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**Labour Force (all persons aged 15 years and over)**

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|  | **2011** | | | **2006** | | |
|  | **Total** | **Males** | **Females** | **Total** | **Males** | **Females** |
| Total in labour force | 178,170 (50.7%) | 52.8% | 47.2% | 145,394 (51.2%) | 53.5% | 46.5% |
| Employed  full-time | 86,714 (24.7%) | 60.5% | 39.5% | 65,161 (23.0%) | 61.4% | 38.6% |
| Employed  part-time | 47,035 (13.4%) | 36.6% | 63.4% | 45,085 (15.9%) | 41.3% | 58.7% |
| Unemployed, looking for work | 30,463 (8.7%) | 55.9% | 44.1% | 22,645 (8.0%) | 54.1% | 45.9% |
| Population not in the labour force | 155,889 (44.4%) | 43.0% | 57.0% | 121,360 (42.7%) | 41.4% | 58.6% |
| Total persons | 351,281 (100.0%) | 48.3% | 51.7% | 283,913 (100.0%) | 48.1% | 51.9% |

* **In 2011, 178,170 (50.7%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over reported being in the labour force. The number who reported that they were in the labour force in 2011 increased from 145,394 (51.2%) in 2006.**
* **In 2011, 155,889 (44.4%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over reported not being in the labour force, with 30,463 (8.7%) reporting being unemployed and looking for work.**
* **Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported being employed full-time in 2011, 60.5% were males and 39.5% were females.**
* **Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported being employed part-time in 2011, 36.6% were males and 63.4% were females.**

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**Weekly Hours Worked (employed persons aged 15 years and over)**

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|  | **2011** | | | **2006** | | |
|  | **Total** | **Males** | **Females** | **Total** | **Males** | **Females** |
| 40 hours and above | 54,113(36.6%) | 66.9% | 33.1% | 41,186(33.6%) | 67.3% | 32.7% |
| 35-39 hours | 32,601(22.1%) | 50.0% | 50.0% | 23,977(19.5%) | 51.2% | 48.8% |
| 25-34 hours | 16,780(11.4%) | 37.6% | 62.4% | 13,711(11.2%) | 40.5% | 59.5% |
| 16-24 hours | 13,417(9.1%) | 35.2% | 64.8% | 15,596(12.7%) | 43.4% | 56.6% |
| 0-15 hours | 23,951(16.2%) | 39.9% | 60.1% | 20,833(17.0%) | 42.2% | 57.8% |
| Total persons | 147,708(100.0%) | 52.2% | 47.8% | 122,752 (100%) | 53.4% | 46.6% |

* **In 2011, 36.6% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who were employed and aged 15 years and over reported working 40 hours or more in the week prior to Census. A higher proportion of these were males (66.9%).**
* **Between the 2006 and 2011 Censuses there was 3.0 percentage point increase in the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported working 40 hours or more (from 33.6% in 2006 to 36.6% in 2011).**
* **In 2011, 16.2% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who were employed and aged 15 years and over reported working 0 to 15 hours in the week prior to Census. A higher proportion of these were females (60.1%).**

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**Top five Industries in 2011 (employed persons aged   
15 years and over)**

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|  | **2011** | | | **2006** | | |
|  | **Total** | **Males** | **Females** | **Total** | **Males** | **Females** |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 21,500(14.6%) | 24.1% | 75.9% | 17,646(14.4%) | 31.2% | 68.8% |
| Public Administration and Safety | 18,731(12.7%) | 52.8% | 47.2% | 20,583(16.8%) | 55.6% | 44.4% |
| Education and Training | 13,180(8.9%) | 26.7% | 73.3% | 10,162(8.3%) | 26.3% | 73.7% |
| Retail Trade | 12,091(8.2%) | 39.2% | 60.8% | 9,230(7.5%) | 38.5% | 61.5% |
| Construction | 11,753(8.0%) | 90.5% | 9.5% | 8,390(6.8%) | 91.0% | 9.0% |
| Total persons | 147,708(100.0%) | 52.2% | 47.8% | 122,752(100.0%) | 53.4% | 46.6% |

* **In 2011, the largest proportion of employed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over reported working in the Health Care and Social Assistance Industry (14.6%).**
* **In 2006, Public Administration and Safety was the most reported response (16.8%) for employed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over. The proportion of those who reported being employed in this industry declined to 12.7% in 2011. There has also been a decline in the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons employed in this industry (from 20,583 in 2006 to 18,731 in 2011).**
* **In 2011, of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over who reported working in the Construction industry, 90.5% were males.**
* **Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons employed in the industries of Health Care and Social Assistance, Education and Training, and Retail Trade, a higher proportion were females (75.9%, 73.3% and 60.8% respectively).**

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**Top five Occupations in 2011 (employed persons aged   
15 years and over)**

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|  | **2011** | | | **2006** | | |
|  | **Total** | **Males** | **Females** | **Total** | **Males** | **Females** |
| Labourers | 25,935(17.6%) | 68.9% | 31.1% | 29,130(23.7%) | 68.1% | 31.9% |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 24,488(16.6%) | 30.3% | 69.7% | 18,706(15.2%) | 30.6% | 69.4% |
| Professionals | 19,360(13.1%) | 38.7% | 61.3% | 13,850(11.3%) | 38.2% | 61.8% |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 19,216(13.0%) | 21.3% | 78.7% | 15,245(12.4%) | 21.7% | 78.3% |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 19,010(12.9%) | 85.2% | 14.8% | 14,726(12.0%) | 84.8% | 15.2% |
| Total persons | 147,708(100.0%) | 52.2% | 47.8% | 122,752(100.0%) | 53.4% | 46.6% |

