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PREFACE

This publication presents a range of detailed social and economic statistics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Capital Territory, produced from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Similar publications are available for each State and 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 Territory 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 *Census Dictionary, 1996* (Cat. no. 2901.0).

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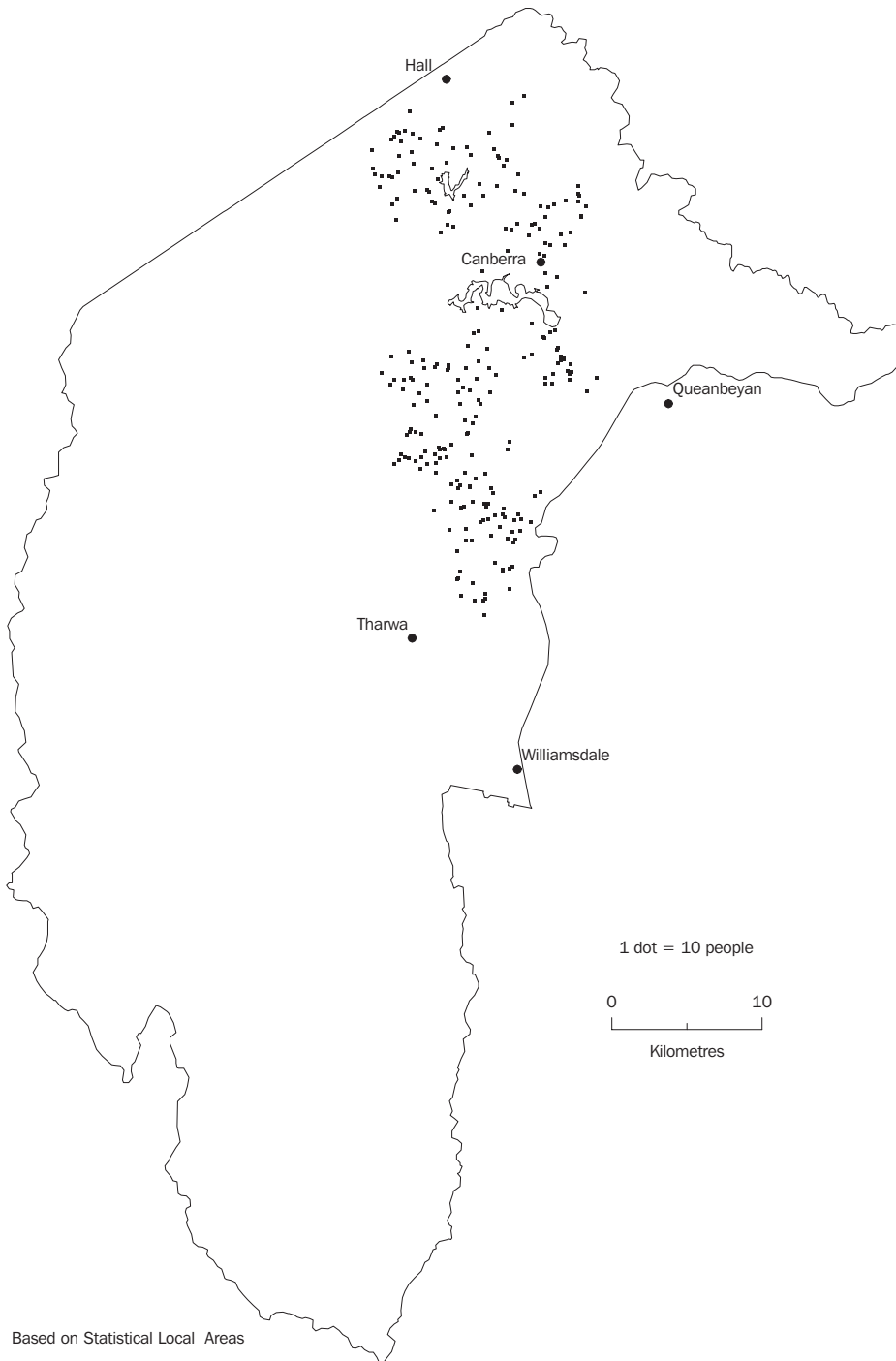
ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
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

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 the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population compared to the total population of the Australian Capital Territory 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 by socioeconomic characteristics (ABS 1998a).

Experimental estimates of Indigenous population

The ABS also produces 'experimental' estimates of the Indigenous population. 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 publication are final estimates.

Estimates have been produced on an annual basis from 30 June 1991. 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 in the Australian Capital Territory as at 30 June 1996 was 3,058, an increase of 444 from 30 June 1991 based on the estimates derived from the 1996 Census counts. The average annual growth rate of the Indigenous population of the Australian Capital Territory for the period 1991 to 1996 was 3.4%, higher than the rate for the total population of 1.2% (ABS 1998a, 1998b).

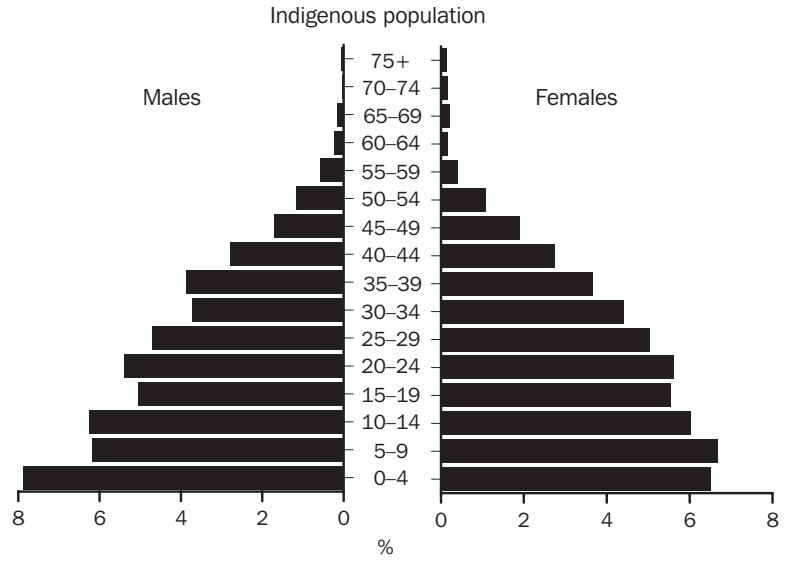
At 30 June 1996 Indigenous people comprised 1% of the total population of the Australian Capital Territory.

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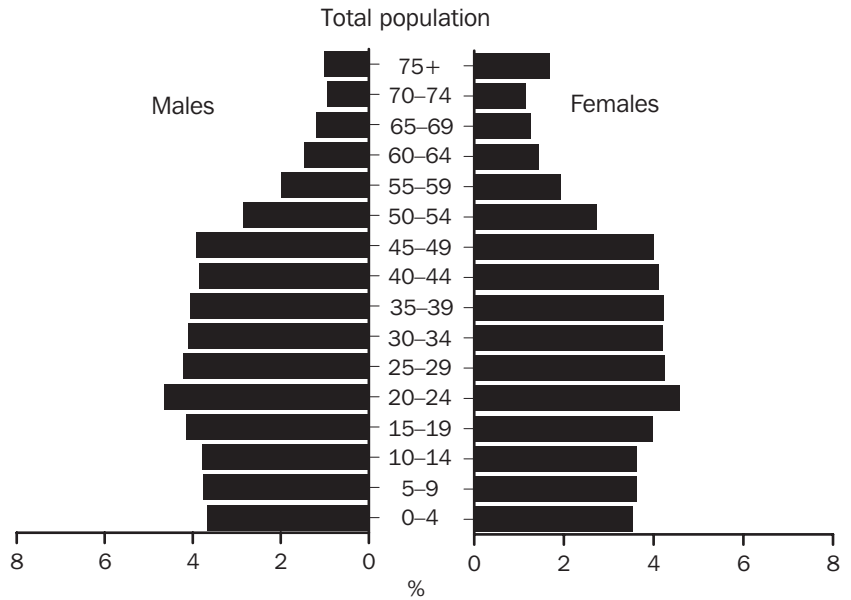
The age structure of the Indigenous population differed from that of the total population. The Indigenous population had a high proportion of people under the age of 15 years and a low proportion of people over the age of 65. The proportion of the Indigenous population of the Australian Capital Territory under 15 years of age was 39.5%, compared to 22.0% of the Total population. Persons aged 65 and over comprised 0.8% of the Indigenous population and 7.3% 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 20.0 years which is much younger than that of the total population of 31.3 years. The median age of Indigenous males at 30 June 1996 was 19.6 and of Indigenous females 20.3 years. The median age for all males was 30.7 and for all females 31.9 years (ABS 1998b).

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

Care is required when using census characteristics and ERP figures together. The 1996 Census count of Indigenous people is 2,844 and the ERP is 3,058, some 7.5% higher (1997). This may need to be taken into account when interpreting census characteristics data.

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

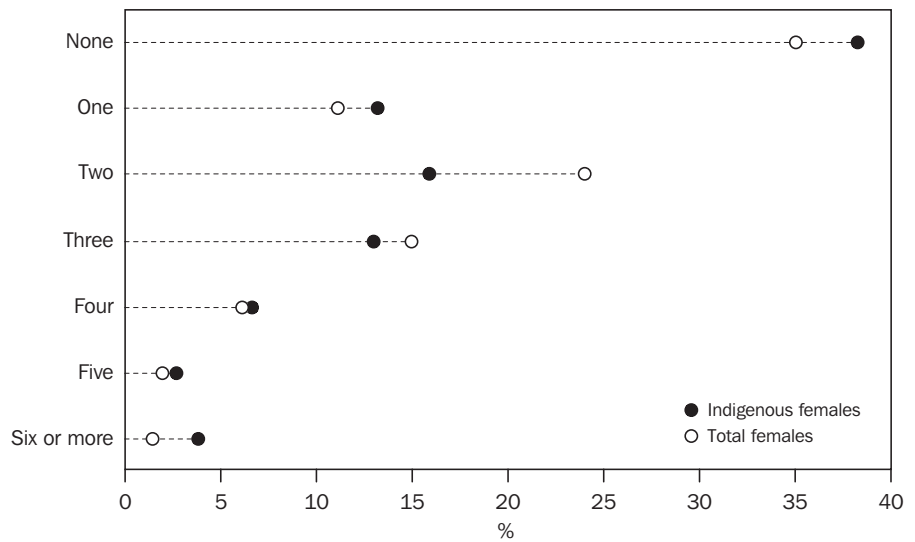
LOCATION

The Indigenous population and the total population had a similar geographic distribution. Over 98% of the Indigenous and total population reside in the Major Urban area of the Australian Capital Territory. During the 10 years to 1996 the geographic distribution of the Indigenous population and the total population had remained stable.

