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Glossary

Caring for Children	People who spent time caring for a child/children (under 15 years) without pay in the two weeks prior to Census night.
Children	Are people aged under 15 years of age.
Completed Year 12	Includes people aged 15 years and over who are no longer attending primary or secondary school.
Families	Includes couple families with and without children, single parents, and other families.
Houses	Includes private dwellings, occupied and unoccupied. A dwelling is a structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which was habitable on Census night, for example houses, flats, caravans and humpies.
Language	Top Australian Indigenous language spoken at home.
People	Total population figures are based on place of 'usual residence' or where that person usually lives.
Students	Includes everyone who said they were attending a school, university or technical institution.
Weekly Income	Includes people aged 15 years and over and is the middle value (median) of total weekly personal income.
Working	Includes everyone who said they were working full-time or part-time, or were away from work. This does not include people involved in the Community Development Program (CDP).

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Shaun Lee
Original concept by Shaun Lee

Artwork

The artwork in this story book was commissioned by the Centre of Excellence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics to embody what the centre represents. The work incorporates Larrakia Artist Shaun Lee's (AKA Gwarkabah's) diverse heritage, through contemporary and traditional hand-created designs. Using spray-paint medium on hardwood, the work features and combines various traditional stories and symbols from local areas and across Australia. Together, the artwork tells the story of the Centre of Excellence and its people. The designs were digitalised by Dreamtime Creative.



Traditional stories and symbol break down



Star shape: National courage – representing navigation, called the 'Guiding Star'.

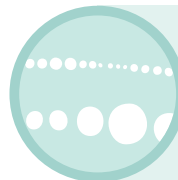
Core centre design: Black represents the earth and the soil; the pattern symbolises an 'ageless recognition' used through Northern Australia, and perhaps wider Australia. An 'ageless recognition' is the closest translation into English. It's derived from a number of terms that describe an instant identification of a particular established symbol of connection or linkage.



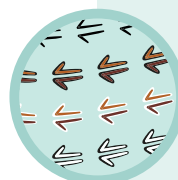
Message sticks: Representing unique messages; signifies that a story is being told and needs to be received.

Is a connection to and from Larrakia Country, and between other Indigenous cultures.

- **Top message stick:** Country and regions across Australia
- **Middle message stick:** Coming together and meeting
- **Bottom message stick:** Two half-moons facing inwards represents the people; and the two lines on either side identifies that the message is inclusive of both male and female.



Dots: Symbolises the link between people, organisations, States and Territories, representing the importance of strong linkage and communication. A dot in a dot in a dot: Traditional Larrakia design colours represent the artist's own diversity – his Northern Larrakia, Wardaman, Karrijarri heritage, and his acknowledgement of all of these people.



Kangaroo tracks: Acknowledge the journey and pathways that have been taken; and symbolises moving forward, as the kangaroo is known for not moving backwards.

Track colours: Represent diversity and the differences between people. The kangaroo is an iconic Australian animal, representing our uniqueness, and recognition Nationally.



Paperbark vessel: Carrying safely all the gathered information and knowledge

THE ABS SAYS THANKS



The Australian Bureau of Statistics would like to thank the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities who helped to make the 2016 Census a success.

Far North Queensland, your numbers are in.

The results of our latest national Census reveal who we are, where we live, what we do, and where we're headed.

The information we've gathered will inform planning and decision-making for our future, like where we build schools, roads and hospitals. Census data helps us decide where we need funding and services across every community in Australia – this means your community, too!

So here is the story for Far North Queensland – a living biography updated every five years.

Future surveys

The ABS also has other surveys. We thank you in advance for your help in completing these. They may include questions about your health, employment or other details. You can see how this information helps your community at www.abs.gov.au/participant-info.



Photos by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, taken from the Jabiru township.

Australia



23.4
million

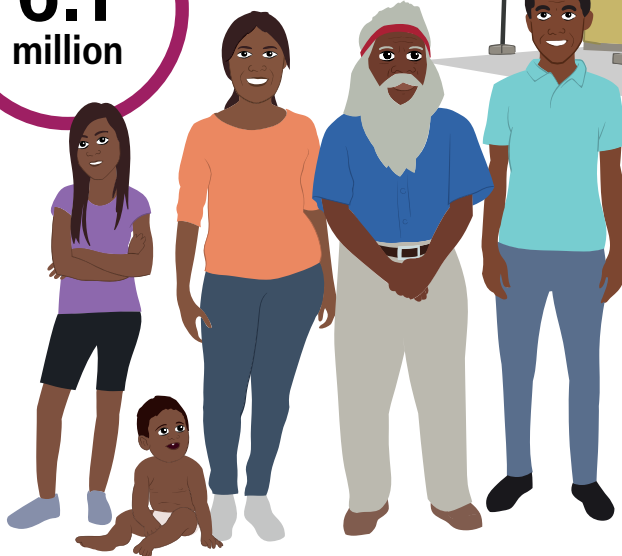
People

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Aboriginal and/or
Torres Strait
Islander people

