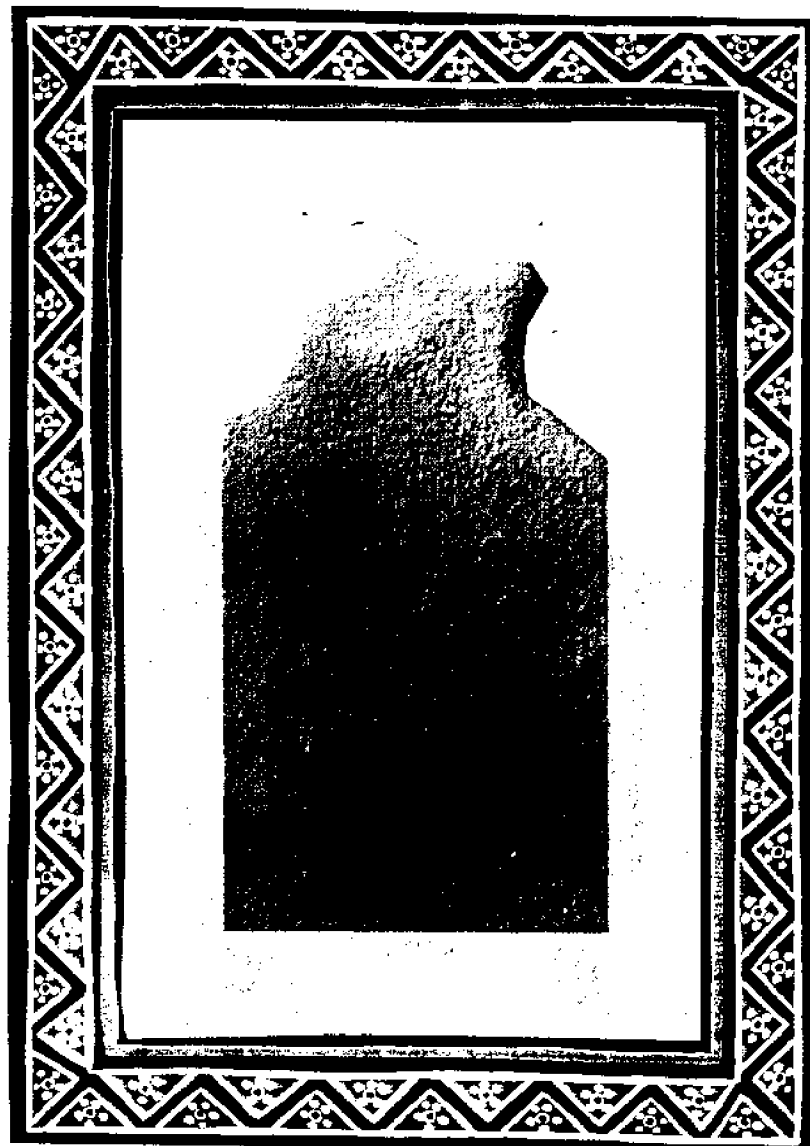


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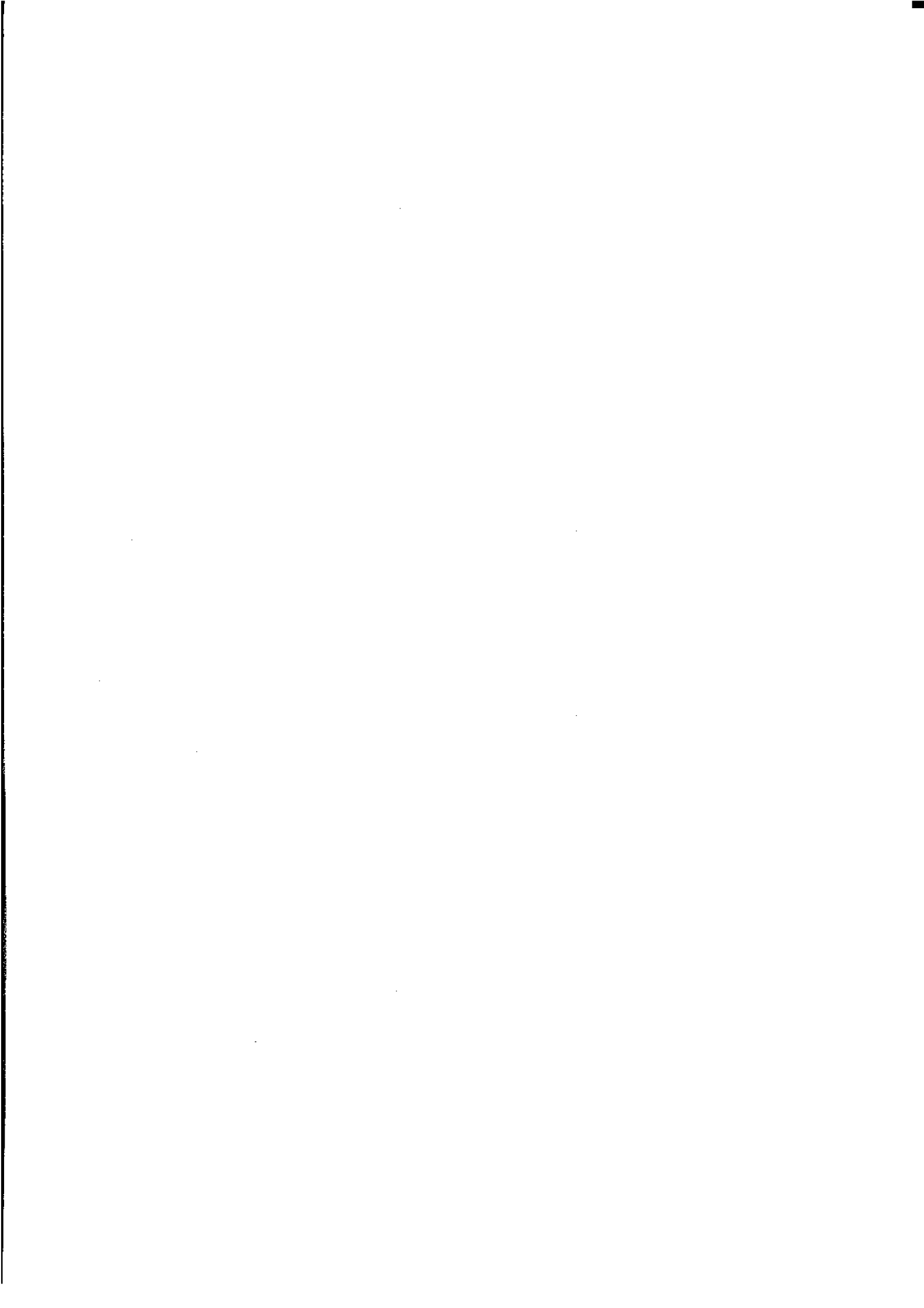
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PREFACE

1994 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey: Northern Territory is one of a series of seven statistical publications, one for each State and the Northern Territory, which present results from the first nationwide survey of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people conducted in 1994. The purpose of these publications is to provide detailed information at the State and Territory levels about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. They provide a range of information to assist State and Northern Territory governments and non-government agencies to plan programs and services to meet the needs of Indigenous people.

The survey was conducted as a part of the government's response to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. It was the paucity of statistical information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population which led to recommendation 49 of the Royal Commission:

That proposals for a special national survey covering a range of social, demographic, health and economic characteristics of the Aboriginal population with full Aboriginal participation at all levels be supported.

In response to this recommendation, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey was conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) from April to July 1994. Initial results of this survey were published in *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey: Detailed Findings* (4190.0). Publications of *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey: ATSI Regional Statistics* (4190.00.001-036), a thematic publication on *Australia's Indigenous Youth* (4197.0) and *Employment Outcomes for Australia's Indigenous Peoples* (4199.0) have been released this year. Other thematic publications on Australia's Indigenous peoples housing, health and law and justice will be released during 1996.

This series of publications contains a range of statistics relating to family and culture; health; housing; education and training; employment and income; and law and justice. The publications are presented in a common format to allow information for different States and the Northern Territory to be compared easily with each other and with the national results presented in *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey: Detailed Findings* (4190.0). For reasons of accuracy, less detail is presented in some tables in this publication compared with the national results. A standard set of tabulations in the same format with slightly more detail is available on request to the Bureau's National Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics (08 8943 2192).

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FAMILY AND CULTURE

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents a statistical summary of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and cultures and covers the following topics:

- family characteristics;
- separation from families;
- child-care;
- cultural activities;
- identification with clan, tribal or language group;
- role of elders;
- homelands; and
- language.

FAMILIES

Families form an important unit within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and as such the survey collected information on types of families and their characteristics. Families included in this survey were those in which one or more members of the family had identified as being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.

In 91% of families, all family members were Indigenous (60% nationally), while 9% had both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members (40% nationally).

Couple families with children constituted 54% of families (53% nationally), one-parent families 27% (29% nationally) and couple families without children 17% (15% nationally).

In one-parent families, 75% of parents were not employed. For couple families 44% had neither partner employed.

Separation from families

About 7% of persons aged 25 years and over reported being taken away from their natural family by a mission, the government, or welfare.

Child-care

The majority of families (89%) with children aged 12 years and under did not use formal child-care. Approximately 38% had their children looked after by family or friends while 51% looked after their children themselves.

CULTURE

Information relating to participation in Indigenous cultural activities, use of Indigenous languages, the extent to which people identify with clan, tribal or language groups and recognition of and access to homelands, was used in this survey to give an indication of the level of cultural identity and maintenance.

Cultural activities

Over the past year, 85% (72% nationally), of people attended at least one Indigenous cultural activity. Some 68% (54% nationally), attended a funeral, 53% festivals and carnivals (43% nationally), 55% ceremonies (21% nationally), and 16% (22% nationally), were involved with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisations.

Some 12% of persons could not attend one or more cultural activities.

Nearly 64% of persons 13 years and over said they had a place to meet for cultural activities.

Identification with clan, tribal or language group

An estimated 92% of persons aged 13 years and over (60% nationally) said they identified with a clan, tribal or language group, with a greater proportion of rural residents identifying (97%).

Role of elders

Of the persons aged 13 years and over, 95% said that the role of the elders was important, and this general level was consistent across all age groups and different geographic areas.

Homelands

For the purposes of this survey, 'homelands' refers to an area of land to which people have ancestral and/or cultural links. The results show, of people aged 13 years and over, approximately 93% (75% nationally) recognised an area as their homelands, with 40% currently living there. In Darwin, recognition of homelands was lower (86%), and a lower proportion of people were currently living on their homelands (18%).

Language

Of persons aged 13 years and over, 30% reported that they spoke English as their main language, while 66% spoke an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language and 2% Aboriginal English (includes Pidgin English, Broken English and Creole). Nearly 21% reported having difficulty with English and 83% of those experiencing difficulty would have used an interpreter service if one were available. A higher proportion of persons aged 45 years and over experienced difficulty with English (34%).

**TABLE 1. FAMILY AND CULTURE: STATES, NORTHERN TERRITORY
AND NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSIK REGIONS, 1994**

	Families			Persons aged 13 years and over				Persons aged 5 years and over		
	One parent families	Couple families with children	Total (a)	Identifies with a clan	Sees elders as being important	Recognises homelands	Attended cultural activities	Total	Speaks an Indigenous language	Total
		per cent							(^{'000})	
AUSTRALIA(b)	28.5	52.8	84.9	59.8	84.4	75.2	72.1	197.5	21.0	258.7
New South Wales	28.9	51.2	23.9	47.8	82.3	68.6	67.1	52.0	2.7	68.6
Victoria	30.3	48.6	6.3	45.1	80.5	70.6	60.5	12.6	**2.4	16.2
Queensland	26.6	56.3	22.1	57.2	81.9	75.0	72.3	52.1	15.1	67.7
South Australia	38.3	46.1	5.2	67.9	87.6	80.4	75.4	11.9	23.4	15.8
Western Australia	30.1	54.3	12.2	63.7	86.3	75.4	80.7	30.2	20.9	40.1
Tasmania	18.6	54.9	4.0	17.7	66.5	39.9	31.5	6.6	**1.0	8.7
Northern Territory	26.8	53.9	10.5	92.0	94.7	93.8	84.5	30.9	74.1	40.1
NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSIK REGIONS										
Alice Springs	40.3	38.3	1.0	86.2	92.7	88.4	83.2	3.6	52.4	4.3
Jabiru	24.1	56.9	1.8	99.2	95.3	97.9	91.2	5.5	96.0	7.3
Katherine	25.1	57.3	1.8	90.1	95.6	91.7	86.6	4.6	66.8	6.3
Aputula	26.0	55.1	1.7	100.0	98.2	98.6	96.1	5.0	98.0	6.3
Nhulunbuy	23.2	63.7	1.4	97.6	98.2	99.5	79.1	4.5	96.3	6.0
Tennant Creek	17.8	62.2	0.8	94.8	81.2	98.5	97.6	2.2	75.6	3.1
Darwin	30.9	44.8	1.9	75.5	94.5	83.4	68.5	5.5	25.8	6.9

(a) Total includes couple families without children and families of other related individuals. (b) Includes ACT and Jervis Bay.

**TABLE 2. ALL FAMILIES : FAMILY TYPE BY ABORIGINALITY OF FAMILY MEMBERS
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

Family type	Family members				Total	
	Indigenous only		Indigenous and non-indigenous		Total	per cent
	(^{'000})	per cent	(^{'000})	per cent		
One parent family	2.8	28.9	** 0.1	** 7.8	2.8	26.9
Couple family without children	1.6	16.7	** 0.2	** 21.5	1.8	17.1
Couple family with children	5.0	52.1	0.7	70.7	5.7	53.9
Other related individuals only	** 0.2	** 2.3	** 0.0	** 0.0	** 0.2	** 2.1
All families	9.6	100.0	1.0	100.0	10.6	100.0

TABLE 3. ONE PARENT AND COUPLE FAMILIES : FAMILY TYPE BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF PARTNERS AND MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994
(*000)

Family type	Labour Force Status				Main Source of Income				Total
	Both partners employed	One partner(a) employed	Neither partner employed(b)	Not stated	Earned income	Government payments	Nil income	Not stated	
One parent family	..	0.7	2.1	** 0.1	0.6	1.7	** 0.0	** 0.5	2.8
Couple family	1.7	1.9	3.3	0.7	2.6	3.3	** 0.0	1.6	7.5
All one parent and couple families	1.7	2.6	5.3	0.8	3.1	5.0	** 0.1	2.1	10.3

(a) Includes sole parents in one parent families. (b) Includes partners who are unemployed or not in the labour force.

TABLE 4. ALL PERSONS: WHETHER TAKEN AWAY FROM NATURAL FAMILY BY AGE
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994

Whether taken away from natural family	0-14	15-24	25-44	45 and over	Total
	— per cent —				
Taken away	** 1.6	** 3.0	5.7	** 9.6	4.0
Not taken away	98.0	95.4	93.4	89.2	95.1
No answer	** 0.4	** 1.6	** 0.9	** 1.2	** 0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total (*000)	17.6	9.6	13.2	5.6	46.0

TABLE 5. PERSONS AGED 12 YEARS AND UNDER AND THEIR FAMILIES : CURRENT CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS BY AGE AND FAMILIES
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994

Current child care arrangements	Children (Age)			Families	Families (per cent)
	0-4	5-12	Total		
	— '000 —				
Formal care only/or with family/friends	** 0.4	** 0.3	0.7	0.6	8.5
Family/friends private arrangements only	2.3	3.4	5.8	2.7	38.0
Does not use child care	3.2	5.5	8.7	3.6	50.5
Not stated	** 0.0	** 0.0	** 0.0	** 0.2	** 3.1
Total	6.0	9.2	15.2	7.2	100.0

**TABLE 6. PERSONS 13 YEARS AND OVER: WHETHER ATTENDED CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS AND TYPE OF CULTURAL ACTIVITY ATTENDED BY PART OF STATE AND SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

<i>Cultural activities attended</i>	<i>Part of State</i>			<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	<i>Capital city</i>	<i>Other urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>			
	— per cent —					
Persons who attended(a)	68.1	85.5	88.2	84.6	84.4	84.5
Funerals	43.3	75.7	71.0	69.9	66.2	68.0
Ceremonies	29.2	60.7	59.4	58.0	52.5	55.2
Festivals and carnivals	39.4	39.5	62.5	52.3	54.1	53.2
Involved with organisations	17.6	19.7	13.4	15.9	15.3	15.6
Persons who did not attend	31.9	14.5	11.7	15.2	15.6	15.4
Not stated	** 0.0	** 0.0	** 0.2	** 0.2	** 0.0	** 0.1
Total ('000)	4.6	7.8	18.4	15.3	15.6	30.9

(a) Persons may have attended more than one cultural activity.

**TABLE 7. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER: WHETHER COULD ATTEND ALL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS BY PART OF STATE AND SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Part of State</i>		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	<i>Capital city</i>	<i>Other urban/ Rural</i>			
	— per cent —				
Persons who could not attend(a)	13.5	11.6	10.4	13.2	11.8
Persons who could attend	85.6	85.9	87.3	84.5	85.9
Don't know/not stated	** 1.0	2.5	** 2.3	** 2.3	2.3
Total ('000)	4.6	26.2	15.3	15.6	30.9

(a) Persons may have given more than one reason for not being able to attend.