NUMBER OF LIVE BIRTHS

The proportions of Indigenous and total females aged 15 years and over who have ever had children are somewhat similar (56% and 60% respectively). However, Indigenous females tend to have more children than total females, 6.8% of Indigenous females had five or more children compared to 3.7% 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)

State and Territory	Indigenous population(b)	Total population	Proportion of State or Territory's total population	Proportion of Australian Indigenous population
	'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

Age group (years)	Males	Females	Persons
	no.	no.	no.
INDIGENOUS(a)			
0-4	241	199	440
5-9	189	204	393
10-14	191	184	375
15-19	154	169	323
20-24	165	172	337
25-29	144	154	298
30-34	114	135	249
35-39	118	112	230
40-44	85	84	169
45-49	52	58	110
50-54	36	33	69
55-59	18	12	30
60-64	7	5	12
65-69	5	6	11
70-74	1	5	6
75 and over	2	4	6
Total	1 522	1 536	3 058
TOTAL			
0-4	11 276	10 889	22 165
5-9	11 614	11 147	22 761
10-14	11 685	11 195	22 880
15-19	12 786	12 314	25 100
20-24	14 331	14 160	28 491
25-29	13 017	13 096	26 113
30-34	12 595	12 966	25 561
35-39	12 482	13 042	25 524
40-44	11 868	12 657	24 525
45-49	12 107	12 341	24 448
50-54	8 827	8 449	17 276
55-59	6 121	5 952	12 073
60-64	4 528	4 428	8 956
65-69	3 678	3 901	7 579
70-74	2 932	3 563	6 495
75 and over	3 106	5 198	8 304
Total	152 953	155 298	308 251

(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	998	1 483	2 664
Torres Strait Islander	59	100	139
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander(a)	n.a.	n.a.	41
Non-Indigenous	246 407	271 723	289 792
Not stated	2 728	6 847	6 400
Total	250 192	280 153	299 036

(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)(b)

<i>Section of State</i>	1986		1991		1996	
	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
Major Urban	1 047	246 104	1 569	274 770	2 867	294 983
Bounded Locality	0	284	0	306	3	321
Rural Balance	13	1 299	23	2 846	30	1 872
Total(b)	1 060	247 687	1 592	277 922	2 900	297 176

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Includes Migratory.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

1.5

NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN(a)

Number of children ever born	Age of mother				Total
	15-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1986					
Indigenous females					
None	92	25	4	4	125
One	15	16	8	4	43
Two	10	15	13	7	45
Three	3	16	15	6	40
Four	3	9	4	4	20
Five	0	3	0	0	3
Six or more	0	6	5	9	20
Not stated	13	7	6	0	26
Total	136	97	55	34	322
Total females					
None	17 799	7 623	2 395	2 442	30 259
One	1 303	3 936	1 974	2 606	9 819
Two	577	6 023	7 757	6 675	21 032
Three	118	2 906	5 100	5 942	14 066
Four	31	734	1 939	3 597	6 301
Five	5	155	487	1 680	2 327
Six or more	5	49	245	1 594	1 893
Not stated	2 756	1 197	1 010	1 878	6 841
Total	22 594	22 623	20 907	26 414	92 538
1996					
Indigenous females					
None	224	71	31	11	337
One	33	56	18	10	117
Two	14	55	48	23	140
Three	6	41	38	30	115
Four	4	19	22	14	59
Five	3	0	9	13	25
Six or more	0	6	15	14	35
Not stated	24	13	6	7	50
Total	308	261	187	122	878
Total females					
None	21 859	11 608	4 054	4 123	41 644
One	1 366	4 604	3 174	4 207	13 351
Two	511	5 364	9 300	13 455	28 630
Three	117	2 131	5 397	10 186	17 831
Four	27	600	1 790	5 034	7 451
Five	10	119	451	1 927	2 507
Six or more	8	50	187	1 584	1 829
Not stated	1 682	819	701	2 121	5 323
Total	25 580	25 295	25 054	42 637	118 566

(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

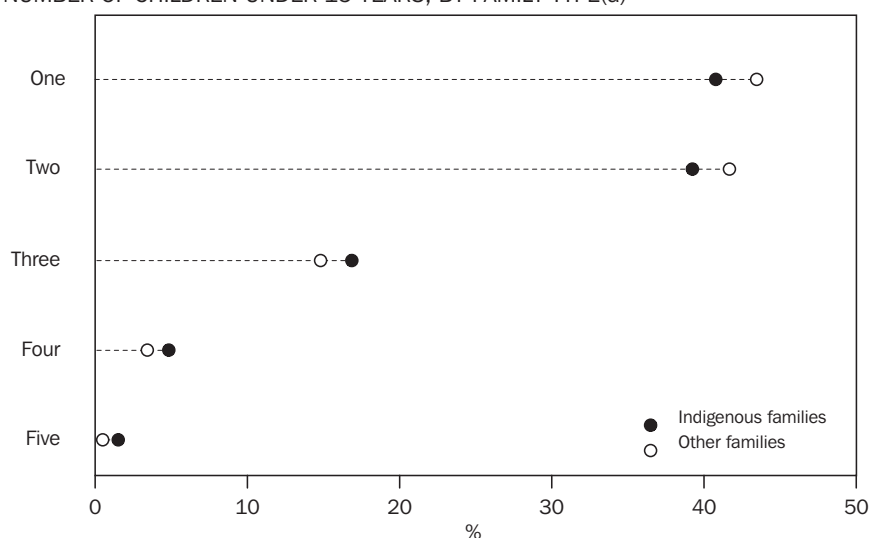
An 'Indigenous family' is defined by the ABS as a family where the reference person for the family (normally the first person on the form, and usually a parent) or spouse is recorded as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Families in all other instances, including those where the Indigenous status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

Of the 76,350 families counted in the Australian Capital Territory on census night 1996, just over 1.0% (779) were classified as Indigenous families. The average number of persons in each Indigenous family (3.4) was very similar to that for Other families (3.2) with little variation between Indigenous and Other families across all categories.

FAMILY SIZE

While there was little difference in family size between the two groups, Indigenous families tended to be slightly larger than Other families, with 23.2% of Indigenous families having three or more children under 15, compared to 18.4% of Other families in the same category.

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



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

Source: Table 2.3

EMPLOYMENT PERSONS PER FAMILY

Of the Indigenous families enumerated in the Australian Capital Territory, 29.1% had one family member employed, compared to 27.9% of Other families, while 43.8% of Indigenous families had two or more employed family members, compared to 55.1% of Other families.

As there were very few families recorded as Indigenous outside the Major Urban area, proportions of family members in the workforce for that geographical location across all categories are almost identical to those for the whole of the Territory.

FAMILY INCOME

Indigenous families in the Australian Capital Territory had a lower median weekly family income (\$777) than Other families (\$1029). There were no families recorded as Indigenous in the Bounded Locality; it is therefore not possible to make comparisons with Other families.

2.1 FAMILY TYPE(a)(b)

Family type	Families	Average number of persons per family(c)
	no.	no.
INDIGENOUS FAMILIES		
Couple family		
With children under 15	298	4.0
With dependent students (15–24)	25	3.9
With children under 15 and dependent students (15–24)	52	5.0
With non-dependent children	22	3.6
Without children	172	2.0
One-parent family		
With children under 15	140	3.3
With dependent students (15–24)	14	2.4
With children under 15 and dependent students (15–24)	14	4.1
With non-dependent children	19	2.8
Other family(d)	23	2.2
Total	779	3.4
OTHER FAMILIES		
Couple family		
With children under 15	23 165	4.0
With dependent students (15–24)	5 945	3.8
With children under 15 and dependent students (15–24)	5 331	4.9
With non-dependent children	5 356	3.3
Without children	23 241	2.0
One-parent family		
With children under 15	5 778	2.8
With dependent students (15–24)	1 840	2.5
With children under 15 and dependent students (15–24)	1 029	3.7
With non-dependent children	2 719	2.2
Other family(d)	1 167	2.1
Total	75 571	3.2
TOTAL FAMILIES		
Couple family		
With children under 15	23 463	4.0
With dependent students (15–24)	5 970	3.8
With children under 15 and dependent students (15–24)	5 383	4.9
With non-dependent children	5 378	3.3
Without children	23 413	2.0
One-parent family		
With children under 15	5 918	2.8
With dependent students (15–24)	1 854	2.5
With children under 15 and dependent students (15–24)	1 043	3.7
With non-dependent children	2 738	2.2
Other family(d)	1 190	2.1
Total	76 350	3.2

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Includes up to three persons temporarily absent.

(c) Includes both Indigenous and other persons.

(d) 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)

Section of State	Indigenous families	Other families	Total families
	\$	\$	\$
Major Urban	780	1030	1027
Bounded Locality	0	1237	1237
Rural Balance	550	807	802
Total(c)	777	1029	1026

(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)

Number	Indigenous families	Other families	Total families
	%	%	%
1	39.09	41.68	41.64
2	37.70	39.97	39.93
3	16.27	14.25	14.28
4	4.76	3.38	3.40
5	1.59	0.56	0.58
6	0.60	0.13	0.13
7	0.00	0.03	0.03
8	0.00	0.01	0.01
9	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 or more	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.
Total	504	35 303	35 807

(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	Bounded Locality	Rural Balance	Total(c)
INDIGENOUS FAMILIES				
	%	%	%	%
0	26.91	0.00	50.00	27.09
1	29.37	0.00	0.00	29.14
2	39.07	0.00	50.00	39.15
3	3.49	0.00	0.00	3.47
4	1.16	0.00	0.00	1.16
5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 or more	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.
<i>Total</i>	<i>773</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>779</i>
OTHER FAMILIES				
	%	%	%	%
0	16.99	5.00	16.21	16.97
1	27.89	21.25	30.28	27.89
2	44.42	56.25	44.34	44.43
3	7.92	17.50	6.73	7.93
4	2.41	0.00	1.53	2.40
5	0.34	0.00	0.92	0.35
6 or more	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.
<i>Total</i>	<i>75 164</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>75 571</i>
TOTAL FAMILIES				
	%	%	%	%
0	17.09	5.00	16.82	17.07
1	27.90	21.25	29.73	27.90
2	44.36	56.25	44.44	44.38
3	7.88	17.50	6.61	7.88
4	2.40	0.00	1.50	2.39
5	0.34	0.00	0.90	0.34
6 or more	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	75 937	80	333	76 350

(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. In 1996 there were 253 households of this type.

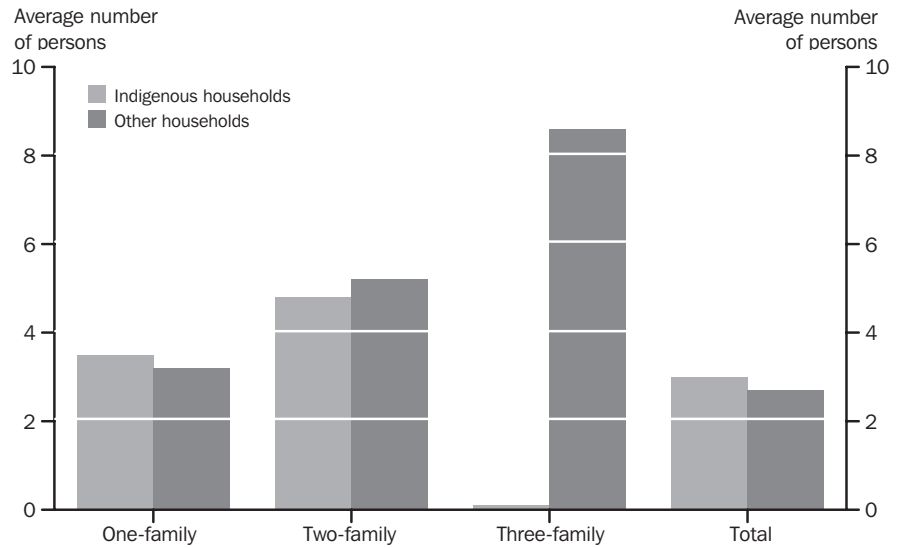
HOUSEHOLD TYPE

At the time of the 1996 Census 80.0% of Indigenous households were one family households, compared to 76.7% of Other households. Lone-person households were the second most common household type, (18.7% for Indigenous households compared to 22.8% of Other households). Indigenous households recorded a higher proportion of multi-families, (two or three family households, 1.4%) compared to Other households (0.5%).

