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PREFACE

This publication presents a range of detailed social and economic statistics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Victoria, produced from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Similar publications are available for each State/Territory and nationally.

The aim of the publication is to provide information which will be useful to Indigenous organisations and communities, government agencies and policy makers providing services to Indigenous people. The publication will also be of interest to research agencies and the general public.

Besides brief summary text, each chapter contains a set of State specific tables which are common in format to all publications in the series, thus providing a basis for comparison across jurisdictions in Australia.

Data presented in this publication represent only a selection of the full range of statistics that can be derived from the Census. Concepts and definitions used in this publication are explained in the Glossary and more detailed information is available in the *Census Dictionary, 1996* (Cat. no. 2901.0).

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND OTHER USAGES

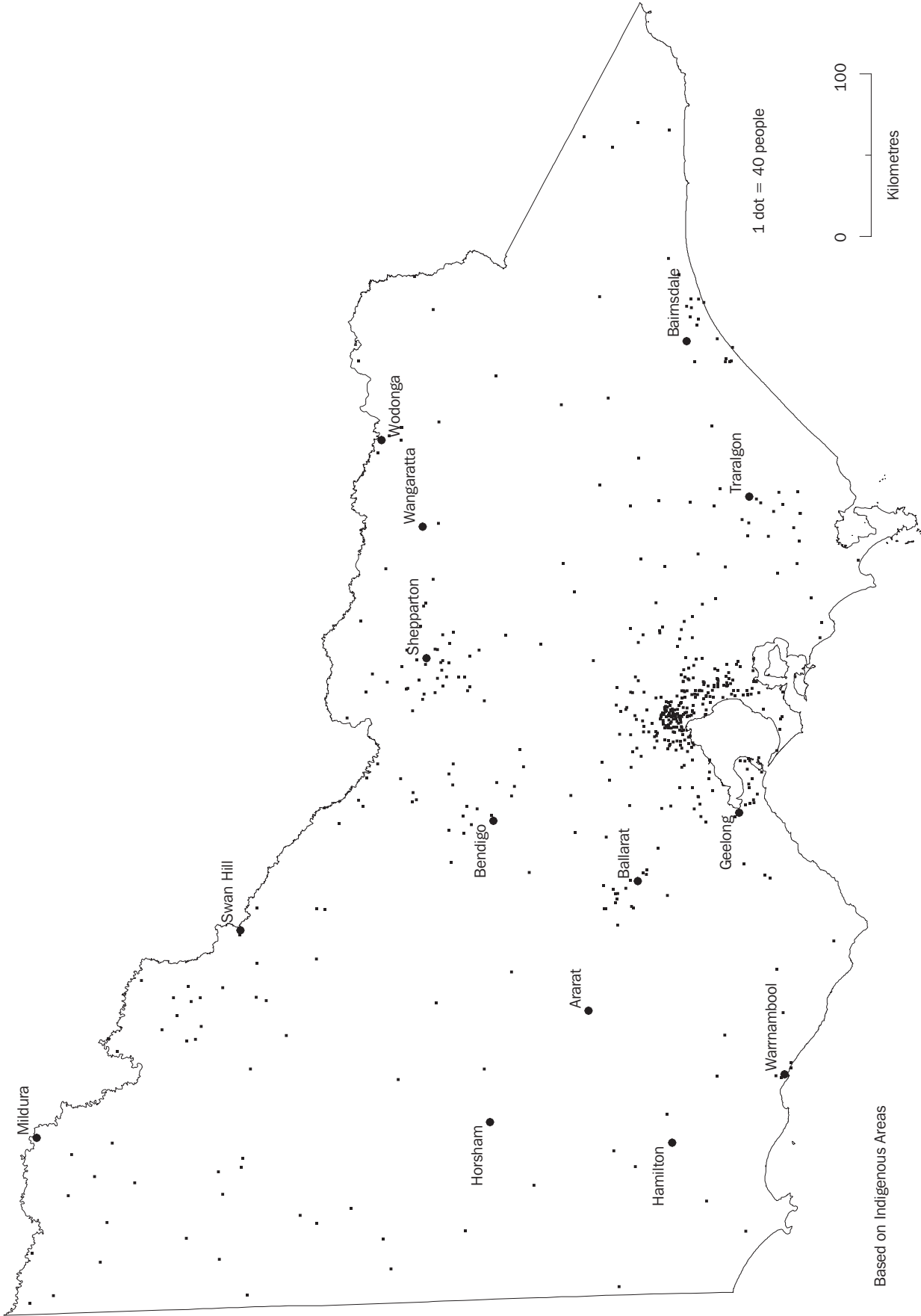
ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ATSIC	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
CD	Collection District
CDEP	Community Development Employment Projects
DAA	Department of Aboriginal Affairs
ERP	Estimated Resident Population
SLA	Statistical Local Area
Vic.	Victoria

SYMBOLS

n.a.	not available
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
n.f.d.	not further defined
. .	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero

INDIGENOUS POPULATION DISTRIBUTION



CHAPTER 1

POPULATION

This chapter presents a statistical summary of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population compared to the total population of Victoria using 1996 Census, experimental and estimated resident population data.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The tables present statistics for Indigenous people and the total population. The total population includes Indigenous people, non-Indigenous people and persons who did not respond to the question ('Not stated'). Indigenous includes people who responded affirmatively on the Census form to the question 'Is the person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?'

Apart from tables 1.1 and 1.2 and the age pyramids (in this chapter), data in this publication are from the five-yearly Census of Population and Housing.

Overseas visitors are excluded from all figures in this publication.

POPULATION ESTIMATES AND CENSUS COUNTS

The ABS publishes two types of data on the resident population in Australia; counts from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing and estimates of the population.

Estimated resident population

The estimated resident population (ERP) is the official estimate of the resident population at a particular date for a given area. It adjusts the Census count (by place of usual residence) for people missed in the Census, interstate and overseas migration, and births and deaths. ERP figures are only available at State, Territory and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) Region levels, and are not broken down to more detailed geographic levels or by socioeconomic characteristics (ABS 1998a).

Experimental estimates of Indigenous population

The ABS also produces 'experimental' estimates of the Indigenous population. Estimates have been produced on an annual basis from 30 June 1991. The estimates are known as experimental in that the standard approach to population estimation is not possible because satisfactory data on births, deaths and internal migration are not generally available. The experimental estimates in this chapter are final estimates.

Estimates are derived using the Census place of usual residence counts as a base and adjusting the figures taking into account the following factors:

- persons recorded as Indigenous whose parents were born overseas;
- non-response to the census question on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin;
- net census undercount; and
- registered births.

These figures are further modified to backdate the data to 30 June 1996.

Experimental estimates of Indigenous population (continued)	The estimated resident Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population as at 30 June 1996 was 22,598, an increase of 2,339 from 30 June 1991. The average annual growth rate of the Indigenous population of Victoria for the period 1991 to 1996 was 2.3% higher than the rate for the total population of 0.6% (ABS 1998a, 1998b).
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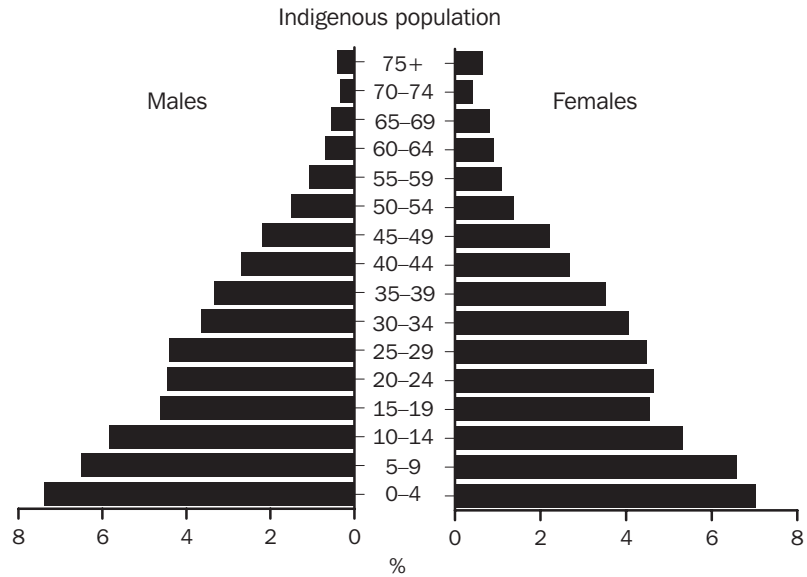
At 30 June 1996 Indigenous people comprised 0.5% of the total population of Victoria. This is the lowest proportion of any State or Territory.

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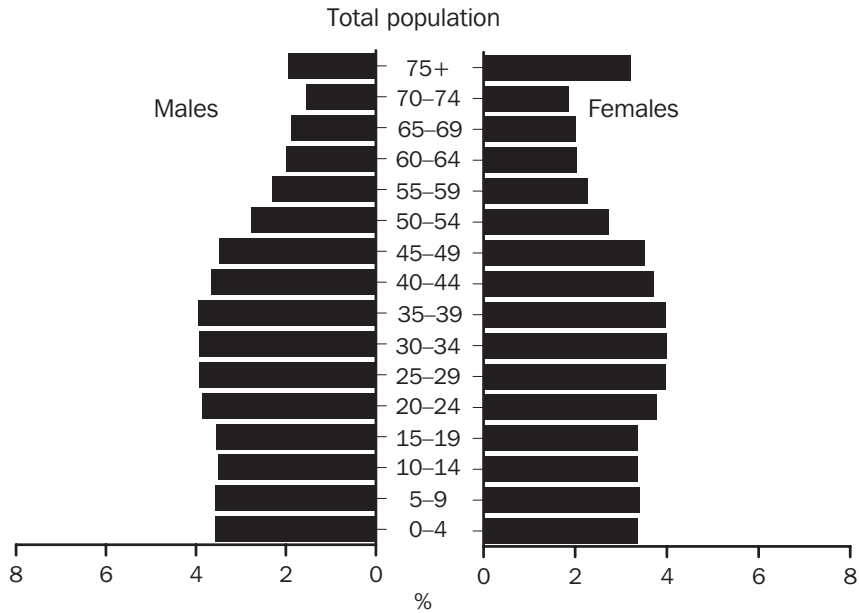
The age structure of the Indigenous population differed from that of the total population. The Indigenous population had a high proportion of people under the age of 15 years and a low proportion of people over the age of 65. The proportion of the Indigenous population of Victoria under 15 years of age was 38.7%, compared to 20.8% of the total population. Persons aged 65 and over comprised 3.2% of the Indigenous population and 12.5% of the total population. These figures reflect the relatively high fertility and, to a lesser extent, the high mortality of the Indigenous population (ABS 1998a, 1998b).

Median age	At 30 June 1996, the Indigenous population had a median age of 21.3 years which is much younger than that of the total population of 34.3 years. The median age of Indigenous males at 30 June 1996 was 20.7 and of Indigenous females 21.8 years. The median age for all males was 33.5 and for all females 35.1 years (ABS 1998b).
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INDIGENOUS AND TOTAL ERP — 30 JUNE 1996



Source: *Experimental Estimates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, 30 June 1991 to 30 June 1996* (Cat. no. 3230.0).



Source: *Australian Demographic Statistics, September Quarter 1997* (Cat. no. 3101.0).

CENSUS COUNTS

The Census is a snapshot of the population and its characteristics at a particular point in time (August 1996). The Census is conducted every five years.

Census counts are available either on the basis of where people were counted (enumerated) or where they usually live (usual residence).

Enumerated data is where people were located on the night of the census regardless of where they normally live, whereas, usual residence involves counts of people at their normal place of residence (address at which a person has lived or intends to live for a total of six months or more in the census year).

Data presented in this publication relate to where people usually live (usual residence) except where otherwise stated.

CENSUS COUNTS AND ERP

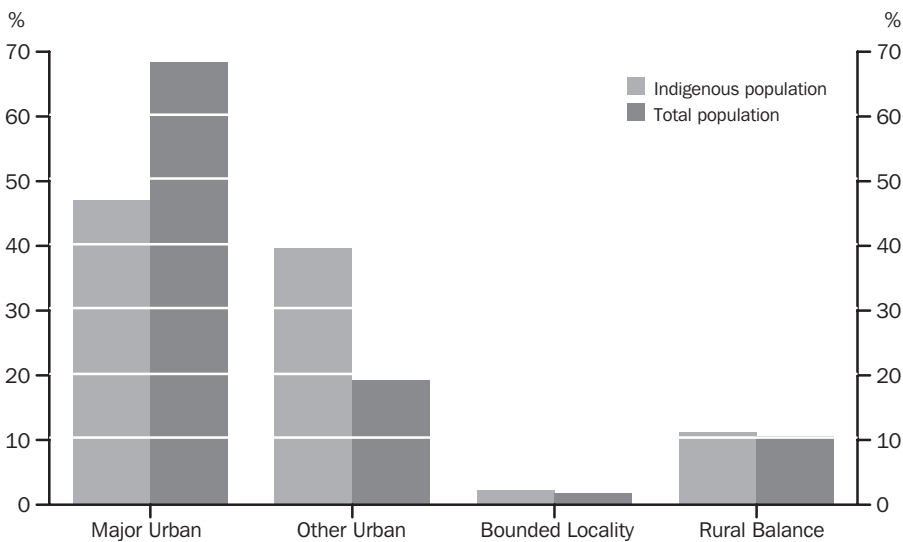
Users need to be careful when using census characteristics and ERP figures together. The 1996 Census count of Indigenous people was 21,503 and the ERP was 22,598, some 5.1% higher (1997). Users may wish to take this into account when interpreting census characteristics data.

Census data are not adjusted for under enumeration or other factors used to calculate ERP.

LOCATION

The Indigenous population has a different geographic distribution compared to the total population. Of the Indigenous population 47.0% reside in Major Urban and 39.6% in Other Urban compared to 68.3% and 19.3% of the total population.

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY SECTION OF STATE

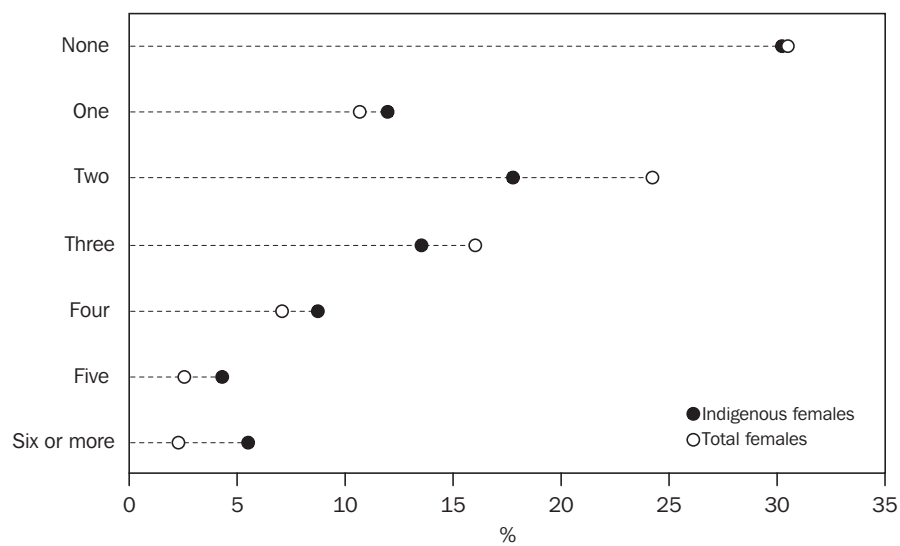


Source: Table 1.4

NUMBER OF LIVE BIRTHS

The proportions of Indigenous and total females aged 15 years and over who have ever had children are similar (62.1% and 63.2% respectively). However, Indigenous females tend to have more children than total females. Approximately 10.0% of Indigenous females had five or more children compared to 5.1% of total females.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER



Source: Table 1.5

1.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION—30 JUNE 1996(a)

<i>State and Territory</i>	<i>Indigenous population(b)</i>	<i>Total population</i>	<i>Proportion of State or Territory's total population</i>	<i>Proportion of Australian Indigenous population</i>
	'000	'000	%	%
New South Wales	109.9	6 204.7	1.77	28.47
Victoria	22.6	4 560.2	0.49	5.85
Queensland	104.8	3 338.7	3.13	27.15
South Australia	22.1	1 474.3	1.49	5.71
Western Australia	56.2	1 765.3	3.18	14.55
Tasmania	15.3	474.4	3.22	3.96
Northern Territory	51.9	181.8	28.52	13.43
Australian Capital Territory	3.1	308.3	0.99	0.79
Australia(c)	386.0	18 310.7	2.10	100.00

(a) The ERPs have been rounded to the nearest 100 and as a result discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.

(b) Experimental estimates.

(c) Includes Other Territories.

Source: *Experimental Estimates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, 30 June 1991 to 30 June 1996* (Cat. no. 3230.0); *Australian Demographic Statistics, September Quarter 1997* (Cat. no. 3101.0).

1.2

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, BY AGE AND SEX—30 JUNE 1996

	Males	Females	Persons
Age group (years)	no.	no.	no.
INDIGENOUS(a)			
0–4	1 655	1 601	3 256
5–9	1 458	1 498	2 956
10–14	1 308	1 215	2 523
15–19	1 038	1 035	2 073
20–24	1 002	1 054	2 056
25–29	986	1 022	2 008
30–34	818	925	1 743
35–39	749	800	1 549
40–44	604	609	1 213
45–49	495	503	998
50–54	342	309	651
55–59	242	251	493
60–64	157	203	360
65–69	121	187	308
70–74	81	90	171
75 and over	93	147	240
Total	11 149	11 449	22 598
TOTAL			
0–4	162 080	153 660	315 740
5–9	162 763	155 188	317 951
10–14	160 195	153 472	313 667
15–19	161 400	153 115	314 515
20–24	175 619	172 247	347 866
25–29	179 113	181 545	360 658
30–34	178 957	182 462	361 419
35–39	179 533	181 594	361 127
40–44	166 489	169 291	335 780
45–49	158 888	159 970	318 858
50–54	126 864	124 297	251 161
55–59	105 099	103 750	208 849
60–64	90 371	92 727	183 098
65–69	86 364	91 908	178 272
70–74	70 224	85 347	155 571
75 and over	88 690	146 933	235 623
Total	2 252 649	2 307 506	4 560 155

(a) Experimental estimates.

Source: *Experimental Estimates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, 30 June 1991 to 30 June 1996* (Cat. no. 3230.0); *Australian Demographic Statistics, September Quarter 1997* (Cat. no. 3101.0).