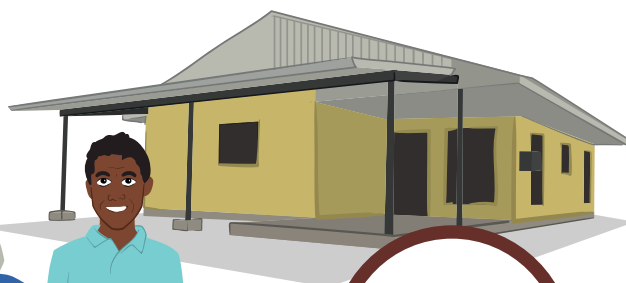
FAMILIES

6.1
million



9.9
million

HOUSES



11.9 million
Females



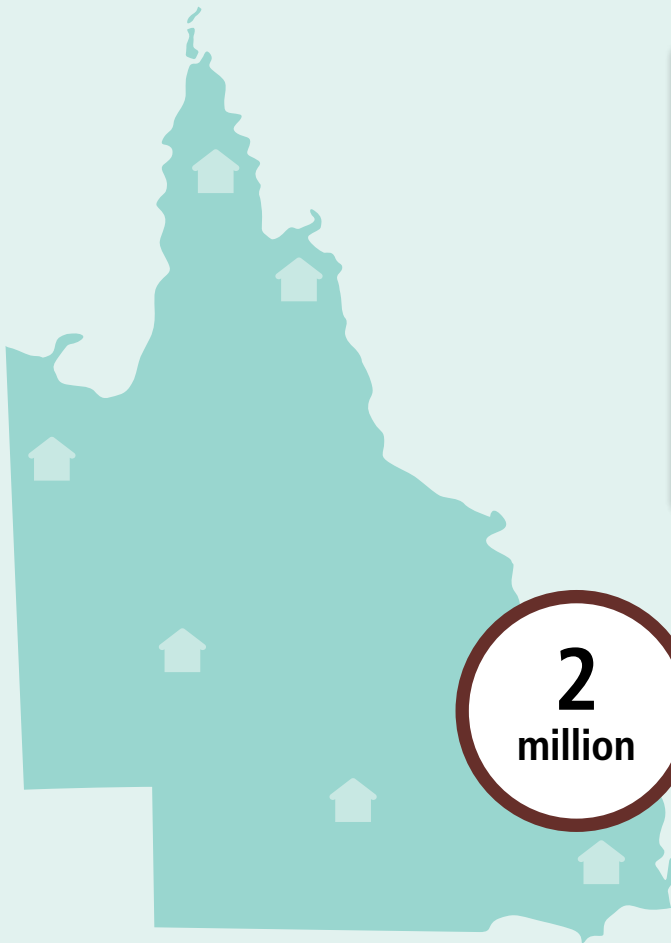
11.5 million
Males



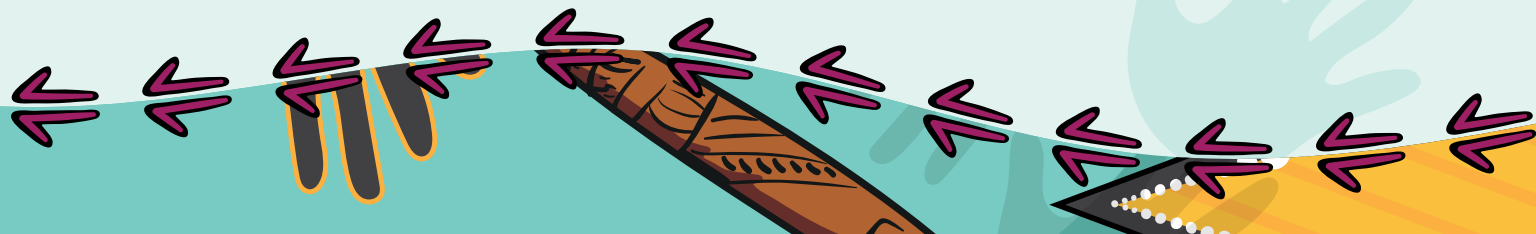
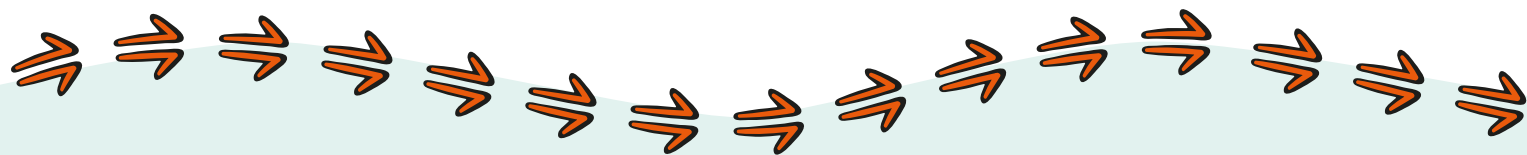
4.4 million
Children



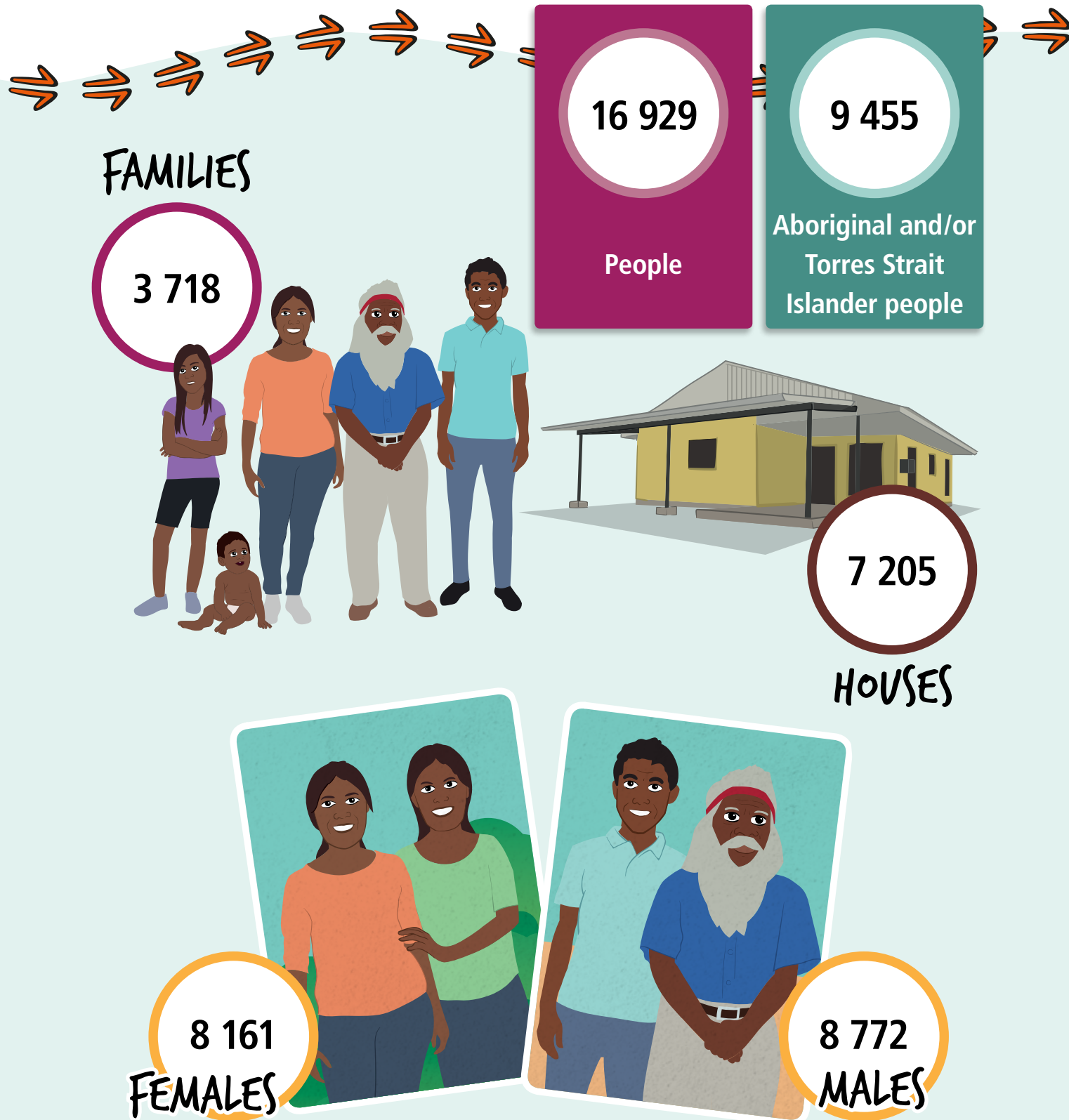
Queensland



Cape York



Cape York



Geography: Cape York IREG

Aurukun

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Cape York Peninsula
Languages, nec

1 269

People

1 151

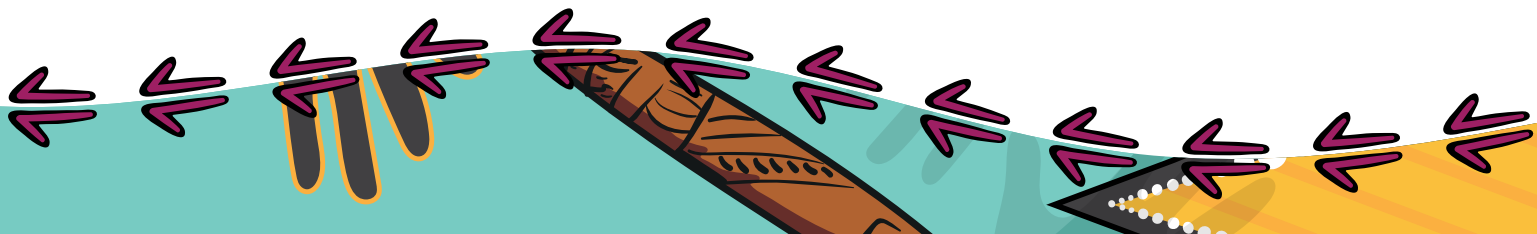
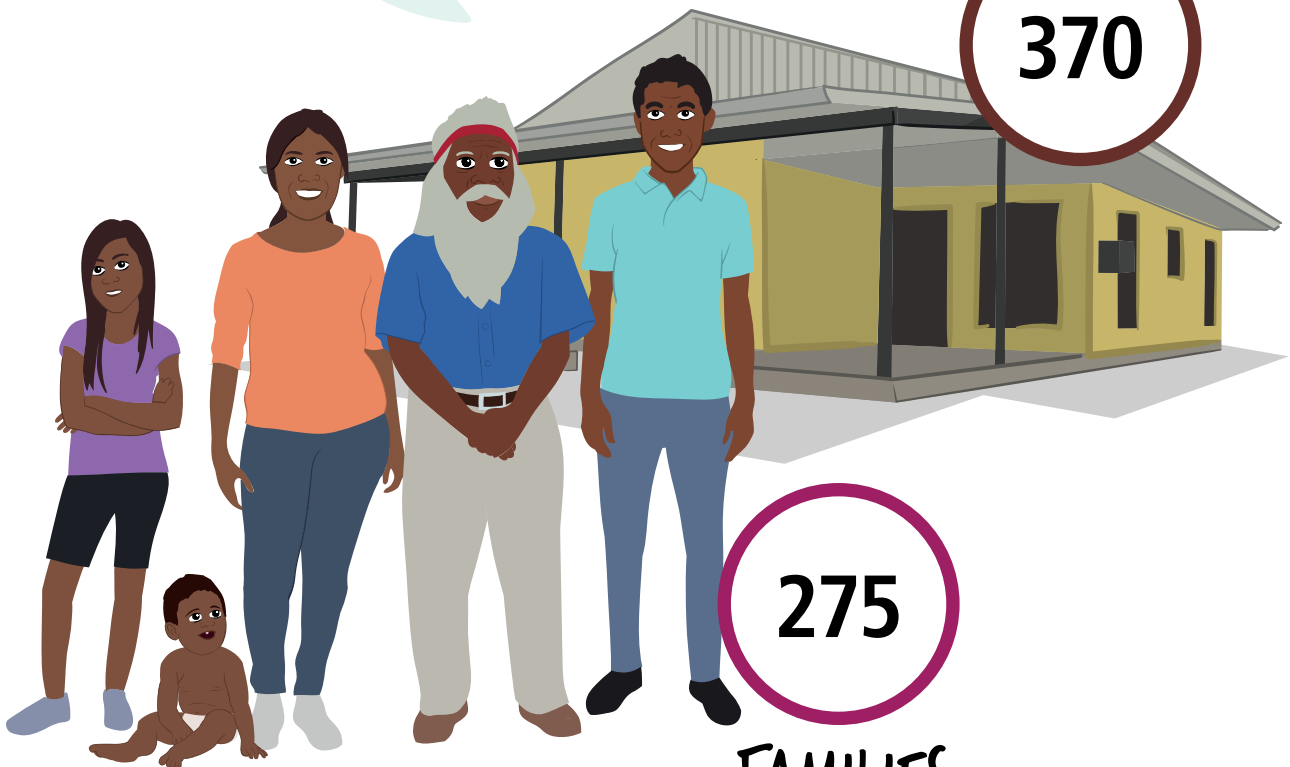
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Islander people