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD

In the Australian Capital Territory, Indigenous households had an average of 3.0 persons per household compared to Other households (2.7 percent).

HOUSEHOLD TYPE, BY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD



Source: Table 3.3

NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER HOUSEHOLD

In the Australian Capital Territory, 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 (38.5% and 41.5% respectively).

HOUSEHOLD MEDIAN INCOME

Household income is obtained by aggregating the personal income reported by each member in the household.

The weekly median income for Indigenous households was \$702 which was 22% lower than Other households (\$900).

STRUCTURE OF OCCUPIED DWELLINGS

The majority of dwellings occupied by Indigenous households (70.6%) were separate houses, followed by semi-detached (13.8%), and flats and apartments (13.4%). A similar pattern was evident in Other households where 79.1% were separate houses, 11.9% semi-detached and 8% flats and apartments.

NUMBER OF BEDROOMS

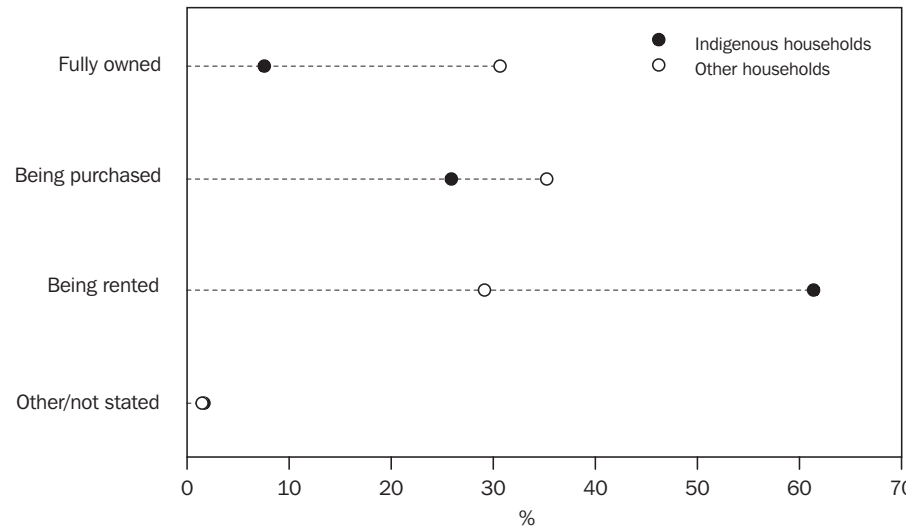
A bedsitter or house with no bedrooms is treated as equivalent to one bedroom.

Of those who responded to the question on the number of bedrooms per dwelling, 1.2% of Indigenous households recorded having more than two persons to one bedroom or bedsitter compared to 0.3% 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 the Australian Capital Territory, Indigenous households had a lower proportion of home ownership (that is, owning or purchasing their own home) compared to Other households, 35.2% and 68.1% respectively. Approximately 63% of Indigenous households were being rented compared to 30.1% 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>Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members</i>	<i>All members non-Indigenous(e)(f)</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
Family households				
One-family household	262	682	74 353	75 297
Two-family household	4	9	505	518
Three-family household	0	0	5	5
Non-family households				
Lone-person household	177	0	22 176	22 353
Group household	14	117	5 806	5 937
Total	457	808	102 845	104 110

(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 & NON-INDIGENOUS MEMBERS(a)(b)(c)

<i>Household type</i>	<i>Reference person or spouse Indigenous(d)</i>	<i>Other family member Indigenous(e)</i>	<i>Total households</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
Family households			
One-family household	496	186	682
Two-family household	9	0	9
Three-family household	0	0	0
Non-family households			
Group households	50	67	117
Total	555	253	808

(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</i>	<i>Average number of persons per household(e)</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
Indigenous household		
One-family household	758	3.5
Two-family household	13	4.8
Three-family household	0	0.0
Lone-person household	177	1.0
<i>Total</i>	948	3.0
Other household		
One-family household	74 539	3.2
Two-family household	506	5.2
Three-family household	5	8.6
Lone-person household	22 176	1.0
<i>Total</i>	97 226	2.7
Total household		
One-family household	75 297	3.2
Two-family household	519	5.2
Three-family household	5	8.6
Lone-person household	22 353	1.0
Total	98 174	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)

	<i>One-family household</i>	<i>Two-family household</i>	<i>Three-family household</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Number of children</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
INDIGENOUS				
1	187	6	0	193
2	189	3	0	192
3	82	0	0	82
4	23	0	0	23
5	8	0	0	8
6	3	0	0	3
7	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0
10 or more	0	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	492	9	0	501
OTHER				
1	14 414	220	3	14 637
2	14 006	107	0	14 113
3	5 013	32	0	5 045
4	1 190	5	3	1 198
5	199	3	0	202
6	44	0	0	44
7	10	0	0	10
8	3	0	0	3
9	0	0	0	0
10 or more	0	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	34 879	367	6	35 252
TOTAL				
1	14 601	226	3	14 830
2	14 195	110	0	14 305
3	5 095	32	0	5 127
4	1 213	5	3	1 221
5	207	3	0	210
6	47	0	0	47
7	10	0	0	10
8	3	0	0	3
9	0	0	0	0
10 or more	0	0	0	0
Total	35 371	376	6	35 753

(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		Bounded Locality		Rural Balance		Total(e)	Average number of persons per household
	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.	no.
INDIGENOUS HOUSEHOLD								
Separate house	667	3.4	0	0.0	4	1.5	671	3.4
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	131	2.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	131	2.4
Flat, unit or apartment	127	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	127	1.6
Other dwelling								
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	3	2.3	0	0.0	7	2.0	10	2.1
Improvised home, tent, sleepers-out	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
House or flat attached to a shop, office etc.	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.0	3	0.0
Total	3	2.3	0	0.0	10	1.4	13	1.6
Not stated	9	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	2.9
Total	937	3.0	0	0.0	14	1.4	951	3.0
OTHER HOUSEHOLD								
Separate house	76 462	3.0	94	3.3	348	2.6	76 904	3.0
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	11 569	1.9	0	0.0	3	0.0	11 572	1.9
Flat, unit or apartment	7 736	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	7 736	1.4
Other dwelling								
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	25	1.6	0	0.0	195	1.4	220	1.5
Improvised home, tent, sleepers-out	3	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.0
House or flat attached to a shop, office etc.	38	2.0	0	0.0	3	1.0	41	1.9
Total	66	1.8	0	0.0	198	1.4	264	1.5
Not stated	746	2.3	0	0.0	8	2.0	754	2.3
Total	96 579	2.7	94	3.3	557	2.2	97 230	2.7
TOTAL								
Separate house	77 129	3.0	94	3.3	352	2.6	77 575	3.0
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	11 700	1.9	0	0.0	3	0.0	11 703	1.9
Flat, unit or apartment	7 863	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	7 863	1.4
Other dwelling								
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	28	1.6	0	0.0	202	1.5	230	1.5
Improvised home, tent, sleepers-out	3	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.0
House or flat attached to a shop, office etc.	38	2.0	0	0.0	6	0.5	44	1.8
Total	69	1.8	0	0.0	208	1.4	277	1.5
Not stated	755	2.3	0	0.0	8	2.0	763	2.3
Total	97 516	2.7	94	3.3	571	2.1	98 181	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 bedsitters)	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 or more bedrooms	Not stated	Total
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
INDIGENOUS HOUSEHOLDS								
1	26	31	61	50	5	0	3	176
2	0	8	59	122	21	3	0	213
3	3	0	18	144	28	0	4	197
4	0	0	5	144	35	9	0	193
5	0	0	3	65	38	10	3	119
6	0	0	0	21	11	3	0	35
7	0	0	0	5	7	0	0	12
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	29	39	146	551	145	25	10	945
OTHER HOUSEHOLDS								
1	760	3 331	5 506	9 960	1 844	214	561	22 176
2	40	407	4 323	16 251	5 936	707	244	27 908
3	8	47	887	10 302	5 361	700	104	17 409
4	3	9	227	8 995	8 032	1 123	66	18 455
5	0	3	49	2 597	4 483	1 058	34	8 224
6	0	0	8	572	1 150	666	9	2 405
7	0	0	3	87	177	193	0	460
8	0	0	0	20	49	60	0	129
9	0	0	0	3	11	24	3	41
10	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	12
11	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
12 or more	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Total	811	3 797	11 003	48 787	27 048	4 761	1 021	97 228
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS								
1	786	3 362	5 567	10 010	1 849	214	564	22 352
2	40	415	4 382	16 373	5 957	710	244	28 121
3	11	47	905	10 446	5 389	700	108	17 606
4	3	9	232	9 139	8 067	1 132	66	18 648
5	0	3	52	2 662	4 521	1 068	37	8 343
6	0	0	8	593	1 161	669	9	2 440
7	0	0	3	92	184	193	0	472
8	0	0	0	20	49	60	0	129
9	0	0	0	3	11	24	3	41
10	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	12
11	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
12 or more	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Total	840	3 836	11 149	49 338	27 193	4 786	1 031	98 181

(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)

Tenure type	Major Urban	Bounded Locality	Rural Balance	Total(c)
INDIGENOUS				
	%	%	%	%
Fully owned(d)	8.01	0.00	37.50	8.26
Being purchased(e)	27.14	0.00	0.00	26.91
Being rented(f)				
Private landlord, real estate agent	29.70	0.00	62.50	29.98
Government agency	27.99	0.00	0.00	27.75
Community/cooperative housing	0.85	0.00	0.00	0.85
Other/not stated/rent free	4.27	0.00	0.00	4.24
Total	62.82	0.00	62.50	62.82
Other/not stated	2.03	0.00	0.00	2.01
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	936	0	8	944
OTHER				
	%	%	%	%
Fully owned(d)	31.72	49.48	39.46	31.78
Being purchased(e)	36.45	30.93	9.73	36.29
Being rented(f)				
Private landlord, real estate agent	17.10	10.31	14.41	17.08
Government agency	10.46	3.09	11.71	10.46
Community/cooperative housing	0.15	0.00	0.54	0.15
Other/not stated/rent free	2.34	3.09	19.64	2.44
Total	30.05	16.49	46.31	30.13
Other/not stated	1.78	3.09	4.50	1.80
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	96 579	97	555	97 231
TOTAL				
	%	%	%	%
Fully owned(d)	31.49	49.48	39.43	31.56
Being purchased(e)	36.36	30.93	9.59	36.20
Being rented(f)				
Private landlord, real estate agent	17.23	10.31	15.10	17.21
Government agency	10.63	3.09	11.55	10.62
Community/cooperative housing	0.15	0.00	0.53	0.16
Other/not stated/rent free	2.36	3.09	19.36	2.45
Total	30.36	16.49	46.54	30.44
Other/not stated	1.79	3.09	4.44	1.80
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	97 515	97	563	98 181

(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>Section of State</i>	<i>Indigenous household</i>	<i>Other household</i>	<i>Total household(d)</i>
	\$	\$	\$
Major Urban	708	902	900
Bounded Locality	0	1100	1100
Rural Balance	450	577	571
Total	702	900	898

(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 ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people compared to the employment characteristics of the total population in the ACT.