1.3 INDIGENOUS ORIGIN

	1986	1991	1996
<i>Origin</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
Aboriginal	10 691	13 708	18 401
Torres Strait Islander	1 878	2 993	2 528
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander(a)	n.a.	n.a.	574
Non-Indigenous	3 942 071	4 128 044	4 260 850
Not stated	83 364	143 132	131 841
Total	4 038 004	4 287 877	4 414 194

(a) New category in 1996. Comprises persons of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

1.4 INDIGENOUS AND TOTAL POPULATION(a)

	1986		1991		1996	
	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Section of State</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
Major Urban	5 977	2 762 977	7 465	2 879 135	10 091	2 975 009
Other Urban	5 224	742 503	6 853	797 212	8 496	840 138
Bounded Locality	228	70 073	412	83 899	478	76 466
Rural Balance	1 159	430 199	1 998	471 862	2 404	461 783
Total(b)	12 600	4 008 801	16 728	4 232 913	21 474	4 354 126

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Includes Migratory.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

1.5

NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN(a)

	Age of mother				Total
	15-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over	
Number of children ever born	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1986					
Indigenous females					
None	850	179	56	61	1 146
One	223	168	33	59	483
Two	136	266	139	97	638
Three	39	194	137	98	468
Four	14	102	105	82	303
Five	7	60	69	53	189
Six or more	6	18	78	191	293
Not stated	269	105	69	121	564
Total	1 544	1 092	686	762	4 084
Total females					
None	243 196	100 788	27 964	71 615	443 563
One	20 926	54 764	24 274	65 296	165 260
Two	8 960	89 367	99 430	152 169	349 926
Three	1 830	41 832	69 601	127 431	240 694
Four	340	11 542	28 150	77 689	117 721
Five	91	2 425	8 413	37 680	48 609
Six or more	145	992	4 843	42 624	48 604
Not stated	62 130	26 010	20 845	66 022	175 007
Total	337 618	327 720	283 520	640 526	1 589 384
1996					
Indigenous females					
None	1 281	480	146	121	2 028
One	292	289	121	110	812
Two	125	444	333	297	1 199
Three	61	283	297	274	915
Four	15	158	186	236	595
Five	7	53	85	154	299
Six or more	10	41	85	243	379
Not stated	166	96	94	180	536
Total	1 957	1 844	1 347	1 615	6 763
Total females					
None	261 520	154 327	50 947	75 590	542 384
One	16 648	63 473	40 286	72 374	192 781
Two	6 212	75 443	124 517	224 456	430 628
Three	1 461	31 967	77 462	176 379	287 269
Four	323	8 678	26 733	93 251	128 985
Five	104	1 931	6 734	39 479	48 248
Six or more	129	827	3 421	38 702	43 079
Not stated	27 239	14 805	13 236	62 258	117 538
Total	313 636	351 451	343 336	782 489	1 790 912

(a) Information not collected in 1991.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

CHAPTER 2

FAMILIES

This chapter presents a statistical summary of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families compared to Other families.

FAMILY TYPE

An 'Indigenous family' is defined by the ABS as a family where the reference person for the family (normally the first person on the form, and usually a parent) or spouse is recorded as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Families in all other instances, including those where the Indigenous status of the reference person or spouse was recorded as 'Not stated', are termed 'Other families'.

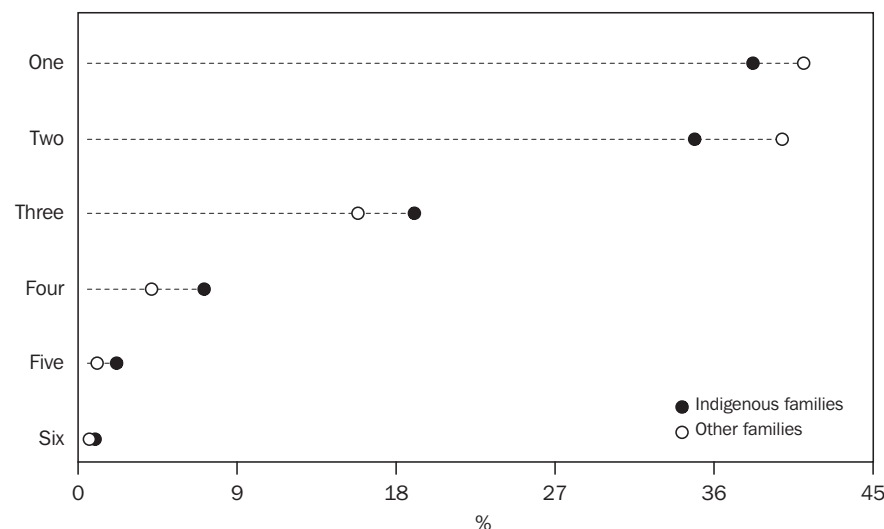
Of the 1,152,887 families counted in Victoria on census night 1996, 5,987 or 0.5% were classified as Indigenous families. Of these families, 34.5% were couples with children aged under 15, compared to 28.5% for Other families, while the proportion of Indigenous lone-parent families with children under 15, at 19.6%, was significantly higher than that for Other families (6.4%).

FAMILY SIZE

The average number of persons per Indigenous family (3.4) was very similar to that for Other families (3.2) with little variation between Indigenous and Other families across all family types.

Approximately 72% of Indigenous families had one or two children, compared to 80% of Other families. This pattern was reversed for families with three or more children, with the proportion of Indigenous families (27.9%) higher than that for Other families (20.0%).

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 15 YEARS, BY FAMILY TYPE(a)



(a) Applicable to couple and lone person families with children under 15.
Source: Table 2.3

EMPLOYMENT

Of the Indigenous families enumerated in Victoria, 63.2% had at least one family member employed, compared to 75.1% of Other families, while a third of Indigenous families (33.3%) had two or more employed family members, compared to almost half of Other families (47.0%).

Across all sections of the state Indigenous families with at least one employed person recorded lower proportions when compared with Other families, with a more pronounced variation in the Other Urban sections. In Major Urban areas, 68.7% of Indigenous families had at least one employed person, compared to 75.9% for Other families, while the difference was 54.5% and 70.5% respectively for Other Urban.

Similarly, lower proportions were also recorded for Indigenous families with two or more employed persons.

INCOME

Victorian Indigenous families had a lower median weekly family income (\$545) than Other families (\$743). Throughout the sections of State, the median income recorded by Indigenous families was lower than that of Other families.

Indigenous families recorded their highest family income in Major Urban (\$619). Outside of Major Urban, the median family income of Indigenous families was highest in the Rural Balance (\$561), followed by Bounded Locality (\$503) and Other Urban (\$478).

2.1

FAMILY TYPE(a)(b)

	Families	Average number of persons per family(c)
Family type	no.	no.
INDIGENOUS FAMILIES		
Couple family		
With children under 15	2 066	4.3
With dependent students (15–24)	190	3.7
With children under 15 and dependent students (15–24)	272	5.4
With non-dependent children	382	3.5
Without children	1 386	2.0
One-parent family		
With children under 15	1 171	3.1
With dependent students (15–24)	60	2.6
With children under 15 and dependent students (15–24)	98	4.4
With non-dependent children	217	2.4
Other family(d)	145	2.2
Total	5 987	3.4
OTHER FAMILIES		
Couple family		
With children under 15	326 930	4.1
With dependent students (15–24)	78 295	3.9
With children under 15 and dependent students (15–24)	72 703	5.0
With non-dependent children	112 871	3.4
Without children	374 083	2.0
One-parent family		
With children under 15	73 743	2.8
With dependent students (15–24)	19 361	2.6
With children under 15 and dependent students (15–24)	11 944	3.8
With non-dependent children	55 136	2.3
Other family(d)	21 834	2.1
Total	1 146 900	3.2
TOTAL FAMILIES		
Couple family		
With children under 15	328 996	4.1
With dependent students (15–24)	78 485	3.9
With children under 15 and dependent students (15–24)	72 975	5.0
With non-dependent children	113 253	3.4
Without children	375 469	2.0
One-parent family		
With children under 15	74 914	2.8
With dependent students (15–24)	19 421	2.6
With children under 15 and dependent students (15–24)	12 042	3.8
With non-dependent children	55 353	2.3
Other family(d)	21 979	2.1
Total	1 152 887	3.2

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Includes up to three persons temporarily absent.

(c) Includes both Indigenous and other persons.

(d) Other family includes other related individuals residing in the household who do not form a couple or parent-child relationship.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

2.2

MEDIAN WEEKLY FAMILY INCOME(a)(b)

	<i>Indigenous families</i>	<i>Other families</i>	<i>Total families</i>
<i>Section of State</i>	\$	\$	\$
Major Urban	619	803	802
Other Urban	478	634	632
Bounded Locality	503	547	546
Rural Balance	561	673	672
Total(c)	545	743	741

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Median family income is calculated excluding families where at least one member aged 15 years and over did not state an income and/or at least one family member was temporarily absent.

(c) Includes Migratory.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

2.3

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 15(a)(b)(c)

<i>Number</i>	<i>Indigenous families</i>	<i>Other families</i>	<i>Total families</i>
	%	%	%
1	37.73	40.59	40.57
2	34.40	39.44	39.40
3	18.59	15.43	15.46
4	6.69	3.70	3.72
5	1.80	0.62	0.63
6	0.58	0.15	0.15
7	0.22	0.04	0.04
8	0.00	0.01	0.01
9	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 or more	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.
Total	3 605	485 320	488 925

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Applicable to couple and one-parent families with children under 15.

(c) Includes up to three children temporarily absent.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

2.4

EMPLOYED PERSONS(a)(b)

Number	Major Urban	Other Urban	Bounded Locality	Rural Balance	Total(c)
INDIGENOUS FAMILIES					
	%	%	%	%	%
0	31.30	45.52	42.34	29.03	36.78
1	31.30	28.06	32.12	30.11	29.92
2	31.02	22.46	21.17	33.60	27.80
3	4.66	3.19	2.19	5.11	4.09
4	1.47	0.78	2.19	1.34	1.20
5	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.12
6 or more	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.10
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	2 792	2 320	137	744	5 993
OTHER FAMILIES					
	%	%	%	%	%
0	24.10	29.47	33.84	20.33	24.90
1	28.16	29.04	28.02	25.98	28.10
2	37.21	34.27	32.76	43.20	37.21
3	7.49	5.57	4.30	8.01	7.12
4	2.59	1.45	0.99	2.13	2.29
5	0.40	0.18	0.09	0.31	0.34
6 or more	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.03
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	783 467	219 794	20 489	123 150	1 146 900
TOTAL FAMILIES					
	%	%	%	%	%
0	24.13	29.64	33.89	20.39	24.96
1	28.18	29.03	28.05	26.01	28.11
2	37.19	34.14	32.68	43.14	37.16
3	7.48	5.55	4.29	7.99	7.11
4	2.58	1.44	1.00	2.13	2.29
5	0.40	0.18	0.09	0.31	0.34
6 or more	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.04
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	786 259	222 114	20 626	123 894	1 152 893

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Excludes persons temporarily absent as labour force status was not recorded for these persons.

(c) Includes Migratory.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

CHAPTER 3

HOUSEHOLDS AND DWELLINGS

This chapter presents a statistical summary of the characteristics of Indigenous households and Other households, including information on the dwellings occupied by these households.

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

The Census classifies all people living in private dwellings into families and households. A family is a group of related individuals living together and a household is a group of people who usually reside and eat together. Households are further classified into family and non-family households, the latter defined as group households and people living alone.

INDIGENOUS HOUSEHOLDS

The following data in this chapter refers to Indigenous households and Other households only. Group households are excluded.

To meet the ABS definition of 'Indigenous households' the household must either comprise:

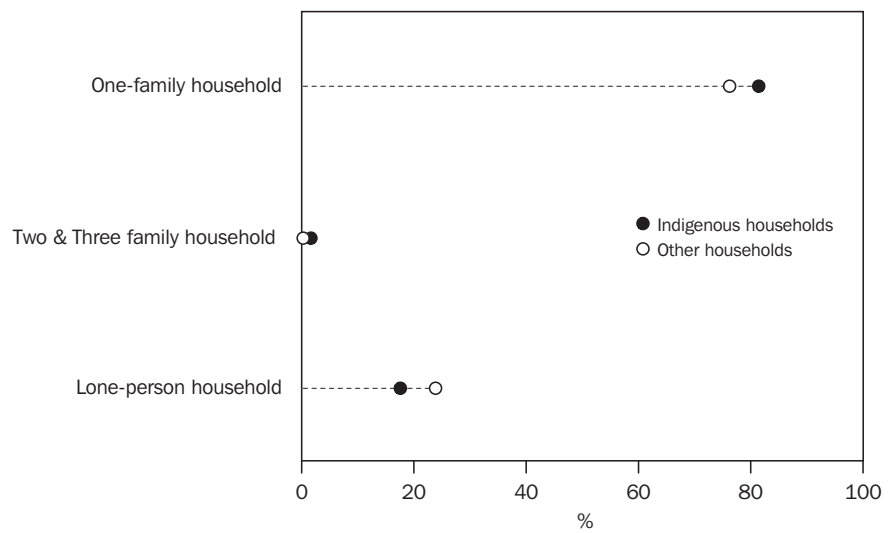
- an indigenous reference person or spouse; or
- a lone-person of indigenous origin.

Any other households are classified as 'Other households' with the exception of group households. This includes family households with Indigenous members who do not have an indigenous reference person or spouse, i.e. child, dependent student or other relative. 2,120 households were of this type in 1996.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

At the time of the 1996 Census 80.0% of Indigenous households were one family households, compared to 74.9% of Other households. Lone-person households were the second most common household type, (17.5% for Indigenous households compared to 23.9% of Other households). Indigenous households recorded a higher proportion of multi-families, (two or three family households, 2.5%) compared to Other households (1.2%).

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

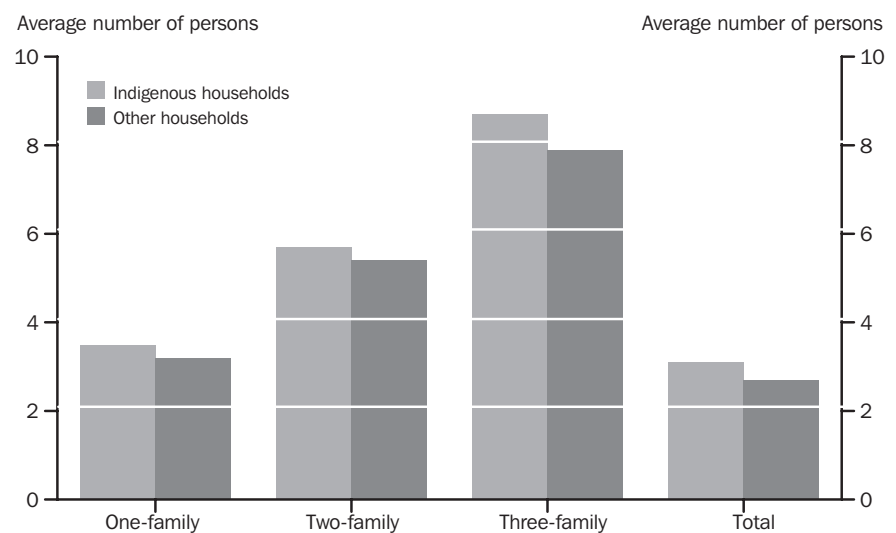


Source: Table3.3

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD

In Victoria, Indigenous households had, an average of 3.1 persons per household compared to Other households (2.7). Indigenous households recorded a higher average number of persons across all household types compared to Other households. The highest average number of persons were recorded for Indigenous households with three or more families (8.7) compared to Other households (7.9).

HOUSEHOLD TYPE, BY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD



Source: Table 3.3

NUMBER OF CHILDREN
PER HOUSEHOLD

In Victoria, at the time of the 1996 Census, the majority of Indigenous and Other households with children under 15 were comprised of one or two children families (71.1% and 79.8% respectively).

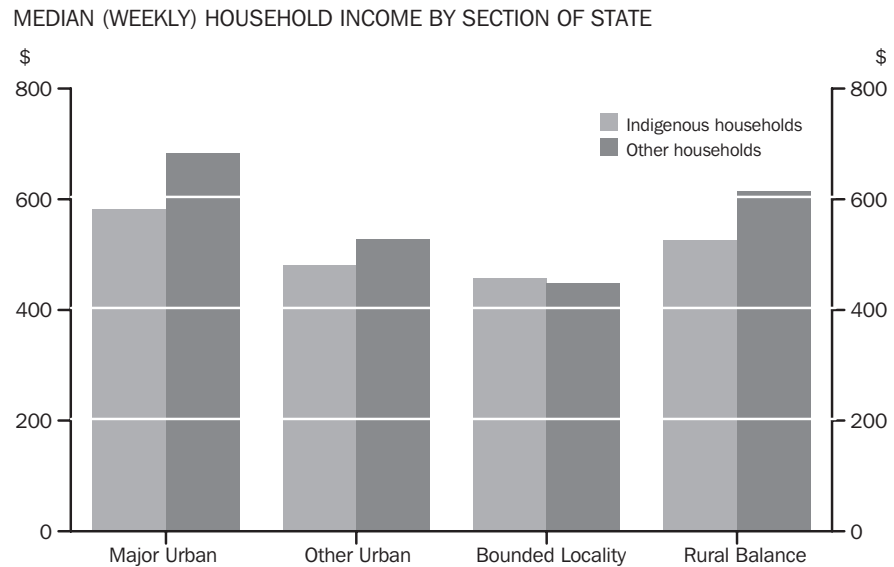
Approximately 10.0% of Indigenous households with children under 15, had four or more children compared to 4.6% Other households.

HOUSEHOLD MEDIAN
INCOME

Household income is obtained by aggregating the personal income reported by each member in the household. Care needs to be taken when interpreting these statistics as Indigenous households had a higher average number of people (3.1) compared to Other households (2.7). Therefore, Indigenous household income may be distributed among more people compared with Other households.

The weekly median income for Indigenous households was \$529 which was 17.1% lower than Other households (\$638).

Throughout most sections of Victoria the median incomes of Indigenous households were lower than Other households with the exception of Bounded Locality (\$457) which recorded a slightly higher median income than Other households (\$449).



Source: Table 3.8

STRUCTURE OF OCCUPIED
DWELLINGS

The majority of dwellings occupied by Indigenous households (78.9%) were separate houses, followed by semi-detached (5.2%), flats and apartments (11.8%) and Other dwellings (2.1%). A similar pattern was evident in Other households where 80.1% were separate houses, 6.0% semi-detached, 11.3% flats and apartments and 1.0% Other dwellings.

NUMBER OF BEDROOMS

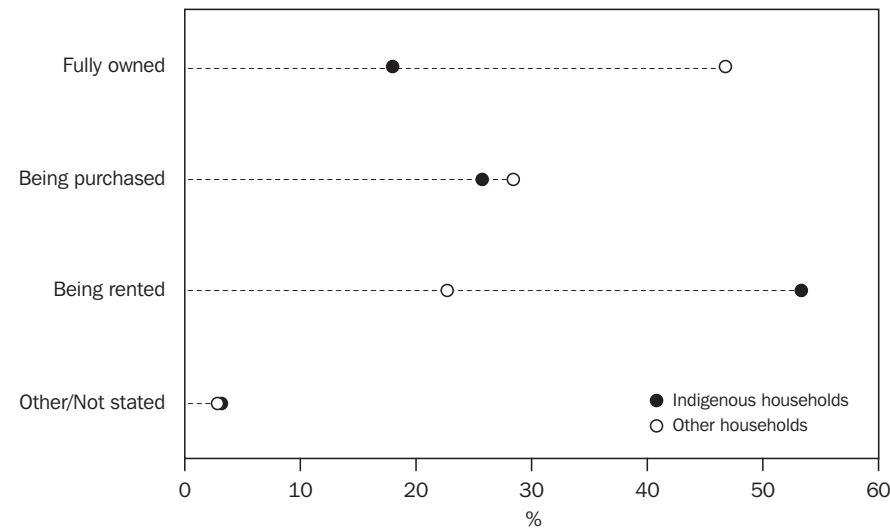
A bedsitter or house with no bedrooms is treated as equivalent to one bedroom.