HOUSES

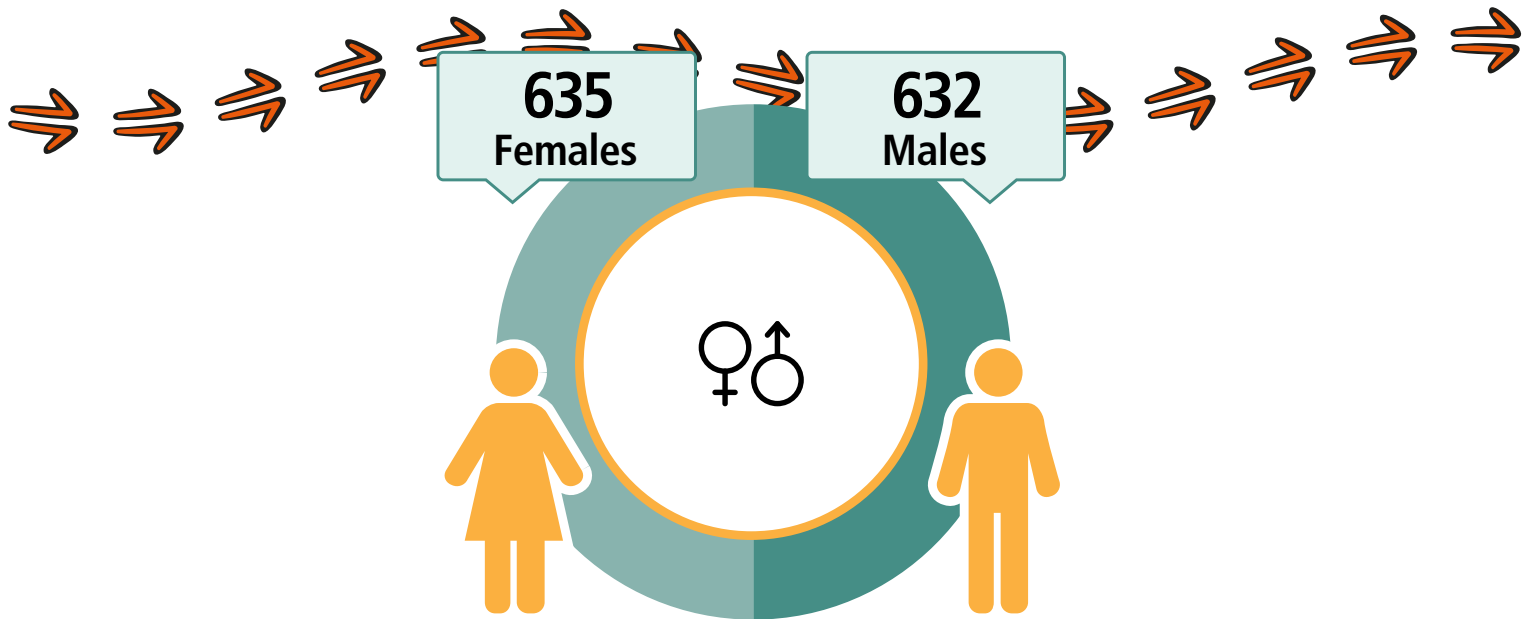
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275