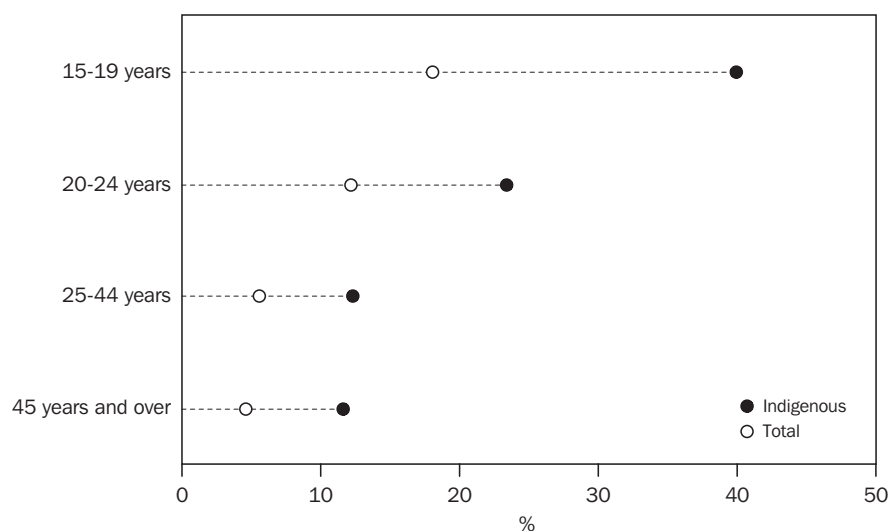
LABOUR FORCE STATUS

Around 54% of the Indigenous population was employed in 1996 compared to 66% of the total population. The unemployment rate for Indigenous people was 17.6%. For the total population it was 7.3%.

Males and females showed different patterns of employment. Indigenous males were more likely to be employed than females (56.3% and 52.2% respectively) and also more likely to be unemployed (23.1% and 11.2% respectively). These figures reflect the lower participation of Indigenous women in the labour force.

Around 26% of Indigenous males aged 15 years and over did not participate in the labour force, ie they were not working, nor were they looking for work. For Indigenous females the figure was around 41%.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY AGE, INDIGENOUS AND TOTAL PERSONS



Source: Table 4.1.

INDUSTRY SECTOR

The majority of employed Indigenous people (55.7%) worked in the government sector. Around 40% worked in the private sector and the CDEP scheme was non-existent in the Australian Capital Territory. In the employed total population 45.3% were government sector employees and 51.9% were in the private sector.

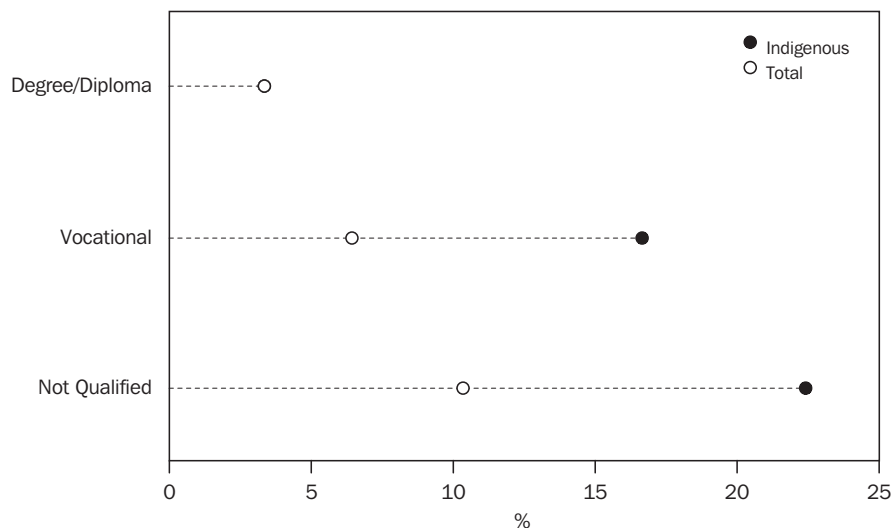
HOURS WORKED

Overall, 70.6% of employed Indigenous people worked fulltime. The figure was 67.7% for the total population. In the Australian Capital Territory, 99.4% of employed Indigenous people lived in Canberra. The comparable figure for the total population was 99.2%. There is only one Bounded Locality in the ACT, Hall, and no Indigenous people living there were employed.

QUALIFICATIONS

Indigenous persons with a qualification, in particular a degree or diploma, were more likely than those without one, to have a job. Of qualified Indigenous people, 80.1% were in employment compared to 45.1% of those without a qualification. The labour force participation rate among qualified Indigenous people was 87.0%, compared to a rate of 59.1% for unqualified people. The participation rate for Indigenous people with a qualification was higher than that of qualified people in the Total population (83.2%).

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY LEVEL OF ATTAINMENT, INDIGENOUS AND TOTAL



Source: Table 4.7.

INDUSTRY

The employment of Indigenous people was unevenly spread over a number of industries. Government Administration and defence was the largest employer at around 36% ahead of Health and community Services (8.5%) and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants (7.2%).

OCCUPATION

The most common occupational group for Indigenous people was Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service workers (27.6%). In the total population the most common group was Professionals (25.4%). The Indigenous population had proportionally fewer people in Managerial and administrative positions (9.5%) than the total population (11.8%) and a similar proportion in Labouring and related occupations (4.6% and 4.2% respectively).

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)	0	0	0	0	0
Employed other(b)	29	78	287	68	462
<i>Total</i>	29	78	287	68	462
Unemployed	33	34	62	10	139
<i>Total labour force</i>	62	112	349	78	601
Not in labour force	77	34	65	44	220
Not stated	3	3	10	3	19
<i>Total</i>	142	149	424	125	840
Females					
Labour force					
Employed CDEP(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Employed other(b)	43	85	273	53	454
<i>Total</i>	43	85	273	53	454
Unemployed	17	16	18	6	57
<i>Total labour force</i>	60	101	291	59	511
Not in labour force	90	54	152	63	359
Not stated	3	0	6	0	9
<i>Total</i>	153	155	449	122	879
Total Indigenous					
Labour force					
Employed CDEP(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Employed other(b)	72	163	560	121	916
<i>Total</i>	72	163	560	121	916
Unemployed	50	50	80	16	196
<i>Total labour force</i>	122	213	640	137	1 112
Not in labour force	167	88	217	107	579
Not stated	6	3	16	3	28
<i>Total</i>	295	304	873	247	1 719

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

Labour force status	Age group (years)				Total
	15-19	20-24	25-44	45 and over	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
	TOTAL				
Males					
Labour force					
Employed CDEP(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Employed other(b)	4 844	9 465	40 852	24 472	79 633
<i>Total</i>	4 844	9 465	40 852	24 472	79 633
Unemployed	1 217	1 597	2 703	1 405	6 922
<i>Total labour force</i>	6 061	11 062	43 555	25 877	86 555
Not in labour force	6 184	2 296	3 312	13 195	24 987
Not stated	283	265	1 025	625	2 198
<i>Total</i>	12 528	13 623	47 892	39 697	113 740
Females					
Labour force					
Employed CDEP(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Employed Other(b)	5 345	9 357	36 317	20 057	71 076
<i>Total</i>	5 345	9 357	36 317	20 057	71 076
Unemployed	1 057	1 035	2 027	767	4 886
<i>Total labour force</i>	6 402	10 392	38 344	20 824	75 962
Not in labour force	5 419	2 899	11 000	21 339	40 657
Not stated	224	246	1 006	475	1 951
<i>Total</i>	12 045	13 537	50 350	42 638	118 570
Persons					
Labour force					
Employed CDEP(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Employed Other(b)	10 189	18 822	77 169	44 529	150 709
<i>Total</i>	10 189	18 822	77 169	44 529	150 709
Unemployed	2 274	2 632	4 730	2 172	11 808
<i>Total labour force</i>	12 463	21 454	81 899	46 701	162 517
Not in labour force	11 603	5 195	14 312	34 534	65 644
Not stated	507	511	2 031	1 100	4 149
Total	24 573	27 160	98 242	82 335	232 310

(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	45.96	34.33
State and Territory Government	9.06	10.69
Local government	0.66	0.31
Private sector	40.07	51.86
CDEP(a)	0.00	0.00
Not stated	4.26	2.81
Total	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.
Total	916	150 709

(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)

Hours worked	Major Urban	Bounded Locality	Rural Balance	Total(c)
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Employed CDEP(d)				
0–34 hours(e)	0	0	0	0
35 hours or more	0	0	0	0
Not stated	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
Employed other(f)				
0–34 hours(e)	240	0	0	240
35 hours or more	646	0	6	652
Not stated	32	0	0	32
Total	918	0	6	924
Total				
0–34 hours(e)	240	0	0	240
35 hours or more	646	0	6	652
Not stated	32	0	0	32
Total	918	0	6	924

(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)

Section of State	0–34 hours(c)	35 hours or more	Not stated	Total	Total
	%	%	%	%	no.
INDIGENOUS					
Major Urban	26.14	70.37	3.49	100.00	918
Bounded Locality	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0
Rural Balance	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	6
Total(d)	25.97	70.56	3.46	100.00	924
TOTAL					
Major Urban	29.99	67.63	2.38	100.00	148 277
Bounded Locality	41.62	58.38	0.00	100.00	173
Rural Balance	21.50	76.01	2.49	100.00	963
Total(d)	29.95	67.67	2.38	100.00	149 413

(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 AND OVER(a)

Industry	Indigenous	Total
	no.	no.
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3	543
Mining	0	98
Manufacturing	17	4 907
Electricity, gas and water supply	3	397
Construction	37	7 024
Wholesale trade	19	3 806
Retail Trade	62	17 067
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	66	7 161
Transport and storage	15	4 606
Communication services	14	2 367
Finance and insurance	10	3 883
Property and business services	62	16 163
Government administration and defence	331	39 104
Education	47	13 311
Health and community services	78	11 959
Cultural and recreational services	49	4 959
Personal and other services	45	6 418
Non-classifiable economic units	3	700
Not stated	58	6 238
Total	916	150 709

(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>Occupation</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
Managers and administrators	87	17 782
Professionals	146	38 248
Technicians and associate professionals	126	18 498
Tradespersons and related workers	90	12 515
Advanced clerical and service workers	23	4 610
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	253	27 937
Intermediate production and transport workers	38	5 982
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	63	12 929
Labourers and related workers	42	6 315
Inadequately described	28	2 636
Not stated	20	3 257
Total	916	150 709

(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)

Labour force status	Degree/diploma(b)	Vocational(c)	Level of attainment inadequately described/ not stated		Total
			Not qualified(d)		
INDIGENOUS					
	%	%	%	%	%
In labour force					
Employed					
CDEP(a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	86.64	68.49	42.24	45.54	53.47
Total	86.64	68.49	42.24	45.54	53.47
Unemployed	3.05	13.70	10.56	13.20	11.44
Total labour force	89.69	82.19	52.80	58.74	64.92
Not in labour force	10.31	17.81	37.27	40.73	33.80
Not stated	0.00	0.00	9.94	0.52	1.28
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	262	146	161	1 144	1 713
TOTAL					
	%	%	%	%	%
In labour force					
Employed					
CDEP(a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	80.94	75.83	43.15	57.30	64.88
Total	80.94	75.83	43.15	57.30	64.88
Unemployed	2.86	5.25	3.99	6.65	5.08
Total labour force	83.80	81.08	47.13	63.95	69.96
Not in labour force	16.11	18.70	37.89	35.74	28.26
Not stated	0.09	0.22	14.97	0.31	1.78
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	69 505	25 022	24 524	113 252	232 303

(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

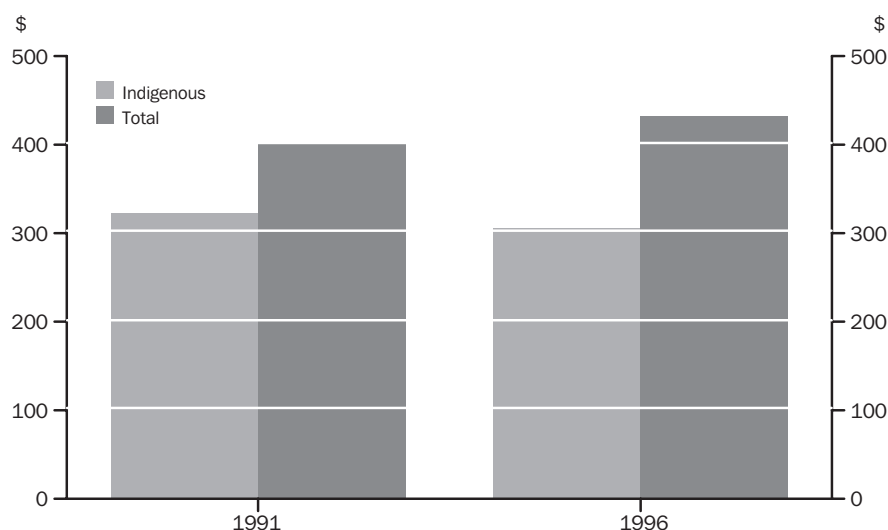
INCOME

This chapter presents a statistical summary of the personal income characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Capital Territory and provides a comparison with the income characteristics of the total population in the Territory.