Of those who responded to the question on the number of bedrooms per dwelling, 2.3% of Indigenous households recorded having more than two persons to one bedroom or bedsitter compared to 0.8% of Other households.

Although there has been no agreement in Australia on a definition or measure of overcrowding. One author has suggested that there should be no more than two persons per bedroom (Jones 1994, pp.4–8).

TENURE TYPE

In Victoria, Indigenous households had a lower proportion of home ownership (that is, owning or purchasing their own home) compared to Other households, 43.6% and 74.3% respectively. Approximately 53% of Indigenous households were being rented compared to 22.6% of Other households.



Source: Table 3.7

3.1 HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION(a)(b)(c)

<i>Household type</i>	<i>All members Indigenous(d)</i> <i>no.</i>	<i>Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members</i> <i>no.</i>	<i>All members non-Indigenous(e)(f)</i> <i>no.</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>no.</i>
Family households				
One-family household	2 042	5 321	1 110 675	1 118 038
Two-family household	53	187	16 661	16 901
Three-family household	0	0	346	346
Non-family households				
Lone-person household	1 249	0	355 115	356 364
Group household	71	691	62 042	62 804
Total	3 415	6 199	1 544 839	1 554 453

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Excludes visitors to the household and persons temporarily absent as Indigenous origin was not recorded for these persons.

(c) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(d) These households are regarded as 'Indigenous households'.

(e) Includes 'Not stated'.

(f) These households are regarded as 'Other households'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

3.2 HOUSEHOLD TYPE, BY HOUSEHOLDS WITH BOTH INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS MEMBERS(a)(b)(c)

<i>Household type</i>	<i>Reference person or spouse Indigenous(d)</i> <i>no.</i>	<i>Other family member Indigenous(e)</i> <i>no.</i>	<i>Total households</i> <i>no.</i>
Family households			
One-family household	3 668	1 653	5 321
Two-family household	120	67	187
Three-family household	0	0	0
Non-family households			
Group households	291	400	691
Total	4 079	2 120	6 199

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Excludes lone-person, visitors only and other not classified households.

(c) Excludes visitors to the household and persons temporarily absent as Indigenous origin was not recorded for these persons.

(d) These households are regarded as 'Indigenous households'.

(e) These households are regarded as 'Other households'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

3.3

HOUSEHOLD TYPE, BY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD(a)(b)(c)(d)

<i>Household type</i>	<i>Households no.</i>	<i>Average number of persons per household(e)</i>
INDIGENOUS HOUSEHOLD		
One-family household	5 710	3.5
Two-family household	173	5.7
Three-family household	3	8.7
Lone-person household	1 249	1.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>7 135</i>	<i>3.1</i>
OTHER HOUSEHOLD		
One-family household	1 112 328	3.2
Two-family household	16 728	5.4
Three-family household	346	7.9
Lone-person household	355 115	1.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>1 484 517</i>	<i>2.7</i>
TOTAL HOUSEHOLD		
One-family household	1 118 038	3.2
Two-family household	16 901	5.4
Three-family household	349	7.9
Lone-person household	356 364	1.0
Total	1 491 652	2.7

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Includes up to three temporarily absent persons.

(c) Excludes visitors to the household.

(d) Excludes group, visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(e) Includes both Indigenous and other persons.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

3.4

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 15 YEARS, BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE(a)(b)(c)

	One-family household	Two-family household	Three-family household	Total
Number of children	no.	no.	no.	no.
INDIGENOUS				
1	1 253	58	0	1 311
2	1 193	40	0	1 233
3	653	34	0	687
4	237	9	0	246
5	65	5	0	70
6	20	4	0	24
7	7	0	0	7
8	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0
10 or more	0	0	0	0
Total	3 428	150	0	3 578
OTHER				
1	187 584	6 649	91	194 324
2	187 550	3 824	87	191 461
3	74 105	1 158	50	75 313
4	17 807	307	19	18 133
5	2 954	106	16	3 076
6	712	34	4	750
7	204	10	0	214
8	63	3	0	66
9	21	0	0	21
10 or more	10	0	0	10
Total	471 010	12 091	267	483 368
TOTAL				
1	188 837	6 707	91	195 635
2	188 743	3 864	87	192 694
3	74 758	1 192	50	76 000
4	18 044	316	19	18 379
5	3 019	111	16	3 146
6	732	38	4	774
7	211	10	0	221
8	63	3	0	66
9	21	0	0	21
10 or more	10	0	0	10
Total	474 438	12 241	267	486 946

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Applicable to couple and lone-parent families with children under 15.

(c) Includes up to three temporarily absent children.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

3.5

STRUCTURE OF DWELLING(a)(b)(c)(d)

Structure of dwelling	Major Urban		Other Urban		Bounded Locality	
	House-holds	Average number of persons per household	House-holds	Average number of persons per household	House-holds	Average number of persons per household
no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
INDIGENOUS HOUSEHOLD						
Separate house	2 477	3.3	2 255	3.5	154	3.1
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	277	2.4	87	2.2	3	1.0
Flat, unit or apartment	578	1.8	240	2.1	4	1.3
Other dwelling						
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	26	1.9	33	1.7	3	0.0
Improvised home, tent, sleepers-out	0	0.0	3	1.0	0	0.0
House or flat attached to a shop, office etc.	19	2.3	12	2.3	0	0.0
Total	45	2.1	48	1.8	3	1.0
Not stated	76	2.8	37	2.6	4	3.8
Total	3 453	3.0	2 667	3.2	168	3.0
OTHER HOUSEHOLD						
Separate house	769 122	3.0	255 104	2.8	26 048	2.6
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	78 638	2.0	9 841	1.6	322	1.7
Flat, unit or apartment	145 764	1.7	20 668	1.4	712	1.3
Other dwelling						
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	1 854	1.5	1 935	1.4	279	1.4
Improvised home, tent, sleepers-out	55	1.4	34	1.8	13	1.9
House or flat attached to a shop, office etc.	4 323	2.5	1 668	2.6	476	2.7
Total	6 232	2.2	3 637	1.9	768	2.2
Not stated	17 718	2.6	3 408	2.5	391	3
Total	1 017 474	2.7	292 658	2.6	28 241	3
TOTAL						
Separate house	771 599	3.0	257 359	2.8	26 202	2.6
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	78 915	2.0	9 928	1.6	325	1.7
Flat, unit or apartment	146 342	1.7	20 908	1.4	716	1.3
Other dwelling						
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	1 880	1.5	1 968	1.4	282	1.4
Improvised home, tent, sleepers-out	55	1.4	37	1.8	13	1.9
House or flat attached to a shop, office etc.	4 342	2.5	1 680	2.6	476	2.7
Total	6 277	2.2	3 685	1.9	771	2.2
Not stated	17 794	2.6	3 445	2.5	395	2.6
Total	1 020 927	2.7	295 325	2.6	28 409	2.5

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Includes up to three persons temporarily absent.

(c) Average number of persons per household includes both Indigenous and other persons.

(d) Excludes group, visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(e) Includes Migratory.

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3.5

STRUCTURE OF DWELLING(a)(b)(c)(d)—continued

Structure of dwelling	Rural Balance		Total(e)	Average number of persons per household
	House-holds	Average number of persons per household		
	no.	no.	no.	no.
INDIGENOUS HOUSEHOLD				
Separate house	750	3.4	5 636	3.4
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	7	2.7	374	2.3
Flat, unit or apartment	17	1.8	839	1.9
Other dwelling				
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	44	2.0	106	1.8
Improvised home, tent, sleepers-out	5	1.6	8	1.4
House or flat attached to a shop, office etc.	3	1.0	34	2.2
Total	52	1.9	148	1.9
Not stated	23	3.1	140	2.8
Total	849	3.2	7 135	3.1
OTHER HOUSEHOLD				
Separate house	138 851	3.0	1 189 125	2.9
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	675	2.5	89 476	1.9
Flat, unit or apartment	824	1.7	167 968	1.7
Other dwelling				
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	2 722	1.5	6 790	1.5
Improvised home, tent, sleepers-out	360	2.4	462	2.2
House or flat attached to a shop, office etc.	389	2.8	6 856	2.6
Total	3 471	1.7	14 108	2.0
Not stated	2 323	2.8	23 840	2.6
Total	146 144	2.9	1 484 517	2.7
TOTAL				
Separate house	139 601	3.0	1 194 761	2.9
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	682	2.6	89 850	1.9
Flat, unit or apartment	841	1.7	168 807	1.7
Other dwelling				
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	2 766	1.5	6 896	1.5
Improvised home, tent, sleepers-out	365	2.4	470	2.2
House or flat attached to a shop, office etc.	392	2.7	6 890	2.6
Total	3 523	1.7	14 256	2.0
Not stated	2 346	2.8	23 980	2.6
Total	146 993	2.9	1 491 652	2.7

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Includes up to three persons temporarily absent.

(c) Average number of persons per household includes both Indigenous and other persons.

(d) Excludes group, visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(e) Includes Migratory.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

3.6

NUMBER OF BEDROOMS(a)(b)(c)(d)

Number of residents	None (includes bedsiters) no.	1 bedroom no.	2 bedrooms no.	3 bedrooms no.	4 bedrooms no.	5 or more bedrooms no.	Not stated no.	Total no.
INDIGENOUS HOUSEHOLDS								
1	40	273	471	338	46	18	63	1 249
2	15	96	550	947	118	19	24	1 769
3	3	16	280	885	161	26	14	1 385
4	0	4	123	955	230	27	19	1 358
5	0	0	38	522	221	24	11	816
6	0	0	11	223	111	27	8	380
7	0	0	5	41	44	6	0	96
8	0	0	3	19	16	5	0	43
9	0	0	0	7	7	6	0	20
10	0	0	0	3	4	3	0	10
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 or more	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Total	58	389	1 481	3 940	961	161	139	7 129
OTHER HOUSEHOLDS								
1	7 042	57 356	137 125	122 666	15 557	2 050	13 319	355 115
2	508	13 259	117 091	244 463	49 486	5 076	5 862	435 745
3	118	1 369	35 791	156 352	45 346	5 263	1 822	246 061
4	90	443	16 351	166 113	71 940	8 529	1 622	265 088
5	40	118	3 824	60 209	53 917	9 152	845	128 105
6	16	37	902	16 383	16 700	7 314	379	41 731
7	3	5	134	2 875	3 500	2 009	80	8 606
8	0	3	42	800	991	740	30	2 606
9	0	0	7	256	295	286	15	859
10	0	0	3	92	125	119	6	345
11	0	0	3	29	57	50	0	139
12 or more	0	0	0	28	43	46	3	120
Total	7 817	72 590	311 273	770 266	257 957	40 634	23 983	1 484 520
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS								
1	7 082	57 629	137 596	123 004	15 603	2 068	13 382	356 364
2	523	13 355	117 641	245 410	49 604	5 095	5 886	437 514
3	121	1 385	36 071	157 237	45 507	5 289	1 836	247 446
4	90	447	16 474	167 068	72 170	8 556	1 641	266 446
5	40	118	3 862	60 731	54 138	9 176	856	128 921
6	16	37	913	16 606	16 811	7 341	387	42 111
7	3	5	139	2 916	3 544	2 015	80	8 702
8	0	3	45	819	1 007	745	30	2 649
9	0	0	7	263	302	292	15	879
10	0	0	3	95	129	122	6	355
11	0	0	3	29	57	50	0	139
12 or more	0	0	0	28	46	46	3	123
Total	7 875	72 979	312 754	774 206	258 918	40 795	24 122	1 491 649

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Excludes group, visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(c) Includes up to three temporarily absent persons.

(d) Number of persons resident includes both Indigenous and other persons.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

3.7

TENURE TYPE(a)(b)

<i>Tenure type</i>	<i>Major Urban</i>	<i>Other Urban</i>	<i>Bounded Locality</i>	<i>Rural Balance</i>	<i>Total(c)</i>
INDIGENOUS					
	%	%	%	%	%
Fully owned(d)	18.93	12.98	30.36	27.74	18.02
Being purchased(e)	27.50	21.57	28.57	29.99	25.61
Being rented(f)					
Private landlord, real estate agent	29.47	26.56	20.83	20.54	27.12
Government agency	14.74	24.27	7.74	1.42	16.55
Community/cooperative housing	1.94	6.34	2.38	3.31	3.76
Other/not stated/rent free	4.00	4.91	7.14	12.40	5.41
<i>Total</i>	50.14	62.08	38.10	37.66	52.84
Other/not stated	3.42	3.38	2.98	4.60	3.53
<i>Total</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
<i>Total</i>	3 454	2 666	168	847	7 135
OTHER					
	%	%	%	%	%
Fully owned(d)	45.81	43.24	53.76	53.69	46.23
Being purchased(e)	27.62	30.27	26.06	27.98	28.15
Being rented(f)					
Private landlord, real estate agent	17.73	15.28	10.64	8.72	16.23
Government agency	3.26	5.21	1.96	0.17	3.32
Community/cooperative housing	0.38	0.60	0.40	0.04	0.39
Other/not stated/rent free	2.09	2.64	3.90	6.17	2.64
<i>Total</i>	23.46	23.73	16.90	15.11	22.57
Other/not stated	3.10	2.76	3.28	3.22	3.05
<i>Total</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
<i>Total</i>	1 017 474	292 658	28 241	146 144	1 484 517
TOTAL					
	%	%	%	%	%
Fully owned(d)	45.72	42.97	53.62	53.54	46.10
Being purchased(e)	27.62	30.19	26.08	27.99	28.14
Being rented(f)					
Private landlord, real estate agent	17.77	15.38	10.70	8.78	16.28
Government agency	3.30	5.38	2.00	0.18	3.38
Community/cooperative housing	0.38	0.65	0.41	0.06	0.40
Other/not stated/rent free	2.10	2.66	3.91	6.21	2.65
<i>Total</i>	23.55	24.07	17.03	15.24	22.71
Other/not stated	3.10	2.77	3.28	3.23	3.05
<i>Total</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	1 020 928	295 324	28 409	146 991	1 491 652

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Excludes group, visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(c) Includes Migratory.

(d) Includes 'Occupied under a life tenure scheme'.

(e) Includes 'Being occupied rent free'.

(f) Includes 'Being purchased under a rent/buy scheme'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

3.8

MEDIAN WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME(a)(b)(c)

	<i>Indigenous household</i>	<i>Other household</i>	<i>Total household(d)</i>
<i>Section of State</i>	\$	\$	\$
Major Urban	581	683	683
Other Urban	481	528	527
Bounded Locality	457	449	449
Rural Balance	526	615	614
Total	529	638	637

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Excludes group, visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(c) Median household income is calculated excluding households where at least one member aged 15 years and over did not state an income and/or at least one household member was temporarily absent.

(d) Includes Migratory.

Source: ABS, Unpublished data, 1996 Census.

CHAPTER 4

EMPLOYMENT

This chapter presents a statistical summary of the employment characteristics of Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people compared to the employment characteristics of the total population in Victoria.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS

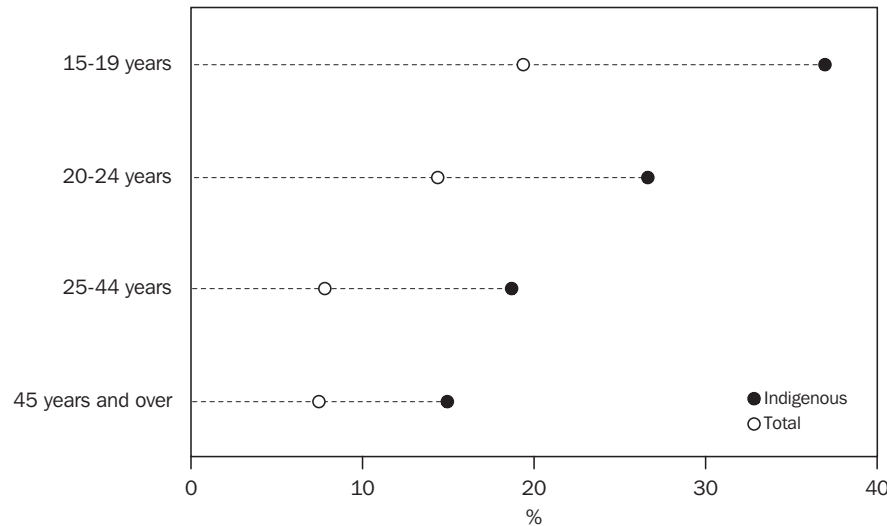
Almost 46.0% of the Indigenous population in the labour force was employed in 1996 compared to 55.7% of the total population. Patterns of employment were similar for both populations, however, the rates were significantly different.

Generally, a higher proportion of males (53.1%) than females (38.7%) were employed in the Indigenous population. The levels of employment were significantly higher in the total population, 64.1% for males and 47.8% for females.

The unemployment rate was significantly higher for the Indigenous population (21.4%) than that recorded for the total population (9.4%).

Males experienced higher unemployment rates (23.3%) than females (19.0%) in the Indigenous population and these patterns were also evident in the total population. However, in the total population unemployment rates were significantly lower (9.9% for males and 8.8% for females) than those recorded for the Indigenous population.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY AGE



Source: Table 4.1

PARTICIPATION RATES

The participation rates were similar for males in both populations, 69.2% for Indigenous and 71.1% for total, whereas there was a slightly larger difference between the participation rates of females in the Indigenous population and females in the total population (47.8% and 52.4% respectively).

INDUSTRY

The majority of employed Indigenous people (72.7%) worked in the private sector while a further 21.5% were employed in the government sector. A similar pattern was evident in the total population (83.1% and 14.5% respectively), although a higher proportion of employed Indigenous people worked in the public sector.

The Health and community services and Manufacturing industries were the largest employers of Indigenous people in Victoria, at around 13% each. These were followed by Retail (10.1%), Property and business services (7.0%) and Government administration (7.1%). In comparison, the largest employers of the total population were Manufacturing (16.3%), Retail trade (13.8%), followed by Property and business services (9.9%), Health and community services (9.3%) and Education (7.0%).

OCCUPATION

The most common occupation group for Indigenous people was Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers (18.0%) followed by Tradespersons and related workers (14.3%) and Professionals (12.6%). In comparison, the most common group in the total population was professionals (17.8%), followed by Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers (15.3%) then Tradespersons and related workers (12.9%).

The Indigenous population had proportionally fewer people employed in Managerial and administrative positions (5.3%) than the total population (9.5%) and proportionally more in Labouring and related occupations (12.3% and 8.2% respectively).

HOURS WORKED

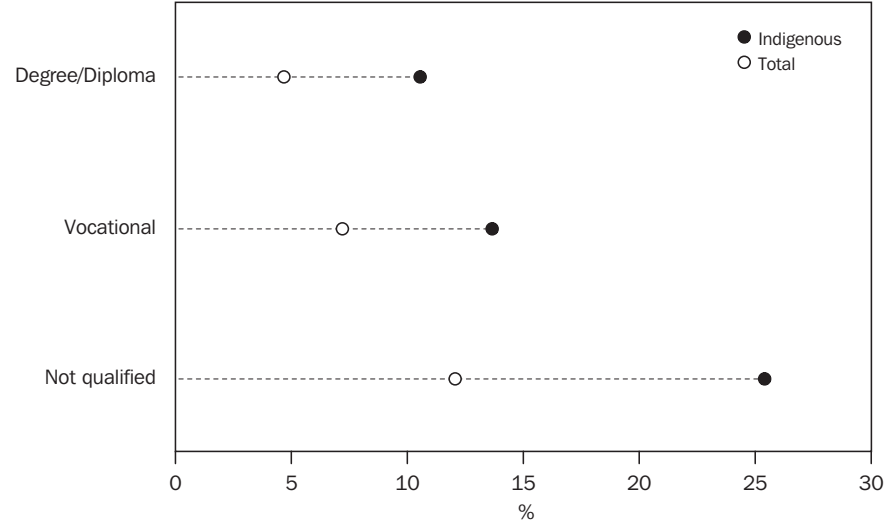
There was little variation in the pattern of full-time and part-time employment in both the Indigenous and total populations. Of employed Indigenous people, 66.4% worked full-time (35 hours or more) compared to 68.2% for the total population. With the exception of Rural balance, there was little variation between the populations in hours worked across the various sections of Victoria. In both populations, a higher proportion of persons (almost 70%) in Major urban were employed in full-time work.