* **In 2011, 17.6% of employed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons, aged 15 years and over reported working as Labourers. Of those who reported working as Labourers, 68.9% were males.**
* **The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported working as Labourers declined by 6.1 percentage point to 17.6% in 2011 from 23.7% in 2006.**
* **The proportion of those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Persons who reported working as Professionals has increased by 1.8 percentage point from 11.3% in 2006 to 13.1% in 2011. The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported working as Professionals has also increased from 13,850 in 2006 to 19,360 in 2011.**
* **Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported working as Technicians and Trades Workers (12.9%), a higher proportion were males (85.2%). This compared to 13.0% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons reporting as Clerical and Administrative workers of whom 78.7% were females.**
* **Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons working as Community and Personal Service Workers, and Professionals, a higher proportion were females (69.7% and 61.3% respectively).**

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**Highest Level of Education (all persons aged 15 years and over)**

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|  | **2011** | | | **2006** | | |
|  | **Total** | **Males** | **Females** | **Total** | **Males** | **Females** |
| Postgraduate Degree | 2,029(0.6%) | 42.7% | 57.3% | 1,197(0.4%) | 44.7% | 55.3% |
| Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate | 1,797(0.5%) | 33.8% | 66.2% | 1,147(0.4%) | 32.5% | 67.5% |
| Bachelor Degree | 12,146(3.5%) | 33.0% | 67.0% | 8,163(2.9%) | 34.1% | 65.9% |
| Advanced Diploma and Diploma | 13,432(3.8%) | 33.9% | 66.1% | 8,741(3.1%) | 34.5% | 65.5% |
| Certificate III/IV | 46,252(13.2%) | 58.0% | 42.0% | 28,170(9.9%) | 61.8% | 38.2% |
| Year 12 | 46,072(13.1%) | 45.4% | 54.6% | 32,211(11.3%) | 43.7% | 56.3% |
| Year 11 or below (includes Certificate I/II/nfd) | 171,948(48.9%) | 47.2% | 52.8% | 148,389(52.3%) | 46.6% | 53.4% |
| Total persons | 351,281(100.0%) | 48.3% | 51.7% | 283,913(100.0%) | 48.1% | 51.9% |

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* **In 2011, there was a significant increase in number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported completing a Postgraduate Degree. This increased from 1,197 in 2006 to 2,029 in 2011 (a 69.5% increase).**
* **There has also been significant increase in numbers of those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported completing a Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate as their highest level of education. This increased from 1,147 in 2006 to 1,797 in 2011 (an increase of 56.7%).**
* **There was a significant increase in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported completing a Bachelor Degree as their highest level of education, from 8,163 in 2006 to 12,146 in 2011 (an increase of 48.8%).**
* **There has been an increase in the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported their highest level of education as either Year 12 (from 32,211 in 2006 to 46,072 in 2011) or Year 11 and below, including Certificate level I/II (from 148,389 in 2006 to 171,948 in 2011).**
* **Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported their highest level of education as Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate, Bachelor Degree, and Advance Diploma or Diploma, a higher proportion were females (66.2%, 67.0%, and 66.1% respectively).**

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**Top five Fields of Study in 2011 (all persons aged 15 years and over who stated a completed qualification)**

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|  | **2011** | | | **2006** | | |
|  | **Total** | **Males** | **Females** | **Total** | **Males** | **Females** |
| Management and Commerce | 17,640(12.9%) | 26.2% | 73.8% | 11,138(11.0%) | 24.7% | 75.3% |
| Society and Culture | 16,261(11.9%) | 27.6% | 72.4% | 9,476(9.3%) | 31.2% | 68.8% |
| Engineering and Related Technologies | 13,562(9.9%) | 93.2% | 6.8% | 9,316(9.2%) | 92.7% | 7.3% |
| Health | 9,602(7.0%) | 21.4% | 78.6% | 6,328(6.2%) | 22.2% | 77.8% |
| Education | 7,897(5.8%) | 22.0% | 78.0% | 5,616(5.5%) | 23.2% | 76.8% |
| Total persons | 137,184(100.0%) | 49.4% | 50.6% | 101,454(100.0%) | 50.4% | 49.6% |

* **In 2011 Management and Commerce (12.9%) and Society and Culture (11.9%) were reported as the two most common fields of study completed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over. These fields were reported as the most common fields of study in the 2006 Census.**
* **Between the 2011 and 2006 Census the proportions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported Management and Commerce as their field of study increased by 1.9 percentage point. In addition there has been a proportionate increase in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported Society and Culture as their field of study (2.6 percentage point).**
* **Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported Management and Commerce and Society and Culture as their field of study there were a higher proportion of females (73.8% and 72.4% respectively).**
* **Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported Engineering and Related Technologies as their field of study there were a significantly higher proportion of males (93.2%).**
* **More than three quarters of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who reported Health and Education as fields of study were females (78.6% and 78.0% respectively).**