FAMILIES



Aurukun



CARED FOR CHILDREN



44%

229
Working



\$261
Weekly Income



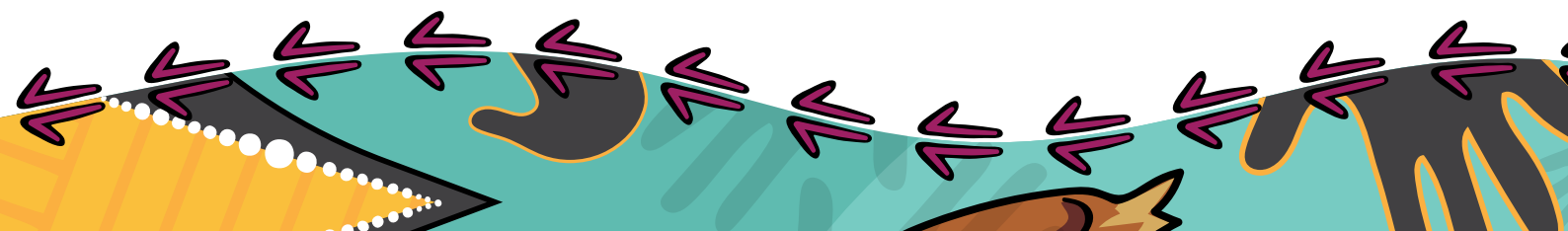
338
Students



148
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Aurukun ILOC



Bamaga and Surrounds

LANGUAGE SPOKEN

Kalaw Kawaw Ya/
Kalaw Lagaw Ya

1 188

People

962

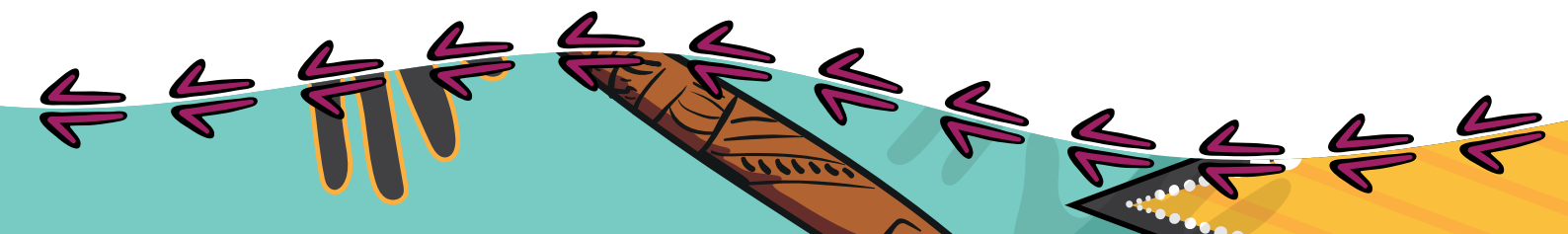
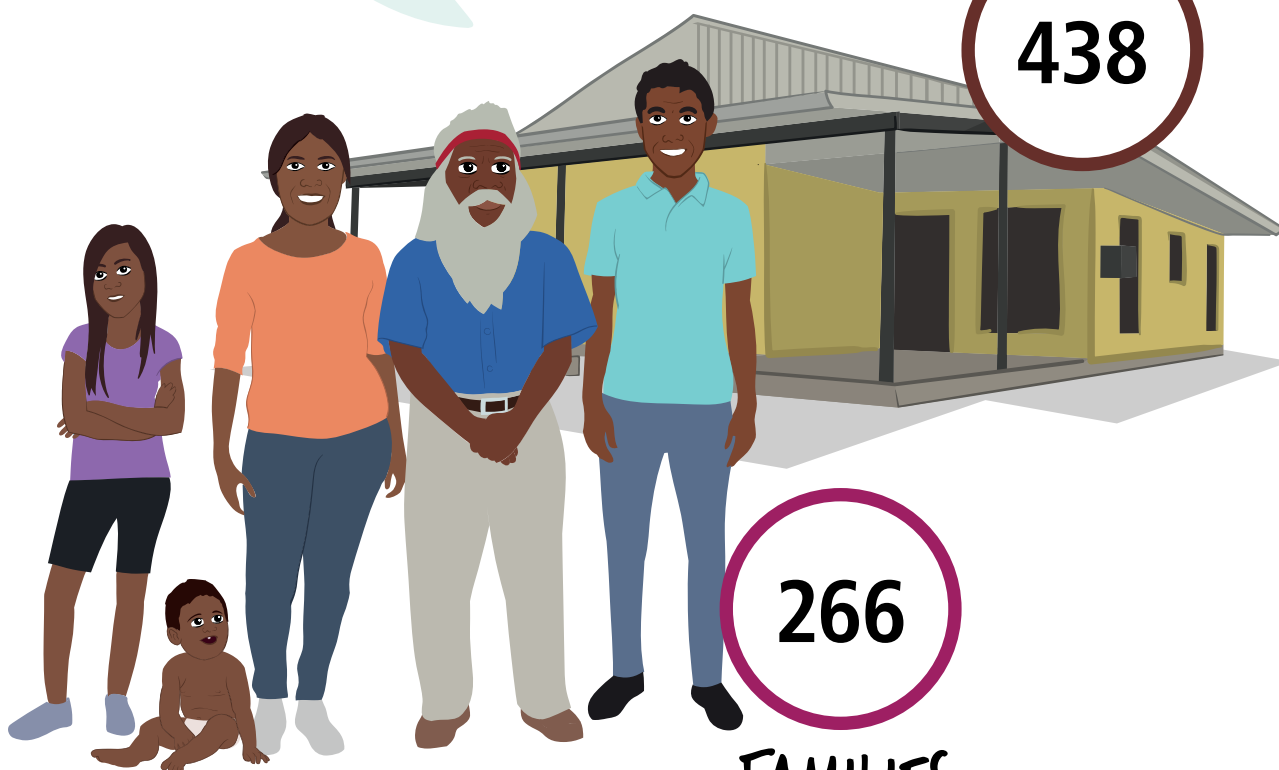
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Islander people

HOUSES

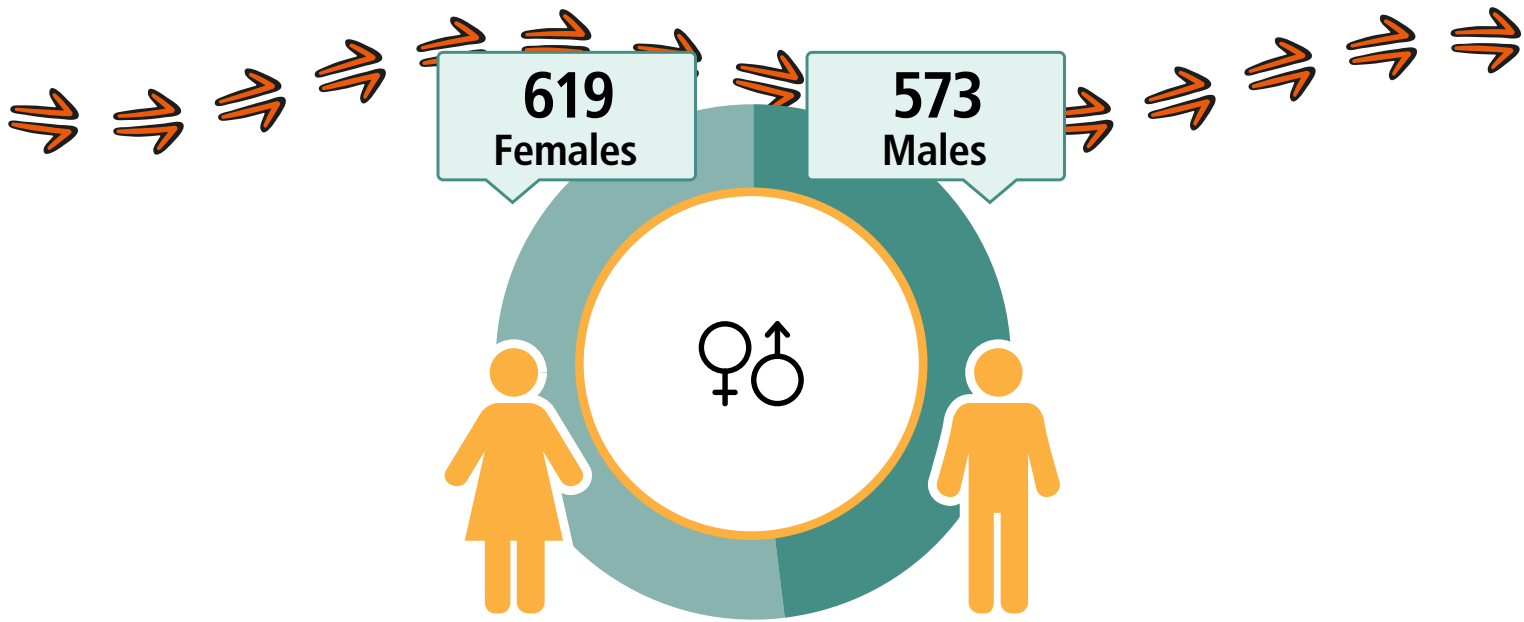
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266

FAMILIES



Bamaga and Surrounds



CARED FOR
(CHILDREN



34%

436
Working



\$568
Weekly Income



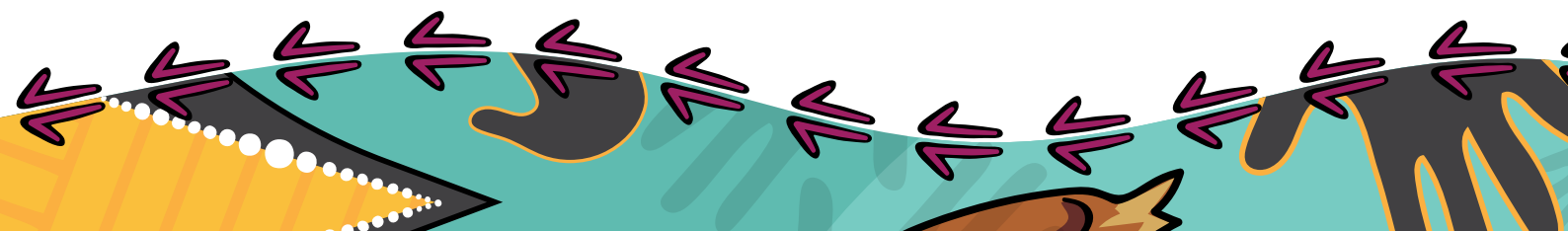
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Students



409
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Bamaga and Surrounds ILOC