QUALIFICATIONS

Indigenous persons with a qualification had a higher rate of employment (72.4%) than those without a qualification (39.7%). This was also the case for the total population. Similarly, the labour force participation rate among Indigenous people was higher for persons with qualifications (82.5%) than for those without qualifications (53.9%). The participation rate for Indigenous people with a qualification was higher than that of qualified people in the total population (80.6%).

Unemployment rates were also affected by the attainment of qualifications. Within the Indigenous population, persons holding a degree or diploma experienced the lowest unemployment rate of 10.5%, followed by 13.6% for those with vocational qualifications and 25.0% for those without qualifications. Although a similar pattern was evident in the total population, the actual unemployment rates of the Indigenous population were approximately double those of the total population in each instance.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY LEVEL OF ATTAINMENT



Source: Table 4.7

4.1

LABOUR FORCE STATUS, PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

<i>Labour force status</i>	<i>Age group (years)</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>15–19</i>	<i>20–24</i>	<i>25–44</i>	<i>45 and over</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
INDIGENOUS					
Males					
Labour force					
Employed CDEP(a)	5	5	8	4	22
Employed other(b)	275	505	1 824	602	3 206
<i>Total</i>	280	510	1 832	606	3 228
Unemployed	176	208	467	128	979
<i>Total labour force</i>	456	718	2 299	734	4 207
Not in labour force	498	161	529	684	1 872
Not stated	37	48	169	59	313
<i>Total</i>	991	927	2 997	1 477	6 392
Females					
Labour force					
Employed CDEP(a)	3	0	0	3	6
Employed other(b)	234	424	1 396	477	2 531
<i>Total</i>	237	424	1 396	480	2 537
Unemployed	125	128	277	64	594
<i>Total labour force</i>	362	552	1 673	544	3 131
Not in labour force	578	402	1 412	1 029	3 421
Not stated	37	27	104	42	210
<i>Total</i>	977	981	3 189	1 615	6 762
Total Indigenous					
Labour force					
Employed CDEP(a)	8	5	8	7	28
Employed other(b)	509	929	3 220	1 079	5 737
<i>Total</i>	517	934	3 228	1 086	5 765
Unemployed	301	336	744	192	1 573
<i>Total labour force</i>	818	1 270	3 972	1 278	7 338
Not in labour force	1 076	563	1 941	1 713	5 293
Not stated	74	75	273	101	523
<i>Total</i>	1 968	1 908	6 186	3 092	13 155

(a) CDEP data were first collected in the 1996 Census. As a specific question was not asked to determine CDEP employment, these data should be interpreted cautiously, as their reliability is variable.

(b) Includes all other employed persons.

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4.1

LABOUR FORCE STATUS, PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER—continued

	Age group (years)				Total
	15–19	20–24	25–44	45 and over	
Labour force status	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
TOTAL					
Males					
Labour force					
Employed CDEP(a)	5	5	8	4	22
Employed other(b)	55 039	112 249	552 203	340 077	1 059 568
Total	55 044	112 254	552 211	340 081	1 059 590
Unemployed	13 848	21 033	50 597	30 998	116 476
Total labour force	68 892	133 287	602 808	371 079	1 176 066
Not in labour force	84 472	26 852	50 203	315 671	477 198
Not stated	4 103	5 053	18 951	13 764	41 871
Total	157 467	165 192	671 962	700 514	1 695 135
Females					
Labour force					
Employed CDEP(a)	3	0	0	3	6
Employed other(b)	54 860	106 529	442 499	234 474	838 362
Total	54 863	106 529	442 499	234 477	838 368
Unemployed	12 534	15 919	36 041	16 426	80 920
Total labour force	67 397	122 448	478 540	250 903	919 288
Not in labour force	78 887	37 246	197 442	520 249	833 824
Not stated	3 366	4 296	18 803	11 337	37 802
Total	149 650	163 990	694 785	782 489	1 790 914
Persons					
Labour force					
Employed CDEP(a)	8	5	8	7	28
Employed other(b)	109 899	218 778	994 702	574 551	1 897 930
Total	109 907	218 783	994 710	574 558	1 897 958
Unemployed	26 382	36 952	86 638	47 424	197 396
Total labour force	136 289	255 735	1 081 348	621 982	2 095 354
Not in labour force	163 359	64 098	247 645	835 920	1 311 022
Not stated	7 469	9 349	37 754	25 101	79 673
Total	307 117	329 182	1 366 747	1 483 003	3 486 050

(a) CDEP data were first collected in the 1996 Census. As a specific question was not asked to determine CDEP employment, these data should be interpreted cautiously, as their reliability is variable.

(b) Includes all other employed persons.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

4.2

SECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT, PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

Sector	Indigenous	Total
	%	%
Commonwealth Government	9.87	4.19
State and Territory Government	9.47	8.59
Local government	2.13	1.67
Private sector	72.65	83.11
CDEP(a)	0.50	0.00
Not stated	5.38	2.43
Total	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.
Total	5 766	1 897 959

(a) CDEP data were first collected in the 1996 Census. As a specific question was not asked to determine CDEP employment, these data should be interpreted cautiously, as their reliability is variable.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

4.3

HOURS WORKED, INDIGENOUS PERSONS(a)(b)

	Major Urban	Other Urban	Bounded Locality	Rural Balance	Total(c)
Hours worked	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Employed CDEP(d)					
0–34 hours(e)	0	16	3	0	19
35 hours or more	0	7	0	0	7
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	23	3	0	26
Employed other(f)					
0–34 hours(e)	828	572	27	234	1 661
35 hours or more	2 178	1 125	63	454	3 824
Not stated	135	81	4	38	258
Total	3 141	1 778	94	726	5 743
Total					
0–34 hours(e)	828	588	30	234	1 680
35 hours or more	2 178	1 132	63	454	3 831
Not stated	135	81	4	38	258
Total	3 141	1 801	97	726	5 769

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Number of hours worked in all jobs during the week prior to census night.

(c) Includes Migratory.

(d) CDEP data were first collected in the 1996 Census. As a specific question was not asked to determine CDEP employment, these data should be interpreted cautiously, as their reliability is variable.

(e) '0' hours may include persons who were absent on holidays, on paid leave, on strike or temporarily stood down.

(f) Includes all other employed persons.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

4.4

HOURS WORKED, PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a)(b)

	0–34 hours(c)	35 hours or more	Not stated	Total	Total
Section of State	%	%	%	%	no.
INDIGENOUS					
Major Urban	26.36	69.34	4.30	100.00	3 141
Other Urban	32.65	62.85	4.50	100.00	1 801
Bounded Locality	30.93	64.95	4.12	100.00	97
Rural Balance	32.24	62.55	5.21	100.00	726
Total(d)	29.12	66.41	4.47	100.00	5 769
TOTAL					
Major Urban	29.01	68.78	2.21	100.00	1 319 085
Other Urban	31.84	65.91	2.24	100.00	326 311
Bounded Locality	33.00	64.27	2.72	100.00	27 612
Rural Balance	28.67	68.40	2.93	100.00	211 268
Total(d)	29.52	68.18	2.30	100.00	1 884 882

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Number of hours worked in all jobs during the week prior to census night.

(c) '0' hours may include persons who were absent on holidays, on paid leave, on strike or temporarily stood down.

(d) Includes Migratory.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

4.5

INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYMENT, PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS & OVER(a)

	Indigenous	Total
Industry	no.	no.
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	215	74 179
Mining	19	5 626
Manufacturing	764	308 642
Electricity, gas and water supply	30	13 497
Construction	311	111 471
Wholesale trade	220	116 077
Retail trade	585	261 679
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	212	72 636
Transport and storage	246	73 799
Communication services	264	43 119
Finance and insurance	89	78 037
Property and business services	410	187 889
Government administration and defence	409	71 416
Education	405	132 070
Health and community services	770	176 610
Cultural and recreational services	174	44 841
Personal and other services	298	65 817
Non-classifiable economic units	110	29 464
Not stated	235	31 090
Total	5 766	1 897 959

(a) Excludes 'Unemployed persons', 'Persons not in the labour force', 'Persons who did not state their labour force status' and 'Persons aged under 15 years'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

4.6

OCCUPATION, PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a)

	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Occupation</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
Managers and administrators	305	180 650
Professionals	725	338 089
Technicians and associate professionals	586	216 319
Tradespersons and related workers	826	244 829
Advanced clerical and services workers	152	81 765
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	1 040	291 299
Intermediate production and transport workers	639	168 242
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	486	168 992
Labourers and related workers	707	156 388
Inadequately described	83	19 015
Not stated	217	32 371
Total	5 766	1 897 959

(a) Excludes 'Unemployed persons', 'Persons not in the labour force', 'Persons who did not state their labour force status' and 'Persons aged under 15 years'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

4.7

LABOUR FORCE STATUS, BY LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION—PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a)

			Level of attainment inadequately described/ not stated		
Labour force status	Degree/ diploma(b)	Vocational(c)		Not qualified(d)	Total
INDIGENOUS					
	%	%	%	%	%
In labour force					
Employed					
CDEP(a)	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.28	0.22
Other	73.74	70.36	31.21	39.43	43.61
Total	73.74	70.61	31.21	39.72	43.83
Unemployed	8.68	11.09	7.65	13.28	11.96
Total labour force	82.42	81.70	38.87	53.00	55.79
Not in labour force	17.26	17.41	42.32	45.25	40.24
Not stated	0.32	0.89	18.81	1.75	3.98
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	933	1 235	1 855	9 132	13 155
TOTAL					
	%	%	%	%	%
In labour force					
Employed					
CDEP(a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	78.14	72.54	31.73	48.03	54.44
Total	78.14	72.54	31.73	48.03	54.44
Unemployed	3.93	5.59	3.83	6.57	5.66
Total labour force	82.07	78.12	35.57	54.60	60.11
Not in labour force	17.74	21.50	48.71	44.78	37.61
Not stated	0.18	0.38	15.73	0.62	2.29
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	610 856	433 627	408 619	2 032 948	3 486 050

(a) CDEP data were first collected in the 1996 Census. As a specific question was not asked to determine CDEP employment, these data should be interpreted cautiously, as their reliability is variable.

(b) Includes Higher degree, Postgraduate degree, Bachelor degree, Undergraduate diploma, Associate diploma.

(c) Includes skilled and basic qualification.

(d) Includes persons who have a qualification that is outside the scope of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

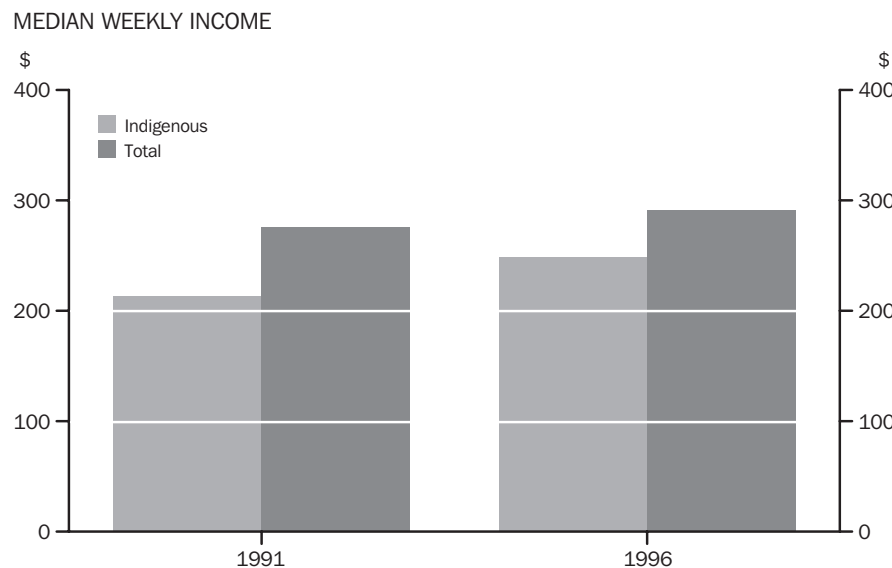
CHAPTER 5

INCOME

This chapter presents a statistical summary of the individual income characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Victoria and provides a comparison with the income characteristics of the total population in the State.

INDIVIDUAL INCOME

As at August 1996 the median weekly individual income of Indigenous people in Victoria was \$249. Although this figure had increased by \$36 since the 1991 Census, it was still below the median weekly income recorded for the total population (\$291). In the period between the 1991 and 1996 Censuses, a greater increase in the median weekly income was recorded for the Indigenous population (\$36) than for the total population (\$15).



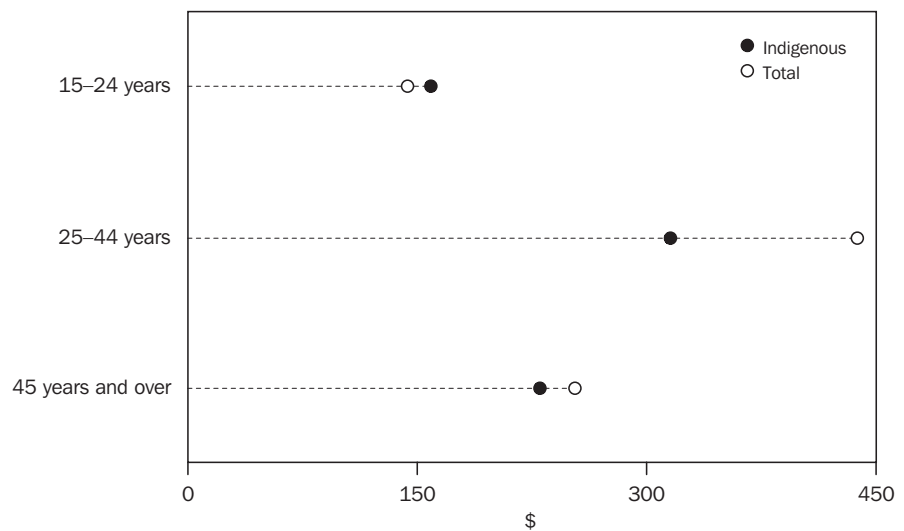
Source: Table 5.1

AGE

In both the Indigenous and total populations, individual weekly median income varied significantly according to age, with peak earnings occurring in the 25–44 year age group. In the Indigenous population, persons of ‘prime working age’ (25–44 years) had the highest median weekly income of \$317. This was significantly more than the income of those in the 15–24 year age group (\$160) and those aged 45 years or more (\$231). It is important to note that the 15–24 year age group includes people still at school or undertaking further education in addition to recent school leavers.

The median income for Indigenous persons aged 25–44 years was 27.8% lower than that for the same group in the total population. For people over 45 years the figure was 9.1% lower. However, in the 15–24 year age group the median income of the Indigenous population (\$160) was 10.3% higher than that of the total population (\$145).

MEDIAN WEEKLY INCOME BY AGE



Source: Table 5.2

LOCATION

Indigenous persons in Major Urban had a weekly median individual income of \$272 which was significantly higher than that recorded for Indigenous persons living in other areas of the state. Beyond the boundaries of Major Urban, Indigenous incomes were highest in Other Urban (\$234) followed by Bounded Locality (\$203) and Rural Balance (\$219).

Indigenous personal incomes were lower than the incomes of the total population, in all areas of the state. However, there was some variation in relative levels of income of the Indigenous population compared to the total population across the areas. This was most evident when comparing the Major Urban and Rural Balance where Indigenous incomes were lower than the median income of the total population by 11.4% and 22.3% respectively.

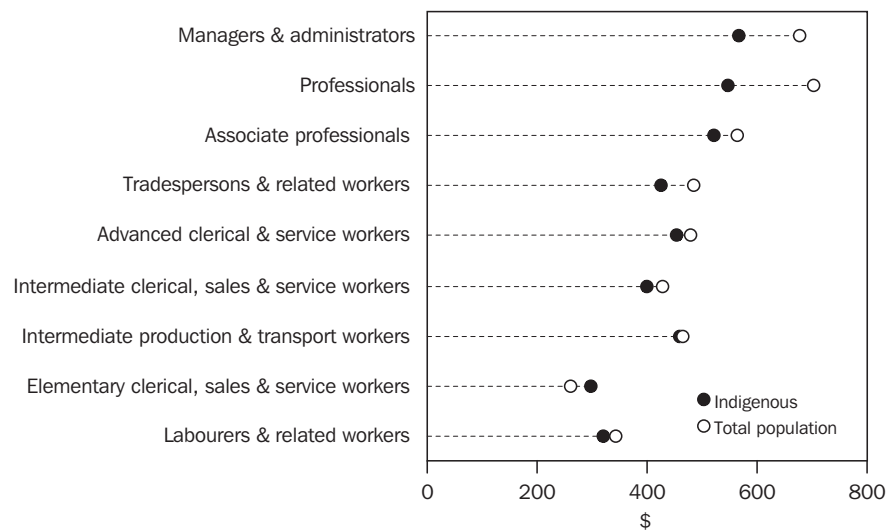
LABOUR FORCE STATUS

The median weekly individual income for employed Indigenous people in Victoria was \$427. This was 12.7% lower than the income of the total employed population. The median weekly incomes of the unemployed and those not in the labour force were \$124 and \$156 respectively for the Victorian Indigenous population, compared with \$109 and \$141 recorded for the total population.

OCCUPATION

Within the Indigenous population, the highest median weekly individual income was recorded for Managers and Administrators (\$571) and the lowest for Elementary clerical, sales and service workers (\$302). These incomes were lower (by 16.2%) and higher (by 14.4%) than the median weekly incomes of the total population employed in each respective occupation. Elementary clerical, sales and service was the only group for the Indigenous population which recorded a higher income level than the total population.

MEDIAN WEEKLY INCOME BY OCCUPATION



Source: Table 5.5

QUALIFICATIONS

In both populations, employed persons with degrees had higher individual incomes than those with vocational training or who were not qualified. The median weekly income of Indigenous persons with a degree was \$560 which was 17.7% lower than the median income of those in the total population holding a degree. For persons with vocational qualifications, the Indigenous median income (\$502) was 5.5% lower than that for the total population (\$531). Indigenous people without qualifications had a median weekly income (\$392), 5.1% lower than that recorded for the total population (\$413).

5.1

INDIVIDUAL WEEKLY INCOME, PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a)

	1991		1996	
	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income(b)	n.a.	n.a.	903	235 938
\$1-\$159	3 580	1 001 313	3 065	733 655
\$160-\$299	2 361	634 243	3 158	700 196
\$300-\$399	959	286 159	1 542	330 570
\$400-\$599	1 471	593 816	1 965	596 654
\$600-\$799	410	287 852	809	322 070
\$800-\$999	92	107 867	266	163 857
\$1 000 or more	98	105 513	265	178 747
Not stated	1 298	335 283	1 182	224 363
Total	10 269	3 352 046	13 155	3 486 050
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(c)	213	276	249	291

(a) Gross income from all sources.