**TABLE 8. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER: SELECTED CULTURAL CHARACTERISTICS BY PART OF STATE AND AGE
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

Selected cultural characteristics	Part of State			Age group (years)		Total
	Capital city	Other urban	Rural	13-24	25 and over	
	— per cent —					
Whether has a place to meet for cultural activities						
Has a place	31.8	54.2	76.5	62.9	64.9	64.1
Does not have a place	59.8	38.2	17.8	26.6	30.9	29.2
Don't know/Not stated/Not applicable	** 8.4	7.6	5.7	10.5	4.1	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Whether identifies with clan tribal or language group						
Identifies	78.7	88.4	96.9	92.6	91.7	92.0
Does not identify	17.7	10.6	** 2.9	6.4	7.4	7.0
Don't know / Not stated	** 3.6	** 1.0	** 0.3	** 1.0	** 0.9	** 1.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Importance of elders						
Role of elders is important	93.4	94.7	95.0	92.7	95.9	94.7
Role of elders is not important	** 6.1	** 3.4	3.0	5.1	** 2.6	3.6
Don't know/Not stated	** 0.5	** 1.9	** 2.0	** 2.2	** 1.5	** 1.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Recognition of homelands						
Recognises area						
Living there now	18.4	39.2	45.8	43.6	37.8	40.0
Not living there now	67.1	51.4	50.9	48.7	56.5	53.4
Does not recognise area	14.0	9.0	** 2.9	7.0	5.6	6.1
Not stated	** 0.4	** 0.3	** 0.4	** 0.7	** 0.2	** 0.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total ('000)	4.6	7.8	18.4	12.0	18.8	30.9

**TABLE 9. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER: MAIN LANGUAGE SPOKEN AND WHETHER HAS DIFFICULTY WITH ENGLISH
BY PART OF STATE AND AGE
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	Part of State			Age group (years)		Total
	Capital city	Other urban	Rural	13-24	25 and over	
	— per cent —					
Main language						
English	65.6	31.8	19.5	29.4	29.6	29.5
Aboriginal English	** 3.4	** 1.1	** 2.7	** 2.2	** 2.5	2.4
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language	27.1	65.7	75.7	66.4	65.6	65.9
Not stated	** 3.3	** 1.2	** 1.8	** 1.5	** 2.0	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Whether has difficulty with English						
Would use an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander interpreter service	15.1	23.0	15.7	12.9	20.3	17.5
Would not use an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander interpreter service	** 1.7	** 2.8	4.6	** 2.5	4.5	3.7
Does not have difficulty with English	83.3	74.2	79.7	84.6	75.1	78.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total ('000)	4.6	7.8	18.4	12.0	18.8	30.9

HEALTH

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents a statistical summary of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and covers the following areas:

- health status;
- disability;
- access and attitudes to health services;
- health risk factors; and
- attitudes to health.

HEALTH STATUS

An indication of an individual's health status can be drawn from information about illness experienced and the individual's own assessment of their health.

Recent illness

An estimated 36% of males (40% nationally), and 40% of females (42% nationally) stated they had experienced a recent illness, i.e. during the two weeks before interview.

Diseases of the respiratory system were the most commonly reported recent illness, being reported by 11% of males and 14% of females.

Health actions

An estimated 43% (44% nationally) of people stated they took a health action in the two weeks prior to the survey. The most common actions taken by these persons were:

- used medication, 64%;
- consulted a doctor, 30%;
- reduced daily activities, 21%;
- visited emergency/outpatients clinic, 22%; and
- consulted an Aboriginal health worker, 43%.

Health conditions

The most commonly stated health conditions were asthma 9%, chest problems 9% and ear or hearing problems 8%. Some 4% of people reported heart problems and 5% reported being diabetic.

Self-assessed health status

The majority (92%) of people considered themselves to be in good, very good or excellent health, with only 7% of the population describing their health as fair or poor. Patterns were similar for males and females.

DISABILITY

Of persons aged five years and over some 3% of persons stated they had a severe or profound handicap resulting from a condition or disability, which had lasted or was expected to last, for six months or more.

The proportion of the population reporting a handicap generally increased with age, with 10% of the 45 years and over age group reporting a severe or profound handicap. The data covered in this section on disability is not displayed in a table.

ACCESS AND ATTITUDES TO HEALTH SERVICES

Distance to the nearest health facilities and availability of services provide a measure of the level of access Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to services such as, hospitals, community health centres, Aboriginal medical services and doctors. Information on attitudes to health services highlights people's satisfaction with local health services.

Distance An estimated 90% (81% nationally) of households were located within 10 km of the nearest community health centre.

Less than half (47%) of households also lived within 25 km of the nearest hospital while 54% lived over 25 km away.

An estimated 38% of households lived over 25 km from the nearest Aboriginal medical service and 62% of households were over 25 km from a detoxification centre.

In rural areas, more people live further from health facilities, with 22% of households within 25 km of the nearest hospital and 78% over 25 km away.

Availability Overall the availability of health professionals and services on a permanent basis within 25 km of where people lived was relatively high for:

- doctors, 54%;
- nurses, 91%;
- Aboriginal health workers, 86%; and
- baby health services, 59%.

However, in rural areas, availability of health professionals was lower:

- doctors, 25%;
- nurses, 83%;
- Aboriginal health workers, 76%; and
- baby health services, 42%.

Attitudes to health services An estimated 90% of people aged 13 years and over thought that it was important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be involved in the provision of their health care. For the same population, 91% said they were happy, or sometimes happy, with the local health services provided.

HEALTH RISK FACTORS

Health risk factors relate to lifestyle, diet and community practices which may impact on the overall health of the individual.

Food security For persons aged 15 years and over, some 46% worried or sometimes worried about going without food. This general level was fairly consistent across age groups.

Information on the period since a person last drank alcohol is an indication of the frequency of individual consumption. The following estimates relate to alcohol and tobacco use for persons aged 13 years and over.

Alcohol and tobacco use Some 44% (62% nationally) of persons consumed alcohol within the previous 12 months, with a higher proportion of males (58%) than females

(31%) having consumed alcohol. More males (38%) than females (19%) reported having consumed alcohol in the previous week.

Some 51% of the 15–44 year age group had consumed alcohol in the last 12 months, and 36% of the 45 and over age group.

Approximately 47% of people smoked cigarettes, with the 15–44 year age group showing the highest proportion of smokers (54%). Males were more likely to smoke (59%) than females (36%).

Relative weight Persons aged 13 years and over, who had their weight and height measurements taken, were grouped according to their body mass index (BMI) scores. On this basis:

- 23% were overweight or obese;
- 19% were an acceptable weight;
- 12% were underweight; and
- 46% were not stated.

Diet The following information on relative fat and sugar consumption levels was derived from the amount of specific foods people aged 13 years and over, consumed the previous day.

Over a third of the people (40%), had a moderate to high or high fat consumption and 56% had moderate to high or high sugar consumption.

There were more males than females in the moderate to high or high consumption categories, for fat (42% compared with 38%) and sugar (60% compared with 52%).

Breastfeeding It was found that of children aged 12 years and under, 90% were breastfed as infants (71% nationally), 92% in rural areas. Some 71% were breastfed for six months or longer.

ATTITUDES TO HEALTH

Attitudes to health indicates the concerns Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have in their area.

For persons aged 13 years and over, some 57% (59% nationally) of people perceived alcohol to be one of the main health problems in their area. This general view was held across all age groups. In Darwin 72%, in other urban areas 61% and in rural areas 53% felt alcohol was a problem.

Diet or nutrition was seen as the second most frequently reported health problem, by 26% of persons.

Some health conditions, such as diabetes were rated similarly as health problems across geographic areas, Darwin 24%, in other urban areas 26% and in rural areas 24%.

**TABLE 10. HEALTH : STATES, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND
NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSI REGIONS, 1994**

	<i>Persons aged 12 years and under</i>		<i>All persons Experienced illness</i>			<i>Persons aged 13 years and over</i>				
	<i>Was breastfed</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Specified</i>			<i>Alcohol considered to be main health problem in local area</i>	<i>Happy with local health services</i>	<i>Total(a)</i>	<i>Smokers</i>	<i>Total</i>
			<i>Recent</i>	<i>long term</i>	<i>Total</i>						per cent	(‘000)	per cent	(‘000)
AUSTRALIA(b)	70.7	105.7	41.2	34.8	303.3	58.8	79.3	194.4	49.7	197.5
New South Wales	60.0	28.6	43.6	38.4	80.5	59.9	74.0	51.1	50.8	52.0
Victoria	61.5	6.6	53.9	46.3	19.2	38.4	81.6	12.4	57.1	12.6
Queensland	72.1	27.8	38.0	33.4	79.8	58.6	81.8	51.3	48.4	52.1
South Australia	60.1	6.5	44.0	37.8	18.4	58.4	78.8	11.7	55.7	11.9
Western Australia	76.3	17.0	37.8	31.8	47.3	75.4	78.6	29.5	48.2	30.2
Tasmania	70.8	3.5	48.1	41.6	10.1	26.2	66.1	6.6	45.9	6.6
Northern Territory	89.7	15.2	38.3	26.7	46.0	57.4	87.5	30.4	47.3	30.9
NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSI REGIONS										
Alice Springs	90.6	1.1	40.5	23.7	4.7	74.4	91.5	3.6	28.9	3.6
Jabiru	92.6	2.9	33.0	23.2	8.5	55.9	90.6	5.5	61.4	5.5
Katherine	89.6	2.7	50.5	29.3	7.3	46.7	71.2	4.6	41.2	4.6
Aputula	98.0	2.1	35.4	23.8	7.1	58.0	79.9	5.0	41.4	5.0
Nhulunbuy	88.6	2.5	42.2	29.4	6.9	30.9	97.6	4.5	59.2	4.5
Tennant Creek	98.1	1.4	19.8	15.0	3.6	90.0	94.0	2.2	32.8	2.2
Darwin	75.4	2.5	37.4	34.3	8.0	66.2	91.6	5.5	49.7	5.5

(a) Total includes couple families without children and families of other related individuals. (b) Includes ACT and Jervis Bay.

**TABLE 11. ALL PERSONS : WHETHER HAVE EXPERIENCED A RECENT ILLNESS AND TYPE OF CONDITION (a)
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994
(‘000)**

	<i>Persons</i>
Have experienced a recent illness condition	
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.7
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders	0.9
Mental disorders	** 0.2
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs	2.2
Diseases of the circulatory system	1.5
Diseases of the respiratory system	5.7
Diseases of the digestive system	1.1
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	2.4
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	1.2
Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions	3.8
Injury and poisoning	2.2
Other conditions or unspecified	2.8
Total persons who experienced recent illness(b)	17.6
Total persons who did not experience recent illness	28.4
Total	46.0

(a) Condition groups based on chapter headings of the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD9). (b) Columns do not add to 'Total persons who experienced recent illness' because more than one illness may have been reported.

**TABLE 12. ALL PERSONS : WHETHER TOOK A HEALTH RELATED ACTION AND TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS BY AGE AND PART OF STATE
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994
(*000)**

	<i>Age group (years)</i>			<i>Part of State</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Less than 15</i>	<i>15 - 44</i>	<i>45 and over</i>	<i>Capital city</i>	<i>Other urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>	
Took an action	7.2	9.5	3.3	3.0	5.5	11.4	20.0
Type of actions taken(a)							
Visited emergency/ outpatients clinic	1.3	2.4	0.6	0.8	1.5	1.9	4.3
Was admitted to hospital	0.8	1.1	** 0.4	** 0.4	0.6	1.3	2.3
Consulted doctor	2.2	2.8	1.1	1.4	1.5	3.0	6.0
Consulted Aboriginal health worker	3.4	3.8	1.4	0.7	2.4	5.6	8.6
Consulted nurse	2.2	2.2	0.9	** 0.5	1.4	3.4	5.3
Used medication	4.2	6.0	2.6	2.0	3.5	7.3	12.8
Used bush medicine	1.4	2.2	1.0	** 0.5	1.0	3.2	4.7
Reduced daily activities	1.5	2.1	** 0.5	0.9	1.1	2.1	4.1
Took no action	10.4	13.3	2.3	3.6	6.8	15.7	26.0
Total Persons(b)	17.6	22.8	5.6	6.6	12.3	27.1	46.0

(a) Persons may have taken more than one type of action. (b) Includes persons who did not state if they took an action.

**TABLE 13. ALL PERSONS : TYPE OF SPECIFIED CURRENT CONDITION BY AGE THEN SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994
(*000)**

<i>Type of condition(a)</i>	<i>Less than 15</i>	<i>15 - 44</i>	<i>45 and over</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Asthma	1.4	1.9	0.8	2.1	2.1	4.2
Diabetes	** 0.1	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.6	2.3
Heart problems	** 0.3	0.9	0.6	0.7	1.2	1.8
Chest problems	0.9	2.2	1.0	1.9	2.2	4.2
Skin problems	1.3	1.6	** 0.5	1.3	2.1	3.4
High blood pressure	** 0.0	2.2	1.4	1.6	2.0	3.6
Ear or hearing problems	1.6	1.8	** 0.5	1.9	2.0	3.9
Eye problems(b)	0.7	0.6	** 0.4	0.9	0.8	1.7
Kidney problems	** 0.4	0.8	** 0.4	0.9	0.7	1.6
Total Persons(c)	17.6	22.8	5.6	23.1	22.9	46.0

(a) Figures are comparable with those listed as 'All sufferers' in Detailed Findings 4 190.0 (b) Excludes eye problems which can be corrected by glasses. (c) Includes persons who did not have a specified current condition.

**TABLE 14. ALL PERSONS : SELF ASSESSED HEALTH STATUS BY AGE AND SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

<i>Self assessed health status</i>	<i>Age group (years)</i>				<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	<i>0-14</i>	<i>15-24</i>	<i>25-44</i>	<i>45 and over</i>			
			— per cent —				
Excellent	38.2	27.6	20.9	** 8.1	28.8	26.0	27.4
Very good	31.6	35.5	27.9	19.5	31.2	28.6	29.9
Good	27.3	32.0	41.4	50.0	32.6	37.7	35.1
Fair or poor	** 2.8	** 4.6	9.6	21.5	7.2	7.7	7.4
Not stated	** 0.1	** 0.3	** 0.2	** 0.9	** 0.3	** 0.2	** 0.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total (*000)	17.6	9.6	13.2	5.6	23.1	22.9	46.0

TABLE 15. HOUSEHOLDS IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS : TYPE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND SERVICES BY PART OF STATE
BY AVAILABILITY WITHIN 25 KM
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994

Type of health professionals and services	Permanent	Visiting	Not available	Total(a)	Total ('000)
CAPITAL CITY					
— per cent —					
Doctor/GP	83.5	** 16.5	** 0.0	100.0	1.6
Nurse	100.0	** 0.0	** 0.0	100.0	1.6
Aboriginal Health Worker	94.0	** 6.0	** 0.0	100.0	1.6
Dentist	89.5	** 0.0	** 10.5	100.0	1.6
Mental Health Services	89.5	** 0.0	** 0.0	100.0	1.6
Health Promotional Services	89.5	** 0.0	** 10.5	100.0	1.6
Ante-natal Services	89.5	** 0.0	** 10.5	100.0	1.6
Diabetic Services	89.5	** 0.0	** 10.5	100.0	1.6
Women's Health Services	89.5	** 0.0	** 10.5	100.0	1.6
Baby Health Services	89.5	** 0.0	** 10.5	100.0	1.6
Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic	89.5	** 0.0	** 10.5	100.0	1.6
Flying Medical Services	..	** 0.0	93.9	100.0	1.6
OTHER URBAN					
— per cent —					
Doctor/GP	87.6	** 0.0	** 0.0	100.0	2.3
Nurse	100.0	** 0.0	** 0.0	100.0	2.3
Aboriginal Health Worker	100.0	** 0.0	** 0.0	100.0	2.3
Dentist	67.5	** 1.0	31.5	100.0	2.3
Mental Health Services	52.4	** 0.0	35.2	100.0	2.3
Health Promotional Services	53.4	** 20.9	** 13.3	100.0	2.3
Ante-natal Services	71.6	** 2.7	** 13.3	100.0	2.3
Diabetic Services	70.7	** 15.9	** 1.0	100.0	2.3
Women's Health Services	71.6	** 15.9	** 0.0	100.0	2.3
Baby Health Services	71.6	** 15.9	** 0.0	100.0	2.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic	53.4	** 15.9	** 18.3	100.0	2.3
Flying Medical Services	..	38.8	32.8	100.0	2.3
RURAL					
— per cent —					
Doctor/GP	25.4	61.5	13.3	100.0	4.4
Nurse	83.1	** 0.6	16.3	100.0	4.4
Aboriginal Health Worker	76.3	** 10.9	12.8	100.0	4.4
Dentist	** 0.0	44.8	55.2	100.0	4.4
Mental Health Services	** 6.2	19.1	74.7	100.0	4.4
Health Promotional Services	19.8	40.7	39.5	100.0	4.4
Ante-natal Services	22.6	30.3	47.2	100.0	4.4
Diabetic Services	24.3	22.7	52.9	100.0	4.4
Women's Health Services	38.2	26.8	35.1	100.0	4.4
Baby Health Services	41.8	27.9	30.3	100.0	4.4
Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic	32.9	29.8	37.3	100.0	4.4
Flying Medical Services	..	66.5	31.8	100.0	4.4
TOTAL					
— per cent —					
Doctor/GP	53.9	35.7	7.0	100.0	8.3
Nurse	91.1	** 0.3	8.6	100.0	8.3
Aboriginal Health Worker	86.3	6.9	6.8	100.0	8.3
Dentist	36.1	23.9	39.9	100.0	8.3
Mental Health Services	35.3	10.1	49.2	100.0	8.3
Health Promotional Services	42.7	27.3	26.6	100.0	8.3
Ante-natal Services	49.2	16.7	30.6	100.0	8.3
Diabetic Services	49.9	16.4	30.3	100.0	8.3
Women's Health Services	57.5	18.5	20.6	100.0	8.3
Baby Health Services	59.4	19.2	18.1	100.0	8.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic	49.6	20.2	26.8	100.0	8.3
Flying Medical Services	..	45.8	44.3	100.0	8.3

(a) The very small number of 'Not stated' respondents have not been displayed, hence the rows do not always add to 100%.