PERSONAL MEDIAN WEEKLY INCOME

As at August 1996 the median weekly personal income of Indigenous people in the ACT was \$306. The same figure for the total population was \$432. Since the 1991 Census the median weekly income for the Indigenous population had decreased by \$16 whereas in the total population it increased by \$30.

MEDIAN WEEKLY INCOME



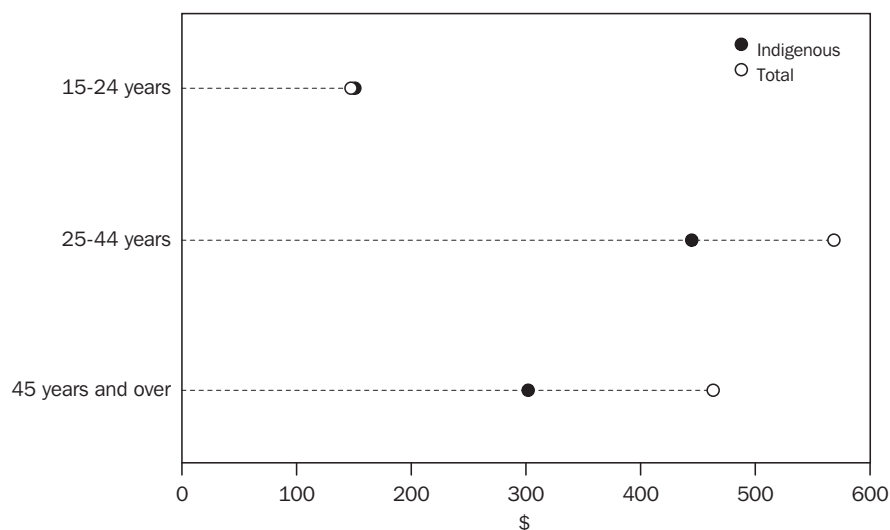
Source: Table 5.1

AGE

In both the Indigenous and total populations, personal 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 \$446. This was significantly more than the income of those in the 15–24 year age group (\$153) and those aged 45 years or more (\$304). 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 21.8% lower than that for the same group in the total population. For people over 45 years the figure was 34.5% lower. However, in the 15–24 year age group the median income of the Indigenous population (\$153) was 2.7% higher than that of the total population (\$149).

MEDIAN WEEKLY INCOME BY AGE, INDIGENOUS AND TOTAL PERSONS



Source: Table 5.2.

LOCATION

Indigenous persons in Major Urban had a weekly median personal income of \$304 which was significantly higher than that recorded for Indigenous persons living in the Rural Balance (\$139). There were no Indigenous people living in the Bounded Locality of Hall.

The weekly median personal incomes for the total population were:

- \$429 in the Major Urban area,
- \$379 in the Bounded Locality; and
- \$430 in the Rural Balance.

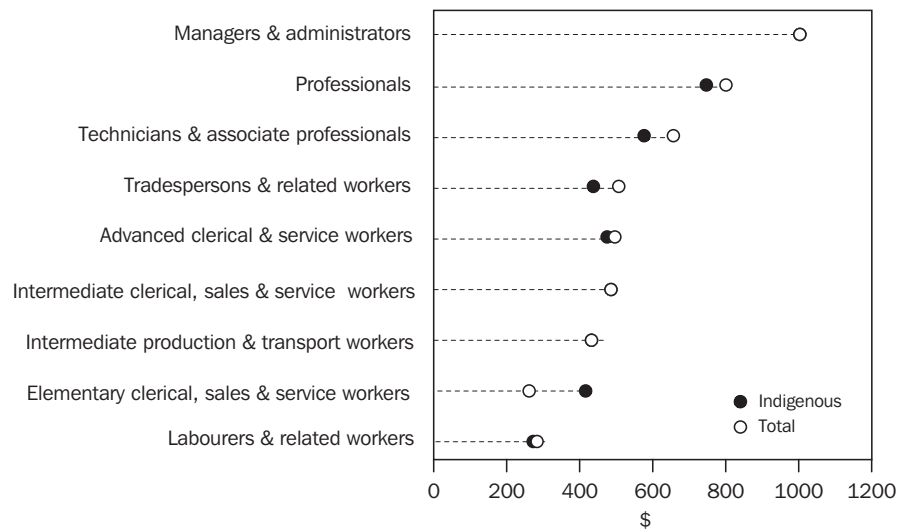
LABOUR FORCE STATUS

The personal median weekly personal income for employed Indigenous people in the ACT was \$543. This was 9.0% lower than the income of the total employed population. The median weekly incomes of the unemployed and those not in the labour force were \$107 and \$134 respectively for the Indigenous population of the ACT, compared to \$103 and \$143 recorded for the total population.

OCCUPATION

Within the Indigenous population, the highest median personal weekly income was recorded for Managers and Administrators (\$1000) and the lowest for Labourers and related workers (\$290). These incomes were similar to those for the same occupations in the total population. Elementary clerical, sales and service was the only group for the Indigenous population which recorded a higher income level than the total population, \$403 compared to \$271.

MEDIAN WEEKLY INCOME BY OCCUPATION



Source: Table 5.5

QUALIFICATIONS

In both populations, employed persons with degrees had higher personal incomes than those with vocational training or who were not qualified. The median weekly income of Indigenous persons with a degree was \$762 which was 7.6% lower than the median income of those in the total population holding a degree. For persons with vocational qualifications, the Indigenous median income (\$541) was 5.6% lower than that for the total population (\$573). Indigenous people without qualifications had a median weekly income (\$475), 2.6% higher than that recorded for the total population (\$463).

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.	126	15 182
\$1-\$159	253	51 182	370	38 346
\$160-\$299	178	29 127	313	33 437
\$300-\$399	87	14 988	137	18 001
\$400-\$599	190	42 398	301	38 944
\$600-\$799	112	29 915	193	32 331
\$800-\$999	51	16 532	96	19 407
\$1 000 or more	23	14 150	98	26 923
Not stated	68	14 618	80	9 732
Total	962	212 910	1 714	232 303
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(c)	322	402	306	432

(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	89	26	11	126
\$1-\$159	196	120	54	370
\$160-\$299	110	149	54	313
\$300-\$399	42	83	12	137
\$400-\$599	85	180	36	301
\$600-\$799	28	138	27	193
\$800-\$999	4	73	19	96
\$1 000 or more	0	71	25	96
Not stated	39	33	8	80
Total	593	873	246	1 714
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(b)	153	446	304	306
TOTAL				
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	8 884	3 098	3 200	15 182
\$1-\$159	16 319	10 549	11 478	38 346
\$160-\$299	8 241	10 836	14 360	33 437
\$300-\$399	4 541	7 237	6 223	18 001
\$400-\$599	7 151	18 555	13 238	38 944
\$600-\$799	2 721	19 407	10 203	32 331
\$800-\$999	372	11 562	7 472	19 406
\$1 000 or more	187	13 936	12 798	26 921
Not stated	3 309	3 062	3 361	9 732
Total	51 725	98 242	82 333	232 303
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(b)	149	570	464	432

(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	Bounded Locality	Rural Balance	Total(c)
INDIGENOUS				
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	125	0	5	130
\$1-\$159	368	0	4	372
\$160-\$299	315	0	0	315
\$300-\$399	138	0	3	141
\$400-\$599	302	0	5	307
\$600-\$799	196	0	0	196
\$800-\$999	96	0	0	96
\$1 000 or more	88	0	0	88
Not stated	82	0	0	82
Total	1 710	0	17	1 727
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(d)	304	0	139	306
TOTAL				
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	15 061	25	87	15 173
\$1-\$159	37 970	31	221	38 222
\$160-\$299	33 008	34	199	33 241
\$300-\$399	17 599	32	118	17 749
\$400-\$599	38 209	28	285	38 522
\$600-\$799	31 560	35	224	31 819
\$800-\$999	18 917	22	110	19 049
\$1 000 or more	26 179	24	92	26 295
Not stated	9 547	3	92	9 642
Total	228 050	234	1 428	229 712
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(d)	429	379	430	432

(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)

	<i>Employed</i>			<i>Unemployed</i>	<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>Not in the labour force</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>CDEP(b)</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>					
INDIGENOUS								
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	0	6	6	18	24	100	3	127
\$1–\$159	0	56	56	113	169	199	3	371
\$160–\$299	0	99	99	49	148	163	3	314
\$300–\$399	0	94	94	3	97	40	0	137
\$400–\$599	0	274	274	5	279	22	0	301
\$600–\$799	0	187	187	0	187	6	0	193
\$800–\$999	0	91	91	0	91	5	0	96
\$1 000 or more	0	97	97	0	97	0	0	97
Not stated	0	12	12	8	20	43	17	80
<i>Total</i>	0	916	916	196	1 112	578	26	1 714
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(c)	0	543	543	107	477	134	80	306
TOTAL								
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	0	733	733	2 101	2 834	12 278	71	15 183
\$1–\$159	0	12 086	12 086	5 627	17 713	20 536	98	38 347
\$160–\$299	0	15 090	15 090	2 576	17 666	15 673	99	33 438
\$300–\$399	0	13 298	13 298	491	13 789	4 183	29	18 001
\$400–\$599	0	33 845	33 845	375	34 220	4 682	43	38 945
\$600–\$799	0	29 841	29 841	157	29 998	2 312	19	32 329
\$800–\$999	0	18 429	18 429	57	18 486	916	5	19 407
\$1 000 or more	0	25 935	25 935	68	26 003	907	12	26 922
Not stated	0	1 452	1 452	354	1 806	4 156	3 770	9 732
Total	0	150 709	150 709	11 806	162 515	65 643	4 146	232 303
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(c)	0	597	597	103	565	143	187	432