(b) 1991 classification did not allow for the separate identification of negative income or no income (see Explanatory Notes).

(c) Excludes 'Not stated'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

5.2

INDIVIDUAL WEEKLY INCOME, BY AGE—PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a)

	Age group (years)			Total
	15-24	25-44	45 and over	
INDIGENOUS				
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	518	232	153	903
\$1-\$159	1 212	1 050	803	3 065
\$160-\$299	873	1 417	868	3 158
\$300-\$399	365	918	259	1 542
\$400-\$599	383	1 188	394	1 965
\$600-\$799	73	583	153	809
\$800-\$999	9	182	75	266
\$1 000 or more	27	145	93	265
Not stated	415	473	294	1 182
Total	3 875	6 188	3 092	13 155
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(b)	160	317	231	249
TOTAL				
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	112 052	55 528	68 358	235 938
\$1-\$159	194 843	194 523	344 289	733 655
\$160-\$299	95 886	192 074	412 236	700 196
\$300-\$399	62 029	146 785	121 756	330 570
\$400-\$599	87 798	309 900	198 956	596 654
\$600-\$799	20 860	198 248	102 962	322 070
\$800-\$999	3 519	101 346	58 992	163 857
\$1 000 or more	2 025	100 151	76 571	178 747
Not stated	57 286	68 194	98 883	224 363
Total	636 298	1 366 749	1 483 003	3 486 050
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(b)	145	439	254	291

(a) Gross income from all sources.

(b) Excludes 'Not stated'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

5.3

INDIVIDUAL WEEKLY INCOME, PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a)(b)

	Major Urban	Other Urban	Bounded Locality	Rural Balance	Total(c)
INDIGENOUS					
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	430	299	31	142	902
\$1–\$159	1 405	1 176	75	406	3 062
\$160–\$299	1 429	1 319	72	340	3 160
\$300–\$399	733	614	30	156	1 533
\$400–\$599	1 117	632	30	186	1 965
\$600–\$799	502	197	13	103	815
\$800–\$999	179	55	3	23	260
\$1 000 or more	180	55	3	30	268
Not stated	543	462	20	143	1 168
Total	6 518	4 809	277	1 529	13 133
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(d)	272	234	203	219	249
TOTAL					
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	165 449	36 732	3 678	28 028	233 896
\$1–\$159	486 955	145 388	14 603	73 576	720 554
\$160–\$299	448 483	150 345	15 015	68 585	682 463
\$300–\$399	218 458	64 627	5 836	36 491	325 437
\$400–\$599	414 874	107 151	8 889	58 553	589 534
\$600–\$799	235 678	50 602	3 858	28 269	318 519
\$800–\$999	120 744	24 781	1 710	14 568	161 911
\$1 000 or more	141 242	17 773	1 252	15 291	175 853
Not stated	154 399	38 656	3 817	23 696	220 603
Total	2 386 282	636 055	58 658	347 057	3 428 770
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(d)	307	268	245	282	291

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Gross income from all sources.

(c) Includes Migratory.

(d) Excludes 'Not stated'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

5.4

INDIVIDUAL WEEKLY INCOME, BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS—PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a)

	Employed			Unemployed	Total labour force	Not in the labour force	Not stated	Total
	CDEP(b)	Other	Total					
INDIGENOUS								
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	0	79	79	113	192	687	24	903
\$1–\$159	10	479	489	816	1 305	1 728	32	3 065
\$160–\$299	10	998	1 008	447	1 455	1 664	39	3 158
\$300–\$399	3	975	978	74	1 052	470	20	1 542
\$400–\$599	5	1 769	1 774	31	1 805	153	7	1 965
\$600–\$799	0	781	781	4	785	24	0	809
\$800–\$999	0	256	256	0	256	9	0	265
\$1 000 or more	0	222	222	8	230	35	0	265
Not stated	0	178	178	79	257	523	401	1 181
Total	28	5 737	5 765	1 572	7 337	5 293	523	13 155
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(c)	216	428	427	124	355	156	178	249
TOTAL								
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	0	16 762	16 762	25 777	42 539	191 279	2 120	235 938
\$1–\$159	10	167 334	167 344	100 778	268 122	461 373	4 160	733 655
\$160–\$299	10	251 757	251 767	47 412	299 179	397 478	3 539	700 196
\$300–\$399	3	252 960	252 963	7 675	260 638	68 624	1 308	330 570
\$400–\$599	5	536 972	536 977	5 036	542 013	53 240	1 401	596 654
\$600–\$799	0	303 871	303 871	1 409	305 280	16 481	309	322 070
\$800–\$999	0	157 552	157 552	507	158 059	5 671	126	163 856
\$1 000 or more	0	170 291	170 291	716	171 007	7 612	128	178 747
Not stated	0	40 431	40 431	8 085	48 516	109 264	66 582	224 362
Total	28	1 897 930	1 897 958	197 395	2 095 353	1 311 022	79 673	3 486 050
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(c)	216	489	489	109	456	141	170	291

(a) Gross income from all sources.

(b) CDEP data were first collected in the 1996 Census. As a specific question was not asked to determine CDEP employment, these data should be interpreted cautiously, as their reliability is variable.

(c) Excludes 'Not stated'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

5.5

INDIVIDUAL WEEKLY INCOME, BY OCCUPATION—PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a)

	<i>Managers and administrators</i>	<i>Professionals</i>	<i>Technicians and associate professionals</i>	<i>Tradesperson and related workers</i>	<i>Advanced clerical and service workers</i>
INDIGENOUS					
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	12	5	9	8	0
\$1–\$159	23	34	27	64	6
\$160–\$299	39	67	58	167	21
\$300–\$399	26	69	67	127	27
\$400–\$599	56	234	201	268	60
\$600–\$799	53	164	135	115	23
\$800–\$999	35	72	45	32	6
\$1 000 or more	52	61	31	24	0
Not stated	9	19	13	21	5
Total	305	725	586	826	148
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(b)	571	551	524	427	458
TOTAL					
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	4 258	1 142	2 382	1 364	613
\$1–\$159	8 920	11 611	10 261	9 560	4 820
\$160–\$299	17 341	21 981	20 759	34 273	10 958
\$300–\$399	14 387	21 321	21 651	36 512	11 242
\$400–\$599	32 190	68 568	60 650	86 824	30 284
\$600–\$799	27 429	80 367	47 509	45 359	16 552
\$800–\$999	20 839	65 259	24 719	15 304	3 585
\$1 000 or more	51 196	63 463	24 501	9 810	2 235
Not stated	4 090	4 377	3 887	5 823	1 472
Total	180 650	338 089	216 319	244 829	81 761
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(b)	681	705	568	487	482

(a) Gross income all sources.

(b) Excludes 'Not stated'.

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5.5

INDIVIDUAL WEEKLY INCOME, BY OCCUPATION—PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a)—continued

	<i>Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers</i>	<i>Intermediate production and transport workers</i>	<i>Elementary clerical, sales and service workers</i>	<i>Labourers and related workers</i>	<i>Not stated/ inadequately described</i>	<i>Total</i>
INDIGENOUS						
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	6	3	6	9	21	79
\$1–\$159	76	23	111	87	38	489
\$160–\$299	204	68	119	205	60	1 008
\$300–\$399	215	132	97	178	40	978
\$400–\$599	354	259	112	162	68	1 774
\$600–\$799	132	80	22	38	19	781
\$800–\$999	15	35	5	5	6	256
\$1 000 or more	11	17	3	3	18	220
Not stated	27	23	11	20	30	178
<i>Total</i>	<i>1 040</i>	<i>640</i>	<i>486</i>	<i>707</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>5 764</i>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(b)	403	463	302	324	340	427
TOTAL						
Negative/nil income	1 379	733	1 462	1 249	2 180	16 762
\$1–\$159	29 220	9 521	51 928	24 358	7 145	167 344
\$160–\$299	51 444	15 441	39 324	33 277	6 969	251 767
\$300–\$399	45 803	33 454	25 436	36 700	6 457	252 963
\$400–\$599	100 348	67 969	34 407	44 351	11 386	536 977
\$600–\$799	39 587	22 964	9 074	8 865	6 165	303 871
\$800–\$999	11 090	8 944	2 407	2 691	2 714	157 552
\$1 000 or more	7 405	5 665	1 579	1 460	2 975	170 289
Not stated	5 023	3 552	3 375	3 437	5 395	40 431
Total	291 299	168 243	168 992	156 388	51 386	1 897 957
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(b)	430	468	264	347	404	489

(a) Gross income all sources.

(b) Excludes 'Not stated'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

5.6

INDIVIDUAL WEEKLY INCOME, BY LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION—PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a)

	Degree/ diploma	Vocational	Not qualified	Inadequately described/ not stated(b)	Total
INDIGENOUS					
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	7	10	51	12	80
\$1–\$159	31	40	357	59	487
\$169–\$299	73	92	735	108	1 008
\$300–\$399	67	125	670	116	978
\$400–\$599	199	314	1 112	149	1 774
\$600–\$799	128	185	415	53	781
\$800–\$999	89	59	92	17	257
\$1 000 or more	81	30	96	14	221
Not stated	13	15	99	51	178
Total	688	870	3 627	579	5 764
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(c)	560	502	392	373	427
TOTAL					
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	2 723	2 366	10 147	1 527	16 763
\$1–\$159	18 490	12 139	122 616	14 097	167 342
\$169–\$299	36 318	30 213	166 629	18 607	251 767
\$300–\$399	35 192	37 947	159 355	20 469	252 963
\$400–\$599	105 157	108 425	286 165	37 230	536 977
\$600–\$799	98 981	66 176	121 983	16 731	303 871
\$800–\$999	76 961	28 242	45 201	7 149	157 553
\$1 000 or more	97 747	22 151	42 850	7 542	170 290
Not stated	5 773	6 878	21 466	6 314	40 431
Total	477 342	314 537	976 412	129 666	1 897 957
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(c)	676	531	413	437	489

(a) Gross income from all sources.

(b) Includes persons with a qualification outside the scope of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications.

(c) Excludes 'Not stated'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

CHAPTER 6

EDUCATION

This chapter presents a statistical summary of the educational qualifications of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people compared to the total population in Victoria.

ATTENDANCE AT AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

At the time of the 1996 Census 36.5% of the Indigenous population of Victoria were attending an educational institution, compared to 25.6% of the total population. Over the period between the 1986 and 1996 Censuses, the proportion of the Indigenous population attending an educational institution increased from 33.5% to 36.5%, while that of the total population remained relatively stable at around 26%.

The proportion of the Indigenous population attending a tertiary institution almost doubled over the same ten year period with 2.8% attending a tertiary institution in 1986, increasing to 4.3% in 1991 and 4.8% in 1996.

AGE LEFT SCHOOL

Between the 1986 and the 1996 Censuses, changes in the age at which people left school were similar for both populations. Decreases were recorded in the percentage of students leaving at ages 14 and under, and 15 and 16 years of age and increases were recorded in the percentage of students leaving at ages 17, 18 and 19 years or more.

In 1996, 16.0% of the Indigenous population had left school at 14 years or under compared to 21.5% in 1986. A similar decline was evident for the total population (14.6% in 1996 compared to 21.6% in 1986).

In 1996, approximately 40.0% of the Indigenous population had left school at 15 or 16 years of age, down from the 45.4% recorded in 1986. In comparison 30.8% of the total population had left school at 15 or 16 years, a decrease from 35.0% recorded in 1986. The proportion of Indigenous people leaving school at 17 years or over increased from 16.6% in 1986 to 27.9% in 1996. This change was consistent with the general trend in the total population for the same period (an increase from 30.1% to 41.4%), although it represents a higher rate of change for the Indigenous population.

LEVEL OF ATTAINMENT

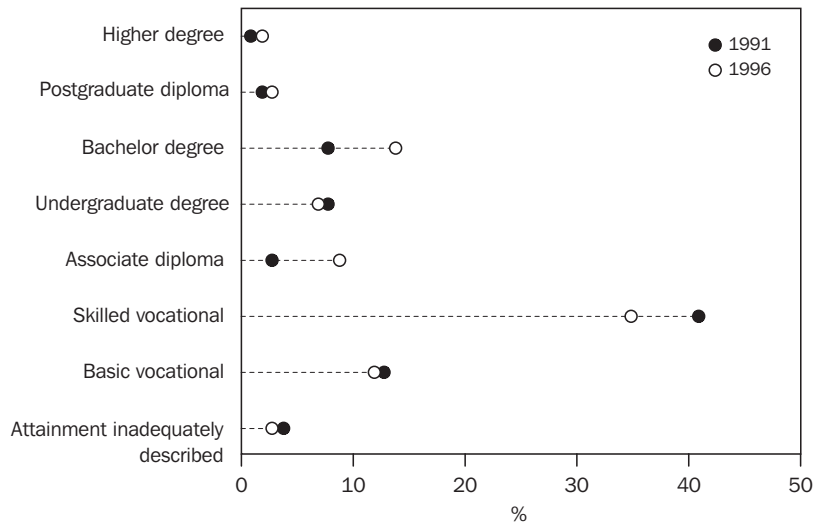
Results from the 1996 Census indicated that a significantly lower proportion of the Indigenous population had post secondary school qualifications (20.1%) compared to the total population (33.8%). This was despite an increase in the proportion of Indigenous persons with post secondary school qualifications (16.2% in 1991 and 20.1% in 1996).

As at August 1996, 7.0% of the Indigenous population had Skilled vocational qualifications and 2.3% had Basic vocational qualifications. Similar proportions were recorded for the total population (10.0% and 2.5% respectively). In both populations there was little change between the 1991 and 1996 Censuses.

LEVEL OF ATTAINMENT
continued

Between 1991 and 1996, increases were recorded in the proportion of Indigenous people with Bachelor degrees (1.3% to 2.7%) and Associate diplomas (0.5% to 1.9%). These compare to increases in the total population from 6.2% to 8.4% (Bachelor degree) and from 1.3% to 2.6% (Associate diploma) over the same period.

LEVEL OF ATTAINMENT, INDIGENOUS PERSONS 15 YEARS AND OVER



Source: Table 6.3

FIELD OF ATTAINMENT

Of the 2,640 Indigenous people with post secondary school qualifications, most were achieved in the fields of Engineering (19.9%) or Society and culture (18.2%). In contrast, the major fields of attainment for the total population were Engineering (23.7%) and Business and administration (16%).



Source: Table 6.4

LOCATION

At the time of the 1996 Census a higher proportion of Indigenous people living in Major Urban or Rural Balance sections of the State had post secondary school qualifications (22.6% and 21.4% respectively) compared to those living in Other Urban (16.3%) and Bounded Locality (17.5%). This pattern was also consistent in the total population.

6.1 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ATTENDED

	1986	1991	1996
<i>Educational Institution</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
INDIGENOUS			
Preschool(a)	389	437	495
Infants/primary(a)	1 828	2 343	3 499
Secondary(a)	1 222	1 455	1 759
Technical or Further Education(a)	219	386	617
University or other tertiary(a)	133	327	411
Other(a)	77	119	123
Not stated(b)	343	683	935
Not attending	7 513	10 300	12 686
Attendance not stated(c)	845	651	978
Total	12 569	16 701	21 503
TOTAL			
Preschool(a)	68 825	62 515	59 319
Infants/primary(a)	386 819	388 031	409 002
Secondary(a)	340 443	324 087	318 063
Technical or Further Education(a)	72 005	90 450	104 671
University or other tertiary(a)	91 734	150 238	171 109
Other(a)	25 347	35 684	28 684
Not stated(b)	65 784	65 217	39 162
Not attending	2 758 052	3 015 609	3 102 859
Attendance not stated(c)	228 995	156 046	181 326
Total	4 038 004	4 287 877	4 414 195

(a) Includes persons whose full-time student status is not stated but institution is stated.

(b) Full-time/part-time student stated but institution not stated.

(c) Full-time/part-time student and institution not stated.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

6.2 AGE LEFT SCHOOL(a)

Age left school	1986	1991	1996
INDIGENOUS			
	%	%	%
Still at school	6.21	6.50	6.42
Never attended school	1.60	1.61	1.20
14 years and under	21.52	17.08	15.97
15 years	25.65	22.98	20.50
16 years	19.73	19.71	18.77
17 years	10.47	13.11	15.43
18 years	4.53	5.48	8.62
19 years and over	1.55	3.35	3.82
Not stated	8.75	10.19	9.27
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.
Total	7 797	10 269	13 155
TOTAL			
	%	%	%
Still at school	5.39	5.24	5.12
Never attended school	0.92	1.14	0.88
14 years and under	21.63	15.95	14.56
15 years	16.96	15.25	14.27
16 years	18.07	16.96	16.54
17 years	16.15	17.43	20.99
18 years	9.40	10.66	15.01
19 years and over	4.51	8.76	5.41
Not stated	6.98	8.61	7.23
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.
Total	3 118 010	3 352 046	3 486 050

(a) In 1986 and 1991 Censuses the question asked was 'How old was the person when he or she left school?'. In 1996 this was changed to 'How old was the person when he or she left primary or secondary school?'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

6.3

LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT(a)

Level of qualification	1991		1996	
	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total
	%	%	%	%
Has qualification				
Higher degree	0.12	0.95	0.33	1.34
Postgraduate diploma	0.31	1.18	0.67	1.67
Bachelor degree	1.27	6.19	2.74	8.39
Undergraduate diploma	1.28	3.93	1.46	3.50
Associate diploma	0.52	1.25	1.89	2.62
Skilled vocational qualification	6.69	9.67	7.04	9.97
Basic vocational qualification	2.10	2.85	2.33	2.47
Level of attainment inadequately described	0.60	0.74	0.50	0.74
Level of attainment not stated	3.31	4.06	3.10	3.13
Total	16.19	30.81	20.07	33.83
Not qualified(b)	75.60	61.87	69.42	58.32
Not stated	8.21	7.31	10.51	7.85
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	10 269	3 352 046	13 155	3 486 050

(a) Post-school educational qualification.

(b) Includes persons with a qualification outside the scope of Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

6.4

FIELD OF ATTAINMENT, PERSONS WITH A QUALIFICATION(a)

Field of attainment	1991		1996	
	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total
	%	%	%	%
Business and administration	10.34	13.79	12.69	15.97
Health	9.98	12.59	9.58	11.64
Education	5.89	10.86	6.82	10.48
Society and culture	11.67	11.02	18.18	12.74
Natural and physical sciences	3.37	5.34	4.43	6.34
Engineering	23.45	25.55	19.96	23.71
Architecture and building	11.30	7.77	8.26	7.14
Agriculture and related fields	2.89	2.05	3.30	2.21
Miscellaneous fields	11.06	6.37	9.92	6.00
Field of study inadequately described	4.63	2.28	1.55	1.20
Field of study not stated	5.41	2.38	5.30	2.57
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	1 663	1 032 890	2 640	1 179 360

(a) Post-school educational qualification.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

6.5

WHETHER HAS QUALIFICATION(a)

	Major Urban	Other Urban	Bounded Locality	Rural Balance	Total(b)
INDIGENOUS					
	%	%	%	%	%
Has qualification(c)	22.61	16.28	17.45	21.39	20.06
No qualification(d)	68.21	71.74	74.18	67.56	69.54
Not stated(e)	9.17	11.98	8.36	11.05	10.40
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
<i>Total</i>	<i>6 518</i>	<i>4 809</i>	<i>275</i>	<i>1 529</i>	<i>13 137</i>
TOTAL					
	%	%	%	%	%
Has qualification(c)	35.45	28.90	28.05	32.78	33.84
No qualification(d)	56.76	62.74	63.33	60.17	58.32
Not stated(e)	7.78	8.37	8.62	7.04	7.83
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	2 386 282	636 055	58 656	347 057	3 428 776

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Includes Migratory.