TABLE 16. HOUSEHOLDS IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS : DISTANCE FROM NEAREST HEALTH FACILITIES BY PART OF STATE
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994

Type of service	0-10 km	11 km and over	Not stated	Total	Total ('000)
CAPITAL CITY					
— per cent —					
Hospital	42.7	57.3	** 0.0	100.0	1.6
Community Health Centre	100.0	** 0.0	** 0.0	100.0	1.6
Chemist or Dispensary	93.3	** 6.7	** 0.0	100.0	1.6
Birthing Centre	42.7	57.3	** 0.0	100.0	1.6
Detoxification Centre	58.9	41.1	** 0.0	100.0	1.6
Aboriginal Medical Service or Medical Aid Post	** 9.5	90.5	** 0.0	100.0	1.6
OTHER URBAN					
— per cent —					
Hospital	55.1	44.9	** 0.0	100.0	2.3
Community Health Centre	100.0	** 0.0	** 0.0	100.0	2.3
Chemist or Dispensary	56.0	44.0	** 0.0	100.0	2.3
Birthing Centre	43.7	56.3	** 0.0	100.0	2.3
Detoxification Centre	52.4	47.6	** 0.0	100.0	2.3
Aboriginal Medical Service or Medical Aid Post	67.8	32.2	** 0.0	100.0	2.3
RURAL					
— per cent —					
Hospital	** 4.4	95.7	** 0.0	100.0	4.4
Community Health Centre	80.6	19.4	** 0.0	100.0	4.4
Chemist or Dispensary	18.6	81.4	** 0.0	100.0	4.4
Birthing Centre	** 4.3	95.7	** 0.0	100.0	4.4
Detoxification Centre	** 4.3	95.7	** 0.0	100.0	4.4
Aboriginal Medical Service or Medical Aid Post	27.0	73.0	** 0.0	100.0	4.4
TOTAL					
— per cent —					
Hospital	25.9	74.2	** 0.0	100.0	8.3
Community Health Centre	89.7	10.3	** 0.0	100.0	8.3
Chemist or Dispensary	43.6	56.4	** 0.0	100.0	8.3
Birthing Centre	22.7	77.3	** 0.0	100.0	8.3
Detoxification Centre	28.2	71.8	** 0.0	100.0	8.3
Aboriginal Medical Service or Medical Aid Post	34.8	65.2	** 0.0	100.0	8.3

**TABLE 17. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a); SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS BY WHETHER WORRIES ABOUT GOING WITHOUT FOOD
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

<i>Selected characteristics of persons</i>	<i>Worries or sometimes worries</i>	<i>Does not worry</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total ('000)</i>
	— per cent —				
Males	43.2	55.3	** 1.4	100.0	13.7
Females	48.0	50.8	** 1.2	100.0	14.4
Persons	45.7	53.0	** 1.3	100.0	28.0
Age group (years)					
15-24	43.1	55.9	** 1.0	100.0	9.5
25-44	47.5	51.2	** 1.2	100.0	12.9
45 and over	45.8	52.0	** 2.2	100.0	5.6
Educational attainment					
Still at school	41.0	56.0	** 3.0	100.0	1.8
Below year 10	51.1	47.6	** 1.3	100.0	16.1
Year 10	38.1	60.7	** 1.3	100.0	6.4
Year 12	51.0	49.0	** 0.0	100.0	1.5
With post-school educational qualifications	29.3	69.4	** 1.3	100.0	2.3
Part of State					
Capital city	34.4	64.5	** 1.1	100.0	3.9
Other urban	48.2	50.8	** 1.0	100.0	7.0
Rural	47.2	51.3	** 1.5	100.0	17.1
Persons living in households with an annual income of (\$)					
0-16,000	37.8	58.0	** 4.2	100.0	2.3
16,001-25,000	51.3	48.2	** 0.5	100.0	2.6
25,001-40,000	46.1	51.8	** 2.0	100.0	5.1
40,001 or more	42.8	56.3	** 0.9	100.0	10.4
Not stated	49.8	49.4	** 0.8	100.0	7.6
Persons living in households where					
No one working	53.2	45.3	** 1.5	100.0	8.9
One or more working	42.2	56.6	** 1.2	100.0	19.1
Persons living in households with					
No dependant children	40.7	57.2	** 2.1	100.0	6.7
One or more dependant children	47.3	51.7	** 1.1	100.0	21.3

(a) Excludes persons in prisons, refer to Explanatory notes.

**TABLE 18. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER : NUMBER OF CIGARETTES SMOKED DAILY AND PERIOD SINCE LAST DRANK ALCOHOL BY AGE AND SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

Number of cigarettes smoked daily and period since last drank alcohol	Age group (years)			Males	Females	Persons
	13-14(a)	15-44	45 and over			
	— per cent —					
Number of cigarettes smoked daily						
1-10	** 3.1	17.6	14.0	19.0	12.7	15.9
11 or more	** 0.5	35.7	25.2	40.3	22.0	31.0
Not stated	** 0.0	** 0.4	** 0.9	** 0.1	** 0.8	** 0.4
Total smokers	** 3.6	53.7	40.2	59.4	35.5	47.3
Period since last drank alcohol						
One week or less ago	** 0.8	32.6	23.5	38.4	18.7	28.5
More than 1 week to less than 12 mths ago	** 0.6	18.5	12.1	20.0	12.0	15.9
Total drinkers	** 1.4	51.1	35.6	58.4	30.7	44.4
Total persons aged 13 years and over ('000)	2.4	22.8	5.6	15.3	15.6	30.9

(a) This age group is included to maintain comparability between tables however all figures in it should be treated as unreliable.

**TABLE 19. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER (a): PERCEIVED HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE PROBLEMS IN LOCAL AREA
BY PART OF STATE AND AGE
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

Perceived health and substance use problems	Part of State			Age group (years)		Total
	Capital city	Other urban	Rural	13-24	25 and over	
	— per cent —					
Health problems (b)						
Alcohol problems	72.0	61.0	52.5	52.7	60.5	57.4
Drugs	17.3	10.4	3.3	8.0	6.5	7.1
Other substances	** 4.1	** 6.4	** 1.6	** 1.8	4.0	3.1
Diabetes	23.7	26.0	24.4	19.9	27.8	24.7
Heart problems	12.5	20.9	17.7	13.4	20.6	17.8
Diet/nutrition	24.6	27.8	25.3	18.9	30.3	25.8
Skin problems	22.6	14.9	19.3	13.5	22.0	18.7
Other	** 3.7	** 3.0	5.8	** 3.0	5.9	4.8
Don't know/not stated	12.9	27.1	30.8	35.3	22.1	27.3
Substance use problems (b)						
Alcohol	83.3	79.2	77.7	73.7	82.2	78.9
Marijuana	44.6	26.7	13.0	20.0	21.6	21.0
Other drugs	18.1	11.5	3.7	8.1	7.5	7.7
Petrol sniffing	13.1	28.7	20.0	18.0	23.2	21.2
Glue sniffing	** 8.9	12.9	4.3	5.6	8.0	7.1
Other dangerous substances	15.5	13.4	3.5	5.7	9.0	7.7
Not stated	** 1.0	** 0.5	** 0.2	** 0.1	** 0.6	** 0.4
Total ('000)	4.4	7.6	18.4	11.9	18.5	30.4

(a) Excludes persons in prisons, refer to Explanatory notes. (b) Persons may have given more than one answer.

TABLE 20. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER : SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS BY RELATIVE FAT AND SUGAR CONSUMPTION
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1984

Characteristics of persons	Fat Consumption				Sugar Consumption				Total ('000)				
	Low	Low to moderate	Moderate to high	High	Not stated	Total	Low	Low to moderate		Moderate to high	High	Not stated	Total
Males	15.0	41.5	30.8	11.5	** 1.2	100.0	16.4	21.8	38.6	21.8	** 1.3	100.0	15.3
Females	15.2	46.0	28.4	9.6	** 0.8	100.0	19.3	27.4	32.2	20.1	** 1.0	100.0	15.6
Persons	15.1	43.8	29.6	10.5	** 1.0	100.0	17.9	24.6	35.4	21.0	** 1.2	100.0	30.9
Age group (years)					— percent —								
13-14	** 20.9	44.1	23.9	** 8.6	** 2.5	100.0	** 14.6	42.6	29.9	** 11.9	** 0.9	100.0	2.4
15-24	11.5	41.6	31.3	14.5	** 1.1	100.0	9.5	20.6	42.6	25.4	** 1.9	100.0	9.6
25-44	16.6	46.7	26.6	9.7	** 0.4	100.0	17.5	24.2	34.5	23.1	** 0.7	100.0	13.2
45 and over	15.1	40.3	36.4	** 6.6	** 1.6	100.0	34.4	24.8	27.6	12.1	** 1.2	100.0	5.6
Educational attainment													
Still at school	19.3	43.7	27.2	** 8.4	** 1.5	100.0	** 12.8	39.0	33.1	14.1	** 0.9	100.0	4.1
Below year 10	13.2	38.5	34.6	12.8	** 0.9	100.0	21.1	21.1	34.0	22.8	** 1.0	100.0	16.5
Year 10	14.3	53.8	23.2	** 7.2	** 1.4	100.0	11.6	25.5	39.0	21.8	** 2.0	100.0	6.5
Year 12	** 9.0	61.5	** 24.4	** 5.2	** 0.0	100.0	** 14.8	** 16.4	49.7	** 19.1	** 0.0	100.0	1.5
With post-school educational qualifications	27.0	41.6	** 20.4	** 11.1	** 0.0	100.0	23.3	27.0	30.2	** 18.6	** 0.9	100.0	2.3
Relative weight													
Underweight	** 11.1	43.3	33.3	** 11.1	** 1.3	100.0	** 10.6	20.6	45.7	22.7	** 0.4	100.0	3.6
Acceptable weight	17.4	43.3	30.6	** 8.4	** 0.3	100.0	15.8	24.9	37.3	21.7	** 0.4	100.0	5.8
Overweight	16.4	47.0	24.7	** 11.8	** 0.0	100.0	13.9	24.4	37.8	23.2	** 0.8	100.0	4.4
Obese	** 16.0	58.0	21.9	** 2.1	** 1.9	100.0	22.2	21.7	40.4	** 12.3	** 3.4	100.0	2.8
Not stated	14.6	40.3	31.3	12.5	** 1.3	100.0	20.9	26.2	30.3	21.2	** 1.3	100.0	14.3
Part of State	32.9	55.0	** 8.8	** 2.0	** 1.4	100.0	29.4	25.3	32.8	** 9.5	** 3.0	100.0	4.6
Capital city	18.0	48.1	24.3	9.0	** 0.5	100.0	14.5	26.9	41.7	16.0	** 1.0	100.0	7.8
Other urban	9.4	39.1	37.1	13.3	** 1.1	100.0	16.4	23.5	33.4	25.9	** 0.8	100.0	18.4
Rural													
Persons living in households with an annual income of (\$)													
0-25,000	16.3	43.2	31.0	** 9.2	** 0.4	100.0	19.4	27.3	30.4	23.0	** 0.0	100.0	5.6
25,001 or more	14.4	46.1	26.8	11.7	** 1.0	100.0	17.7	24.1	35.0	21.8	** 1.4	100.0	16.7
Not stated/not applicable	15.7	39.7	34.2	9.2	** 1.3	100.0	17.2	24.0	39.4	18.0	** 1.4	100.0	8.6
Whether smokes													
Smokes	16.2	45.4	27.3	10.4	** 0.7	100.0	14.8	21.4	38.3	24.2	** 1.2	100.0	14.6
Doesn't smoke	14.0	42.6	32.0	10.7	** 0.7	100.0	20.7	27.7	32.8	18.1	** 0.6	100.0	16.1
Not stated	** 29.3	** 0.0	** 0.0	** 0.0	** 70.7	** 100.0	** 0.0	** 0.0	** 29.3	** 0.0	** 70.7	** 100.0	** 0.1

TABLE 21. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER (a): ATTITUDES TO LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994

<i>Attitudes to local health services</i>	<i>Persons</i> — per cent —
Importance of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander involvement in health services	
Important	89.6
Not important	5.5
Don't know	4.1
Not stated	** 0.8
Total	100.0
Whether happy with local health services	
Happy or sometimes happy	91.4
Not happy	5.0
No contact with health services/Not stated	3.7
Total	100.0
Problems with local health services(b)	
No problems with services	86.6
Problems with services	9.5
Other/don't use/don't know/not stated	4.0
Total ('000)	30.4

(a) Excludes persons in prisons, refer to Explanatory notes. (b) Columns do not add to 100% because more than one answer may be given.

TABLE 22. PERSONS AGED 12 YEARS AND UNDER : WHETHER BREASTFED AND DURATION BY SELECTED HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994

<i>Whether breastfed</i>	<i>Part of State</i>		<i>Annual household income</i>		<i>Person living in households where</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Capital city</i>	<i>Other urban/Rural</i>	<i>\$25,000 and under</i>	<i>More than \$25,000</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>No one working</i>	<i>One or more working</i>	
	— per cent —							
Was breastfed								
Less than 6 months	** 17.2	9.6	** 12.3	9.1	** 12.5	** 9.6	11.2	10.6
6 months or more	52.0	74.0	73.9	71.5	68.2	70.8	71.3	71.1
Currently breastfeeding	** 6.2	7.6	** 5.4	9.5	** 4.7	11.0	** 5.4	7.4
Not stated	** 0.0	** 0.7	** 1.3	** 0.2	** 1.1	** 0.3	** 0.8	** 0.6
Total	75.4	91.9	92.8	90.2	86.5	91.7	88.7	89.7
Was not breastfed	** 23.8	7.4	** 6.7	9.2	** 12.4	** 7.3	10.8	9.6
Don't know/not stated	** 0.8	** 0.7	** 0.5	** 0.6	** 1.1	** 1.0	** 0.6	** 0.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total ('000)	2.0	13.2	3.1	8.1	4.0	5.3	9.9	15.2

HOUSING

INTRODUCTION

Information on housing provides an insight into the living conditions of people and it has a considerable bearing on other aspects of people's lives, such as health. Of all Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households, 98% were living in private dwellings and 2% in special dwellings (e.g. boarding schools and hostels). Just under 2% of all private dwellings were improvised homes.

Nature of occupancy The majority of private dwellings were rented (72%), while 10% were being purchased or were owned by a usual resident(s) of the household.

Just over 79% of rented dwellings were rented for less than \$77 per week. In rural areas more dwellings were rented for less than \$77 per week (97%), than in other urban areas (70%).

Satisfaction with dwelling Approximately 57% of renters reported that the dwelling satisfied the needs of the household. In comparison, more purchasers and owners (79%) were satisfied.

Problems with dwelling Households which expressed dissatisfaction with their dwelling gave a number of reason for their dissatisfaction and these are listed below:

- needs repair, 60%;
- not enough bedrooms, 65%;
- not enough living area, 62%;
- needs better insulation or ventilation, 39%; and
- inadequate bathing facilities, 45%.

The absence or failure of basic services, such as, running water, electricity and sewerage, are another important aspect of housing. The main findings in this area are listed below.

For all private dwellings:

- 91% had running water connected;
- 90% had electricity or gas connected; and,
- 85% had a toilet.

The majority (88%) of private dwellings had garbage collected and were serviced by a sealed road (64%). In rural areas, a smaller proportion had garbage collected (84%) and were located on a sealed road (49%).

Size of dwelling For private dwellings, the average number of persons living in each household was 5.8 and the majority of dwellings (51%) comprised three bedrooms. In rural areas, the average number of persons living in each household was 6.4.

TABLE 23. HOUSING : STATES, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSIK REGIONS, 1994

<i>Households in private dwellings</i>							
	<i>Running water connected</i>	<i>Electricity/gas connected</i>	<i>Garbage collected</i>	<i>Dwelling situated on sealed road</i>	<i>Satisfied with current dwelling</i>	<i>Renters</i>	<i>Total</i>
	— per cent —						(<i>'000</i>)
AUSTRALIA(a)	96.1	96.4	93.0	81.6	77.3	69.0	86.4
New South Wales	96.9	98.0	93.9	87.0	76.9	66.7	27.0
Victoria	99.8	99.8	94.1	90.6	84.0	62.6	6.7
Queensland	95.6	96.4	94.8	82.5	83.2	72.2	21.4
South Australia	99.2	97.7	94.9	86.0	82.3	79.1	5.3
Western Australia	93.9	93.4	96.7	72.2	73.0	73.0	12.3
Tasmania	98.8	99.6	72.3	83.4	90.6	46.3	4.4
Northern Territory	91.2	90.4	88.0	63.6	52.3	72.2	8.3
NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSIK REGIONS							
Alice Springs	93.6	94.7	88.1	83.8	79.9	72.1	1.1
Jabiru	89.1	87.6	98.0	45.1	21.6	86.7	1.1
Katherine	90.3	90.2	81.0	54.9	45.5	73.2	1.2
Aputula	79.3	74.1	83.7	53.6	27.2	41.9	1.3
Nhulunbuy	97.5	97.5	65.8	38.3	35.3	93.5	1.0
Tennant Creek	95.9	87.5	92.8	65.5	53.9	82.1	0.7
Darwin	94.9	98.1	98.8	87.3	84.0	68.8	1.9

(a) Includes ACT and Jervis Bay.

