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ESTIMATES OF THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POPULATION, JUNE 1996

States/Territory	Indigenous persons	% of Australian Indigenous population	Total persons	Indigenous population as % of total persons
New South Wales	83 500	26.2	6 165 400	1.4
Victoria	20 400	6.4	4 533 600	0.5
Queensland	83 900	26.3	3 318 800	2.5
South Australia	19 500	6.1	1 484 000	1.3
Western Australia	50 300	15.7	1 748 500	2.9
Tasmania	10 700	3.3	481 400	2.2
Northern Territory	48 700	15.3	177 100	27.5
Australia(a)	**319 200**	**100.0**	**18 223 400**	**1.8**

Victoria

Age group (years)	Indigenous population Males	Females	Persons	Total population (all persons) Males	Females	Persons
0–4	1 500	1 500	3 000	165 300	156 500	321 900
5–9	1 300	1 300	2 700	161 400	153 600	315 000
10–14	1 100	1 100	2 200	159 100	151 300	310 400
15–19	1 000	900	1 900	160 100	151 200	311 300
20–24	1 000	1 000	2 000	176 000	171 500	347 600
25–29	1 000	900	1 900	178 600	180 600	359 200
30–34	800	800	1 600	176 200	180 400	356 600
35–39	700	700	1 400	178 500	180 700	359 200
40–44	600	600	1 100	164 100	167 000	331 100
45–49	400	500	900	159 300	159 800	319 100
50–54	300	300	600	127 800	124 700	252 500
55–59	200	200	400	105 300	103 000	208 300
60–64	100	200	300	88 500	89 500	178 000
65–69	100	100	200	84 900	90 800	175 700
70–74	100	100	200	69 800	84 000	153 900
75+	100	100	200	87 800	146 300	234 300
Total	**10 200**	**10 200**	**20 400**	**2 242 800**	**2 290 800**	**4 533 600**

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

Source: Projections of the Populations of Australia States & Territories 1993 to 2041 (3222.0) series D. Experimental Projections Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Population June 1991–June 2001 (3231.0) medium series.

Population figures have been rounded to the nearest hundred.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POPULATION, 1994

	Victoria	*Australia*
Health	%	%
Self reported conditions(a)		
Asthma	23.4	15.3
Diabetes	3.4	4.5
Heart problems	4.0	4.7
Chest problems	7.6	6.6
Skin problems	12.7	7.8
High blood pressure	10.3	7.7
Ear/hearing problems	13.0	11.0
Eye problems	3.7	3.0
Kidney problems	4.2	3.6
Perceived local health problems(b)	%	%
Alcohol problems	38.4	58.8
Diabetes	11.9	22.0
Diet/nutrition	10.3	19.6
Drugs	27.3	30.2
Happy with local health services	81.6	79.3
Health/risk factors(b)	%	%
Drank alcohol in last year	71.1	61.7
Cigarette smokers	57.1	49.7
Employment and income(c)	%	%
Participation rate	64.4	58.0
Unemployment rate	38.1	38.2
Main source of income		
Non-CDEP	32.1	24.1
CDEP	3.2	8.5
Government payments	51.6	54.9
No income	13.0	10.7

	Victoria	*Australia*
Family and culture	%	%
Speaks Indigenous language(d)	2.4	21.0
Identifies with a clan(b)	45.1	59.8
Recognises homeland/ traditional country(b)	70.6	75.2
Taken away from natural family(e)	10.5	10.3
Education and training	%	%
Left school and currently studying(c)	6.3	5.4
Taught about Indigenous culture at school(f)	36.7	52.2
Taught by Indigenous person(f)		
Yes, teacher	3.1	13.7
Yes, education worker	17.3	21.8
Yes, community member	2.9	11.9
No	73.9	55.8
Housing(g)	% of households	
Running water connected to dwelling	99.8	96.1
Satisfied with dwelling	84.0	77.3
Dwelling on sealed road	90.6	81.6
Average persons per private dwelling (no.)	3.5	4.1
Law and justice(b)	%	%
Relations with police better now than 5 years ago	21.1	21.5
In the last year		
Hassled by police	21.2	9.6
Physically attacked	16.9	8.0
Verbally threatened	17.2	8.5

(a) All persons. (b) Persons aged 13 years and over. (c) Persons aged 15 years and over. (d) Persons aged 5 years and over. (e) Persons aged 25 years and over. (f) All school students. (g) Households living in private dwellings.

Source: National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 Detailed Findings (4190.0).

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

National survey:

- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 — Detailed Findings (4190.0)
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 – State/Territory Statistics (4190.1 7)
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 — ATSIC Regional Statistics (4196.0.00.001 036)
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 — Regional Overviews (4192.0.40.001 036)
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 Employment Outcomes for Indigenous Australians (4199.0)
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 Housing Characteristics & Conditions (4187.0)
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 – Health of Indigenous Australians (4395.0)
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 Australia's Indigenous Youth (4197.0)

Further publications are planned for August and September 1996 including Atlas of Indigenous Australians (4155.0), and National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Survey 1994 Law and Justice (4189.0) and Torres Strait Islanders in Queensland (4179.3).

Population statistics:

- Experimental Estimates of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Islander Population 1991 (3230.0)
- Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Population (3231.0) June 1991- June 2001.

Catalogues:

- Electronic catalogue of statistics data: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Statistics (1138.0)
- Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia (1101.0).

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