(c) Includes persons who were recorded as having at least one level of qualification, field of qualification or year of qualification.

(d) Includes persons with a qualification outside the scope of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications.

(e) Includes persons who did not state whether they had a qualification and did not state a level of qualification, field of qualification or year of qualification.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

CHAPTER 7

RELIGION AND LANGUAGE

This chapter presents a statistical summary of both the religious denominations reported by Indigenous people in Victoria and the languages they spoke at home, and compares these figures with those for the total population.

RELIGION

Almost 60% of the Victorian Indigenous population reported a religious denomination, compared with 72.2% of the total population. In general, the reporting of religious denomination increased with age in both the Indigenous and total populations.

Christianity was the largest single religious grouping in the Indigenous population with 12,344 persons, or 57.4% reporting it as their religion. In the total population, 67.7% said they were Christians.

In the Indigenous population, 53.0% of those people aged 15–24 years reported Christianity as their religious denomination compared to 73.1% of those aged 45 and over. A similar pattern occurred in the total population with 62.4% in the 15–24 age group and 77.7% of those aged over 45 reporting Christianity as their religious denomination.

Western Catholics (19.5%) and Anglicans (19.1%) were the largest Christian denominations, and, in addition to members of the Uniting and Presbyterian Churches, accounted for 46.9% of the Indigenous population.

Only 145 people, or 0.67% of the Indigenous population of Victoria reported practising Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions.

The Indigenous population was more likely not to follow any religious denomination than the total population with 29.3% of the Indigenous population stating that they had no religion, compared to 18.6% of the total population.

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

English was spoken at home by 89.5% of the Indigenous population and 77.1% of the Total population. Other languages were spoken by 6.2% of the Indigenous population; but in the total population this figure was nearly three times as high at 19.8%.

In Major Urban areas, one Indigenous person in ten spoke a language at home which was not English. The comparable figure was 27.0% for the total population.

In Other Urban, Bounded Locality and Rural areas of Victoria, both populations showed more people spoke English at home (93.5%) than in Major Urban areas (84.9%) and fewer spoke other languages (2.0%) than in Major Urban areas (10.5%).

Only 1.1% of the Indigenous population reported speaking an Australian Indigenous language at home.

7.1

RELIGION, BY AGE

RELIGION, BY AGE					
Religion	Age group (years)				Total
	0–14	15–24	25–44	45 and over	
INDIGENOUS					
	%	%	%	%	%
Australian Aboriginal traditional religions	0.59	0.70	0.92	0.39	0.67
Christianity	51.09	52.95	60.88	73.09	57.41
Other religions	1.71	1.96	1.84	1.52	1.77
No religion(a)	34.36	35.17	26.71	13.71	29.34
Not stated(b)	12.25	8.46	9.65	11.29	0.68
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	8 348	3 875	6 188	3 092	21 503
TOTAL					
	%	%	%	%	%
Australian Aboriginal traditional religions	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christianity	60.75	62.36	64.17	77.69	67.73
Other religions	5.17	5.45	5.14	3.06	4.49
No religion(a)	23.41	23.37	21.87	10.63	18.63
Not stated(b)	10.66	8.81	8.82	8.63	0.26
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	928 145	636 298	1 366 748	1 483 003	4 414 194

(a) Comprises 'Agnosticism', 'Atheism', 'Humanism' and 'Rationalism'.

(b) Includes 'Religious belief, n.f.d.' and 'Inadequately described'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

7.2

RELIGION, BY SECTION OF STATE(a)

	Major Urban	Other Urban	Bounded Locality	Rural Balance	Total(b)
INDIGENOUS					
	%	%	%	%	%
Australian Aboriginal traditional religions	0.63	0.58	0.00	1.41	0.68
Christianity	56.32	58.39	60.04	58.57	57.46
Other religions	3.04	0.54	1.05	0.96	1.77
No religion(c)	30.15	29.50	24.06	26.50	29.35
Not stated(d)	9.86	10.99	14.85	12.56	10.73
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
<i>Total</i>	<i>10 091</i>	<i>8 496</i>	<i>478</i>	<i>2 404</i>	<i>21 473</i>
TOTAL					
	%	%	%	%	%
Australian Aboriginal traditional religions	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Christianity	66.43	70.82	70.13	69.10	67.62
Other religions	6.26	0.78	0.48	0.78	4.52
No religion(c)	18.44	19.16	19.54	19.58	18.72
Not stated(d)	8.88	9.24	9.85	10.53	9.14
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	2 975 009	840 137	76 464	461 782	4 354 126

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Includes Migratory.

(c) Comprises 'Agnosticism', 'Atheism', 'Humanism' and 'Rationalism'.

(d) Includes 'Religious belief, n.f.d.' and 'Inadequately described'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

7.3 MOST COMMON RELIGIONS

INDIGENOUS	
	%
No religion(b)	29.19
Western Catholic(a)	19.46
Anglican	19.12
Not stated	10.14
Uniting Church	5.04
Presbyterian	3.32
Churches of Christ (Conference)	1.62
Baptist	1.57
Christian, n.f.d.	1.14
Salvation Army	1.03
Greek Orthodox	0.80
Lutheran	0.75
Australian Aboriginal traditional religions	0.67
Islam	0.66
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons)	0.55
Religious belief, n.f.d.	0.53
Pentecostal, n.f.d.	0.50
Assemblies of God	0.50
Buddhism	0.50
Seventh-day Adventist	0.38
	no.
Total	21 503

TOTAL	
	%
Western Catholic(a)	28.78
No religion(b)	18.50
Anglican	16.57
Not stated	8.88
Uniting Church	7.46
Presbyterian	3.85
Greek Orthodox	3.54
Islam	1.52
Baptist	1.43
Buddhism	1.42
Lutheran	0.98
Christian, n.f.d.	0.88
Judaism	0.84
Macedonian Orthodox	0.53
Churches of Christ (Conference)	0.48
Pentecostal, n.f.d.	0.38
Hinduism	0.38
Salvation Army	0.37
Jehovah's Witnesses	0.33
Orthodox, n.f.d.	0.23
	no.
Total	4 414 194

(a) Generally known as 'Roman Catholic'.

(b) Comprises 'Agnosticism', 'Atheism', 'Humanism' and 'Rationalism'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

7.4 LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME, BY AGE

Language spoken	Age group (years)				Total
	0–14	15–24	25–44	45 and over	
INDIGENOUS					
	%	%	%	%	%
Australian Indigenous languages	0.95	1.14	1.39	1.03	1.12
English	90.64	91.12	87.57	87.97	89.46
Other languages(a)	5.98	4.57	7.42	6.53	6.22
Not stated	2.43	3.17	3.62	4.46	3.20
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	8 348	3 875	6 188	3 092	21 503
TOTAL					
	%	%	%	%	%
Australian Indigenous languages	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
English	81.62	76.39	76.98	75.21	77.28
Other languages(a)	16.02	20.96	20.57	20.86	19.77
Not stated	2.36	2.64	2.44	3.93	2.95
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	928 145	636 298	1 366 748	1 483 002	4 414 194

(a) Includes 'Inadequately described' and 'Non-verbal so described'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

7.5

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME, BY SECTION OF STATE(a)

<i>Language spoken at home</i>	<i>Major Urban</i>	<i>Other Urban</i>	<i>Bounded Locality</i>	<i>Rural Balance</i>	<i>Total(b)</i>
INDIGENOUS					
	%	%	%	%	%
Australian Indigenous languages	1.13	1.14	1.67	1.46	1.18
English	84.87	93.96	93.72	91.64	89.42
Other languages(c)	10.52	1.98	2.30	3.95	6.22
Not stated	3.48	2.92	2.30	2.95	3.17
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
<i>Total</i>	<i>10 091</i>	<i>8 496</i>	<i>478</i>	<i>2 404</i>	<i>21 473</i>
TOTAL					
	%	%	%	%	%
Australian Indigenous languages	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
English	69.96	92.59	94.76	92.08	77.11
Other languages(c)	26.98	4.62	2.53	5.33	19.94
Not stated	3.05	2.78	2.70	2.58	2.94
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	2 975 010	840 138	76 466	461 783	4 354 126

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Includes Migratory.

(c) Includes 'Inadequately described' and 'Non-verbal so described'.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

7.6

MOST COMMON LANGUAGES

INDIGENOUS	
	%
English	89.46
Not stated	3.20
Italian	1.59
Greek	0.80
Australian Indigenous language n.f.d.	0.63
Inadequately described	0.53
Vietnamese	0.43
Arabic (including Lebanese)	0.40
Cantonese	0.34
Samoan	0.32
German	0.27
Kuurinji (Gurindji)	0.21
Mandarin	0.20
Turkish	0.14
Tongan	0.14
Macedonian	0.10
Maltese	0.09
Chinese n.f.d.	0.07
Tagalog (Filipino)	0.05
Pitjantjatjara	0.05
	no.
<i>Total</i>	<i>21 503</i>
TOTAL	
	%
English	77.28
Italian	3.63
Not stated	2.95
Greek	2.82
Vietnamese	1.22
Cantonese	1.22
Arabic (including Lebanese)	0.89
Macedonian	0.75
German	0.62
Turkish	0.59
Mandarin	0.58
Croatian	0.58
Maltese	0.54
Spanish	0.51
Polish	0.47
Tagalog (Filipino)	0.36
Inadequately described	0.33
Russian	0.28
Serbian	0.28
French	0.26
	no.
Total	4 414 194
<i>Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.</i>	

7.7

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH

	Age group (years)				Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45 and over	
<i>Proficiency in English</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
Speaks English only	7 567	3 531	5 419	2 720	19 237
Speaks an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language and speaks English					
Very well	59	39	69	24	191
Well	13	3	12	4	32
Not well	4	3	3	3	13
Not at all	0	0	0	0	0
Not stated proficiency(a)	3	0	3	0	6
Total	79	45	87	31	242
Speaks other language(b)	499	177	459	202	1 337
Not stated language(c)	203	123	224	138	688
Total	8 348	3 876	6 189	3 091	21 503

(a) Comprises cases where language spoken at home was stated but proficiency in English was not stated.

(b) Includes 'Inadequately described'.

(c) Comprises cases where language spoken at home was not stated.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

DEFINITION OF INDIGENOUS

1 The term Indigenous is used in this publication to refer to Australian Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders. According to the most widely adopted definition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, the Commonwealth working definition:

An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives. (DAA 1981, p. 1)

ABS standard question

2 All ABS Indigenous population figures are based on results from the ABS standard question. The 1995 standard, first used in the 1996 Census, is as follows:

Is the person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin ?

• For persons of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin mark both 'Yes' boxes

No

Yes, Aboriginal

Yes, Torres Strait Islander

3 For more information on these issues, refer to *Population Distribution, Indigenous Australians, 1996* (Cat. no. 4705.0), and *Occasional Paper: Population Issues, Indigenous Australians, 1996* (Cat. no. 4708.0) (forthcoming).

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

4 The 1996 Census of Population and Housing was held on 6 August 1996.

5 The Census aims to count every person who spent census night in Australia. This includes Australian residents in Antarctica and people in the Territories of Jervis Bay, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Christmas Island. The other Australian External Territories, Norfolk Island and minor islands such as Heard and McDonald Islands, are outside the scope of the Australian Census. The only group of people who spend census night in Australia but are excluded from the Census are foreign diplomats and their families.

6 The Census includes people on vessels in or between Australian ports, on board long-distance trains, buses or aircraft and on oil or gas rigs off the Australian coast. People entering Australia before midnight on census night are counted while people leaving an Australian port for an overseas destination before midnight on census night are not. Visitors to Australia are included, regardless of how long they have been in the country or how long they plan to stay. However, for people who intend to be in Australia less than six months only basic demographic data are available. The Census includes people camping out and the homeless.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

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7 All private dwellings, except diplomatic dwellings, are included in the Census, whether occupied or unoccupied. Caravans in caravan parks, manufactured homes in manufactured home estates and self-care units in accommodation for the retired or aged are counted only if occupied. Occupied non-private dwellings, such as hospitals, prisons, hotels, are also included.

POPULATION CONCEPTS

Place of enumeration
counts

8 Place of enumeration counts are based on where people stated they were located on census night, regardless of where they usually lived. They are the most readily obtained population figures from a census. No adjustments are made for temporary visitors, or for residents who are temporarily absent, or for incomplete or imperfect counting. Place of enumeration counts are only available for the day of the Census.

9 Place of enumeration counts are the only population figures available for geographic areas based on Collection Districts (CD), the smallest geographic bounded area used in the Census. CDs usually contain about 200 dwellings in urban areas or a community group or group of outstations in remote areas.

Place of usual
residence counts

10 Place of usual residence counts are derived from place of enumeration counts after adjustments for temporary visitors based on answers to the census question about the '...address at which the person has lived or intends to live for a total of six or more months in 1996'. Adjustments have also been made for residents who are temporarily absent (but counted elsewhere in Australia) but not for incomplete or imperfect counting. Usual residence counts are only available for the day of the Census and cannot be derived for all geographic areas. In particular, they are not available for CDs.

DATA LIMITATIONS

11 Census data are subject to a number of inaccuracies resulting from errors by respondents or mistakes in collection or processing. Whilst many of these are corrected by careful processing procedures, some still remain. The effect of the remaining errors is generally slight, although it may be more important for small groups in the population. The main kinds of error to keep in mind are as follows.

Partial non-response

12 In some cases where an answer is not provided to a question an answer is imputed (often from other information on the form). In other cases a 'not stated' code is allocated.

Processing error

13 While such errors can occur in any processing system, quality management is used continuously to improve the quality of processed data, and to identify and correct data of unacceptable quality.

Random adjustment

14 Table cells containing small values are randomly adjusted or suppressed to avoid releasing information about particular individuals, families, or households. The effects of these adjustments are statistically insignificant.

Respondent error	15 Because processing procedures cannot detect or repair all errors made by people in completing the forms, some remain in final data.
Undercount	16 Although the Census aims to count each person, there are some people who are missed and others are counted more than once. The Indigenous net undercount in 1996 was 7.1% for Australia.
OVERSEAS VISITORS	17 For the 1996 Census information for overseas visitors (who intend to be in Australia for less than six months) was restricted to age, sex and marital status. In this publication overseas visitors have been excluded.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS SCHEME	<p>18 The Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme was developed in 1976 as a response to remote Aboriginal communities' requests for local employment to be created, with a particular focus on community development opportunities. The CDEP enables members of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities to exchange unemployment benefits for opportunities to undertake work and training in activities which are managed by a local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community organisation. In 1985 CDEP was expanded to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities living in Urban areas. CDEP is funded and supported through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission which provides grants to participating community organisations to employ community members.</p> <p>19 CDEP participants are classified as employed in the labour force. The 1996 Census includes for the first time a separate category for CDEP participants as part of the industry sector classification.</p>
CALCULATION OF PROPORTIONS AND TREATMENT OF 'NOT STATEDS'	20 When calculating the proportion of the population with a particular characteristic, 'Not stated' responses are included in the denominator. Users may wish to recalculate percentages, excluding 'Not stateds', whenever this is deemed preferable.
CALCULATION OF MEDIAN	<p>21 A median is a measure of central tendency. It is a mid-value which divides a population distribution into two, with half the observations falling below it and half above it. Unlike averages (means), medians are not usually skewed by extreme observations.</p> <p>22 The categories 'Not stated', and 'Not applicable' are not included in the calculation of medians.</p>
STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA	23 While usual residence data are available for Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) from all censuses, in order to compare SLA boundaries from the 1986 and 1991 censuses with the 1996 Census SLA boundaries, it is necessary to aggregate 1986 and 1991 CD boundaries.

APPENDIX 1

CENSUS COUNTS, BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS

SLA		1986		1991		1996		1996	
		Place of enumeration		Place of enumeration		Place of enumeration		Place of usual residence(a)	
		Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total
		no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
20099	Undefined Melbourne(b)	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	112
20111	Alpine (S)—East	31	9 185	19	12 808	21	13 401	10	7 254
20112	Alpine (S)—West	17	4 580	20	4 540	19	4 516	20	4 607
20260	Ararat (RC)	34	12 245	64	11 911	30	11 091	29	11 404
20571	Ballarat (C)—Central	222	34 806	207	34 501	258	33 526	262	33 822
20572	Ballarat (C)—Inner North	115	20 819	138	20 944	182	22 322	182	22 704
20573	Ballarat (C)—North	0	1 023	0	1 118	0	1 048	3	1 067
20574	Ballarat (C)—South	54	14 788	100	16 535	156	19 438	151	19 667
20661	Banyule (C)—Heidelberg	145	61 917	172	60 468	210	59 536	211	60 062
20662	Banyule (C)—North	79	53 344	119	53 548	142	52 575	142	53 554
20741	Bass Coast (S) —Phillip Island	12	4 101	15	4 994	17	5 660	21	5 859
20744	Bass Coast (S) Bal	19	12 344	49	14 196	55	14 402	63	15 186
20831	Baw Baw (S)—Pt A	7	4 580	13	4 633	4	4 123	4	4 272
20834	Baw Baw (S)—Pt B East	5	4 108	14	4 326	14	4 073	14	4 081
20835	Baw Baw (S)—Pt B West	159	21 958	207	24 061	249	24 723	253	25 353
20911	Bayside (C)—Brighton	12	33 195	19	32 230	30	32 398	29	33 358
20912	Bayside (C)—South	66	48 305	62	47 508	91	48 082	86	49 336
21111	Boroondara (C) —Camberwell North	24	39 152	27	38 778	40	39 203	41	40 348
21112	Boroondara (C) —Camberwell South	38	44 640	55	45 021	40	45 785	41	46 938
21113	Boroondara (C) —Hawthorn	39	29 623	29	30 006	63	30 376	64	30 928
21114	Boroondara (C)—Kew	19	28 162	40	27 291	21	28 270	23	28 445
21181	Brimbank (C)—Keilor	66	47 969	82	61 678	199	73 060	196	73 492
21182	Brimbank (C)—Sunshine	145	75 255	208	75 627	276	75 733	276	75 982
21271	Buloke (S)—North	6	4 661	17	4 257	5	3 843	7	3 940
21272	Buloke (S)—South	20	4 325	15	4 134	21	3 752	20	3 828
21371	Campaspe (S)—Echuca	224	8 409	255	9 438	273	9 983	272	10 018
21374	Campaspe (S)—Kyabram	60	10 932	72	11 163	112	11 729	116	12 134
21375	Campaspe (S)—Rochester	7	7 095	35	7 522	51	7 855	53	8 072
21376	Campaspe (S)—South	5	3 603	21	3 736	13	3 686	13	3 792
21452	Cardinia (S)—North	34	18 996	53	21 547	69	21 225	70	21 780
21453	Cardinia (S)—Pakenham	20	8 379	51	11 131	45	14 685	43	15 043
21454	Cardinia (S)—South	10	4 344	29	4 642	28	4 622	27	4 720
21612	Casey (C)—Berwick	28	16 703	69	26 843	132	43 536	131	44 299
21613	Casey (C)—Cranbourne	83	22 200	151	33 834	174	44 077	174	44 689
21616	Casey (C)—Hallam	164	31 974	187	42 301	248	45 579	243	45 664
21618	Casey (C)—South	22	7 590	29	9 117	30	10 018	31	10 065
21671	C. Goldfields (S) —M'borough	15	7 705	38	7 623	38	7 366	37	7 574
21674	C. Goldfields (S) Bal	12	4 225	20	5 078	16	4 939	16	5 069
21751	Colac—Otway (S)—Colac	41	10 545	44	10 241	58	9 774	57	10 161
21754	Colac—Otway (S)—North	4	6 060	29	6 686	24	6 724	24	6 856
21755	Colac—Otway (S)—South	12	3 028	12	3 320	26	3 176	24	3 258

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(b) Special Purpose Codes. These are used where insufficient information is provided to indicate SLA of usual residence.