TABLE 24. HOUSEHOLDS IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS : SATISFACTION WITH DWELLING AND PROBLEMS BY NATURE OF OCCUPANCY
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994

	<i>Renters</i>	<i>Purchasers/owners</i>	<i>Other/not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
	— per cent —			
Whether dwelling satisfies the needs of the household				
Satisfied	57.0	78.8	** 18.3	52.3
Not satisfied	42.8	** 19.3	68.1	45.0
Not stated	** 0.2	** 1.8	** 13.6	** 2.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Problems with dwelling (a)				
Needs repair	30.3	** 2.5	** 28.0	27.1
Inadequate bathing facilities	20.5	** 0.0	** 30.3	20.2
Needs better insulation/ventilation	16.3	** 0.0	** 31.8	17.4
Not enough bedrooms	30.1	** 12.3	** 36.0	29.4
Not enough living area	28.9	** 12.5	** 33.9	28.1
Other/not stated	** 4.7	** 5.7	** 27.4	8.8
Total ('000)	6.0	0.8	1.5	8.3

(a) Columns do not add to total 'not satisfied' because more than one answer may be given.

**TABLE 25. HOUSEHOLDS IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS : NUMBER OF BEDROOMS IN DWELLING BY PART OF STATE BY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

<i>Number of bedrooms in dwelling</i>	<i>Average number of persons per household</i>	<i>Households ('000)</i>
CAPITAL CITY		
0-1 bedrooms	2.5	** 0.2
2 bedrooms	3.1	** 0.4
3 bedrooms	3.8	0.9
4 or more bedrooms	5.8	** 0.2
Total(a)	4.0	1.6
OTHER URBAN		
0-1 bedrooms	2.4	** 0.1
2 bedrooms	3.3	** 0.4
3 bedrooms	6.4	1.5
4 or more bedrooms	6.8	** 0.3
Total(a)	5.8	2.3
RURAL		
0-1 bedrooms	5.3	0.8
2 bedrooms	5.9	1.2
3 bedrooms	7.2	1.9
4 or more bedrooms	6.3	** 0.4
Total(a)	6.4	4.4
TOTAL		
0-1 bedrooms	4.6	1.0
2 bedrooms	4.9	2.0
3 bedrooms	6.2	4.2
4 or more bedrooms	6.3	0.9
Total(a)	5.8	8.3

(a) Includes number of bedrooms not stated.

**TABLE 26. HOUSEHOLDS IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS : DWELLING CHARACTERISTICS
BY PART OF STATE
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

<i>Dwelling characteristics</i>	<i>Capital city</i>	<i>Other urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>	<i>Total</i>
	— per cent —			
Number of toilets				
No toilet	** 11.1	** 1.2	18.2	12.1
One toilet	80.2	86.6	74.7	79.1
Two or more toilets	** 6.4	** 9.8	** 4.4	** 6.3
Not stated	** 2.3	** 2.3	** 2.7	** 2.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Whether dwelling has bathroom/shower				
Yes	86.6	95.9	79.6	85.4
No/Not stated	** 13.4	** 4.1	20.4	14.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Whether running water connected				
Running water connected	97.7	97.2	85.7	91.2
No running water connected	** 0.0	** 0.4	** 11.3	** 6.1
Not stated	** 2.3	** 2.3	** 3.0	** 2.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Whether dwelling has electricity/gas connected				
Yes	97.7	96.4	84.6	90.4
No	** 0.0	** 0.8	** 11.0	** 6.1
Not stated	** 2.3	** 2.8	** 4.4	** 3.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Other services				
Garbage collected	100.0	86.7	84.3	88.0
Dwelling situated on a sealed road	90.1	72.9	48.9	63.6
Total ('000)	1.6	2.3	4.4	8.3

TABLE 27. RENTED PRIVATE DWELLINGS : WEEKLY RENT BY PART OF STATE
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994

	<i>Capital city</i>	<i>Other urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>	<i>Total</i>
	— per cent —			
Weekly rent (\$)				
0-47	** 19.8	52.5	93.5	64.2
48-77	** 36.3	** 17.4	** 3.0	14.9
78-107	** 11.4	** 9.1	** 1.3	** 6.0
108 and over	** 32.5	** 20.4	** 2.2	14.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total ('000)	1.3	2.0	2.7	6.0

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents a statistical summary on the education and training of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and includes the following:

- schooling;
- attitudes to schooling;
- educational attainment and training;
- current study and further study; and
- access to educational institutions.

SCHOOLING

Participation rates at school, type of school, Indigenous content in curricula and involvement of Indigenous teachers are all important characteristics of the education of young Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

School participation rates declined significantly with age. For 14 year olds the participation rate was 94%, while for 17 year olds the rate had fallen to 47% (31% nationally).

The majority (77%) of primary and secondary school students attended government schools (87% nationally), while 20% attended non-government schools (12% nationally).

Nearly three quarters of all students (73%) were taught about Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultures at school. In addition, 50% were taught Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander languages.

Over half (68%) of all students were taught by an Indigenous teacher, education worker, or had a community member.

Attitudes to schooling

Approximately 33% of people with children at school would have preferred to send them to an Aboriginal community controlled school. However, 36% preferred not to send the children to this type of school, 8% didn't know or not stated and, the children of the remaining 23% already attended an Aboriginal community controlled school.

Educational attainment

Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over, who had left school, 9% had obtained a post-school educational qualification.

The level of attainment was very similar between the sexes. Some 9% of males, had obtained a post-school qualification, as had 8% of females.

A higher proportion of persons with post-school qualifications (53%) were employed than persons without qualifications, (33%). Similarly, persons with post-school qualifications were more likely to earn a higher income than persons without post-school qualifications. Some 74% of persons with post-school qualifications earned less than \$25,000 per annum, compared to 94% of people without post-school qualifications.

Current post-school study

An estimated 1,000 persons were currently studying for a qualification.

TRAINING

Of 26,700 persons aged 15 years and over who had left school, an estimated 1,700 (6%) had undertaken training courses in the last 12 months (9% nationally). Approximately 61% of these people undertook training courses of nine weeks or more duration (61% nationally).

Further study and training

An estimated 29% of people aged 15 years and over, who had left school, wanted to do further study or training. Some of these people felt they would have problems attending courses and some difficulties were:

- lack of transport/travel, 5%;
- financial problems, 4%; and
- lack of child-care, 3%.

Access to educational institutions

Distance has been used as a guide to the level of access Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to educational institutions.

The majority of households were within 10 km of the nearest preschool (80%), primary school (87%), and secondary school providing classes up to year 10 (54%). However, the level of access to secondary schools providing classes up to year 12, TAFE colleges and universities was much lower:

- 43% were within 10 km of the nearest secondary school providing classes up to year 12, while 53% were over 10 km;
- 39% were within 10 km of the nearest TAFE college while 62% were over 10 km, and;
- 14% were within 10 km of the nearest university while 86% were over 10 km.

The level of access to all educational institutions was lower in rural areas than in Darwin and other urban areas, particularly for secondary schools, TAFE colleges and universities. For households in territory:

- 53% of households were over 10 km from the nearest secondary school providing classes up to year 12;
- 62% were over 10 km from the nearest TAFE; and
- 86% were over 10 km from the nearest university.

**TABLE 28. EDUCATION : STATES, NORTHERN TERRITORY
AND NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSIK REGIONS, 1994**

Area	Persons aged 3-5 years(a)		Persons aged 5-18 years		Persons aged 15 years and over who have left school		Persons with children attending primary or secondary school		
	Attending pre-school per cent	Total (^{'000})	Attending school per cent	Total (^{'000})	With post- school qualifi- cation per cent	Total (^{'000})	Happy with children's education per cent	Would prefer children to attend Aboriginal community controlled school per cent	Total (^{'000})
AUSTRALIA(b)	40.3	28.2	81.7	100.3	16.9	171.5	85.8	33.2	60.8
New South Wales	38.9	8.3	86.8	26.4	20.3	45.2	77.3	42.0	14.8
Victoria	**37.0	1.5	83.7	5.9	23.8	11.1	74.9	42.3	3.8
Queensland	38.9	7.2	80.8	26.6	16.2	44.4	90.8	31.4	16.2
South Australia	42.4	1.7	82.4	6.0	23.1	10.6	80.0	23.4	4.3
Western Australia	41.2	4.2	79.4	16.1	12.8	26.8	89.9	24.6	9.5
Tasmania	44.8	0.8	81.3	3.5	23.1	5.6	76.0	27.0	1.8
Northern Territory	43.1	4.3	75.8	15.5	8.8	26.7	94.8	33.4	10.0
NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSIK REGIONS									
Alice Springs	**46.9	0.2	88.9	1.9	17.3	2.5	92.5	35.6	0.8
Jabiru	45.1	0.9	75.8	2.7	4.0	5.0	98.7	56.4	1.7
Katherine	45.0	0.7	74.9	2.5	7.5	4.1	88.2	43.0	2.1
Aputula	**22.0	0.6	61.2	2.1	4.2	4.7	95.4	24.2	1.5
Nhulunbuy	54.2	0.7	76.1	2.5	**5.1	3.8	97.7	**7.5	1.8
Tennant Creek	40.5	0.4	71.2	1.1	9.1	2.1	100	27.1	1.0
Darwin	44.8	0.8	81.7	2.7	19.0	4.5	92.3	38.2	1.2

(a) Excludes persons attending school. (b) Includes ACT and Jervis Bay.

**TABLE 29. PERSONS AGED 13 TO 18 YEARS : AGE BY SCHOOL PARTICIPATION RATE(a) BY SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994
(per cent)**

Age (years)	Males	Females	Persons
13	100	100	100
14	92	96	94
15	80	67	73
16	40	60	48
17	46	47	47
18	9	8	9

(a) The school participation rate measures the number of school students of a particular age expressed as a proportion of the estimated resident population of the same age and sex.

**TABLE 30. SCHOOL STUDENTS : CHARACTERISTICS OF SCHOOLING BY TYPE OF SCHOOL ATTENDED
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

<i>Characteristics of schooling</i>	<i>Government</i>	<i>Non-Government</i>	<i>Total(a)</i>
	— per cent —		
Level of school attending			
Primary school	77.6	44.7	71.1
Secondary school	21.0	** 16.5	19.9
Combined Primary/Secondary school	** 1.4	38.7	9.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Whether taught about Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultures at school			
Taught about culture	68.9	88.6	72.8
Not taught about culture	31.0	** 11.4	26.7
Not stated	** 0.1	** 0.0	** 0.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Whether taught Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander languages at school			
Taught language	46.3	62.6	50.2
Not taught language	47.7	36.8	44.8
Don't know/not stated	6.0	** 0.6	5.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Whether taught by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander teacher/education worker/community member			
Yes	71.0	56.3	68.2
No	26.1	43.7	29.2
Don't know/not stated	** 2.9	** 0.0	** 2.6
Total ('000)	9.2	2.4	11.9

(a) The column 'Don't know/Not stated' has not been displayed due to high standard error, however the figures in this column do include these items.

**TABLE 31. PERSONS WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL : ATTITUDES TO SCHOOLING CHILDREN ARE RECEIVING
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

<i>Attitudes to children's schooling</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	— per cent —
Whether happy with education children are receiving at school	
Happy with education	94.8
Not happy with education	** 4.4
Don't know/not stated	** 0.8
Total	100.0
Whether made to feel welcome at children's school	
Feels welcome	86.7
Sometimes feels/does not feel welcome or don't know	5.6
Does not go to the school	7.6
Total	100.0
Whether involved in decision making at children's school	
Involved	45.3
Not involved	54.7
Not stated	** 0.0
Total	100.0
Whether preferred to send children to Aboriginal community controlled school	
Would have preferred	33.4
Would not have preferred	35.7
Already attends	22.8
Don't know/not stated	8.1
Total	100.0
Total ('000)	10.0

TABLE 32. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO HAVE LEFT SCHOOL : SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994

	With post-school educational qualifications	Without post-school educational qualifications	Total	Total (^{'000})
	— per cent —			
Males	9.4	90.6	100.0	13.1
Females	8.1	91.9	100.0	13.6
Persons	8.8	91.2	100.0	26.7
Age group (years)				
15-24	** 6.6	93.4	100.0	7.8
25-44	11.4	88.6	100.0	13.2
45 and over	** 5.5	94.5	100.0	5.6
Part of state				
Capital city	15.6	84.4	100.0	3.8
Other urban	8.7	91.3	100.0	6.8
Rural	7.2	92.8	100.0	16.0
Labour force status				
Employed				
Non-CDEP	19.6	80.4	100.0	5.2
CDEP(c)	** 6.0	94.0	100.0	3.6
Unemployed				
Not in labour force	** 9.5	90.5	100.0	5.1
Not applicable	4.7	95.3	100.0	12.4
Not applicable	** 7.9	** 92.1	** 100.0	** 0.4
Annual personal income (\$)				
0-12,000	5.1	94.9	100.0	17.8
12,001-25,000	12.5	87.5	100.0	6.3
25,001 or more	** 26.3	73.7	100.0	1.9
Not stated/not applicable	** 20.4	** 79.6	100.0	0.7

(c) Community Development Employment Projects.

TABLE 33. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO HAVE LEFT SCHOOL : WHETHER WANTS TO DO FURTHER STUDY OR TRAINING BY MAIN DIFFICULTY
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994

	Persons — per cent —
Wants to do further study or training	
Main difficulty	
No childcare available	2.8
Lack of transport/travel	4.7
Financial problems	3.7
Lack of English proficiency	** 1.6
Lack of pre-requisites	** 1.9
No courses available	4.2
Other difficulty	2.5
No difficulty	6.9
Not stated	** 0.2
Total	28.5
Does not want to do further study or training	71.3
Not stated	** 0.2
Total	100.0
Total (^{'000})	26.7

**TABLE 34. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO HAVE LEFT SCHOOL AND ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING FOR A QUALIFICATION : TYPE OF INSTITUTION ATTENDING AND PART OF STATE AND SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Persons</i>
	— per cent —
Institution providing course	
University(a)	** 46.1
TAFE	** 18.9
Other / Not stated	** 35.0
Total	100.0
	— ('000) —
Part of State	
Capital city	** 0.1
Other urban	** 0.3
Rural	** 0.5
Total	1.0
Sex	
Males	** 0.4
Females	0.6
Total	1.0

(a) Includes other higher educational institutions.

**TABLE 35. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO HAVE LEFT SCHOOL AND WHO ATTENDED A TRAINING COURSE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS: DETAILS OF MAIN TRAINING COURSE ATTENDED
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Persons</i>
	— per cent —
<i>Details of main training course</i>	
Provider of course	
TAFE / Employer	43.9
Other / Not stated	56.1
Total	100.0
Whether completed	
Completed	65.5
Didn't complete, still studying, or not stated	34.5
Total	100.0
Length of course	
Less than 9 weeks	36.1
9 weeks or more	61.2
Total	100.0
Total ('000)	1.7

**TABLE 36. HOUSEHOLDS IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS : DISTANCE FROM NEAREST EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

<i>Distance in kms to nearest institution</i>	<i>Total</i>
	— per cent —
Distance to nearest pre-school	
0-10 km	79.9
Other	20.1
Total	100.0
Distance to nearest primary school	
0-10 km	86.9
Other	13.1
Total	100.0
Distance to nearest secondary school-year 10	
0-10 km	53.8
Over 10 km	39.2
Not stated	7.0
Total	100.0
Distance to nearest secondary school-year 12	
0-10 km	43.4
Over 10 km	53.1
Not stated	** 3.4
Total	100.0
Distance to nearest TAFE college	
0-10 km	38.5
Over 10 km	61.5
Not stated	** 0.0
Total	100.0
Distance to nearest University	
0-10 km	13.9
Over 10 km	86.1
Not stated	** 0.0
Total	100.0
Total ('000)	8.3

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the main findings on employment and income including:

- labour force status;
- jobs and cultural obligation;
- difficulties finding a job;
- voluntary work; and
- level and source of income.

EMPLOYMENT

The importance of work (paid or unpaid) is a feature of adult life. A person's labour force status can often be linked to education and income and may impact on their socio-economic well-being.

Labour force status

The total number of people in the labour force was estimated at 13,900 persons (8,800 employed and 5,100 unemployed). The labour force participation rate was 50% for persons aged 15 years and over, 58% nationally. There was a sizeable difference in the participation rate for males, 61% (72% nationally) and females, 39% (44% nationally).

The overall unemployment rate was 37%, (38% nationally) males 40% and females 32%. The unemployment rate was greatest in the 15–19 age group (47%) and also very high in the 20–24 age group (39%). Females generally had a lower unemployment rate than males, except for 15–19 age group where males had a rate of 34% and females 64%.

Nature of jobs

An estimated 41%, (26% nationally) of employed persons were working in a Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) scheme.

Some 13% of persons were not able to meet their Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural obligations because of work commitments.

Of the 8,800 employed persons, 42% worked for a public sector organisation while 55% were employed in the private sector. In the private sector, 36% worked for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community organisation. In rural areas 42% worked for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community organisation.

Over the 12 months prior to interview 10,800 persons aged 15 and over, had at least one job. A fifth (20%) worked for the full 12 months.

Unemployment

Of the 5,100 unemployed persons, 49% had been out of work and looking for work for less than 12 months and 51% for 12 months or longer. Most unemployed persons (81%) were looking for full-time employment.

Persons not in the labour force

Of the 14,100 persons not in the labour force, that is, who were not working and not looking for work, 26% wanted a job: as did 31% of persons aged 25–44; 21% of those in other urban areas and 27% in rural areas.

Voluntary work Around 10,100 persons, or 36% of persons aged 15 years and over, were engaged in voluntary work (27% nationally). More than half the volunteers (61%) did six or more hours of voluntary work per week.