Coen

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Wik Mungkan

328

People

272

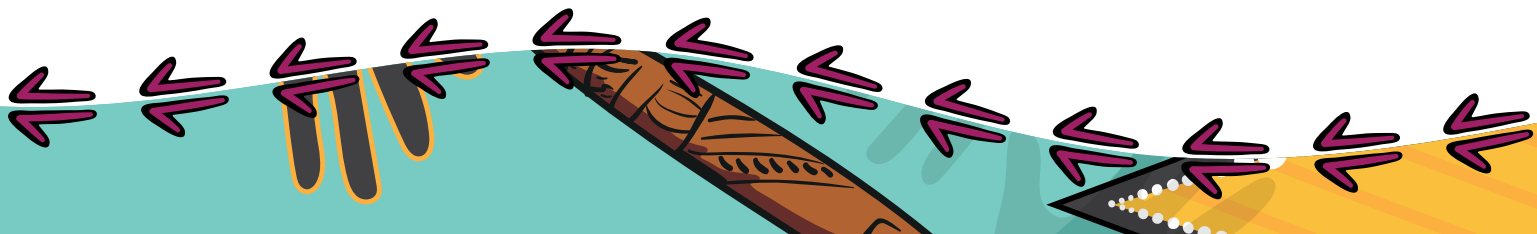
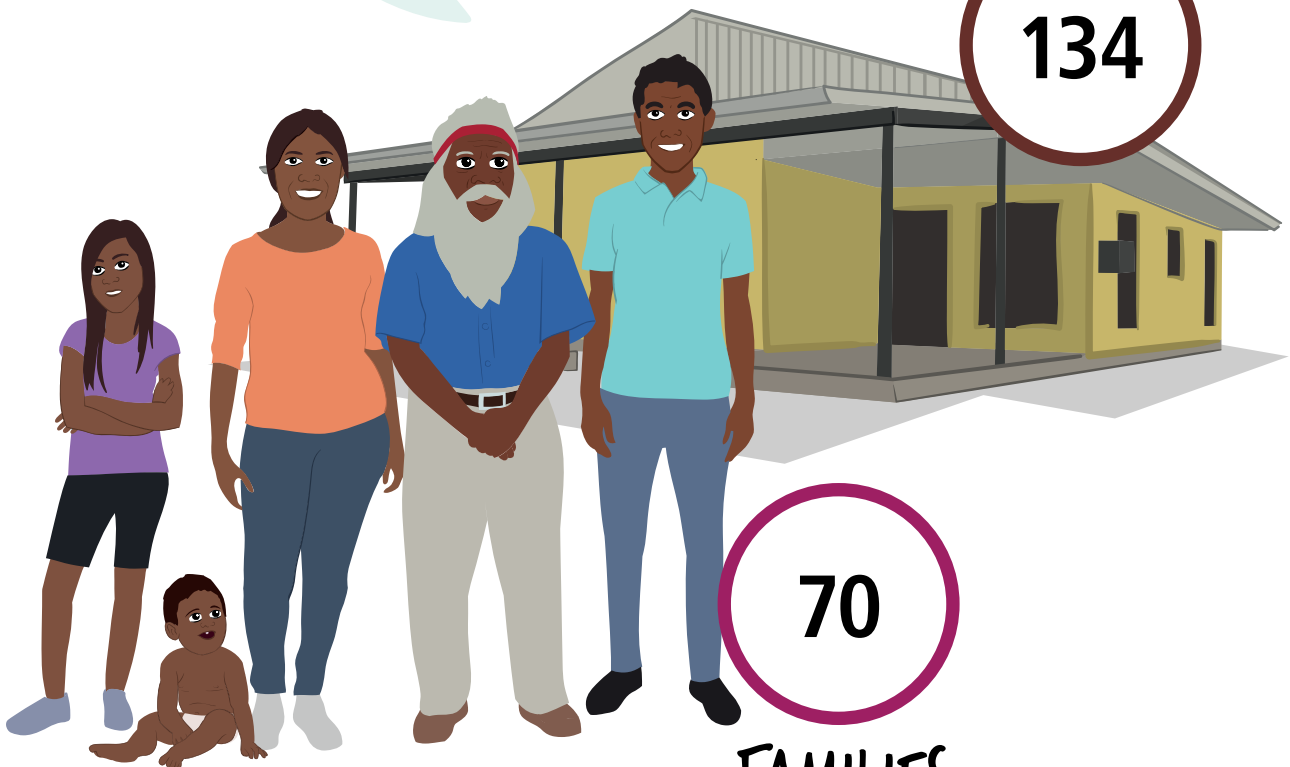
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HOUSES

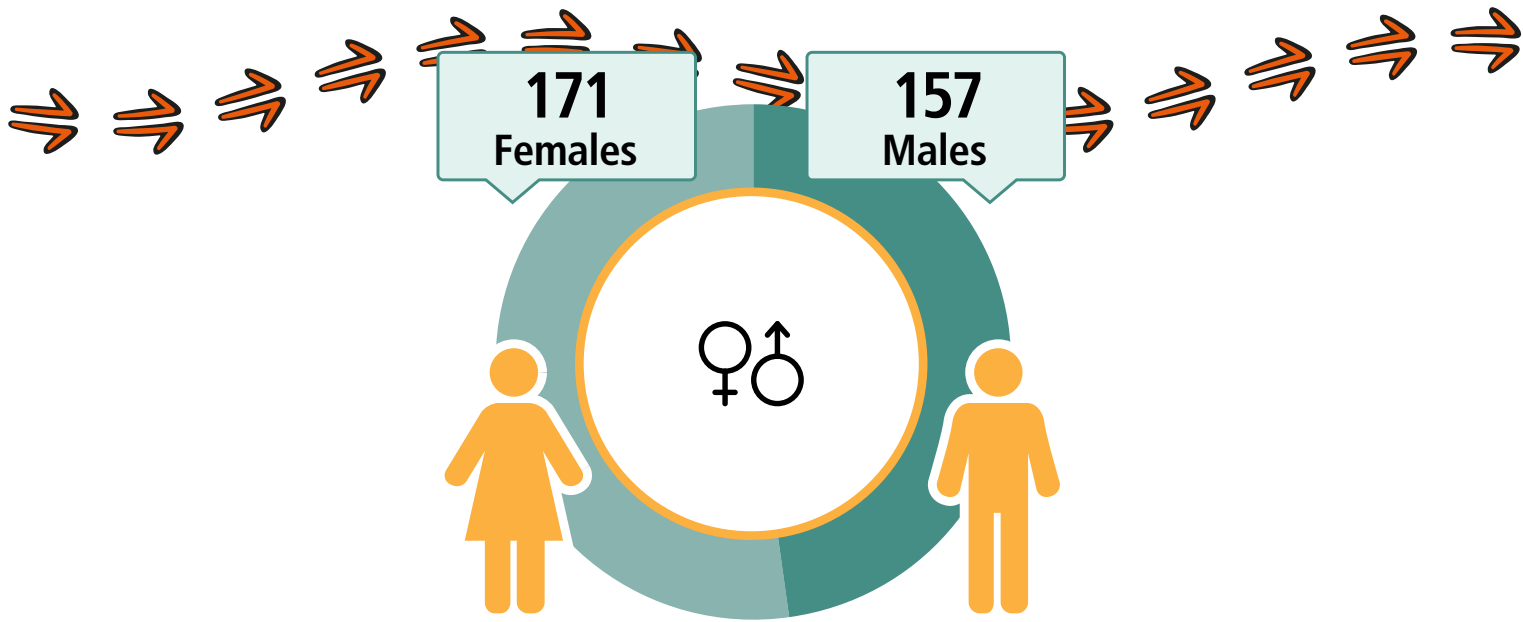
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70

FAMILIES



Coen



CARED FOR CHILDREN



56%

117
Working



\$406
Weekly Income



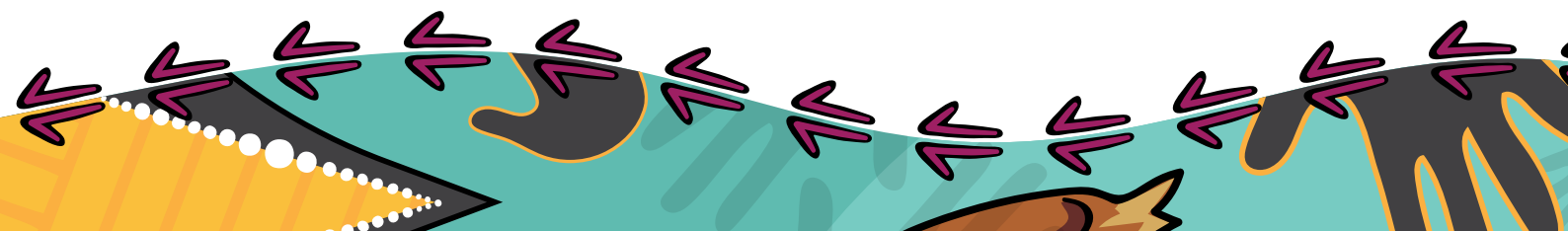
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Students