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CENSUS COUNTS, STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued

		1986		1991		1996		1996	
		Place of enumeration		Place of enumeration		Place of enumeration		Place of usual residence(a)	
		Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total
SLA		no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
21831	Corangamite (S)—North	23	10 530	45	10 095	50	9 419	54	9 815
21832	Corangamite (S)—South	17	8 000	21	7 825	19	7 479	21	7 689
21891	Darebin (C)—Northcote	314	47 199	316	45 143	373	43 744	374	44 277
21892	Darebin (C)—Preston	554	82 425	575	79 765	762	77 523	762	78 049
21951	Delatite (S)—Benalla	33	8 490	50	8 334	83	8 569	81	8 824
21954	Delatite (S)—North	13	4 786	12	5 174	15	4 738	15	4 701
21955	Delatite (S)—South	18	6 430	27	8 471	49	8 951	41	6 134
22111	East Gippsland (S) —Bairnsdale	384	20 061	422	21 541	577	23 309	578	23 742
22113	East Gippsland (S) —Orbost	236	7 989	318	8 753	355	8 257	347	8 401
22115	East Gippsland (S) —South-West	21	2 934	24	3 404	26	3 435	28	3 322
22117	East Gippsland (S) Bal	37	2 525	25	2 577	66	2 780	60	2 778
22171	Frankston (C)—East	14	13 219	50	23 001	84	29 394	90	30 063
22174	Frankston (C)—West	149	75 661	216	76 751	288	74 294	291	75 670
22250	Gannawarra (S)	78	12 572	91	12 460	132	11 906	132	12 320
22311	Glen Eira (C)—Caulfield	120	67 718	86	67 776	124	69 801	128	71 122
22314	Glen Eira (C)—South	37	44 005	65	43 078	81	42 936	85	44 042
22411	Glenelg (S)—Heywood	50	6 630	64	5 676	102	6 017	98	6 117
22412	Glenelg (S)—North	6	4 058	7	3 894	10	3 660	9	3 771
22413	Glenelg (S)—Portland	83	10 934	82	11 021	90	10 189	93	10 536
22491	Golden Plains (S) —North-West	12	4 842	21	6 674	40	6 388	40	6 496
22492	Golden Plains (S) —South-East	5	5 078	12	6 319	11	6 751	10	6 942
22621	Gr. Bendigo (C)—Central	53	20 329	127	19 862	172	18 869	179	18 708
22622	Gr. Bendigo (C) —Eaglehawk	52	7 864	60	8 024	96	8 053	97	8 420
22623	Gr. Bendigo (C) —Inner East	66	18 243	81	19 580	101	20 334	100	20 595
22624	Gr. Bendigo (C) —Inner North	16	6 609	46	7 261	53	7 462	51	7 597
22625	Gr. Bendigo (C) —Inner West	37	8 482	39	10 957	86	12 474	89	12 867
22626	Gr. Bendigo (C)—S'saye	7	2 239	10	3 591	9	4 117	9	4 333
22628	Gr. Bendigo (C)—Pt B	10	6 888	32	8 252	62	9 893	64	10 102
22671	Gr. Dandenong (C) —Dandenong	226	56 461	278	57 275	378	55 596	375	55 852
22674	Gr. Dandenong (C) Bal	107	69 767	156	71 566	178	70 126	184	71 035
22751	Bellarine—Inner	49	16 798	89	18 252	99	19 425	101	19 863
22752	Corio—Inner	174	51 377	318	53 477	376	52 250	366	53 054
22753	Geelong	41	12 850	40	12 533	66	12 050	67	11 627
22754	Geelong West	51	14 393	32	13 951	63	13 556	61	13 757
22755	Newtown	29	10 026	35	9 854	33	9 390	31	9 593
22756	South Barwon—Inner	48	34 348	111	37 258	165	38 956	126	39 954

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SLA		1986		1991		1996		1996	
		Place of enumeration		Place of enumeration		Place of enumeration		Place of usual residence(a)	
		Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total
		no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
22757	Greater Geelong (C) —Pt B	46	20 396	95	25 041	115	26 804	119	28 202
22758	Greater Geelong (C) —Pt C	5	1 905	17	2 409	11	2 362	11	2 438
22831	Gr. Shepparton (C)—Pt A	933	37 086	1 059	37 333	1 136	39 631	1 136	40 220
22834	Gr. Shepparton (C) —Pt B East	5	3 406	14	5 000	15	3 825	16	4 061
22835	Gr. Shepparton (C) —Pt B West	27	8 271	52	8 440	62	8 363	67	8 649
22911	Hepburn (S)—East	24	6 186	33	7 092	44	7 063	41	7 101
22912	Hepburn (S)—West	21	5 622	64	6 071	25	6 337	27	6 565
22980	Hindmarsh (S)	36	7 318	48	6 902	45	6 565	49	6 737
23111	Hobsons Bay (C)—Altona	84	41 910	136	46 601	219	48 056	218	48 492
23112	Hobsons Bay (C) —Williamstown	66	25 794	65	24 415	72	25 895	77	26 373
23191	Horsham (RC)—Central	95	12 174	111	12 552	145	12 583	142	12 911
23194	Horsham (RC) Bal	0	4 657	19	4 845	20	4 718	20	4 678
23271	Hume (C) —Broadmeadows	302	59 053	295	62 743	432	64 733	445	65 243
23274	Hume (C)—Craigieburn	16	11 140	76	18 730	113	26 454	115	26 315
23275	Hume (C)—Sunbury	22	17 392	52	20 737	76	24 542	75	24 882
23351	Indigo (S)—Pt A	12	9 893	26	11 100	45	10 247	45	10 405
23352	Indigo (S)—Pt B	8	2 980	19	3 369	8	3 387	7	3 468
23431	Kingston (C)—North	100	84 383	126	86 036	162	84 436	167	85 987
23434	Kingston (C)—South	68	31 551	62	34 215	125	37 607	127	38 663
23671	Knox (C)—North	138	98 326	253	105 172	282	104 269	277	105 688
23674	Knox (C)—South	12	7 815	23	18 751	36	26 132	37	26 546
23811	La Trobe (S)—Moe	85	19 072	90	18 663	118	17 854	124	18 309
23814	La Trobe (S)—Morwell	215	25 536	264	25 149	280	22 739	278	23 222
23815	La Trobe (S)—Traralgon	99	23 585	160	24 748	187	24 169	185	24 852
23818	La Trobe (S) Bal	0	2 437	7	2 655	4	2 682	4	2 737
23943	Loddon (S)—North	11	3 948	18	3 857	13	3 636	14	3 769
23945	Loddon (S)—South	9	5 430	8	5 719	23	4 942	25	5 096
24131	Macedon Ranges (S) —Kyneton	10	6 459	16	6 974	27	7 374	24	7 532
24134	Macedon Ranges (S) —Romsey	20	5 992	30	7 842	20	8 769	25	8 934
24135	Macedon Ranges (S) Bal	22	12 820	38	15 003	50	16 166	54	16 632
24211	Manningham (C)—East	6	11 022	13	11 873	10	13 249	11	13 550
24214	Manningham (C)—West	63	89 615	73	92 322	101	89 995	96	91 813
24330	Maribyrnong (C)	179	62 403	247	61 370	248	58 775	248	59 050
24411	Maroondah (C)—Croydon	73	40 249	118	47 180	117	51 052	116	52 140
24412	Maroondah (C) —Ringwood	37	41 365	76	41 379	111	40 058	107	40 787
24601	Melbourne (C)—Inner	13	3 592	8	4 664	14	4 667	3	1 668
24602	Melbourne (C) —Remainder	118	36 170	125	35 500	162	40 586	111	35 994
24651	Melton (S)—East	0	1 748	17	2 066	17	4 549	17	4 582
24654	Melton (S) Bal	82	27 064	99	32 670	141	34 560	140	34 956
24781	Mildura (RC)—Pt A	418	35 843	659	39 054	780	40 585	769	40 212
24782	Mildura (RC)—Pt B	10	5 593	22	5 262	17	4 760	18	4 589

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SLA		1986		1991		1996		1996	
		Place of enumeration		Place of enumeration		Place of enumeration		Place of usual residence(a)	
		Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total
		no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
24851	Mitchell (S)—North	56	11 791	87	12 366	92	10 853	86	10 929
24854	Mitchell (S)—South	16	9 954	38	12 923	96	13 922	92	14 210
24901	Moirā (S)—East	7	6 242	25	7 216	40	7 370	39	7 498
24904	Moirā (S)—West	61	15 935	102	17 143	140	17 312	143	17 729
24971	Monash (C)—South-West	74	39 731	90	39 080	113	39 327	107	39 075
24974	Monash (C)—Waverley East	35	60 901	62	60 567	75	57 390	75	57 992
24975	Monash (C)—Waverley West	96	62 034	77	57 698	142	54 956	140	56 596
25063	Moonee Valley (C)—Essendon	159	65 188	156	63 951	188	63 794	192	64 858
25065	Moonee Valley (C)—West	58	42 533	76	41 608	74	40 786	73	41 158
25151	Moorabool (S)—Bacchus Marsh	17	9 342	46	11 854	70	13 464	67	13 746
25154	Moorabool (S)—Ballan	3	3 338	6	4 654	23	5 050	21	5 151
25155	Moorabool (S)—West	6	5 089	18	5 883	23	3 390	23	3 470
25251	Moreland (C)—Brunswick	75	41 362	113	39 886	148	38 961	140	39 297
25252	Moreland (C)—Coburg	116	51 011	116	48 800	213	47 465	219	47 944
25253	Moreland (C)—North	82	46 609	114	44 521	177	43 251	179	43 838
25341	Mornington P'sula (S)—East	54	24 178	154	29 760	191	32 286	183	32 808
25344	Mornington P'sula (S)—South	55	33 065	105	36 516	130	38 401	140	40 558
25345	Mornington P'sula (S)—West	49	34 593	48	37 175	90	39 435	84	40 816
25431	Mount Alexander (S)—C'maine	12	6 603	42	6 812	52	6 682	51	6 922
25434	Mount Alexander (S) Bal	26	7 156	40	8 518	77	9 233	78	9 436
25491	Moyne (S)—North-East	14	3 125	13	3 002	26	2 753	26	2 859
25493	Moyne (S)—North-West	3	3 578	5	3 296	9	2 957	9	3 033
25496	Moyne (S)—South	16	10 268	54	10 652	48	10 086	57	10 305
25621	Murrindindi (S)—East	24	5 353	29	5 999	25	6 041	23	5 928
25622	Murrindindi (S)—West	25	4 200	20	4 994	37	6 384	39	6 655
25713	Nillumbik (S)—South	29	22 331	35	25 390	36	26 146	36	26 773
25715	Nillumbik (S)—South-West	10	12 988	19	17 113	40	19 506	39	19 872
25718	Nillumbik (S) Bal	8	8 895	28	9 352	38	8 624	39	8 850
25811	N. Grampians (S)—St Arnaud	11	3 834	14	3 864	18	3 788	17	3 894
25814	N. Grampians (S)—Stawell	33	9 059	51	9 266	78	9 166	77	9 178
25901	Port Phillip (C)—St Kilda	132	45 959	104	45 481	143	46 122	129	46 439
25902	Port Phillip (C)—West	71	26 579	86	25 076	92	26 029	89	25 696
25991	Pyrenees (S)—North	8	3 439	39	3 504	14	3 402	13	3 508
25994	Pyrenees (S)—South	12	3 317	9	3 464	26	3 175	25	3 298
26080	Queenscliffe (B)	0	3 228	5	3 124	10	3 176	10	3 337

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CENSUS COUNTS, STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued

SLA		1986		1991		1996		1996	
		Place of enumeration		Place of enumeration		Place of enumeration		Place of usual residence(a)	
		Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total
		no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
26171	South Gippsland (S) —Central	6	10 997	11	11 074	28	11 360	30	11 864
26174	South Gippsland (S) —East	5	5 967	23	5 850	32	5 618	32	5 736
26175	South Gippsland (S) —West	9	6 596	22	7 197	28	7 044	26	7 240
26261	S. Grampians (S) —Hamilton	51	9 969	67	9 753	44	9 231	50	9 260
26264	S. Grampians (S) —Wannon	5	2 856	12	2 685	15	2 530	14	2 600
26265	S. Grampians (S) Bal	8	5 504	3	5 471	14	5 344	15	5 399
26351	Stonnington (C)—Prahran	44	42 981	74	42 193	88	41 602	84	41 570
26352	Stonnington (C)—Malvern	49	41 777	57	41 340	50	41 814	50	42 419
26430	Strathbogie (S)	12	8 301	26	8 568	63	8 765	69	9 096
26493	Surf Coast (S)—East	12	6 158	14	7 866	30	9 034	29	9 475
26495	Surf Coast (S)—West	30	6 201	21	7 211	28	7 606	27	7 844
26611	Swan Hill (RC)—Central	211	8 831	222	9 357	322	9 356	329	9 276
26614	Swan Hill (RC)—Robinvale	317	3 891	389	3 946	356	3 850	355	3 853
26616	Swan Hill (RC) Bal	36	7 986	71	7 329	70	7 145	72	7 309
26671	Towong (S)—Pt A	5	2 151	13	2 393	14	2 290	12	2 420
26672	Towong (S)—Pt B	13	4 185	27	4 098	10	3 818	10	3 941
26701	Wangaratta (RC)—Central	57	16 598	67	15 984	89	15 492	89	15 841
26704	Wangaratta (RC)—North	9	3 553	12	3 697	17	3 853	16	3 853
26705	Wangaratta (RC)—South	9	4 837	26	5 166	23	5 639	24	5 806
26730	Warrnambool (C)	146	23 330	204	24 571	264	26 678	264	26 803
26811	Wellington (S)—Alberton	10	5 972	11	6 165	13	5 710	14	5 909
26812	Wellington (S)—Avon	0	3 857	17	4 025	31	3 966	33	4 119
26813	Wellington (S)—Maffra	7	9 564	26	10 117	38	10 059	42	10 247
26814	Wellington (S)—Rosedale	12	6 236	22	6 845	40	6 658	43	6 930
26815	Wellington (S)—Sale	69	13 559	104	13 858	166	13 310	160	13 442
26890	West Wimmera (S)	9	5 728	8	5 334	11	4 925	9	5 075
26981	Whitehorse (C)—Box Hill	51	45 785	98	45 139	84	45 890	85	46 529
26984	Whitehorse (C) —Nunawading East	62	44 958	64	44 079	104	42 380	110	43 276
26985	Whitehorse (C) —Nunawading West	59	48 524	54	47 389	65	46 559	59	47 509
27071	Whittlesea (C)—North	35	7 099	49	7 634	73	9 243	72	9 396
27074	Whittlesea (C)—South	145	69 951	234	85 701	439	92 448	437	92 885
27170	Wodonga (RC)	80	22 693	153	26 389	215	29 158	211	29 417
27262	Wyndham (C) —North-West	0	489	3	995	3	539	3	652
27265	Wyndham (C)—Werribee	102	40 025	183	56 355	350	67 581	352	68 142
27268	Wyndham (C) Bal	20	4 450	11	4 325	14	5 573	11	5 312

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CENSUS COUNTS, STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued

SLA		1986		1991		1996		1996	
		Place of enumeration		Place of enumeration		Place of enumeration		Place of usual residence(a)	
		Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Total
		no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
27351	Yarra (C)—North	273	40 833	222	40 247	228	41 667	233	41 494
27352	Yarra (C)—Richmond	41	23 275	63	22 789	79	22 976	72	22 565
27451	Yarra Ranges (S)—Central	30	13 219	61	14 491	98	14 463	99	14 648
27454	Yarra Ranges (S)—North	183	10 188	164	11 153	242	11 065	243	11 301
27455	Yarra Ranges (S) —South-West	168	97 072	250	104 288	376	104 177	383	106 357
27458	Yarra Ranges (S)—Pt B	0	417	5	541	4	762	4	719
27631	Yarriambiack (S)—North	8	2 822	21	2 610	7	2 451	8	2 559
27632	Yarriambiack (S)—South	9	6 597	24	6 331	28	5 850	28	6 094
28469	Lady Julia Percy Island	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0
28509	Yallourn Works Area	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	12
28529	French Island	0	69	0	59	0	58	0	67
28649	Bass Strait Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29499	No usual address, Vic.(b)	..	..	..	..	..	..	118	7 791
29779	VIC. Off-Shore Areas & Migratory	12	3 779	0	842	5	730	3	65
29899	Undefined balance of Vic.(b)	14	1 418
Total		12 607	4 019 475	16 736	4 244 222	21 474	4 354 127	21 509	4 414 200

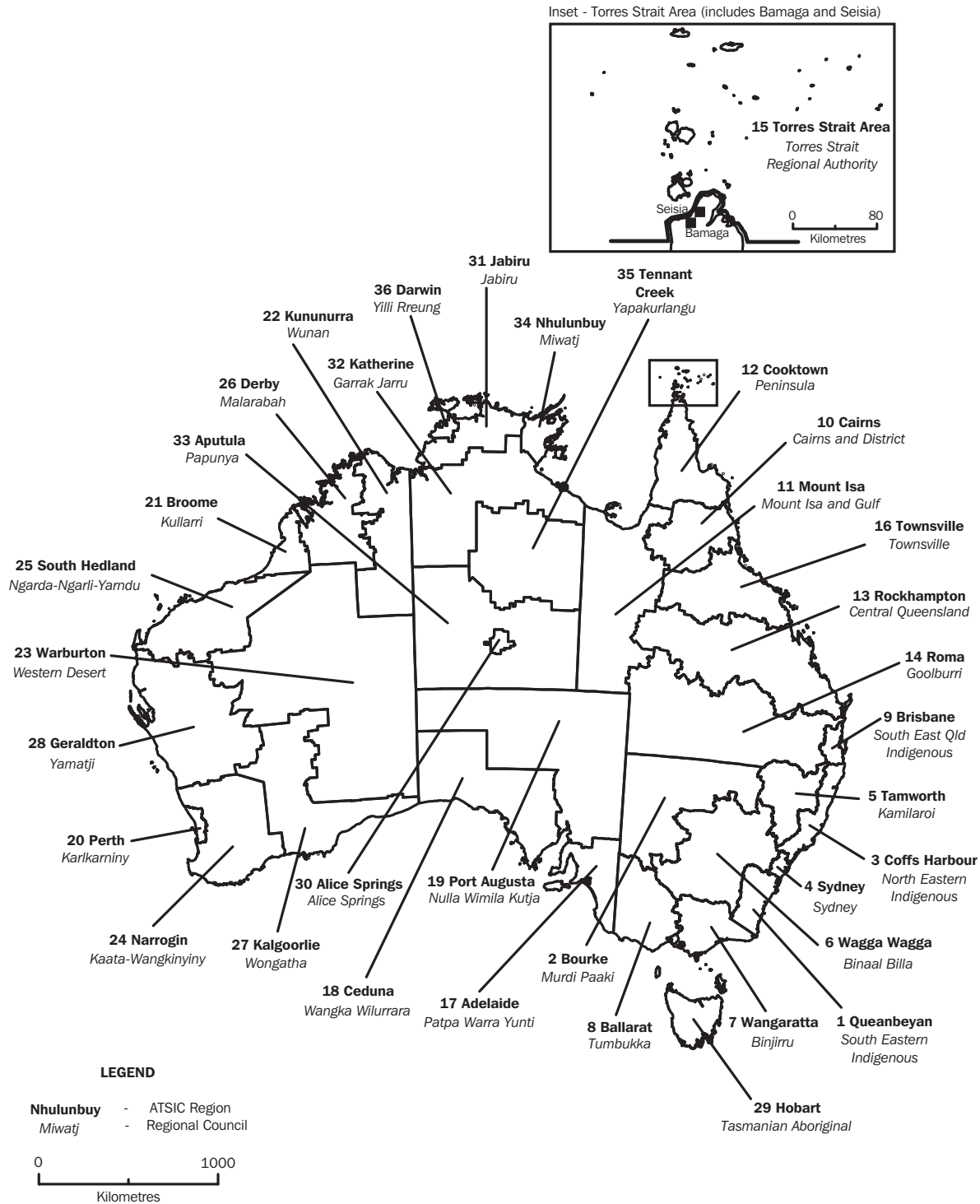
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Source: Unpublished data, 1996 Census.