INCOME

Information on the level and source of income assists in understanding financial well-being. Regular income, regardless of source, is the main means by which individuals and households finance consumption. For persons aged 15 years and over, the main findings on income follow.

Personal income An estimated 70% (59% nationally) received an annual income of \$12,000 or less, while 7% received more than \$25,000 (11% nationally).

Government payments were the main source of income for 60% of persons, non-CDEP earned income for 17% and CDEP earned income for 11%. An estimated 10% of persons had no income.

The mean annual income was \$12,020 (\$11,624 for males and \$12,376 for females). The highest mean annual income was accrued by persons in non-CDEP employment (\$22,122) followed by CDEP employment (\$11,948) and government payments (\$9,211).

Of the estimated 18,900 persons who received government payments:

- 39% received family payments;
- 44% received Newstart or Jobsearch; and
- 11% received a sole parent pension (of whom 98% were female).

Household income Incomplete or no income information was obtained for 24% of households. The annual income of around 14% (20% nationally) of private dwelling households was determined to have an annual household income of \$16,000 or less; 35% (40% nationally) had a determined income between \$16,001 and \$40,000; and 27% (22% nationally) had a determined income of over \$40,000.

Household income and the proportion of households with incomplete income information generally increased with household size.

TABLE 37. EMPLOYMENT : STATES, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSIIC REGIONS, 1994

	<i>Persons aged 15 years and over in the labour force</i>				<i>Persons aged 15 years and over</i>		
	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemployed</i>	<i>Unemployed for 12 months or more</i>	<i>Total(a)</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>	<i>Total(a)</i>
AUSTRALIA(b)	61.8	38.2	18.9	105.2	42.0	58.0	181.5
New South Wales	54.4	45.6	25.8	28.5	40.5	59.5	47.9
Victoria	61.9	38.1	14.0	7.5	35.6	64.4	11.6
Queensland	66.9	33.1	13.2	28.2	41.1	58.9	47.8
South Australia	55.4	44.6	26.2	6.2	43.9	56.1	11.1
Western Australia	63.4	36.6	19.0	15.9	42.0	58.0	27.5
Tasmania	71.5	28.5	13.1	3.8	37.4	62.6	6.1
Northern Territory	63.4	36.6	18.4	13.9	50.3	49.7	28.0
NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSIIC REGIONS							
Alice Springs	80.4	19.6	**6.2	1.6	44.3	55.7	2.9
Jabiru	46.2	53.8	34.2	3.1	42.2	57.8	5.4
Katherine	60.4	39.6	24.0	1.8	57.4	42.6	4.3
Aputula	82.1	17.9	13.0	1.5	69.5	30.5	4.8
Nhulunbuy	73.1	26.9	16.8	2.4	41.3	58.7	4.0
Tennant Creek	62.9	37.1	12.4	1.3	40.6	59.4	2.1
Darwin	54.8	45.2	10.0	2.6	47.5	52.5	4.9

(a) Total for Australia, States and Northern Territory excludes persons in prison. (b) Includes ACT and Jervis Bay.

TABLE 38. PERSONAL INCOME : STATES, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSIIC REGIONS, 1994

	<i>Main Source of Income</i>						<i>Total(b)</i>
	<i>Earned income Non-CDEP</i>	<i>Earned income CDEP(a)</i>	<i>Government payments</i>	<i>No income</i>	<i>Annual income \$12,000 or less</i>	<i>Annual income over \$25,000</i>	
	— per cent —							('000)
AUSTRALIA(c)	24.1	8.5	54.9	10.7	59.4	11.3	181.5
New South Wales	25.9	4.3	56.5	11.1	56.9	13.0	47.9
Victoria	32.1	** 3.2	51.6	13.0	53.3	16.2	11.6
Queensland	24.2	11.6	50.1	11.7	55.8	11.1	47.8
South Australia	21.1	6.3	62.0	7.4	62.3	11.3	11.1
Western Australia	20.0	13.1	56.6	9.1	63.7	9.3	27.5
Tasmania	41.3	** 0.2	47.6	10.3	53.6	14.1	6.1
Northern Territory	16.9	11.3	60.4	10.4	69.7	6.8	28.0
NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSIIC REGIONS							
Alice Springs	27.7	15.4	49.9	5.4	58.8	18.0	2.9
Jabiru	13.8	10.0	65.5	10.3	80.5	3.0	5.4
Katherine	10.7	8.8	68.3	10.3	69.9	4.9	4.3
Aputula	10.4	10.3	68.1	10.6	76.0	** 3.0	4.8
Nhulunbuy	19.6	19.4	42.1	18.5	67.3	** 7.3	4.0
Tennant Creek	10.8	23.4	59.0	3.4	66.5	5.9	2.1
Darwin	26.5	** 1.4	61.6	9.6	61.1	9.9	4.9

(a) Community Development Employment Projects. (b) Total for Australia, States and Northern Territory excludes persons in prison, refer to Appendix B. (c) Includes ACT and Jervis Bay.

**TABLE 39. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a) : LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY SEX BY AGE AND PART OF STATE
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994
(^{'000})**

	<i>Age group (years)</i>			<i>Part of State</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>15-24</i>	<i>25-44</i>	<i>45 and over</i>	<i>Capital city</i>	<i>Other urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>	
MALES							
Employed							
Non-CDEP	0.5	1.5	** 0.4	** 0.4	0.7	1.5	2.5
CDEP(b)	1.0	1.3	** 0.3	** 0.1	** 0.5	1.9	2.5
Total	1.5	2.8	0.7	** 0.4	1.2	3.4	5.0
Unemployed	1.0	1.9	** 0.4	0.7	1.1	1.5	3.3
Unemployment rate (per cent)	40.0	40.3	36.1	61.2	48.0	31.2	39.7
Total Labour Force	2.5	4.7	1.1	1.1	2.3	5.0	8.3
Not in Labour Force	2.3	1.5	1.5	0.7	0.9	3.7	5.3
Participation rate (per cent)	52.4	75.7	41.3	59.7	71.8	57.2	60.9
Total	4.8	6.2	2.6	1.8	3.2	8.7	13.7
FEMALES							
Employed							
Non-CDEP	0.7	1.7	** 0.4	0.6	1.1	1.0	2.7
CDEP(b)	** 0.3	0.7	** 0.1	** 0.0	** 0.2	0.9	1.1
Total	1.0	2.4	** 0.5	0.6	1.3	1.9	3.8
Unemployed	0.8	0.9	** 0.1	** 0.4	0.7	0.7	1.8
Unemployment rate (per cent)	44.9	27.2	20.2	36.9	35.1	28.0	32.1
Total Labour Force	1.8	3.2	0.6	1.0	2.0	2.6	5.6
Not in Labour Force	2.9	3.5	2.4	1.1	1.9	5.8	8.8
Participation rate (per cent)	37.9	48.3	19.6	48.8	51.0	31.0	38.9
Total	4.7	6.7	3.0	2.1	3.9	8.4	14.4
PERSONS							
Employed							
Non-CDEP	1.2	3.2	0.8	1.0	1.8	2.5	5.3
CDEP(b)	1.3	1.9	** 0.4	** 0.1	0.7	2.8	3.6
Total	2.5	5.2	1.2	1.1	2.5	5.3	8.8
Unemployed	1.8	2.8	** 0.5	1.0	1.8	2.3	5.1
Unemployment rate (per cent)	42.0	35.0	30.5	49.4	42.0	30.1	36.6
Total Labour Force	4.3	8.0	1.7	2.1	4.2	7.6	13.9
Not in Labour Force	5.2	5.0	3.9	1.8	2.8	9.5	14.1
Participation rate (per cent)	45.3	61.5	29.7	53.9	60.4	44.3	49.7
Total	9.5	12.9	5.6	3.9	7.0	17.1	28.0

(a) Excludes persons in prisons, refer to Explanatory notes. (b) Community Development Employment Projects.

**TABLE 40. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a) : NUMBER OF JOBS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS BY NUMBER OF MONTHS WORKED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994
(*000)**

	<i>Less than 3 months</i>	<i>3 months to less than 6 months</i>	<i>6 months to less than 9 months</i>	<i>9 months to less than 12 months</i>	<i>12 months</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
No jobs	16.7	..	..	..	..	..	16.7
One job	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.6	5.3	** 0.1	9.5
Two or more jobs	** 0.1	** 0.1	** 0.5	** 0.1	** 0.4	** 0.0	1.3
Not stated	** 0.0	** 0.0	** 0.0	** 0.0	** 0.0	0.5	0.5
Total	17.9	1.3	1.8	0.7	5.7	0.6	28.0

(a) Excludes persons in prisons, refer to Explanatory notes

**TABLE 41. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO ARE EMPLOYED : WHETHER WORK ALLOWS CULTURAL OBLIGATIONS TO BE MET
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Total</i>
	<i>— per cent —</i>
All workers	
Can meet obligations	71.6
Cannot meet obligations	13.3
Doesn't have cultural obligations	6.7
Not stated	8.4
Total	100.0
Total (*000)	8.8

**TABLE 42. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO ARE EMPLOYED : SECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT BY PART OF STATE AND SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

<i>Sector of employment</i>	<i>Part of State</i>			<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	<i>Capital city</i>	<i>Other urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>			
	<i>— per cent —</i>					
Public Sector	** 39.8	40.8	43.3	38.9	46.5	42.2
Private Sector						
Community	** 9.5	33.7	41.7	41.3	28.0	35.6
Other Private	** 44.8	** 20.3	14.3	16.8	23.3	19.6
Total	54.3	53.9	56.0	58.1	51.3	55.2
Not stated	** 5.9	** 5.3	** 0.8	** 3.0	** 2.1	** 2.6
Total (*000)	1.1	2.5	5.3	5.0	3.8	8.8

**TABLE 43. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED : LENGTH OF TIME UNEMPLOYED BY SEX, AGE AND PART OF STATE
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994
(^{'000})**

	<i>Less than 12 months</i>	<i>12 months or more</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
Males	1.7	1.6	** 0.0	3.3
Females	0.8	1.0	** 0.0	1.8
Age group (years)				
15-24	0.8	1.0	** 0.0	1.8
25-44	1.4	1.4	** 0.0	2.8
45 and over	** 0.3	** 0.2	** 0.0	** 0.5
Part of state				
Capital city	0.8	** 0.2	** 0.0	1.0
Other urban	0.8	1.0	** 0.0	1.8
Rural	0.9	1.3	** 0.0	2.3
Total	2.5	2.6	** 0.0	5.1

**TABLE 44. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED : WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK BY PART OF STATE AND SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Part of State</i>			<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	<i>Capital city</i>	<i>Other urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>			
	— per cent —					
Whether looking for full-time or part-time work						
Full-time	79.5	89.5	74.4	88.5	66.4	80.7
Part-time	** 20.5	** 10.2	25.2	** 11.2	33.4	19.0
Not stated	** 0.0	** 0.2	** 0.4	** 0.3	** 0.2	** 0.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**TABLE 45. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO ARE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE : WHETHER WOULD LIKE A JOB BUT NOT LOOKING FOR WORK BY PART OF STATE, AGE AND SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Part of State</i>			<i>Age group (years)</i>			<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	<i>Capital city</i>	<i>Other urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>	<i>15-24</i>	<i>25-44</i>	<i>45 and over</i>			
	— per cent —								
Would like a job but not looking for work	** 26.1	20.8	27.0	34.4	30.5	** 8.0	31.3	22.2	25.6
Would not like a job	43.4	67.9	62.7	52.9	52.9	82.9	52.9	66.4	61.3
Did not state if would like a job	30.4	** 11.3	10.3	12.7	16.5	** 9.1	15.8	11.4	13.1
Total (^{'000})	1.8	2.8	9.5	5.2	5.0	3.9	5.3	8.8	14.1

**TABLE 46. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a) : WHETHER ENGAGED IN VOLUNTARY WORK AND TYPE OF VOLUNTARY WORK UNDERTAKEN
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Total ('000)</i>
Person engaged in voluntary work	10.1
Caring for sick or aged people	1.7
Working for community or sporting organisations	1.7
Working at a school or with youth groups	0.9
Working on committees	1.9
Hunting, fishing or gathering bush food	8.0
Other	** 0.2
Person not engaged in voluntary work	17.7
Not stated	** 0.3

(a) Excludes persons in prisons, refer to Explanatory notes.

**TABLE 47. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a) : SEX, PART OF STATE AND MEAN ANNUAL INCOME BY MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Main source of income</i>						<i>Total</i>	<i>Total ('000)</i>
	<i>Earned income Non-CDEP</i>	<i>Earned income CDEP(b)</i>	<i>Government payments</i>	<i>All income recipients</i>	<i>No income</i>	<i>Not stated</i>		
	— per cent —							
Males	17.4	17.4	51.2	86.0	12.7	** 1.3	100.0	13.7
Females	16.3	5.5	69.2	91.0	8.2	** 0.8	100.0	14.4
Persons	16.9	11.3	60.4	88.6	10.4	** 1.0	100.0	28.0
Part of State								
Capital city	24.8	** 1.7	64.1	90.6	** 8.7	** 0.8	100.0	3.9
Other urban	22.8	9.0	57.6	89.3	9.5	** 1.1	100.0	7.0
Rural	12.7	14.4	60.7	87.8	11.1	** 1.1	100.0	17.1
Annual personal income (\$)								
0-12,000	4.5	11.3	69.3	85.1	14.9	..	100.0	19.5
12,001-25,000	35.5	12.8	51.7	100.0	..	..	100.0	6.3
25,001 or more	85.4	** 8.1	** 6.4	100.0	..	..	100.0	1.9
Not stated	..	..	..	..	..	** 100.0	** 100.0	** 0.3
Mean annual income —								
Males	22,474	11,663	7,914	11,624	..	..	..	..
Females	21,765	12,803	10,124	12,376	..	..	..	..
Persons	22,122	11,948	9,211	12,020	..	..	..	..

(a) Excludes persons in prisons, refer to Explanatory notes. (b) Community Development Employment Projects.

**TABLE 48. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a) : WHETHER RECEIVING GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS BY TYPE OF PAYMENT BY AGE AND SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994
(^{'000})**

	<i>Age group (years)</i>			<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	<i>15-24</i>	<i>25-44</i>	<i>45 and over</i>			
Persons receiving Government payments	5.6	9.0	4.4	7.3	11.6	18.9
Allowances and pensions						
Newstart allowance	1.1	2.0	** 0.4	2.2	1.3	3.5
Jobsearch allowance	1.8	2.4	0.8	2.8	2.1	4.9
Age pension or sickness allowance	** 0.0	** 0.2	2.5	1.0	1.7	2.7
Disability support pension	** 0.1	** 0.4	** 0.3	** 0.4	** 0.4	0.8
Sole parent pension	0.8	1.2	** 0.1	** 0.1	2.1	2.1
Other payments(b)						
Family payment	2.2	4.4	0.8	** 0.4	7.0	7.4
Rent assistance	0.8	1.5	0.8	1.0	2.1	3.1
Other	0.9	0.7	** 0.1	0.9	0.9	1.8
Persons not receiving Government payments	3.8	3.9	1.2	6.2	2.7	8.9
Not stated	** 0.1	** 0.0	** 0.1	** 0.1	** 0.1	** 0.2
Total	9.5	12.9	5.6	13.7	14.4	28.0

(a) Excludes persons in prisons, refer to Explanatory notes. (b) Persons may be receiving an allowance or pension in addition to one or more of these payments.

**TABLE 49. HOUSEHOLDS IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS : NUMBER OF DEPENDANTS BY WHETHER ANY PERSON WORKING
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

<i>Number of dependent children in the household</i>	<i>Number of persons working</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Total (^{'000})</i>
	<i>One or more persons working</i>	<i>No one working</i>		
	— per cent —			
None	62.6	37.4	100.0	2.2
One	79.2	** 20.8	100.0	1.3
Two	68.9	** 31.1	100.0	1.3
Three	71.3	** 28.7	100.0	1.3
Four or more	63.7	36.3	100.0	2.2
Total	67.8	32.2	100.0	8.3

**TABLE 50. HOUSEHOLDS IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS : HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY NUMBER OF USUAL RESIDENTS IN HOUSEHOLD BY PART OF STATE
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

<i>Annual household income (\$)</i>	<i>Number of usual residents</i>		<i>Part of State</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>1 to 3</i>	<i>4 or more</i>	<i>Capital city</i>	<i>Other urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>	
	— per cent —					
0-12,000	** 17.4	** 2.2	** 13.3	** 5.5	** 5.5	7.0
12,001-16,000	** 16.1	** 2.7	** 10.0	** 3.3	** 7.8	6.9
16,001-25,000	20.7	11.8	** 20.5	** 13.5	13.0	14.6
25,001-40,000	** 16.5	22.3	** 20.2	** 23.0	19.2	20.4
40,001 or more	** 19.2	30.7	** 28.0	25.5	27.5	27.0
Not stated	** 10.1	30.5	** 8.1	29.2	27.1	24.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total (^{'000})	2.6	5.7	1.6	2.3	4.4	8.3

LAW AND JUSTICE

INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains the survey results covering the following issues:

- use of legal services;
- arrests;
- personal safety including family violence; and
- attitudes to and relations with police.

Use of legal services

During the 12 months before interview, 15% (17% nationally) of persons aged 13 years and over needed to use legal services. Of these, 13% used the Aboriginal Legal Service. Male needs (20%) were higher than female (10%).

Arrests

A fifth of persons aged 13 years and over had been arrested at least once in the last five years. A higher proportion of males (32%) (32% nationally) than females (7%) (9% nationally) had been arrested. Approximately 76% of persons aged between 15–44 years had not been arrested in comparison to 91% of persons aged 45 years and over. Some 61% of males and 91% of females aged between 15–44 years had not been arrested. Some 58% of those arrested reported having been arrested more than once in the last 5 years.