87
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Coen ILOC



Cooktown

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Guugu Yimidhirr

1 906

People

319

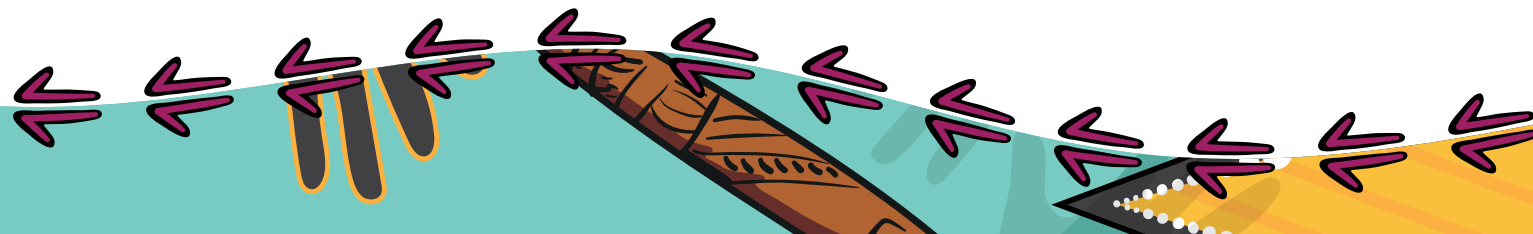
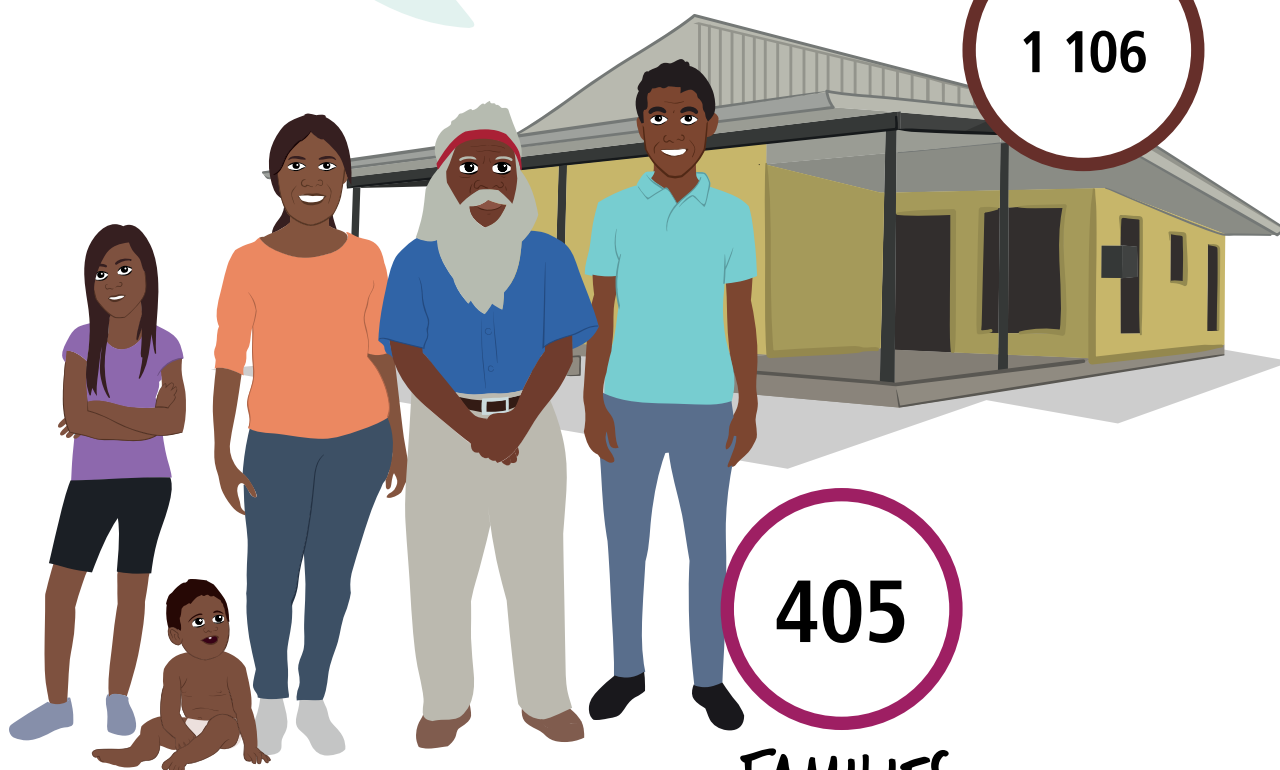
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Islander people