(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>Tradespersons and related workers</i>	<i>Advanced clerical and service workers</i>
INDIGENOUS					
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	0	0	0	3	0
\$1–\$159	0	3	4	8	3
\$160–\$299	3	5	5	18	0
\$300–\$399	4	5	9	10	5
\$400–\$599	7	20	49	32	10
\$600–\$799	12	55	31	14	0
\$800–\$999	14	37	16	4	3
\$1 000 or more	47	22	12	3	3
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>126</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>24</i>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(b)	1 000	747	583	444	480
TOTAL					
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	69	83	103	57	27
\$1–\$159	152	1 000	594	539	242
\$160–\$299	696	1 614	1 019	1 625	523
\$300–\$399	924	1 465	1 214	1 569	553
\$400–\$599	1 733	5 229	4 628	4 269	1 846
\$600–\$799	1 991	9 565	5 149	2 840	978
\$800–\$999	2 314	8 690	3 037	963	199
\$1 000 or more	9 799	10 397	2 587	497	204
Not stated	104	205	169	157	42
Total	17 782	38 248	18 500	12 516	4 614
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(b)	1 000	801	662	511	501

(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	3	0	0	0	3	9
\$1–\$159	11	6	12	5	5	57
\$160–\$299	35	4	10	15	3	98
\$300–\$399	34	4	10	9	3	93
\$400–\$599	95	16	26	9	10	274
\$600–\$799	56	4	0	0	11	183
\$800–\$999	11	3	3	0	3	94
\$1 000 or more	8	0	3	0	3	101
Not stated	3	3	0	3	7	16
<i>Total</i>	256	40	64	41	48	925
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(b)	491	456	403	290	529	543
TOTAL						
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	80	28	84	33	173	737
\$1–\$159	2 427	730	4 154	1 581	668	12 087
\$160–\$299	4 024	743	2 708	1 517	618	15 087
\$300–\$399	3 402	823	1 766	1 066	515	13 297
\$400–\$599	8 598	2 095	2 695	1 508	1 244	33 845
\$600–\$799	5 994	975	869	383	1 093	29 837
\$800–\$999	1 968	326	260	98	576	18 431
\$1 000 or more	1 218	189	252	53	737	25 933
Not stated	227	74	143	72	263	1 456
Total	27 938	5 983	12 931	6 311	5 887	150 710
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(b)	491	460	271	298	534	596

(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)

	<i>Degree/diploma</i>	<i>Vocational</i>	<i>Not qualified</i>	<i>Inadequately described/not stated(b)</i>	<i>Total</i>
INDIGENOUS					
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	0	0	4	0	4
\$1–\$159	5	3	44	3	55
\$169–\$299	8	6	78	6	98
\$300–\$399	6	11	69	7	93
\$400–\$599	46	41	164	22	273
\$600–\$799	59	25	95	8	187
\$800–\$999	44	6	31	10	91
\$1 000 or more	58	6	29	4	97
Not stated	0	3	7	3	13
<i>Total</i>	226	101	521	63	911
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(c)	762	541	475	527	545
TOTAL					
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Negative/nil income	173	99	359	98	729
\$1–\$159	1 375	644	9 039	1 029	12 087
\$169–\$299	2 840	1 548	9 595	1 107	15 090
\$300–\$399	2 377	1 884	7 878	1 160	13 299
\$400–\$599	8 266	5 995	16 634	2 948	33 843
\$600–\$799	11 621	4 932	11 286	2 001	29 840
\$800–\$999	10 685	2 108	4 720	915	18 428
\$1 000 or more	18 603	1 590	4 695	1 049	25 937
Not stated	320	176	687	271	1 454
Total	56 260	18 976	64 893	10 578	150 709
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Median income(c)	825	573	463	519	597

(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 the Australian Capital Territory.

ATTENDANCE AT AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

At the time of the 1996 Census 40.8% of the Indigenous population were attending an educational institution, compared to 31.5% 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 35.7% to 40.8%, while that of the total population remained relatively stable at around 32%.

The proportion of the Indigenous population attending a tertiary institution increased over the same ten year period with 5.7% attending a tertiary institution in 1986, increasing to 8.5% 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, 9.6% of the Indigenous population had left school at 14 years or under compared to 13.5% in 1986. A similar decline was evident for the total population (6.8% in 1996 compared to 9.3% in 1986).

In 1996, 39.3% of the Indigenous population had left school at 15 or 16 years of age, down from the 49.0% recorded in 1986. In comparison 29.4% of the total population had left school at 15 or 16 years, a decrease from 36.3% recorded in 1986. The proportion of Indigenous people leaving school at 17 years or over increased from 26.1% in 1986 to 37.3% in 1996. This change was consistent with the general trend in the total population for the same period (an increase from 43.8% to 53.0%), although it represents a higher rate of change for the Indigenous population.

LEVEL OF ATTAINMENT

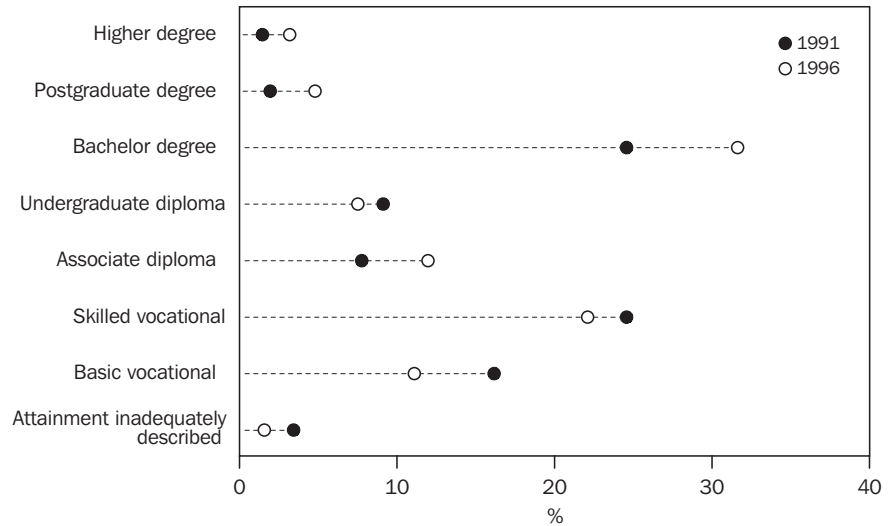
Results from the 1996 Census indicated that a significantly lower proportion of the Indigenous population had post secondary school qualifications (26.9%) compared to the total population (45.9%). This was despite an increase in the proportion of Indigenous persons with post secondary school qualifications (22.8% in 1991 and 26.9% in 1996).

As at August 1996, 5.7% of the Indigenous population had Skilled vocational qualifications and 2.9% had Basic vocational qualifications. Similar proportions were recorded for the total population (6.9% and 3.8% respectively).

LEVEL OF ATTAINMENT
continued

Between 1991 and 1996, increases were recorded in the proportion of Indigenous people with Bachelor degrees (5.4% to 8.2%) and Associate diplomas (1.7% to 3.1%). These compare to increases in the total population from 12.9% to 15.6% (Bachelor degree) and from 1.8% to 3.5% (Associate diploma) over the same period.

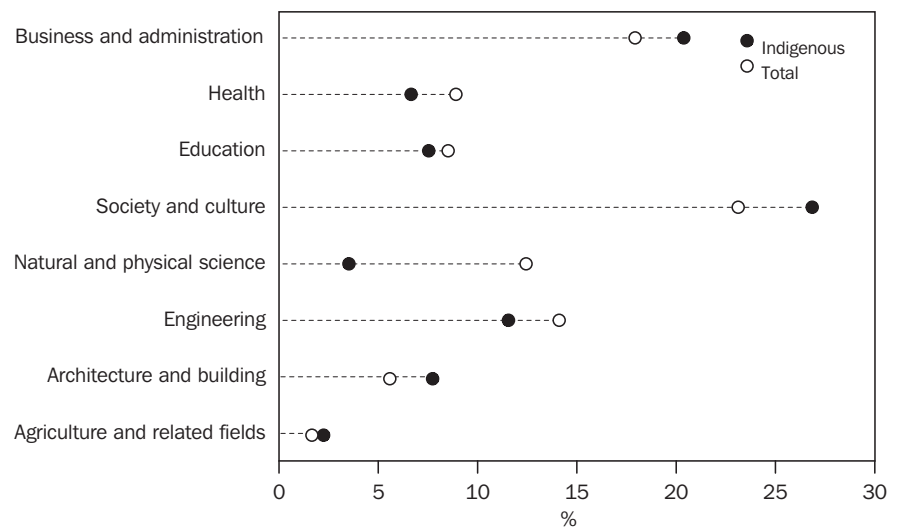
LEVEL OF ATTAINMENT, INDIGENOUS PERSONS 15 YEARS AND OVER



Source: Table 6.3

FIELD OF ATTAINMENT

Of the 462 Indigenous people with post secondary school qualifications, most were achieved in the fields of Society and culture (26.2%) or Business and administration (19.9%). Likewise, the major fields of attainment for the total population were Society and culture (22.5%) and Business and administration (17.5%).



Source: Table 6.4.

6.1 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ATTENDED

	1986	1991	1996
<i>Educational institution</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
INDIGENOUS			
Preschool(a)	27	44	71
Infants/primary(a)	185	269	493
Secondary(a)	98	152	262
Technical or Further Education(a)	30	44	82
University or other tertiary(a)	30	87	159
Other(a)	0	15	18
Institution not stated(b)	7	41	76
Not attending	627	906	1 616
Attendance not stated(c)	52	25	67
<i>Total</i>	<i>1 056</i>	<i>1 583</i>	<i>2 844</i>
TOTAL			
Preschool(a)	4 972	4 600	4 431
Infants/primary(a)	29 782	29 524	30 294
Secondary(a)	24 634	24 697	24 740
Technical or Further Education(a)	8 166	9 156	9 120
University or other tertiary(a)	12 480	19 045	21 574
Other(a)	1 708	2 387	1 976
Institution not stated(b)	2 906	3 558	2 045
Not attending	157 827	180 359	196 517
Attendance not stated(c)	7 716	6 827	8 339
Total	250 191	280 153	299 036

(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)

<i>Age left school</i>	1986	1991	1996
	INDIGENOUS		
	%	%	%
Still at school	5.29	8.84	7.70
Never attended school	0.62	1.25	0.47
14 years and under	13.53	8.84	9.57
15 years	26.59	20.48	18.73
16 years	22.40	22.66	20.54
17 years	13.53	17.36	20.01
18 years	10.73	11.85	13.65
19 years and over	1.87	3.53	3.68
Not stated	5.44	5.20	5.66
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.
<i>Total</i>	<i>643</i>	<i>962</i>	<i>1 714</i>
	TOTAL		
	%	%	%
Still at school	6.56	6.49	5.78
Never attended school	0.62	0.48	0.32
14 years and under	9.33	6.87	6.77
15 years	16.50	13.69	12.65
16 years	19.76	17.53	16.76
17 years	22.12	22.55	24.83
18 years	17.81	19.32	23.12
19 years and over	3.89	7.74	5.03
Not stated	3.42	5.33	4.73
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.
Total	184 597	212 910	232 303

(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 degrees	0.31	3.26	0.82	4.10
Postgraduate diploma	0.42	2.02	1.23	2.92
Bachelor degree	5.40	12.96	8.23	15.61
Undergraduate diploma	1.97	4.34	1.93	3.75
Associate diploma	1.66	1.79	3.09	3.54
Skilled vocational qualification	5.40	7.60	5.72	6.94
Basic vocational qualification	3.53	4.35	2.86	3.83
Level of attainment inadequately described	0.73	0.62	0.35	0.71
Level of attainment not stated	3.43	5.48	2.74	4.49
Total	22.85	42.42	26.95	45.88
Not qualified(b)	72.17	52.79	66.74	48.75
Not stated	4.98	4.79	6.30	5.37
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	963	212 908	1 714	232 303

(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	16.89	15.93	19.91	17.51
Health	5.02	9.69	6.49	8.71
Education	5.02	8.68	7.36	8.32
Society and culture	27.40	21.91	26.19	22.53
Natural and physical sciences	6.39	11.68	3.46	12.18
Engineering	14.16	15.47	11.26	13.77
Architecture and building	9.13	6.25	7.58	5.49
Agriculture and related fields	2.28	1.60	2.16	1.61
Miscellaneous fields	8.68	4.32	6.93	4.06
Field of study inadequately described	2.28	1.96	3.90	2.17
Field of study not stated	2.74	2.50	4.76	3.63
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	219	90 324	462	106 587

(a) Post-school educational qualification.