A larger proportion of persons who had been taken away from their natural families as children, reported not being arrested (83%) compared to those who had not been separated from their natural families (80%).

Rates of arrest were higher in Darwin (23%) and in rural areas (20%) and lowest in other urban areas (16%).

Rates of arrest were higher amongst persons who had left school below year 10 (24%) and those who had completed year 10 (22%).

An estimated 33% of unemployed persons and 28% of persons working on CDEP had been arrested. In comparison, 17% of persons who were working in non-CDEP employment or 15% who were not in the labour force reported being arrested. Amongst unemployed persons, a higher proportion reported multiple arrests (19%) compared to being arrested on one occasion only (13%).

Personal safety

Approximately 10% (13% nationally) of persons aged 13 years and over had been physically attacked or verbally threatened in the 12 months preceding interview. A tenth of males and females were attacked or verbally threatened. Of persons who had been physically attacked or verbally threatened, 35% suffered verbal threats, 47% physical attacks and 18% both.

Of persons physically attacked or verbally threatened in the last incident, only 29% reported the incident to the police.

Family violence

Approximately 48% (45% nationally) of persons aged 13 years and over perceived family violence to be a common problem in their local area while 29% felt that it was not and 23% did not know. More females (52%) than males (43%) felt that family violence was a common problem.

Relations with police

The survey asked questions relating to incidents of friction with police, including whether a person reported being hassled or physically assaulted by the police in the last year.

Of all persons aged 13 years and over (7%) reported being hassled by police during the 12 months prior to being interviewed (10% nationally). Some 11% of males said they were hassled.

Approximately 2% of persons aged 13 years and over said they were physically assaulted by the police in the 12 months before interview.

People's assessment of whether relations with the police had improved, stayed the same or worsened over the last five years indicated that 41% felt persons get along with police about the same as five years ago (39% nationally). Nearly a one-third (31%) felt that current police relations are better, 10% worse and 18% did not know. The estimates were similar for both males and females.

Approximately 64% of persons aged 13 years and over thought the police performed well when dealing with crime (37% nationally) and 68% with violence (37% nationally). A similar proportion expressed satisfaction at police dealings with family violence, 65%. The proportion of persons who thought the police did not do a good job in the following areas were:

- dealing with crime, 16%;
- dealing with violence, 12%; and
- dealing with family violence, 12%.

TABLE 51. LAW AND JUSTICE AND VOTING PATTERNS : STATES, NORTHERN TERRITORY
AND NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSIK REGIONS, 1994

	Persons aged 13 years and over				Total (^{'000})	Persons aged 18 years and over		
	Physically attacked or verbally threatened	Needed legal services in last 12 Months	Arrested in last 5 years	Believe that people get on better with police now than 5 years ago		Voted in Federal election	Voted in ATSIK election	Total (^{'000})
AUSTRALIA(a)	12.9	16.9	20.4	21.5	197.5	66.2	39.4	163.8
New South Wales	14.6	17.2	22.5	19.6	52.0	64.2	25.0	43.0
Victoria	25.2	25.3	22.6	21.1	12.6	67.2	29.9	10.6
Queensland	8.8	14.2	14.9	18.7	52.1	70.1	43.3	43.1
South Australia	15.4	22.1	28.5	24.1	11.9	57.7	30.3	10.1
Western Australia	13.5	17.3	25.4	20.6	30.2	60.6	48.2	25.0
Tasmania	13.4	17.4	12.6	15.4	6.6	87.1	20.0	5.4
Northern Territory	10.2	14.7	19.6	30.6	30.9	66.9	59.8	25.5
NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSIK REGIONS								
Alice Springs	11.8	14.7	16.9	17.6	3.6	68.2	62.3	2.4
Jabiru	8.6	10.9	19.1	29.7	5.5	73.0	72.8	4.8
Katherine	13.4	19.1	22.2	48.4	4.6	71.7	44.1	3.9
Aputula	9.6	10.5	25.5	26.6	5.0	54.4	66.5	4.4
Nhulunbuy	9.5	12.7	18.1	18.4	4.5	76.8	70.3	3.6
Tennant Creek	**2.4	10.4	3.6	63.1	2.2	86.2	81.8	2.0
Darwin	12.6	19.3	19.0	27.2	5.5	52.8	33.6	4.4

(a) Includes ACT and Jervis Bay.

TABLE 52. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER : WHETHER NEEDED TO USE LEGAL SERVICES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS
AND TYPE OF LEGAL SERVICE USED BY DISTANCE TO NEAREST ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE BY SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994

	Distance to nearest Aboriginal Legal Service (km)		Males	Females	Persons
	0-50	Over 50			
	— per cent —				
Need legal services(a)	18.2	12.1	19.6	10.0	14.7
Used Aboriginal legal service	15.8	11.6	18.3	8.6	13.4
Used other legal service	** 2.1	** 0.5	** 1.2	** 1.3	** 1.3
Did not use legal service	** 0.5	** 0.1	** 0.3	** 0.2	** 0.2
Did not need legal services	80.8	87.7	79.6	89.9	84.8
Not stated	** 1.0	** 0.3	** 0.8	** 0.1	** 0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total (^{'000})	9.5	20.9	15.3	15.6	30.9

(a) Persons may have used more than one type of legal service.

**TABLE 53. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER : SELECTED PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS BY WHETHER ARRESTED IN
LAST 5 YEARS
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Not arrested</i>	<i>Arrested</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total ('000)</i>
	— per cent —			
Males-Age group (years)				
13-14	100.0	** 0.0	100.0	1.2
15-24	64.3	35.7	100.0	4.9
25-44	58.2	41.8	100.0	6.5
45 and over	83.0	** 17.0	100.0	2.6
Total	67.7	32.3	100.0	15.3
Females-Age group (years)				
13-14	100.0	** 0.0	100.0	1.2
15-24	96.6	** 3.4	100.0	4.7
25-44	87.1	12.9	100.0	6.7
45 and over	97.1	** 2.9	100.0	3.0
Total	92.9	7.1	100.0	15.6
Persons-Age group (years)				
13-14	100.0	** 0.0	100.0	2.4
15-24	80.0	20.0	100.0	9.6
25-44	72.8	27.2	100.0	13.2
45 and over	90.5	** 9.5	100.0	5.6
Total	80.4	19.6	100.0	30.9
Part of State				
Capital city	77.3	22.7	100.0	4.6
Other urban	83.9	16.1	100.0	7.8
Rural	79.7	20.3	100.0	18.4
Whether taken away from natural family as a child				
Taken away as a child	82.7	** 17.3	100.0	1.6
Not taken away as a child	80.4	19.6	100.0	28.8
No answer/not stated	** 71.2	** 28.8	** 100.0	** 0.4
Whether recognises homelands				
Recognises homelands	79.9	20.1	100.0	28.9
Does not recognise homelands	89.2	** 10.8	100.0	1.9
Not stated	** 40.7	** 59.3	** 100.0	** 0.0
Educational attainment				
Still at school	99.2	** 0.8	100.0	4.1
Below year 10	75.6	24.4	100.0	16.5
Year 10	77.9	22.1	100.0	6.5
Year 12	88.4	** 11.6	100.0	1.5
With post-school educational qualifications	83.6	** 16.4	100.0	2.3
Whether working				
Employed				
Non-CDEP	83.0	17.0	100.0	5.3
CDEP(a)	71.9	28.1	100.0	3.6
Unemployed	66.8	33.2	100.0	5.1
Not in Labour Force	85.1	14.9	100.0	14.1
Not applicable	87.8	** 12.2	100.0	2.8

(a) Community Development Employment Projects.

**TABLE 54. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER : WHETHER PHYSICALLY ATTACKED OR VERBALLY THREATENED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS BY SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Males</i>		<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	— per cent —			
Verbally threatened or physically attacked				
Verbally threatened only	** 3.5		3.6	3.6
Physically attacked only	5.3		4.3	4.8
Verbally threatened and physically attacked	** 1.2		** 2.4	1.8
Total	10.0		10.4	10.2
Not verbally threatened or physically attacked	90.0		89.6	89.8
Total	100.0		100.0	100.0
Total ('000)	15.3		15.6	30.9

**TABLE 55. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER WHO WERE PHYSICALLY ATTACKED OR VERBALLY THREATENED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS : WHETHER LAST INCIDENT WAS REPORTED TO POLICE BY AGE AND SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Age group (years)</i>				
			<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons(b)</i>
	<i>13-24</i>	<i>25 and over</i>			
	— per cent —				
Whether last physical attack reported(a)					
Not reported	—	—	—	—	63.5
Reported	—	—	—	—	34.5
Total last incident was a physical attack ('000)	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.9
Whether last verbal attack reported(a)					
Not reported	—	—	—	—	77.1
Reported	—	—	—	—	** 20.8
Total last incident was a verbal threat ('000)	** 0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	1.2
Total ('000)	0.9	2.2	1.5	1.6	3.1

(a) Cells containing symbol '-' suppressed due to very low response rates (b) The very small number of 'Not stated' responses have not been displayed, hence the column does not always add to 100%.

**TABLE 56. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER(a) : WHETHER FAMILY VIOLENCE IS A COMMON PROBLEM IN THE LOCAL AREA BY PART OF STATE BY SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Part of state</i>								
	<i>Capital city</i>		<i>Other urban</i>		<i>Rural</i>		<i>Total</i>		<i>Persons</i>
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
	— per cent —								
Family violence is a problem	47.8	61.0	44.1	49.3	42.2	50.7	43.4	51.9	47.7
Family violence is not a problem	** 25.8	29.6	33.7	28.6	27.4	27.9	28.6	28.3	28.5
Don't know/not stated	26.4	** 9.4	22.2	22.1	30.4	21.4	28.0	19.8	23.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total ('000)	2.1	2.4	3.4	4.2	9.4	9.1	14.8	15.6	30.4

(a) Excludes persons in prisons, refer to Explanatory notes.

**TABLE 57. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER : WHETHER HASSLED OR PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED BY POLICE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS BY SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
— per cent —			
Whether hassled by the police in the last year			
Hassled by the police	10.9	** 2.6	6.7
Not hassled by the police	87.6	97.0	92.4
Not stated	** 1.5	** 0.4	** 0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Whether physically assaulted by police in last year			
Assaulted by the police	** 3.5	** 0.8	2.1
Not assaulted by the police	95.7	99.0	97.3
Not stated	** 0.8	** 0.2	** 0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total ('000)	15.3	15.6	30.9

**TABLE 58. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER : PERCEPTION OF CURRENT RELATIONS WITH POLICE COMPARED TO 5 YEARS AGO BY AGE AND SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994**

	<i>Age group (years)</i>		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	<i>13-24</i>	<i>25 and over</i>			
— per cent —					
Whether Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people get along with the police better now than 5 years ago					
Better	22.7	35.6	30.9	30.3	30.6
About the same	38.6	41.6	41.5	39.5	40.5
Worse	9.8	10.6	10.0	10.6	10.3
Don't know/not stated	28.9	12.2	17.6	19.7	18.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total ('000)	12.0	18.8	15.3	15.6	30.9

TABLE 59. PERSONS AGED 13 YEARS AND OVER(a) : WHETHER POLICE DO A GOOD JOB DEALING WITH CRIME, VIOLENCE AND FAMILY VIOLENCE BY AGE AND SEX
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1994

<i>Whether police do a good job</i>	<i>Age group (years)</i>			<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	<i>13-24</i>	<i>25-44</i>	<i>45 and over</i>			
	— per cent —					
Dealing with crime						
Police do or sometimes do a good job	59.3	65.8	71.1	64.3	64.2	64.2
Police don't do a good job	13.3	19.7	10.8	13.9	17.2	15.6
Don't know/not stated	27.4	14.5	18.1	21.8	18.7	20.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dealing with violence						
Police do or sometimes do a good job	62.3	69.4	75.9	67.2	68.5	67.8
Police don't do a good job	11.4	14.2	** 6.2	11.6	11.7	11.6
Don't know/not stated	26.3	16.4	17.9	21.2	19.9	20.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dealing with family violence						
Police do or sometimes do a good job	60.6	65.0	72.8	63.2	66.1	64.7
Police don't do a good job	9.8	16.5	** 7.1	11.7	12.5	12.1
Don't know/not stated	29.7	18.5	20.2	25.1	21.4	23.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total ('000)	11.9	12.9	5.6	14.8	15.6	30.4

(a) Excludes persons in prisons, refer to Explanatory notes

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication presents one of the first national surveys of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and includes estimates of the demographic, social and economic characteristics of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations. In these notes all numerical details refer to the whole of Australia.

SCOPE

Persons

2 The survey sample was selected from all people identifying as Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders who live in Australia. Non-Indigenous people usually residing in households with Indigenous people were included so that information for families and households would be complete. Solely non-Indigenous households were excluded from the survey.

Dwellings

3 The survey included both private and special dwellings and where possible, people not living in a dwelling (campers-out). Private dwellings include houses, flats, home units, garages, tents and improvised houses. Special dwellings are prisons, educational institutions, nursing homes, caravan parks, hostels, staff quarters, etc.

Geographical area

4 The survey encompassed remote, rural and urban areas and included all States and Territories.

COVERAGE

5 Rules were applied to ensure each person within the scope of the survey had only one chance of selection. The reference period for determining coverage was the current calendar month, i.e. the month in which interviews were conducted in the area. A person was interviewed at their usual residence unless they were away from the selected dwelling for the full calendar month. Persons away from their usual residence for the full calendar month had their chance of selection as a visitor at another dwelling.

6 Visitors and campers-out with no specific place of residence were interviewed where found.

SURVEY DESIGN

7 The estimates contained in this publication are based on information obtained from a sample of approximately 5,000 dwellings throughout Australia which comprised about 6.6% (17,500 persons) of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, as reported in the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. Households were selected at random using a multistage sample design stratified by the 35 ATSI Regions and Torres Strait area. This design ensured the sample was nationally representative of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in different circumstances across the country.

8 A sample of prisoners was included in the survey to ensure that estimates at the State, Northern Territory and national levels reflect the characteristics and attitudes of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including those in prison. The sample was not designed to produce separate estimates for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prison population itself. A clustered sample of male and female prisoners in 15 establishments, distributed across all States and the Northern

Territory, was selected in a way that conformed with the above aims, and was consistent with the costs and operational constraints of conducting the survey.

9 It was not possible to select a prison sample that enabled prisoners to be included in statistics for ATSI Regions. The prison sample was clustered in each State and the Northern Territory, and so prisoners are over represented in some ATSI Regions and under represented or not represented at all in others. To produce regional estimates on this basis would distort regional characteristics particularly in those regions in which the prison sample was selected. This problem was overcome by not using the additional prisoner sample when compiling the regional estimates, although regional estimates still reflect the total demographic population estimates used to benchmark the survey. As a consequence of this, there are small differences between the summation of ATSI regional data to State and Northern Territory or national levels compared with the State and Northern Territory and national estimates contained in the publication tables.

More details on the techniques used in selecting the sample and compiling the estimates are given in the section Technical Notes on Sample Design and Variability.

METHODOLOGY

10 Based on 1991 Population Census data, a scientifically selected sample of 694 Census collection districts was chosen. To ensure that the sample properly took into account where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people lived in 1994, ABS utilised its workforce of survey interviewers who conduct regular household surveys of the full Australian population. These interviewers approached approximately 135,500 private and special dwellings in the selected urban and rural Census collection districts, to find approximately 6,700 dwellings where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were currently living. A random sample of these dwellings was selected for inclusion in the survey. In some parts of Australia, particularly remote areas, the sample was able to be selected directly, without first finding dwellings where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were living.

11 The survey data was collected by trained Indigenous interviewers from the selected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through personal interviews during the period April–July 1994. For children under 13 years of age, information was obtained from an adult responsible for the child. Persons aged 13–17 years were interviewed with the consent of the parent or guardian. Non-Indigenous people aged 15 years and over, living in the selected dwellings, were also interviewed and asked a reduced range of questions pertaining to employment status and income, so that information for families and households would be complete.

12 Local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations assisted in the recruitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander interviewers. The interviewers were provided with a comprehensive one-week training course and were supported throughout the survey by ABS State Survey Managers.

13 The survey content covers both attitudinal and factual data which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the ABS, through a widespread consultation process, worked out to be the most important information to collect in the survey. An important outcome of the consultation process is that the information collected in the survey and the methods used to collect it took account of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural values and priorities.

The consultation process involved a number of interlinking steps which are summarised below.

14 A Survey Advisory Committee (SAC) was established and chaired by an ATSIC Commissioner with representatives from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, State and Commonwealth government departments and research groups. The SAC gave ABS advice on data Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people would be asked to provide and on the way the survey would be conducted.

15 Five Technical Reference Groups (TRGs) were set up with members having expertise in particular topic areas. The main role of the TRGs was to provide advice to the SAC and the ABS on data priorities and collection methodology, within the respective topic areas. A TRG was formed for the following areas: family and culture; health; education and training; income and employment.

The majority of members of the groups were Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. Less formal groups also provided advice on law and justice and on housing issues.

16 In December 1992, the ABS wrote to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations that had an interest in the survey, to explain that it was to be conducted and to ask for advice about the information that it should collect and how it should be collected.

17 Discussion with ATSIC and its Board, together with widespread discussions with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous organisations, continued during the entire survey development period. Papers on the draft and final survey content were broadly circulated and, when required, were followed up with organisations to further explain the issues and understand the organisation's views.