HOUSES

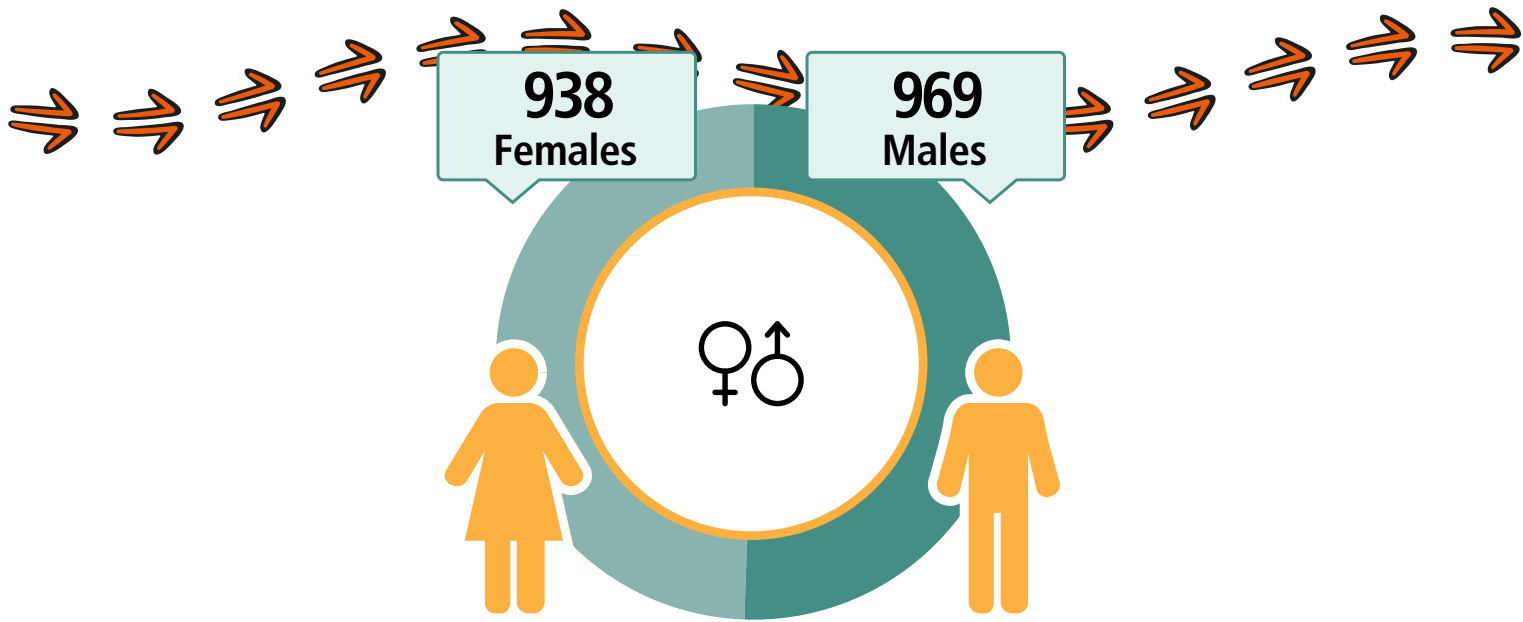
1 106

405

FAMILIES



Cooktown



CARED FOR (CHILDREN



20%

753
Working



\$631
Weekly Income



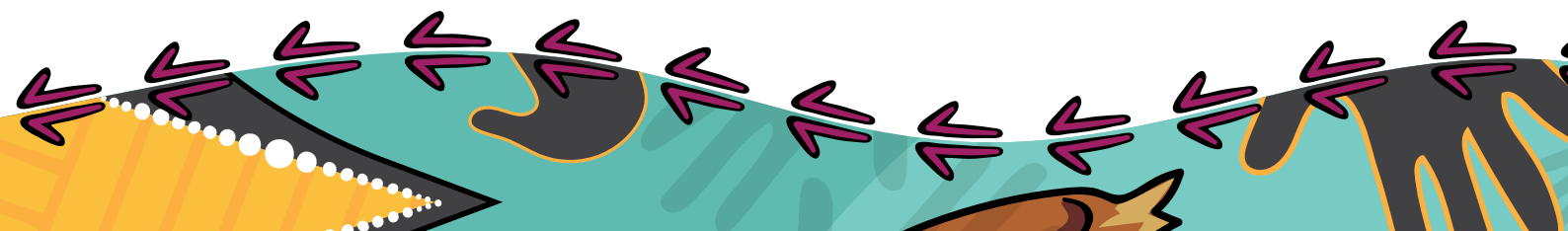
647
Students



595
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Cooktown ILOC



Hope Vale

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Guugu Yimidhirr

976

People

895

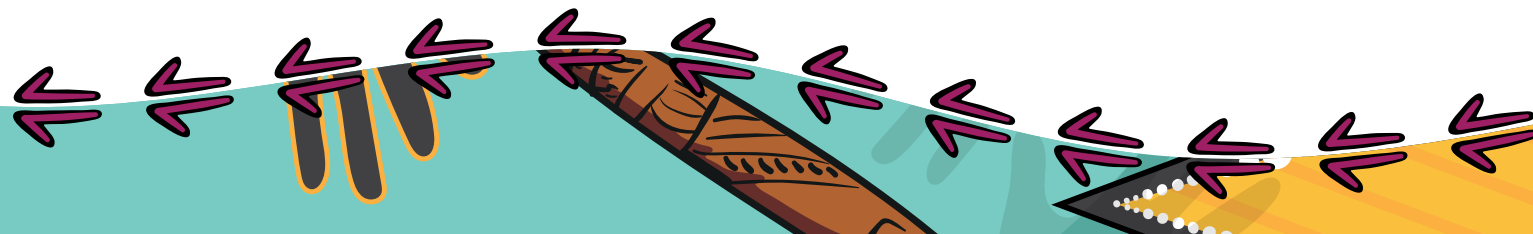
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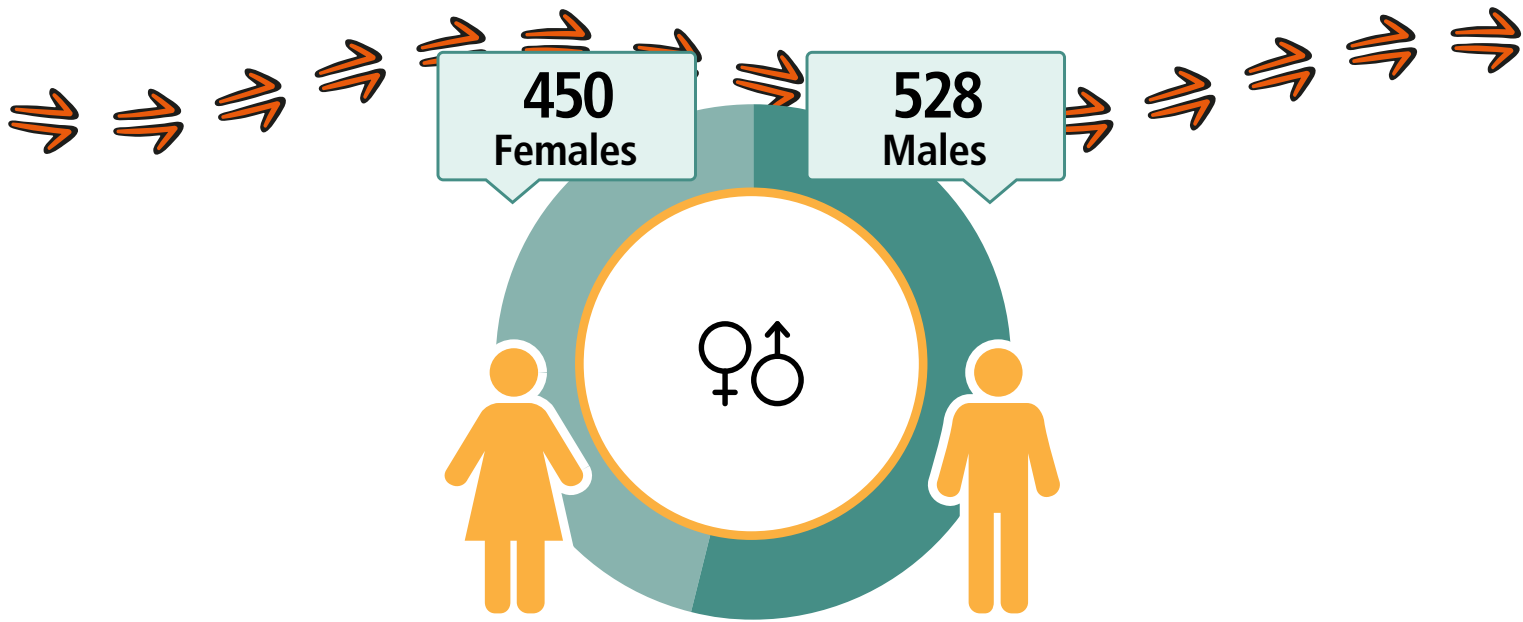
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214

FAMILIES



Hope Vale



CARED FOR CHILDREN



49%

253
Working



\$328
Weekly Income



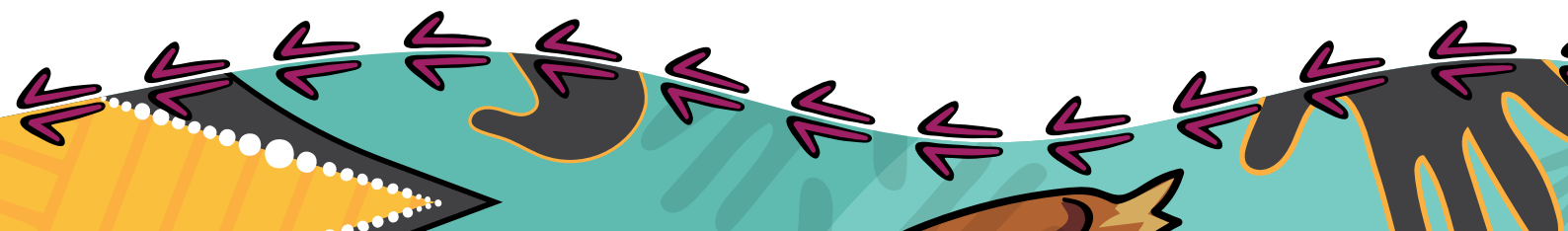
290
Students



163
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Hope Vale ILOC



Injinoo

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)

561

People

534

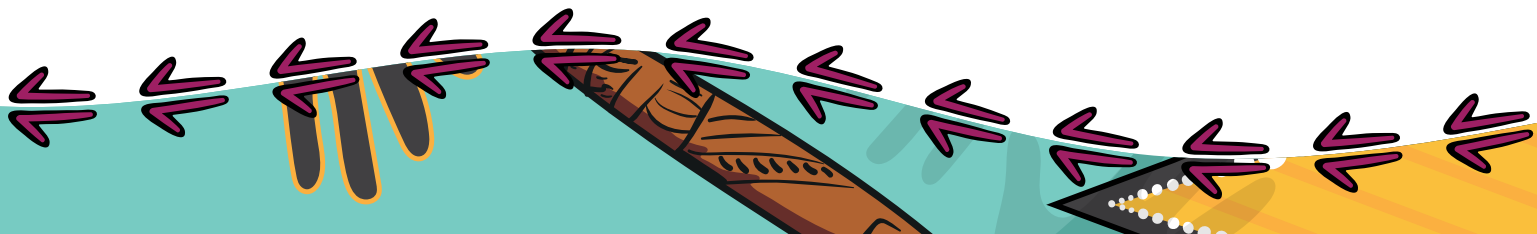
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Islander people