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

6.5

WHETHER HAS QUALIFICATION(a)

	Major Urban	Bounded Locality	Rural Balance	Total(b)
INDIGENOUS				
	%	%	%	%
Has qualification(c)	26.67	0.00	23.81	26.63
No qualification(d)	67.25	0.00	61.90	67.19
Not stated(e)	6.08	0.00	14.29	6.18
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.
<i>Total</i>	<i>1 710</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>1 731</i>
TOTAL				
	%	%	%	%
Has qualification(c)	45.68	50.85	41.03	45.66
No qualification(d)	48.95	45.73	51.43	48.96
Not stated(e)	5.37	3.42	7.54	5.39
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	228 050	234	1 433	229 717

(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 the ACT and the languages they spoke at home, and compares these figures with those for the total population.

RELIGION

Around 67% of the Indigenous population of the ACT reported a religious denomination, compared with 71% 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 1,849 persons, or 65.0% reporting it as their religion. In the total population, 67.0% said they were Christians.

In the Indigenous population, 67.7% of those people aged 15–24 years reported Christianity as their religious denomination compared to 75.4% of those aged 45 and over. A similar pattern occurred in the total population with 64.7% in the 15–24 age group and 74.3% of those aged over 45 reporting Christianity as their religious denomination.

Western Catholics (28.0%) and Anglicans (23.8%) were the largest Christian denominations, and, in addition to members of the Uniting and Presbyterian Churches, accounted for 56.8% of the Indigenous population.

Only 14 people, or 0.5% of the Indigenous population of the ACT reported practising Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions.

The Indigenous population was more likely not to follow any religious denomination than the total population with 23.9% of the Indigenous population stating that they had no religion, compared to 20.5% of the total population.

LANGUAGE

English was spoken at home by 92.8% of the Indigenous population and 84.1% of the total population. Other languages were spoken by 2.4% of the Indigenous population; but in the total population this figure was more than five times as high at 13.7%. In the Major Urban area, 4.7% of Indigenous persons spoke a language at home which was not English. The comparable figure was 13.8% for the total population.

Only 2.3% of the Indigenous population reported speaking an Australian Indigenous language at home.

7.1 RELIGION, BY AGE

Religion	Age group (years)				Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45 and over	
INDIGENOUS					
	%	%	%	%	%
Australian Aboriginal traditional religions	0.00	0.67	0.92	0.00	0.42
Christianity	60.28	67.39	66.90	74.49	65.04
Other religions	1.42	0.84	1.37	2.83	1.41
No religion(a)	28.37	22.69	20.39	15.79	23.64
Not stated(b)	9.93	8.40	10.42	6.88	9.50
<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>1 128</i>	<i>595</i>	<i>873</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>2 843</i>
TOTAL					
	%	%	%	%	%
Australian Aboriginal traditional religions	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Christianity	64.42	64.43	64.34	74.22	67.09
Other religions	3.25	3.40	4.04	2.71	3.39
No religion(a)	21.58	23.18	22.43	14.11	20.08
Not stated(b)	10.75	8.99	9.19	8.96	9.44
<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	66 730	51 729	98 242	82 331	299 036

(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)

	<i>Major Urban</i>	<i>Bounded Locality</i>	<i>Rural Balance</i>	<i>Total(b)</i>
INDIGENOUS				
	%	%	%	%
Australian Aboriginal traditional religions	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.42
Christianity	65.15	0.00	55.17	65.05
Other religions	1.40	0.00	0.00	1.39
No religion(c)	23.58	0.00	34.48	23.69
Not stated(d)	9.45	0.00	10.34	9.46
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.
<i>Total</i>	<i>2 858</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>2 887</i>
TOTAL				
	%	%	%	%
Australian Aboriginal traditional religions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christianity	67.32	70.03	64.14	67.30
Other religions	3.43	1.26	1.35	3.41
No religion(c)	20.09	22.08	22.46	20.11
Not stated(d)	9.16	6.62	12.06	9.17
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	294 078	317	1 857	296 252

(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	
	%
Western Catholic(a)	28.02
No Religion(b)	23.90
Anglican	23.83
Not stated	9.28
Uniting Church	2.83
Presbyterian	2.11
Baptist	1.76
Christian, n.f.d.	1.58
Salvation Army	0.86
Jehovah's Witnesses	0.75
Buddhism	0.72
Assemblies of God	0.68
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons)	0.64
Lutheran	0.61
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	0.57
Pentecostal, n.f.d.	0.54
Australian Aboriginal traditional religions	0.50
Seventh-day Adventist	0.32
Islam	0.25
Inadequately Described	0.25
	no.
Total	2 791
TOTAL	
	%
Western Catholic(a)	30.65
No Religion(b)	20.45
Anglican	20.35
Not stated	9.39
Uniting Church	5.29
Presbyterian	3.56
Lutheran	1.40
Baptist	1.39
Greek Orthodox	1.39
Buddhism	1.33
Christian, n.f.d.	1.26
Islam	0.85
Hinduism	0.65
Pentecostal, n.f.d.	0.44
Salvation Army	0.33
Serbian Orthodox	0.32
Jehovah's Witnesses	0.28
Churches of Christ (Conference)	0.24
Assemblies of God	0.23
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons)	0.21
	no.
Total	291 043

(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	1.42	3.03	2.86	3.66	2.39
English	93.10	92.61	93.24	90.24	92.79
Other languages(a)	3.10	1.85	1.95	3.25	2.50
Not stated	2.39	2.52	1.95	2.85	2.32
<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>1 130</i>	<i>595</i>	<i>873</i>	<i>246</i>	<i>2 844</i>
TOTAL					
	%	%	%	%	%
Australian Indigenous languages	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03
English	87.22	85.31	83.94	81.18	84.15
Other languages(a)	10.64	12.54	13.98	16.28	13.62
Not stated	2.11	2.12	2.04	2.53	2.20
<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	66 731	51 727	98 242	82 333	299 036

(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>Bounded Locality</i>	<i>Rural Balance</i>	<i>Total(b)</i>
INDIGENOUS				
	%	%	%	%
Australian Indigenous languages	2.27	0.00	9.38	2.34
English	92.85	100.00	90.63	92.83
Other languages(c)	2.41	0.00	0.00	2.38
Not stated	2.48	0.00	0.00	2.45
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.
<i>Total</i>	<i>2 867</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>2 902</i>
TOTAL				
	%	%	%	%
Australian Indigenous languages	0.03	0.00	0.16	0.03
English	84.04	98.13	90.93	84.10
Other languages(c)	13.74	1.87	4.48	13.67
Not stated	2.19	0.00	4.43	2.20
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total	294 982	321	1 874	297 176

(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	93.91
Not stated	2.35
Australian Indigenous languages n.f.d.	1.14
Inadequately described	0.39
Samoan	0.39
Kriol	0.32
Torres Strait Creole (Broken)	0.28
Greek	0.25
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles n.f.d.	0.21
Italian	0.18
Arrente (Aranda)	0.14
Pitjantjatjara	0.14
French	0.14
Eastern Aboriginal n.e.c.	0.14
	no.
<i>Total</i>	<i>2 810</i>
TOTAL	
	%
English	87.40
Not stated	2.29
Italian	1.30
Croatian	1.08
Greek	1.00
Spanish	0.86
Cantonese	0.83
Vietnamese	0.81
German	0.81
Polish	0.51
Mandarin	0.48
Arabic (including Lebanese)	0.39
Serbian	0.38
French	0.32
Tagalog (Filipino)	0.30
Lao	0.27
Hindi	0.25
Inadequately described	0.24
Finnish	0.24
Netherlandic	0.23
	no.
Total	287 918

Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

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	1 052	551	814	222	2 639
Speaks an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language and speaks English					
Very well	11	13	22	9	55
Well	4	4	3	0	11
Not well	0	0	0	0	0
Not at all	0	0	0	0	0
Not stated proficiency(a)	3	0	0	0	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>69</i>
Speaks other language(b)	35	11	17	8	71
Not stated language(c)	27	15	17	7	66
Total	1 132	594	873	246	2 845

(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 ?	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> For persons of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin mark both 'Yes' boxes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Aboriginal
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

continued

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 MEDIANS	<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 TABLES	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	
	<i>Place of enumeration</i>		<i>Place of enumeration</i>		<i>Place of enumeration</i>		<i>Place of usual residence(a)</i>	
	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
80089 Acton	6	1 367	4	2 330	10	1 611	5	1 421
80099 Undefined Canberra(b)	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	95
80189 Ainslie	9	4 632	29	4 634	58	4 428	57	4 512
80239 Amaroo	..	..	..	..	5	620	7	616
80279 Aranda	4	2 857	4	2 657	7	2 503	8	2 580
80339 Banks	..	..	..	..	50	3 432	47	3 463
80369 Barton	6	1 051	6	862	18	686	13	573
80459 Belconnen Town Centre	6	1 115	11	2 141	34	2 671	30	2 626
80549 Belconnen—SSD Bal	0	79	0	72	0	54	3	55
80609 Bonython	..	..	31	2 317	28	3 421	27	3 431
80639 Braddon	17	2 564	12	2 430	31	2 923	26	2 407
80729 Bruce	3	951	16	2 045	23	2 494	17	2 233
80819 Calwell	0	5	26	5 349	27	5 915	31	6 038
80909 Campbell	3	3 290	11	3 253	14	2 990	13	3 148
81089 Chapman	3	3 300	4	3 135	5	2 837	4	2 950
81179 Charnwood	38	3 588	54	3 643	76	3 309	73	3 348
81269 Chifley	14	2 712	25	2 539	23	2 200	28	2 268
81359 Chisholm	18	4 590	34	6 071	77	5 794	75	5 885
81449 City (Canberra)	0	123	0	295	3	517	0	150
81549 Conder	..	..	..	..	21	3 355	23	3 388
81629 Cook	8	3 169	13	3 058	18	2 793	19	2 891
81719 Curtin	18	5 706	27	5 402	31	4 980	30	5 124
81809 Deakin	3	2 717	3	2 633	10	2 553	9	2 520
81889 Dickson	9	2 199	8	2 056	16	1 941	18	1 886
81989 Downer	15	3 741	26	3 523	38	3 238	38	3 271
82079 Duffy	15	3 750	6	3 549	32	3 301	33	3 381
82139 Dunlop	..	..	..	..	8	705	8	728
82169 Duntroon	9	1 122	15	1 891	14	1 904	13	1 891
82259 Evatt	19	6 328	37	6 360	43	5 952	43	6 076
82349 Fadden	0	2 929	5	3 317	4	3 443	4	3 495
82439 Farrer	6	3 846	8	3 701	11	3 353	12	3 470
82529 Fisher	23	3 520	15	3 286	26	3 029	29	3 110
82619 Florey	3	2 144	14	5 440	30	5 407	29	5 501
82709 Flynn	15	4 338	12	4 143	31	3 742	30	3 811
82789 Forrest	3	1 293	0	1 374	0	1 305	0	1 154
82889 Fraser	3	2 617	14	2 584	13	2 298	13	2 335
82979 Fyshwick	0	69	3	61	3	68	4	81
83069 Garran	9	3 519	15	3 370	20	3 243	14	2 766
83159 Gilmore	4	697	28	3 158	21	3 105	22	3 140
83249 Giralang	19	3 911	6	4 031	32	3 718	33	3 753
83289 Gordon	..	..	0	713	58	6 477	59	6 592
83339 Gowrie	14	3 753	22	3 789	40	3 482	40	3 530
83379 Greenway	..	..	3	404	10	936	8	949
83429 Griffith	7	3 067	19	3 372	34	3 710	25	3 549
83529 Gungahlin—Hall—SSD Bal	0	78	0	74	0	45	0	43
83609 Hackett	9	3 216	11	3 050	23	2 888	26	2 963
83689 Hall	0	289	0	306	0	318	0	361
83789 Harman	4	343	0	360	0	222	3	187
83879 Hawker	3	3 151	13	3 274	12	2 869	13	2 935
83969 Higgins	19	3 806	19	3 628	28	3 233	29	3 294