18 Three newsletters were distributed to approximately 2,000 people and organisations and two survey videos were widely distributed through the Broadcasting to Remote Aboriginal Communities System (BRACS) network. A third video was produced by the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) and was used to publicise the survey.

19 Content of the survey was also shaped by feedback from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and people during testing and from the results of the testing itself. A series of survey tests were conducted in November/December 1992, April, July and September 1993 with the final

test in November/December 1993. Testing was conducted in capital cities through to remote communities. Questions that were not generally acceptable to the people interviewed during testing were excluded from the final survey. In this way it was assured that the survey questions would be understood and acceptable to the vast majority of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who took part in the survey.

The data collected is listed below under the broad topic areas. A more detailed listing of all data items is available from the National Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics.

20 Family and culture includes data on:

- household composition;
- families;
- age and sex;
- fertility;
- child-care;
- cultural activities undertaken;
- homelands; and
- languages spoken.

21 Health includes data on:

- recent illness;
- health actions;
- specific illness conditions;
- disability;
- access and attitudes to health services;
- food security;
- relative weight;
- fat and sugar consumption;
- breastfeeding;
- alcohol and tobacco use; and
- attitudes to health.

22 Housing includes data on:

- type of dwelling;
- type of landlord;
- housing costs; and
- provision and failure of basic services.

23 Education and training includes data on:

- schooling being undertaken;
- attitudes to school;
- age and year left school;
- educational attainment;
- current post-school study;
- training undertaken in the last year;
- further study and training; and
- access to educational institutions.

24 Employment and income includes data on:

- labour force status;
- nature of jobs;
- unemployment;
- voluntary work;
- level of income; and
- source of income.

25 Law and justice includes data on:

- access to and use of legal services;
- victims of crime;
- attitudes to family violence;
- attitudes to policing;
- experiences with the justice system; and
- voting patterns.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

26 Every care was taken to ensure that the results of this survey are as accurate as possible. The survey was extensively tested and used a culturally appropriate methodology, including the recruitment and training of a panel of Indigenous interviewers to collect the survey data (refer to Methodology, paragraphs 10–12, in these notes for details). There remains, however, factors which affect the reliability of the results to some extent and for which no specific adjustments can be made. For instance, the estimates are based on a sample, and so they are subject to sampling variability. More details on the techniques used in selecting the sample and compiling the estimates are given in the Technical Notes on Sample Design and Variability.

27 Inaccuracies may also arise from errors in responses. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors, and may occur in any enumeration whether it be a full count or a sample. The following factors should be considered when interpreting these estimates.

- Information recorded in this survey is essentially 'as reported' by respondents, and hence may differ from that which might be obtained from other sources or via other methodologies. Responses may be effected by imperfect recall or different understandings of some of the questions asked in parts of the survey. Lack of uniformity in interviewing ability and experience is also a potential source of error together with impressions made upon respondents by the interviewer's personal characteristics such as age, sex and appearance.
- Some attitudinal information was collected from respondents. Examples include: relations with the police; the role of elders; the extent to which people are happy with their children's education; self-assessed health status; whether people are happy with their local health service; whether people feel that family violence is a common problem in their area and whether people feel that the dwelling they live in meets their needs. Responses may have been influenced by the circumstances of the interview itself such as the presence of another family member. They may also have reflected momentary or short-term views due to some recent event, rather than the usual feelings or circumstances. Indeed, attitudes are continually evolving. As a result, some caution should be used in interpreting these data as necessarily indicative of general or usual perceptions.
- Further, a general caution is made concerning people's desire to conform or provide responses they feel are expected rather than those that more accurately fit the question. Through the development and adoption of a culturally appropriate survey methodology, every effort has been made to minimise such bias.

The influence of all of the above factors can be seen in different parts of the survey results and the following paragraphs draw attention to some specific areas.

Family and culture

28 The classification of family types was undertaken from the relationship information collected from all persons living in the selected households. The coding was undertaken according to the standard ABS family classification, which does not always align with the traditional family composition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households. Because it was known that respondents in different parts of Australia would provide a mixture of traditional and non-traditional relationship information, it was decided for comparability reasons that Indigenous interviewers should record relationships in a form consistent with the standard ABS family classification.

29 Derived information on the number of single-parent families may have been influenced by a lower than expected number of males aged between 20–30 years interviewed in the survey. Interviewer comments suggest that there was sometimes an inclination for this group not to identify as family members in de facto relationships. As a result, these persons were not included in the survey and the estimated number of single-parent families may be higher than would be expected had all males

in this age group taken part in this survey and identified their family relationship.

30 Some difficulties were experienced in collecting sufficient information to identify all multi-family households, resulting in some undercount of this household type. Difficulties mainly stemmed from misinterpretation of questions and a low response to the questions necessary to establish relationships. The difficulties were mainly experienced in large households and confined primarily to the more rural and remote areas.

31 There is evidence to suggest that people visiting selected households for periods longer than a few weeks were included in the survey as usual residents of those households rather than visitors. No specific time period was defined to delineate a usual resident from a visitor, the distinction was based on the respondent's perception. Testing had indicated that the application of a time period to distinguish usual residents from visitors would be too arbitrary because of mobility between dwellings and in many instances the association with multiple usual residences. The extent to which visitors reported themselves as usual residents cannot be quantified. However, in comparison to the 1991 Population Census this survey shows a higher number of the family type 'other related individuals' and a lower proportion of visitors, indicating that some visitors reported themselves as usual members of the household.

32 Respondents were asked a series of questions on cultural issues including whether they had gone to any Indigenous cultural activities such as ceremonies, funerals and festivals in the last year, and whether they had a place to meet for cultural activities. Because of traditional sensitivities associated with some of these questions a level of under-reporting is expected to have occurred. Debriefings with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander interviewers indicate that there was probably a higher level of non-response or mis-reporting to these and other cultural questions in the rural and remote communities than there was in the urban areas. The effect on survey estimates cannot be quantified.

Health

33 Self-reported information on medical conditions was not medically verified, and was not necessarily based on diagnoses by medical practitioners or medical records kept by respondents. Some people may be unaware of minor or major conditions, or may have conditions that have not been diagnosed. It is also probable that in some instances conditions which respondents were unwilling to talk about at an interview were not reported.

34 Obtaining correct terminology or sufficient information to describe different health conditions was sometimes a difficulty experienced by interviewers. Although this survey adopted a health action approach to recent conditions similar to that used in the 1989-90 National Health Survey (NHS), caution should be adopted when making comparisons of different medical conditions because of the greater emphasis on prompting to elicit all health actions and conditions in the NHS. In a survey focusing on health, it was possible to give more emphasis to prompting than it was

in this survey where the interview time that could be devoted to health was limited.

35 Similarly, definitional differences exist between this survey and the NHS and must be taken into account when comparisons are being made. An example is long-term eye problems which are defined in the NHS to include all eye conditions lasting six months or more, irrespective of whether the condition(s) can be corrected by glasses. In the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey, the definition of long-term eye problems excludes conditions that can be corrected by glasses. It is recommended that users familiarise themselves with the concepts and definitions used in the NHS (*1989-90 National Health Survey Summary of Results, Australia* (4364.0) and *1989-90 National Health Survey, Users' Guide* (4363.0)) before undertaking comparisons.

36 Information on self-assessed health status should be used to complement, rather than as a substitute for, more objective measures on recent and/or long-term illness. Self-assessment may be influenced by many extraneous factors and its subjectivity is compounded by the variation in reference points used by individuals when assessing or comparing their health. Similar problems are experienced when collecting information from the broader Australian population. Information of this type complements measures of ill-health in the analysis of health-related actions and demand for health services. A person's self-assessed health status also has an influence on lifestyle behaviours such as smoking, diet and exercise.

37 Some under-reporting of the quantity of cigarette smoking and whether people worry about going without food is expected to have occurred. Reasons may include social pressures, guilt/embarrassment (particularly in cases where other household members were present at the interview) and recall problems. Similar problems are experienced when collecting like information from the broader Australian population. The extent to which under-reporting has occurred and the effect on accuracy of survey estimates is not known.

38 Dietary information was collected using a simplified fat and sugar index questionnaire and a 24 hour recall methodology. An independent test was undertaken by the Nutrition Program, University of Queensland, in November/December 1993 which verified the validity of this approach. Some under-reporting of some food types may still have occurred because of recall problems, embarrassment or misunderstanding. Also, responses to the diet questions may have sometimes been influenced by the day of interview because in some areas the consumption of different food types varies considerably depending on such things as the weather, arrival of supplies in the community and the number of days since 'pay day'. Responses may, therefore, not always reflect the individuals' overall consumption pattern or level.

Housing

39 In comparison to the 1991 Population Census, housing type information from this survey shows a lower than expected number of improvised dwellings and a higher proportion of 'other dwelling types' in some ATSI Regions. Possible explanations for these variations are: the

selection of a disproportionately small number of improvised dwellings in the survey's sample caused by the overall small number of communities with improvised dwellings; some level of inconsistency in the classification of dwellings; seasonal factors associated with mobility; and the increased activity in building Aboriginal housing in some areas since the last Census. The impact of these factors is not, however, quantifiable.

Education and training

40 Respondents, when unsure, were sometimes able to refer to their records to provide the full name of the courses they had completed in order that level of qualification could be coded during processing. In cases where full details were unavailable, coding of qualifications was undertaken using the limited amount of information recorded. This is likely to have had some effect on the accuracy of level of qualifications, including a relatively large number of qualifications categorised as 'inadequately described'.

Employment and income

41 Survey estimates of the number of employed persons working in CDEP jobs are lower than the number of CDEP jobs quoted for the same period by ATSIIC. Information collected on whether or not a job was CDEP was not able to be independently verified in the field by the survey interviewers. Respondents were first asked if they had a job last week. Only if they answered 'yes' to that question were they then asked whether it was a CDEP job. It may be that some people on CDEP were not aware of this or may have answered 'no' to having a job because they did not look upon working on CDEP as a job.

42 Labour force definitions adopted in this survey align with the standard ABS definitions of employed, unemployed and not in the labour force. During the development of this survey it was recognised that these definitions do not adequately recognise many traditional life style activities such as hunting and gathering and unpaid community work as 'employment'. Under the standard definitions, persons involved in such unpaid activities would be classified to either unemployed or not in the labour force even though in the eyes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people such activities are clearly work important to families and/or communities. It was an important objective that this survey deliver information that would enable the comparison of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the broader Australian population and for this reason it was decided that the standard definition of labour force status be adopted. In recognition of the important unpaid work some people undertake within their communities a question on 'voluntary work' was included in this survey.

43 In comparison to the 1991 Population Census this survey has estimated a higher unemployment rate. Investigations undertaken on the data indicate the possible primary reasons for the difference to be the inclusion of an additional question in the NATSIS relating to CES registration.

- In the NATSIS and the Population Census, respondents not working were asked if they had been looking for work at any time in the four weeks prior to interview/Census night. The Census question gives examples of recognised activities that constitute actively looking for

work, one of which is being registered with the CES. Actively looking and being available to start work classifies a respondent to unemployed. Should both conditions not hold, the respondent is classified to not in the labour force.

- In the NATSIS, some respondents answered 'no' to looking for work; even though they were registered with the CES. This misinterpretation leads to a lowering of the unemployment rate because more respondents are classified to not in the labour force rather than unemployed. In recognition of this problem and the relatively high number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people registered with the CES, it was decided that it was necessary to add a specific question on CES registration. This enabled the survey to capture those respondents who answered 'no' to looking for work to also have the opportunity to report whether or not they were registered with the CES. To illustrate the effect this extra question has had on survey results, in comparison with the 1991 Population Census unemployment rate of 30.8% the NATSIS rate is 38.2% and 31.3% if the effect of the CES question is removed.

44 The survey collected income information only on wages and salaries, business income and government payments. Testing showed that this was a reasonable proxy for total income as relatively few Indigenous people receive other types of income such as investment income. Limitation on the length of the interview made it impracticable to pursue other sources of income.

45 Although some respondents referred to their records, in many cases the answers to the questions on income were based on memory. As a consequence, some mis-reporting of the gross amounts received and income sources may be expected because of imperfect recall, misunderstanding or a reluctance to reveal the actual amount. Similar problems occur when collecting similar information from the broader Australian population. During processing, any incomes reported on a net basis were 'grossed up' through the application of an algorithm that took account of reported income levels and the appropriate Australian Taxation Office's tax scales.

Law and justice

46 Because of the sensitivities associated with issues such as personal safety and family violence some under-reporting is expected to have occurred. Similar problems occur when collecting sensitive information from the broader Australian population. The extent to which under-reporting has occurred and the effect on accuracy of survey estimates is not known.

Demographic
structure of population

47 There are clear differences in the age structures of the Australian Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations (1991 Population Census results show 40% of Indigenous persons are aged less than 15 years in comparison to 22% for the non-Indigenous population). When making comparisons of survey results with the broader Australian population this factor must be kept in mind because of the effect age distribution has on

such things as health conditions and the level of profound or severe disabilities, and many other statistics.

48 Some collection difficulties were experienced by interviewers when obtaining age details. These difficulties were more prevalent in the rural/remote areas and experienced more with older people in selected households. In such situations, estimates of age were obtained. These reporting difficulties flow through to the survey demographic estimates and it is recommended that in preference, users refer to the demographically estimated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population details contained in the section Population Estimates and Benchmarks.

Prisoners

49 Included in the survey was a sample of male and female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners. Because of their incarceration, prisoners were asked a subset of the questions asked of all other people selected in the survey. Excluded were questions to do with labour force status and income; diet; questions relating to their local area, for example the level of contentment with local health services; and questions relating to their children's education.

50 As a consequence, some table populations contain prisoners and others do not, and small differences in population totals can be observed between tables of otherwise like populations.

SYMBOLS

51 The following symbols, where shown in a column of figures or elsewhere in tables, mean:

.. not applicable

** subject to high sampling variability (see Technical Notes on Sample Design and Variability).

All figures have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between the sums of the components items and totals.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

52 *1994 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey: Detailed Findings* (4190.0)

1994 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey: ATSI Regional Statistics (4196.0.00.001-036)

1994 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey: Australia's Indigenous Youth (4197.0)

Employment Outcomes for Australia's Indigenous Peoples (4199.0)

1994 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey: Housing Characteristics and Conditions (4187.0)

1994 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey: Health of Indigenous Australian's (4395.0)

1994 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey: A Social Atlas (4155.0)

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TECHNICAL NOTES ON SAMPLE DESIGN AND VARIABILITY

AIMS OF THE SAMPLE DESIGN

The aim of the sample was to produce estimates with relative standard errors (see below) no higher than 3.5% at the Australian level, 10% at State level and 16% at ATSI regional level, for characteristics held by 10% of the total Aboriginal population. For instance, an estimate of 10% for, say, the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people suffering from ear or hearing problems across Australia, was expected to have a relative standard error of 3.5%.

SAMPLE DESIGN

The required sample size was calculated by determining that needed to measure a characteristic that is spread randomly throughout the Indigenous population, then inflating this by 20% to take account of an assumed clustering of characteristics within this population by area.

The sample design was a multistage stratified sample. Each census collection district (CD) in Australia was assigned a measure of size derived from the 1991 Population Census, being the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people enumerated in the CD at the time of the 1991 Population Census. Each of the CDs was placed in a stratum defined by ATSI Region, its section of State and whether it was a large CD or small CD. The distinction between these last two groups varied across regions according to the distributions of population reported at the time of the 1991 Population Census.

SAMPLE SELECTION

Selection of the sample was undertaken in several stages. For the strata consisting of large CDs, a selection of CDs was chosen with probability proportional to size. This meant that it was more likely for a CD with a large Indigenous population to be included in the sample than a CD with a smaller population.

For small CDs, the situation was more complex. There are many CDs with very few Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and they could not be excluded from the sample design because they represented particular kinds of people — including well scattered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in urban areas. To ensure that a sufficient number of small CDs were represented in the sample, a sample selection scheme for strata consisting of this CD type was designed to reflect both the size of small CDs and the cost of enumerating them. This resulted in small CDs being selected with equal probability, with the modifications that CDs with a size of zero had their probabilities of selection reduced to one-fifth of their value in the initial optimum design, and CDs with a size of one or two had their probabilities reduced by a half. Additionally, the sample selection was modified to ensure that all ATSI Regions had a minimum of five CDs selected in the first stage of the sample.

For large CDs a second stage of selection entailed selecting a random subsample of Indigenous households within each selected CD. For the small CDs, all the Indigenous households in them were selected in the survey.

The final stage of selection involved enumerating all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within selected households.

ESTIMATION PROCEDURE

Estimates of numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons with particular characteristics were derived from the survey by using a complex ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the survey estimates conform to both an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex at capital city/balance of State level, and an independently estimated distribution of the population across the 35 ATSI Regions and the Torres Strait area. The method of ensuring conformity between the survey estimates and these independent estimates is called benchmarking. Benchmarking improves consistency between different surveys, and reduces non-sampling error, by incorporating external information at a broad level. (Refer to the section on Population Estimates and Benchmarks for an explanation of how these 'benchmark' population estimates were compiled).

Estimates for groupings of people (e.g. households and families) were derived from the survey by using a complex procedure that formed an average measure of the contributions of the individual members of the group.

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

This measure accounted for different age and sex characteristics amongst the members of the group. Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error. The sampling error is a measure of the variability that occurs by chance because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants from a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that the sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all the dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate. The relative standard error is a useful measure in that it provides an immediate indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling, and thus avoids the need to refer also to the size of the estimate. Standard errors and relative standard errors were calculated based on a range of estimates, due to the large number of estimates involved. While these measures of variability are applicable to most estimates, they may be less appropriate for characteristics which are highly clustered geographically, examples include CDEP participation and improvised dwellings. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents, errors made in the collection such as recording and coding data, and errors made in processing the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling error and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. It is not possible to quantify non-sampling error, but every effort is made to reduce it to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures. In practice,

the potential for non-sampling error adds to the uncertainty of the estimates caused by sampling variability.

Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of the estimates in this publication. Standard error of estimates of numbers of each of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons, families and households can be obtained from tables A and B.

An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons, families and households is as follows. In Australia the estimated number of persons aged 13 years and over who spoke an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language as their main language, was 28,045 (14% of 197,500). Since this estimate is between 20,000 and 30,000, the standard error for Australia will be between 553 and 628 in the standard error table A and can be approximated as 613. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range 27,431 to 28,659 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 26,818 to 29,272.

The size of the standard error of an estimate of a number of persons increases with the level of the estimate, so that the larger the estimate the larger is the standard error. However, it should be noted that the larger the sample estimate the smaller will be the standard error in percentage terms. Thus, larger sample estimates will be relatively more reliable than smaller estimates.

As the standard errors in tables A and B show, very small estimates are subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable purposes. In the tables in this publication, only estimates with relative standard error of 25% or less, and percentages based on such estimates, are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates and percentages with larger relative standard errors have been included and are preceded by two asterisks if it is greater than 25% (e.g. **2.5), indicating they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

TABLE A. STANDARD ERRORS FOR PERSONS, FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS

<i>Size of estimate</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust.</i>	<i>Relative standard error, Aust. %</i>
50	42	38	39	34	30	20	34	37	74.2
100	63	61	65	54	48	29	53	55	54.7
200	91	92	103	80	74	42	80	79	39.6
300	109	112	132	96	93	53	100	97	32.4
500	135	138	175	116	123	70	130	125	25.0
700	152	156	208	128	146	84	153	147	20.9
1 000	171	173	247	138	173	101	179	173	17.3
1 500	191	190	295	145	207	126	213	207	13.8
2 000	205	199	332	148	234	148	238	234	11.7
2 500	215	205	361	149	256	167	258	256	10.3
3 000	222	209	385	160	275	184	275	276	9.2
4 000	233	212	423	180	306	215	303	310	7.7
5 000	240	213	453	198	331	243	325	338	6.8
7 000	248	246	497	227	370	292	358	384	5.5
10 000	253	287	541	263	413	..	393	436	4.4
15 000	255	..	586	..	461	..	431	502	3.3
20 000	277	..	614	..	495	..	456	553	2.8
30 000	313	..	646	..	542	..	489	628	2.1
50 000	364	..	672	..	..	..	..	732	1.5
70 000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	804	1.1
100 000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	884	0.9
150 000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	979	0.7

TABLE B. STANDARD ERRORS FOR PERSONS, FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS, NORTHERN TERRITORY ATSCIC REGIONS

<i>Size of estimate</i>	<i>Alice Springs</i>	<i>Jabiru</i>	<i>Katherine</i>	<i>Aputula</i>	<i>Nhulunbuy</i>	<i>Tennant Creek</i>	<i>Darwin</i>
50	22	18	16	28	22	13	28
100	31	28	22	36	39	19	39
200	43	44	32	43	61	27	53
300	52	58	42	47	75	33	63
500	66	80	61	50	90	43	80
700	77	100	80	52	99	51	93
1 000	91	127	109	52	105	62	109
1 500	111	165	160	57	109	76	131
2 000	127	199	213	62	126	88	149
2 500	141	230	269	65	141	99	165
3 000	154	260	327	68	155	..	179
4 000	..	313	452	73	179	..	204
5 000	..	363	586	77	200	..	225
7 000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10 000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

POPULATION ESTIMATES AND BENCHMARKS

A sample survey cannot produce more accurate estimates of the size of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population than the quinquennial Census of Population and Housing. The best projection of current population size can be derived from 1991 Census figures by using demographic techniques to improve and update them. ABS derived such projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population and used them as 'benchmarks' (refer to the section Technical Notes on Sample Design and Variability for details) when compiling the estimates for this survey.

This means that the tables in this publication which cover the full Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population add to 303,261 persons, the ABS projection of the size of the population at 30 June 1994.

Compiling projections of
the Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander
populations, 30 June
1994

A series of experimental estimates of the Indigenous population, by sex and age, States and Territories of Australia was published by the ABS in November 1994 in *Experimental Estimates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, June 1986 to June 1991* (3230.0) and in May 1996, *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, June 1991 to June 2001* (3231.0). These experimental estimates were based on the 1991 Census of Population and Housing and life tables of the Indigenous population prepared by Dr Alan Gray of the Australian National University. The publication also detailed the method of estimation used to derive these estimates.

These estimates are referred to 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. As a result a method based on the use of life tables is used. The estimates are also affected by changes in the propensity of people to identify as being of Indigenous origin.

The method of estimation was canvassed with major users of Indigenous population statistics and comments taken into account in the compilation of these estimates.

The 30 June 1991 experimental estimates were then updated to provide benchmarks for this survey as at 30 June 1994 using the cohort-component method which applied assumptions for each sex by single year of age regarding future mortality and migration. Assumed age specific fertility rates were applied to the female populations of child-bearing ages to provide the new cohort of births. This procedure was repeated for each year in the projection period for each part of State (capital city/rest of State) for each State and the Northern Territory, and for the Australian Capital Territory as a whole.

The 30 June 1991 experimental estimates were originally calculated at the State and Territory level only. These were split to the part of State level, by age and sex, according to 1991 Indigenous population Census counts, based on usual residence adjusted for sex ratio anomalies. The benchmarks were also adjusted to ensure that the totals for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders at the ATSIC regional level were in the same proportion to each other within each capital city and rest of State as they were in 1991 Census statistics.

Projection assumptions

Fertility Estimates of fertility of the Indigenous population were published in *Australian Social Trends, 1994* (4102.0). These estimates of fertility for the financial years 1988–89 to 1990–91 were adjusted, by age, to accord with the experimental estimates. The average of the adjusted age-specific fertility rates for these three financial years were assumed to apply to Indigenous women of child-bearing ages over the three financial years of the projection period (1991–92, 1992–93 and 1993–94). Account was taken of births of Indigenous children to non-Indigenous mothers.

Mortality Life tables of the Indigenous population for the intercensal periods 1981–86 and 1986–91 for each State and Territory have been calculated by Alan Gray of the Australian National University. The mid points of these two intercensal periods (1983–84 and 1988–89) were established, and the average annual rates of change of the age specific mortality rates were calculated between these two points. These rates of change, which reflect an overall improvement in mortality over the 1981–86 to 1986–91 intercensal periods, were assumed to apply for the three financial years of the projection period.

Migration The method of estimation used to derive the experimental estimates of the Indigenous population June 1986 to June 1991 assumed no internal or overseas migration of the Indigenous population. Analysis of 1991 Census data also shows insignificant migration across parts of States. Accordingly, all net migration flows were assumed to be zero for these projections.

The resulting benchmarks which were used to compile the estimates from this survey are shown in the Explanatory Notes.

These benchmarks can be used by analysts who wish to understand the influence demographic characteristics of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population have on the statistics in this publication.

The ABS did not compile similar benchmarks at the ATSI regional level. Estimates of the regional demographic characteristics are available from the survey itself. Analysts who require this information should contact the National Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics in Darwin (see page iii for details).

TABLE C. PROJECTIONS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
POPULATION, 30 JUNE 1994

Age (years)	Northern Territory		Total	Australia(a)
	Capital city	Balance of State		
MALES				
0-4	478	2 570	3 048	22 844
5-9	448	2 709	3 157	20 229
10-14	380	2 422	2 802	17 755
15-19	359	2 009	2 368	15 826
20-24	347	2 209	2 556	16 103
25-29	304	1 908	2 212	14 038
30-34	270	1 577	1 847	11 777
35-39	227	1 185	1 412	9 268
40-44	161	890	1 051	7 171
45-49	97	619	716	5 135
50-54	89	538	627	3 900
55-59	62	371	433	2 797
60-64	47	309	356	2 185
65-69	25	191	216	1 461
70-74	10	125	135	919
75 and above	11	143	154	998
Total	3 317	19 778	23 095	152 406
FEMALES				
0-4	471	2 458	2 929	21 680
5-9	423	2 564	2 987	19 317
10-14	372	2 300	2 672	16 796
15-19	337	1 878	2 215	15 078
20-24	341	2 124	2 465	15 448
25-29	300	1 887	2 187	13 793
30-34	373	1 591	1 964	11 805
35-39	233	1 219	1 452	9 472
40-44	182	1 005	1 187	7 683
45-49	111	710	821	5 604
50-54	93	544	637	4 113
55-59	69	409	478	3 132
60-64	52	379	431	2 545
65-69	34	241	275	1 796
70-74	13	161	174	1 161
75 and above	62	303	365	1 431
Total	3 324	19 623	22 947	150 855
PERSONS				
0-4	949	5 028	5 977	44 524
5-9	872	5 273	6 145	39 546
10-14	753	4 722	5 475	34 552
15-19	696	3 887	4 583	30 904
20-24	688	4 334	5 022	31 551
25-29	603	3 795	4 398	27 831
30-34	543	3 168	3 711	23 582
35-39	460	2 404	2 864	18 740
40-44	343	1 895	2 238	14 854
45-49	208	1 328	1 536	10 739
50-54	182	1 082	1 264	8 013
55-59	131	780	911	5 929
60-64	98	689	787	4 730
65-69	60	432	492	3 257
70-74	23	286	309	2 080
75 and above	32	296	328	2 429
Total	6 641	39 400	46 041	303 261

(a) Includes the ACT

GLOSSARY

Aboriginal	A person who identifies themselves to be of Aboriginal origin. In ABS collections this is ascertained by asking the question 'Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?' In the NATSIS, persons aged 13 years and over were asked directly, whereas persons aged 12 years and under were identified by a responsible adult in the household, usually a parent.
Aboriginal community controlled school	Where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make decisions on the curricula, teachers employed, school budget and school policy.
Aboriginal English	Includes Broken English, Pidgin English and Kriol/Creoles.
Aboriginal independent school	A school run solely by Aboriginal people, who make decisions on school policy, staffing, curricula and school budget.
Aboriginal legal services	Established to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with legal matters.
Aboriginality	Where a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal origin. Persons 12 years and under were identified by a responsible adult in the household, usually a parent.
Actions taken	Refers to specific actions persons took with regard to their health in the two weeks prior to interview.
Actively looking for work	Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
Adult	Person aged 15 years or more.
ATSIC Regions and Torres Strait Area	Refers to 36 defined geographic areas, each represented by an ATSIC Regional Council or the Torres Strait Regional Authority.
Attack	Where a person has suffered physical force from another person(s), for example, pushed, hit, kicked or speared.
Arrested	Where a person has been arrested and taken into custody/remand by the police.
CDEP	See Community Development Employment Projects.
Clan, tribal or language group	Refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups within Australia.
Combined primary and secondary school	A school which teaches students at both primary and secondary levels.
Community Development Employment Projects	The Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme, operates through grants from ATSIC to Indigenous community organisations to enable individuals to undertake community managed activities in return for wages.

Couple-only family	Two persons who are in a registered or de facto marriage without children present in the household.
Crime	Includes crimes relating to drugs, thefts, vandalism as well as violence.
Cultural activities	Includes funerals, ceremonies, Indigenous festivals and carnivals and involvement with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisations.
Cultural obligations	Refers to attending Indigenous cultural activities such as funerals, ceremonies and festivals and extended family responsibilities.
Earned income	Income derived from wages and salaries, or from own business, trade or profession.
Education worker	A person who assists a teacher during class lessons and may give some lessons such as story telling.
Employed persons	Persons aged 15 years and over who in the week prior to the interview worked for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and self-employed persons).
Full-time employment	Employed persons who worked 35 hours or more a week.
Family	Two or more persons who live in the same household and are related to each other by blood, marriage (including de facto marriage), fostering or adoption. For the purpose of this survey, one or more members of the family had identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.
Family violence	Includes verbal threats, intimidation, fear of physical attacks and actual physical attacks, occurring between family members within a household.
Formal child-care	Refers to regulated care such as preschool/kindergarten before and after-school care program, long day care centres, family day care and other formal care.
Government payments	Includes Newstart allowance, Jobsearch, age pension, sickness allowance, disability support pension, sole parent pension, family payments, rent assistance, ABSTUDY and other government payments.
Homelands	An area of land to which Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people have ancestral and/or cultural links.
Household	Consists of a person living alone, or two or more related or unrelated persons who live and eat together in private residential accommodation. For the purpose of this survey, one or more members of the household had identified as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.
Household income	Refers to the total gross income from wages and salaries and government payments of all persons 15 years and over who usually live in the household. The total household income was not calculated if usual residents of the household were missing at the time of the interview.
Indigenous	Persons 13 years and over, who identified themselves to be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. Persons 12 years and under were identified by a responsible adult in the household, usually a parent.
Indigenous language	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. Excludes Aboriginal English and Kriol/Creoles.

Labour force	Persons aged 15 years and over who were either employed or unemployed.
Labour force status	A classification of persons 15 years and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force.
Language spoken	A person was considered to be able to speak a language (such as an Aboriginal language) if they could hold a conversation in that language.
Last year	12 month period prior to interview.
Legal Aid Commission	Available to all Australians who meet certain income requirements and is commonly referred to as 'Legal Aid'.
Long-term condition	Condition (illness, injury, or disability) which had lasted for six months or more.
Main language	Refers to the language the person is most comfortable with or speaks most fluently.
Making decisions at the school	Includes involvement in the Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness Program (ASSPA) and Parents and Citizens (P&C) school meetings where decisions about fund raising and maintenance of the school are made.
Non-family household	A one-person household or a household consisting of two or more unrelated people.
Not in the labour force	Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed or unemployed as defined.
One-parent family	Family that consists of one parent and that parent's children plus all other people in the household related to them, provided those people do not have a spouse or child of their own.
Other government landlord	Refers to dwellings owned by the Commonwealth Government, and State, Territory and local governments other than housing authorities and employer provided housing.
Other legal services	Includes private solicitors and barristers.
Perceived health problems	A respondent's opinions of the main health problems confronting people in their local area.
Personal income	Refers to the gross income a person received at the time of interview in the form of wages and salaries and government payments.
Post-school study	Attendance at a course at the time of the survey to gain a qualification.
Private landlord	All privately owned dwellings rented directly or through a real estate agent.
Private dwelling	The premises occupied by a household and includes houses, flats, home units, garages, tents and improvised houses. It excludes hostels, hospitals, prisons and so on.
Private sector	Non-government organisations. The private sector has been split into 'Community organisations' and 'Other private'. Community organisations are those private organisations that have been declared to be eligible for ATSIIC funding.

Public sector	Includes all government authorities, departments, agencies and authorities created by the Commonwealth Parliament or State and Territory Parliaments. Also covered are organisations such as the Northern or Central Land Councils which were created by Commonwealth legislation and the New South Wales Land Council which was created by New South Wales legislation.
Recent illness	Conditions (illness, injury or disability) experienced in the two weeks prior to interview. It may include long-term conditions experienced in the period.
Relative fat and sugar	Amount of selected food types consumed the day prior to interview, have been used to rate a person's level of fat and sugar consumption.
Relative weight	Weight and height measurements taken during interview have been used to derive a person's body mass. The body mass index equals a person's weight in kilograms divided by the square of the person's height in metres. The categories used are consistent with recommendations of the National Health and Medical Research Council.
School participation	The number of enrolled school students of a particular age, expressed as a proportion of the population of the same age.
Self-assessed health status	Refers to the overall level of health as reported by respondents 13 years and over. For persons 12 years and under, information was provided by the child's parent or a responsible adult member of the household.
Specific long-term condition	Where a person had one of the following conditions which had lasted for six months or more: asthma, diabetes, heart problems, chest problems, skin problems, high blood pressure, ear or hearing problems, eye or sight problems not corrected by glasses and/or kidney problems.
State housing (landlord)	Refers to dwellings owned by State or Territory housing authorities.
Take away from natural family	People who have been removed from their natural family as a child as part of a government policy. 'Family' may include parents and siblings and extended family members such as aunts, uncles and grandparents. Excludes people who were removed from their family for less than six months.
Taught Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander languages	Students who are taught to speak, read or write an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language.
Taught about Indigenous culture	Includes subjects which give an understanding of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultures, e.g. history and language.
Taught by a community member	Where community members teach at least once in a month or on 10 or more occasions over the school year.
Torres Strait Islander	Persons 13 years and over, who identified themselves to be of Torres Strait Islander origin. Persons 12 years and under were identified by a responsible adult in the household, usually a parent.
Training course	Includes courses which are planned to develop skills or assist in learning about a subject. Excludes courses leading to an educational qualification and on-the-job training.
Type of landlord	Refers to the legal entity to which rent is paid.

Unemployed persons	Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the week prior to interview, and who had actively looked for work at any time during the four weeks prior to interview, and who were available to start work in the last week.
Usual residents	Persons who live in a particular private dwelling and regard it as their own or main home.
Verbal threats	Any verbal abuse to a person where no weapon was seen and no physical violence occurred. It includes verbal threats to harm the respondent or his/her property.
Violence	Refers to violence in the community, that is streets, hotels, schools, etc. It includes fights, bashing, rape, murder or any act which involves violence.
Voluntary work	Includes any unpaid community work such as caring for sick or aged people, working for community or sporting organisations, working at a school or with youth groups, working on committees and hunting, fishing or gathering bush food.
Year 10 Certificates	Completion of a Year 10 Certificate, Aboriginal Access Course or equivalent.
Year 12 Certificates	Completion of a Year 12 Certificate, General Certificate of Education or equivalent.





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