2014.
	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people engaging in risky single occasion drinking (four or more standard drinks at a time according to 2009 NHMRC guidelines) was 26% which is lower than the National rate (30%).
	Just over half (53%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported having a long-term health condition.
	Almost a third (32%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had provided unpaid care for a person with disability, long-term health conditions or old age in the last 4 weeks.
Housing	Over half (52%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were living in a dwelling that was overcrowded (requiring at least one or more extra bedrooms) in 2014, down from 57% in 2008.
Employment	36% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were employed. Of those who were employed, 61% were in full-time employment.
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males (26%) were more likely to be in full-time employment than females (18%).
Crime and Justice	One in five (20%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experienced physical or threatened physical violence in the last 12 months.
	One in nine (11%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported experiencing physical violence in the last 12 months. Of these people, almost two-thirds (62%) reported that their most recent experience of physical violence was by a family member.

⁽a) The key findings presented above are for NT unless otherwise stated.

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY What does the 2014-15 NATSISS^a tell us?

Subject	Key findings ^b
Population	In 2014, the total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was 6,453 (up from 4,377 in 2008).
	Around 2 in 5 (42%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were under the age of 20.
Culture, identity and connection	7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people spoke an Australian Indigenous language.
	64% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people identified with a clan, tribal or language group.
Connection	More than two-thirds (68%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were regularly involved in cultural events.
	Almost all (96%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people felt they were able to get support in times of crisis from outside the household.
	40% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people felt they had been unfairly treated at least once in the previous 12 months because they were an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
Health	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are current daily smokers has increased from 35% in 2008 to 37% in 2014-15. This is opposite to the declining rate of people who are current daily smokers, nationally.
	The ACT had the highest proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who had never smoked (43%).
	The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people engaging in risky single occasion drinking (four or more standard drinks at a time according to 2009 NHMRC guidelines) was 35% which is higher than the national rate (30%).
	Around two-thirds (65%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported having a long-term health condition.
Housing	Along with Victoria, the ACT had the highest proportion (37%) of all states and territories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people having experienced homelessness.
Employment	61% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were employed. Of those who were employed, 72% were in full-time employment.
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males (55%) were almost twice as likely to be in full-time employment as females (31%).
Crime and Justice	Nearly one-quarter (22%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experienced physical or threatened physical violence in the last 12 months.
	One in nine (11%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported experiencing physical violence in the last 12 months. Of these people, more than 2 in 5 (43%) reported their most recent experience of physical violence was by a family member.

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⁽b) The key findings presented above are for the ACT unless otherwise stated.