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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, BY 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.	
84059	Holder	8	3 320	9	3 078	20	2 776	20	2 806
84149	Holt	6	4 485	25	4 349	50	4 412	53	4 469
84239	Hughes	9	3 056	8	2 921	20	2 899	21	2 960
84329	Hume	0	16	0	13	0	10	0	10
84419	Isaacs	0	0	4	2 426	12	2 525	12	2 596
84509	Isabella Plains	3	729	22	4 283	54	4 329	53	4 419
84589	Jerrabomberra	0	182	3	30	0	21	3	27
84779	Kaleen	24	8 198	28	8 690	64	8 166	63	8 272
84869	Kambah	129	17 312	111	17 590	268	17 009	265	17 328
84959	Kingston (ACT)	21	1 106	34	1 386	45	1 552	50	1 525
85049	Kowen	0	40	0	49	0	16	0	16
85139	Latham	17	4 455	22	4 310	35	3 920	35	3 965
85229	Lyneham	12	2 530	30	4 245	48	4 072	49	3 983
85319	Lyons	19	3 090	31	2 842	57	2 612	59	2 679
85409	McKellar	5	2 663	9	2 973	23	2 904	22	2 970
85489	Macarthur	0	1 303	6	1 453	9	1 678	9	1 731
85589	Macgregor (ACT)	9	4 412	11	4 271	17	3 740	17	3 835
85679	Macquarie	6	2 422	18	2 633	25	2 418	28	2 437
85769	Majura	7	425	0	339	3	338	0	343
85859	Mawson	25	2 862	24	2 901	23	2 645	22	2 699
85949	Melba	14	4 344	15	3 422	16	3 372	13	3 484
86039	Mitchell	0	0	0	7	0	4	0	8
86129	Monash	29	3 390	28	4 009	46	5 727	49	5 838
86219	Narrabundah	65	5 414	80	5 273	147	5 530	149	5 265
86249	Ngunnawal	..	..	..	..	26	4 398	26	4 450
86279	Nicholls	..	..	..	..	13	1 773	13	1 803
86309	Oaks Estate	0	309	3	302	8	312	7	323
86389	O'Connor	23	4 962	31	4 875	53	4 849	47	4 638
86489	O'Malley	0	161	0	535	0	733	0	730
86579	Oxley (ACT)	3	1 540	8	2 123	20	1 905	20	1 925
86669	Page	12	2 547	9	2 582	19	2 525	20	2 587
86719	Palmerston	..	..	..	..	18	5 128	18	5 147
86759	Parkes	0	10	0	9	0	8	0	13
86849	Pearce	20	2 802	23	2 510	26	2 423	20	2 515
86939	Phillip	0	416	20	1 066	27	1 673	28	1 675
87029	Pialligo	0	125	0	103	0	107	0	110
87119	Red Hill (ACT)	8	3 053	6	3 056	19	3 075	16	3 124
87209	Reid	7	1 535	11	1 604	26	1 566	25	1 572
87289	Richardson	45	3 496	42	3 509	62	3 579	62	3 647
87389	Rivett	23	4 004	42	3 729	60	3 292	60	3 355
87479	Russell	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
87569	Scullin	11	3 296	20	3 167	20	2 924	19	2 993
87659	Spence	5	3 256	24	3 082	23	2 869	21	2 926
87749	Stirling	10	2 137	3	2 331	23	2 162	23	2 220
87839	Stromlo	4	212	0	230	0	93	0	89
87929	Symonston	3	449	14	628	24	705	13	449
88019	Theodore	0	0	28	3 653	55	4 087	56	4 143
88109	Torrens	4	2 517	9	2 398	33	2 177	28	2 250
88189	Tuggeranong—SSD Bal	0	68	0	110	0	63	0	64
88289	Turner	9	1 902	7	2 087	6	1 825	7	1 861

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CENSUS COUNTS, BY 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.
88379 Wanniasa	53	9 667	65	9 745	87	8 704	92	8 886
88469 Waramanga	22	3 014	27	2 926	17	2 622	17	2 708
88559 Watson	10	3 754	33	3 836	68	3 725	39	3 226
88649 Weetangera	0	3 111	3	2 940	0	2 600	3	2 686
88739 Weston	6	3 838	22	3 648	30	3 287	29	3 371
88829 Weston Creek-Stromlo —SSD Bal	0	97	0	34	0	28	0	26
88919 Yarralumla	7	2 867	11	2 911	31	2 868	30	2 910
89009 Remainder of ACT	4	342	5	418	3	393	3	323
89499 No usual address, ACT(b)	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	582
89899 Undefined balance of ACT(b)	0	75
Total	1 061	248 788	1 593	279 320	2 895	297 171	2 848	299 041

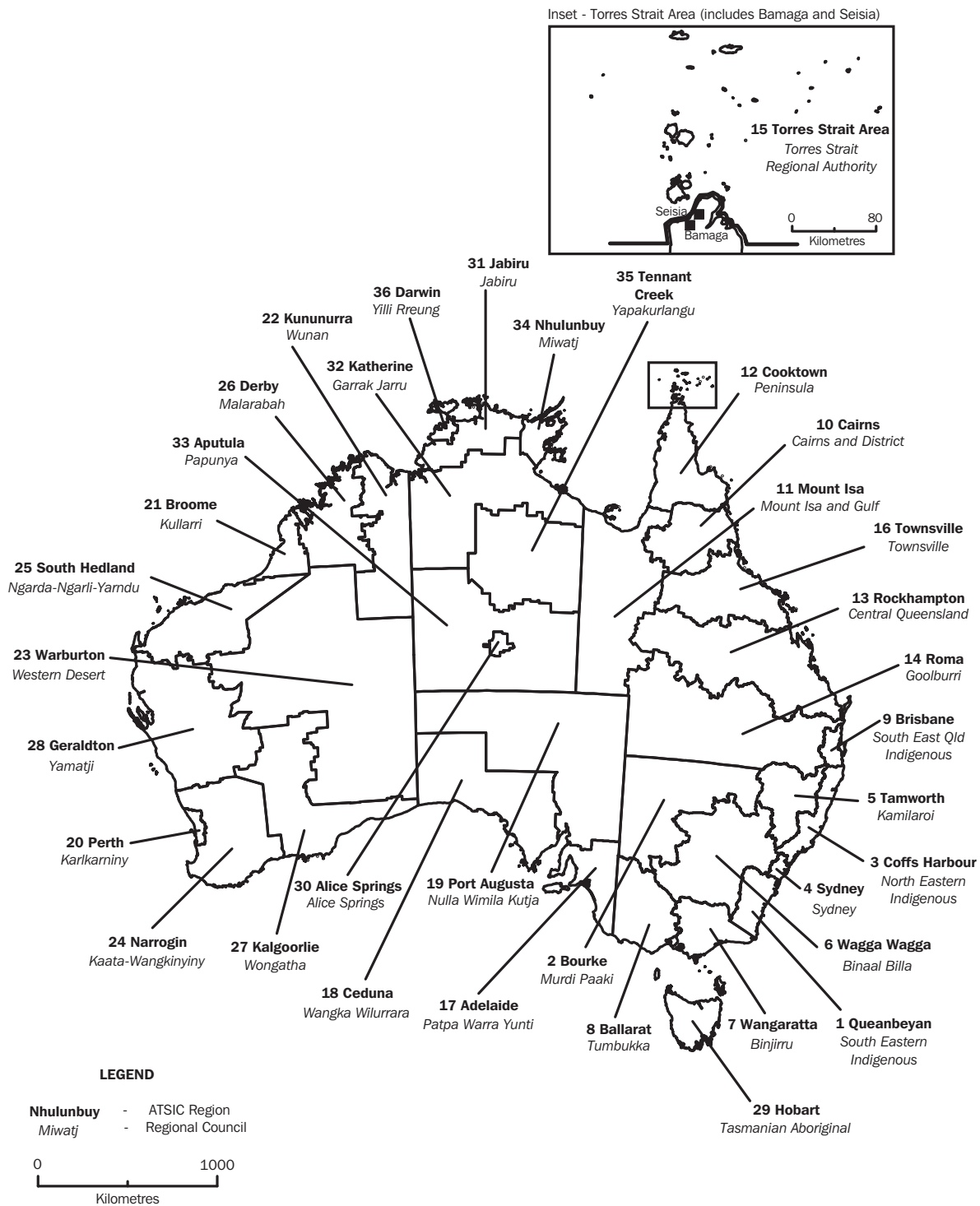
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Source: ABS, unpublished data, 1996 Census.

APPENDIX 2

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION REGIONS



SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, INDIGENOUS PERSONS AND HOUSEHOLDS—BY ATSIIC REGIONS

ATSIIC Region number								Persons
	ERP, 30 June 1996(a)	1996 Census count(b)	Participation rate(c)	Unemployment rate(d)	Employment population ratio(e)	CDEP scheme employment(f)	Median weekly individual income(g)	
	no.	no.	%	%	%	%	\$	
Australian Capital Territory								—
1	Queanbeyan(j)	9 855	9 123	57.40	25.04	43.02	0.62	218
Rest of Australia								—
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
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
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(k)	6 351	5 888	54.53	22.49	42.27	41.08	174
20	Perth(l)	19 765	17 998	48.28	27.54	34.98	0.37	206
21	Broome	3 760	3 423	56.47	10.00	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	21.00	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) Excluding persons who did not state their income.

(h) Includes Jervis Bay Territory.

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

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

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, INDIGENOUS PERSONS AND HOUSEHOLDS—BY ATSIIC REGIONS—continued

ATSIIC Region number	Persons				Households					
	Full-time school students, 15 year olds(a)	Full-time school students, 17year 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.	
Australian Capital Territory										
1	Queanbeyan(h)	69.43	38.96	1.64	14.57	2 846	3.2	63.70	540	1.1
Rest of Australia										
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
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
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(i)	37.04	15.12	18.22	26.11	1 121	4.0	77.61	450	0.9
20	Perth(j)	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	6 015 815	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) Excluding 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 ATSIIC 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	Labour force status identifies whether a person aged 15 years or over is employed, unemployed or not in the labour force. <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. <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. <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.
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 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:

Major Urban: urban areas with population of 100,000 or more;

Other Urban: urban areas with populations of 1,000 to 99,999;

Bounded Locality: rural areas with population of 200 to 999;

Rural Balance: the remainder of the State or Territory; and

Migratory: areas composed of off-shore, shipping and migratory Collection Districts.

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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