APPENDIX 2

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION REGIONS



SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, INDIGENOUS PERSONS AND HOUSEHOLDS—BY ATSIK REGIONS

ATSIK Region number	ERP, 30 June 1996(a)	1996 Census count(b)	Participation rate(c)	Unemployment rate(d)	Employment population ratio(e)	CDEP scheme employment(f)	Persons
							Median weekly individual income(g) \$
Victoria							
7 Wangaratta	10 938	10 395	59.45	19.82	47.67	0.67	246
8 Ballarat	11 660	11 079	56.99	22.96	43.91	0.32	217
Rest of Australia							
1 Queanbeyan(h)	9 855	9 123	57.40	25.04	43.02	0.62	218
2 Bourke	7 951	7 344	48.62	27.81	35.10	8.77	187
3 Coffs Harbour	27 127	25 058	52.56	32.32	35.58	1.56	192
4 Sydney	37 117	34 286	59.15	20.39	47.09	0.37	252
5 Tamworth	11 595	10 711	48.92	33.19	32.68	8.35	185
6 Wagga Wagga	19 535	18 047	50.36	30.38	35.06	2.61	191
9 Brisbane	30 325	27 635	57.93	25.13	43.37	0.10	234
10 Cairns	16 144	14 712	50.85	21.53	39.90	15.94	195
11 Mount Isa	7 306	6 658	51.46	19.75	41.30	21.41	192
12 Cooktown	6 184	5 635	63.71	3.26	61.63	73.51	170
13 Rockhampton	12 436	11 332	53.70	33.42	35.75	0.67	193
14 Roma	9 661	8 804	52.61	27.45	38.17	10.28	194
15 Torres Strait Area	6 654	6 064	58.38	9.48	52.84	39.94	195
16 Townsville	16 107	14 678	53.06	23.76	40.45	14.45	194
17 Adelaide	13 686	12 689	53.12	26.72	38.93	3.24	203
18 Ceduna	2 014	1 867	58.40	15.04	49.61	36.96	174
19 Port Augusta(i)	6 351	5 888	54.53	22.49	42.27	41.08	174
20 Perth(j)	19 765	17 998	48.28	27.54	34.98	0.37	206
21 Broome	3 760	3 423	56.47	10	50.82	48.77	175
22 Kununurra	4 887	4 088	59.97	7.61	55.41	53.99	179
23 Warburton	2 952	2 688	43.70	3.63	42.11	73.99	148
24 Narrogin	6 814	6 204	47.59	20.56	37.81	6.72	196
25 South Hedland	4 721	4 298	50.12	23.39	38.40	16.50	185
26 Derby	4 347	3 958	61.00	6.37	57.11	68.51	175
27 Kalgoorlie	3 462	3 152	44.86	21.71	35.12	7.86	191
28 Geraldton	5 497	5 006	46.26	24.58	34.89	11.37	192
29 Hobart	15 322	13 873	60.96	20.24	48.63	0.00	216
30 Alice Springs	4 986	4 449	44.03	16.04	36.97	10.50	182
31 Jabiru	8 685	7 746	42.41	19.59	34.10	61.39	168
32 Katherine	7 986	7 122	50.98	16.41	42.62	57.25	169
33 Aputula	8 427	7 518	31.38	21	24.79	57.25	154
34 Nhulunbuy	7 848	7 001	37.71	5.63	35.59	65.33	161
35 Tennant Creek	3 866	3 449	40.12	17.12	33.25	49.78	163
36 Darwin	10 078	8 992	48.36	23.19	37.14	2.77	214
Australia	386 049	352 970	52.74	22.74	40.75	14.89	190
Total population							
Australia	18 310 714	17 752 829	61.91	9.18	56.22	0.16	292

(a) Final ERP *Australian Demographic Statistics, September Quarter 1997* (Cat. no. 3101.0.) and *Experimental Estimates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, 30 June 1991 to 30 June 1996* (Cat. no. 3230.0).

(b) Census count based on place of enumeration.

(c) The participation rate is the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The participation rate is calculated excluding persons who did not state their labour force status.

(d) The number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force.

(e) The number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The employment/population ratio is calculated excluding persons who did not state their labour force status.

(f) CDEP scheme employed expressed as a percentage of the total employed. CDEP data were collected for the first time in 1996 and should be treated with caution as their reliability is variable.

(g) Excludes persons who did not state their income.

(h) Includes Jervis Bay Territory.

(i) Data for this ATSIK Region is of poor quality and should be treated with caution. Contact NCATSIK (ABS Darwin).

(j) Includes Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

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SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, INDIGENOUS PERSONS AND HOUSEHOLDS BY ATSI REGION—continued

ATSI Region number	Persons				Households				
	Full-time school students, 15 year olds(a)	Full-time school students, 17 year olds(b)	Speaks Australian Indigenous language(c)	Speaks English not well or not at all(d)	House- holds(e)	Average number of persons per household(f)	Rented house- holds(g)	Median weekly house- hold income(h)	Average number of vehicles per house- hold(i)
	%	%	%	%	no.	no.	%	\$	no.
Victoria									
7 Wangaratta	76.96	37.77	1.21	21.04	3 611	3.1	50.96	554	1.3
8 Ballarat	61.67	37.82	1.16	18.06	3 524	3.1	54.77	506	1.1
Rest of Australia									
1 Queanbeyan(j)	69.43	38.96	1.64	14.57	2 846	3.2	63.70	540	1.1
2 Bourke	53.03	18.90	0.63	6.36	1 872	3.8	66.13	477	0.7
3 Coffs Harbour	73.79	35.89	0.96	8.63	7 793	3.3	61.53	484	1.0
4 Sydney	67.38	36.29	0.98	19.84	10 930	3.1	59.45	601	1.0
5 Tamworth	70.85	31.51	0.56	15.15	3 092	3.5	69.21	474	0.9
6 Wagga Wagga	65.37	37.98	0.43	11.70	5 387	3.4	65.05	468	1.0
9 Brisbane	66.04	32.72	1.58	14.94	8 628	3.3	61.07	563	1.1
10 Cairns	69.3	33.63	6.34	11.82	3 592	3.9	73.89	574	0.8
11 Mount Isa	47.2	18.10	3.12	10.68	1 489	4.4	73.20	633	0.8
12 Cooktown	34.62	8.55	38.74	16.64	1 015	5.3	83.35	570	0.5
13 Rockhampton	69.29	29.44	1.10	11.21	3 178	3.6	68.57	526	1.0
14 Roma	60.66	24.57	0.94	13.56	2 483	3.6	69.23	493	1.0
15 Torres Strait Area	62.35	31.73	33.44	29.05	1 167	4.7	63.84	622	0.4
16 Townsville	67.6	31.88	4.38	12.49	3 692	3.9	73.70	575	0.9
17 Adelaide	71.43	29.13	6.05	13.51	3 923	3.1	65.03	482	1.1
18 Ceduna	46.15	15.15	11.89	27.39	442	4.1	76.02	498	1.0
19 Port Augusta(k)	37.04	15.12	18.22	26.11	1 121	4.0	77.61	450	0.9
20 Perth(l)	62.74	19.65	2.77	16.41	4 931	3.5	63.35	548	1.1
21 Broome	71.25	14.06	18.52	8.40	771	4.2	70.43	529	0.8
22 Kununurra	59.42	4.11	40.70	16.80	710	5.3	74.08	573	0.5
23 Warburton	24.49	5.45	78.79	28.84	410	6.1	83.41	560	0.7
24 Narrogin	60.67	10.48	1.40	15.64	1 661	3.8	68.51	523	1.2
25 South Hedland	58.21	12.33	26.45	8.82	1 009	4.1	73.54	648	0.9
26 Derby	49.21	11.82	46.24	26.81	736	5.1	82.07	553	0.6
27 Kalgoorlie	59.38	20.00	16.40	13.10	703	4.1	66.57	644	1.1
28 Geraldton	66.93	16.67	4.33	6.35	1 181	3.9	73.33	518	1.0
29 Hobart	84.35	15.53	0.17	19.51	5 032	3.2	42.37	539	1.5
30 Alice Springs	58.51	20.00	38.75	16.45	964	3.8	74.27	616	0.8
31 Jabiru	52.29	19.42	85.42	29.55	1 121	6.7	77.61	617	0.3
32 Katherine	44.85	8.78	52.23	24.16	1 123	5.9	69.10	568	0.6
33 Aputula	29.25	5.97	88.55	47.78	1 125	6.6	58.13	529	0.5
34 Nhulunbuy	44.37	17.14	89.13	29.58	841	8.3	66.35	730	0.4
35 Tennant Creek	42.03	15.25	58.97	24.67	581	5.7	59.55	539	0.6
36 Darwin	76.77	42.54	13.69	12.88	2 247	3.6	62.57	681	1.1
Australia	64.38	27.21	13.26	24.82	94 931	3.7	63.78	540	1.0
Total population									
Australia	86.12	58.40	0.27	19.65	6015815	2.7	27.05	630	1.4

(a) Number of full-time 15 year old school (infants/primary or secondary) students expressed as a percentage of all 15 year olds.

(b) Number of full-time 17 year old school (infants/primary or secondary) students expressed as a percentage of all 17 year olds.

(c) Number of Australian Indigenous language speakers expressed as a percentage of all persons.

(d) Percentage of all persons who speak a language other than English at home. Includes persons who did not state a language but did answer the English proficiency question. Excludes persons who did not answer both the language and English proficiency questions.

(e) See Glossary for definition of Indigenous household.

(f) Includes up to three persons temporarily absent from the households. Excludes visitors to the household.

(g) Includes being occupied rent free.

(h) Excludes households where at least one, but not all, members aged 15 years and over did not state an income and/or at least one member of the household was temporarily absent.

(i) Up to four vehicles could be recorded.

(j) Includes Jervis Bay Territory.

(k) Data for this ATSI Region is of poor quality and should be treated with caution. Contact NCATSIS (ABS Darwin).

(l) Includes Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

GLOSSARY

General descriptions of terms and concepts used in this publication are provided below. Detailed definitions of classifications and concepts are available in *Census Dictionary, 1996* (Cat. no. 2901.0).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin The question used in the 1996 Census was 'Is the person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?' Respondents could report Aboriginal origin, Torres Strait Islander origin, both origins or neither. Prior to the 1996 Census only one or the other Indigenous origin could be recorded.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Region Is a legally prescribed area for the purpose of administration by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and for the election of members to that Commission. The ATSIC Region boundaries and the census statistics produced for these areas are Collection District derived. In general ATSIC regions and Collection District boundaries match.

For the 1996 Census there were 36 ATSIC Regions which covered all of Australia. Generally ATSIC Regions do not cross State or Territory borders however there were a number of exceptions. The ATSIC Region of Queanbeyan incorporated part of New South Wales, all of Australian Capital Territory and the Territory of Jervis Bay. The Territories of Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands were included in the ATSIC Region of Perth.

Bounded Locality See definition under Section of State.

Couple family This is a family based on two persons who are in a registered or de facto marriage and who are usually resident in the same household. The family may include any number of dependants, non-dependants and/or other related individuals. As it is not necessary for a parent-child relationship to be formed, a couple family can consist of a couple without children.

Dependent child A dependent child is an individual who is either a child aged less than 15 years or a dependent student. To be regarded as a child the individual can have no partner or child of his/her own usually resident in the same household. A dependent child must be attached to a nominal parent with whom he/she usually resides. This parent must be over 15 years of age.

Dwelling A dwelling is a building or structure in which people live. This can be a building, such as a house; part of a building, such as a flat; or it can be a caravan or tent, humpy or park bench. Houses under construction, derelict houses, vacant tents, or converted garages are not counted in the Census.

There are private and non-private dwellings.

A *private dwelling* is normally a house, flat, part of a house, or even a room; but can also be a house attached to, or rooms above, shops or offices; an occupied caravan or unit in a caravan park or craft in a marina; an occupied dwelling in a manufactured home estate; an occupied self-care unit in accommodation for the retired or aged; a houseboat; or tent if it is standing on its own block of land. An occupied caravan situated on a residential allotment is also classed as a private dwelling. Private dwellings can be either occupied or unoccupied.

Non-private dwellings are those dwellings not included above, which provide a communal or transitory type of accommodation. These dwellings include hotels, motels, guest houses, prisons, religious and charitable institutions, defence establishments, hospitals and other communal dwellings. Only occupied non-private dwellings are included in the Census.

Employed Employed people are those aged 15 years or more who, during the week prior to census night, worked for payment or profit; who had a job from which they were on leave or otherwise temporarily absent; were on strike or stood down temporarily; or worked as unpaid helpers in a family business.

Family A family is defined by the ABS as two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household. Non-related persons living in the same household are not counted as family members (unless under 15 years of age).

Family income Family income is the sum of the personal incomes of each resident family member aged 15 years or more. Family income is not applicable to non-family households such as group households or lone-person households; or to people in non-private dwellings.

Full-time/part-time employment This variable is based on the number of hours worked in all jobs held by employed people during the week before the census night. It excludes any time off but includes any overtime or extra time worked.

Part-time workers: employed people who worked up to 34 hours; and

Full-time workers: employed people who worked 35 hours or more.

Household A household is defined as a group of two or more related or unrelated people who usually reside in the same dwelling, who regard themselves as a household, and who make common provision for food or other essentials for living; or a person living in a dwelling who makes provision for his/her own food and other essentials for living, without combining with any other person.

In this publication, households are classified to three main types:

Family household: a household consisting of two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household.

A household can contain one or more families. Thus the number of families living in occupied private dwellings may be more than the number of family households.

Lone-person household: a person who makes provision for his/her own food and other essentials in living, without combining with any other person to form part of a multi-person household. He/she may live in a dwelling on his/her own or share a dwelling with another individual or family.

Group household: a household consisting of two or more unrelated people where all persons are aged 15 years or over. There are no reported couple relationships, parent-child relationships or other blood relationships in these households.

Household income Household income is the sum of the personal incomes of each resident aged 15 years or more present in the household. Persons who were temporarily absent on census night, or had nil or negative income, or did not state their income, do not contribute to household income. Although visitors' incomes are excluded in the calculation of household income, household income is still calculated for households that comprise only visitors, in order to collect data on household incomes in holiday resorts.

Improvised dwellings Includes shelter, sheds, tents occupied on a permanent or semi-permanent basis and not located in caravan parks.

Income People aged 15 years or more were asked to state their usual gross weekly income, which is the income before tax, superannuation, health insurance, or other deductions are made. Gross income includes family allowance, family allowance supplement, pensions, unemployment benefits, student allowances, maintenance (child support), superannuation, wages, overtime, dividends, rents received, interest received, business or farm income (less operation expenses) and worker's compensation received.

Indigenous family An Indigenous family is one where either the reference person or spouse is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

Indigenous household	An Indigenous household is a family household where any family in the household is defined as an Indigenous family or a lone-person household where the lone person is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.
Industry (of employment)	This variable describes the industries in which employed people (aged 15 years and over) work, and is coded to the <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 1993</i> (Cat. no. 1292.0).
Labour force	The labour force is made up of employed and unemployed people aged 15 years and over.
Labour force status	<p>Labour force status identifies whether a person aged 15 years or over is employed, unemployed or not in the labour force.</p> <p><i>Employed:</i> includes those people who, during the week prior to census night, worked for payment or profit; who had a job from which they were on leave or otherwise temporarily absent; were on strike or stood down temporarily; or worked as unpaid helpers in a family business.</p> <p><i>Unemployed:</i> includes people who, during the week prior to census night, did not have a job but were actively looking for work (either full-time or part-time) and were available to start work.</p> <p><i>Not in the labour force:</i> includes people aged 15 years or more who were not employed or unemployed as defined above. This category includes people who were retired, pensioners and people engaged in home duties.</p>
Major Urban	See definition under Section of State.
Migratory	See definition under Section of State.
Occupation	This variable describes the main job held by employed people (aged 15 years and over) during the week prior to census night, and is coded using the <i>ASCO—Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition, 1997</i> (Cat. no. 1220.0).
One-parent family	A one-parent family consists of a lone parent with at least one child (regardless of age) who is usually resident in the household. The family may also include any number of other related individuals.
Other Urban	See definition under Section of State.
Participation rate	Number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The participation rate is calculated excluding persons who did not state their labour force status.
Post-school qualifications	In all censuses since 1966, people aged 15 years and over have been asked to describe their post-school qualifications. In 1996, these responses were coded according to the <i>ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ), 1993</i> (Cat. no. 1262.0).

Reference person	The reference person is the person who is used as the basis for determining the familial and non-familial relationships within a household. It is usually the person who has identified himself/herself as person one on the Household Form.
Rural Balance	See definition under Section of State.
Section of State	<p>The Section of State classification uses population counts from the Census to define Collection Districts as either urban or rural. Within States and Territories, each Section of State represents an aggregation of non-contiguous geographical areas of a particular urban/rural type. The five categories are:</p> <p><i>Major Urban</i>: urban areas with population of 100,000 or more;</p> <p><i>Other Urban</i>: urban areas with populations of 1,000 to 99,999;</p> <p><i>Bounded Locality</i>: rural areas with population of 200 to 999;</p> <p><i>Rural Balance</i>: the remainder of the State or Territory; and</p> <p><i>Migratory</i>: areas composed of off-shore, shipping and migratory Collection Districts.</p>
Student	A student is an individual who attends a secondary or tertiary educational institution on a full/part-time basis.
Unemployment rate	The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people expressed as a percentage of the labour force.

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