HOUSES

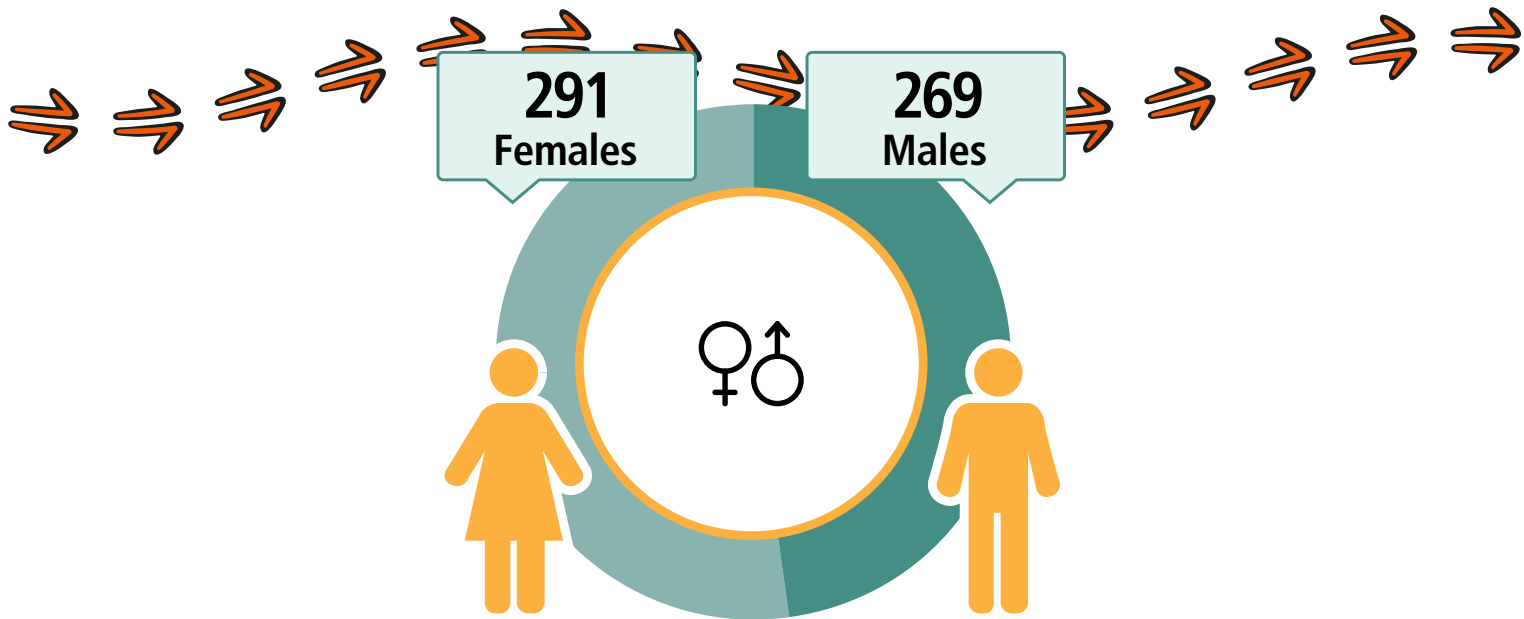
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101

FAMILIES



Injinoo



CARED FOR (CHILDREN



49%

103
Working



\$354
Weekly Income



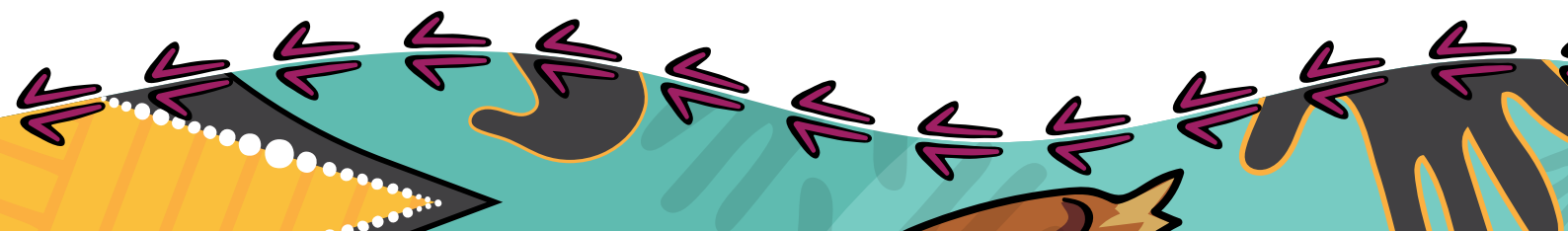
221
Students



113
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Injinoo ILOC



Kowanyama

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Koko-Bera

944

People

856

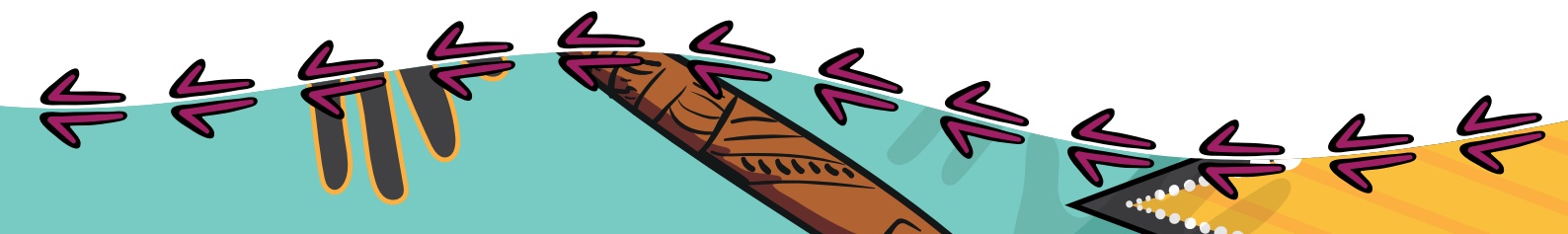
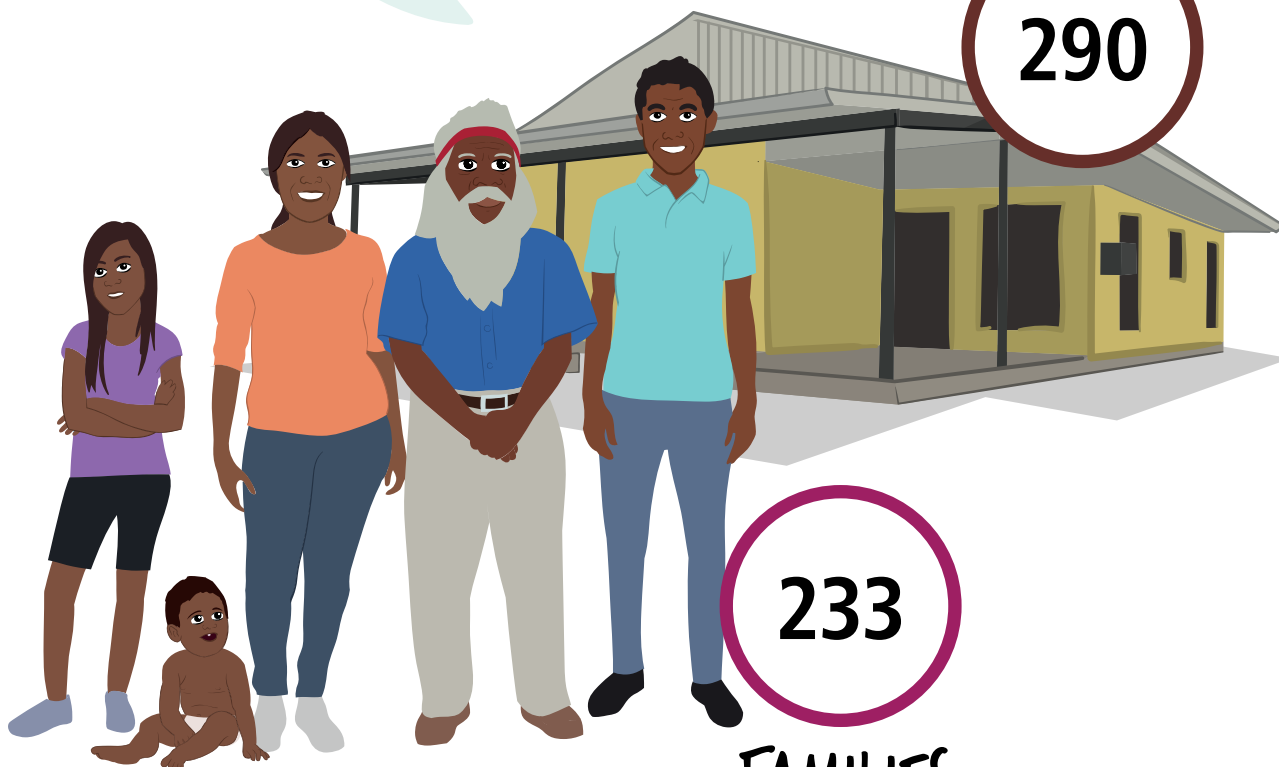
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Islander people

HOUSES

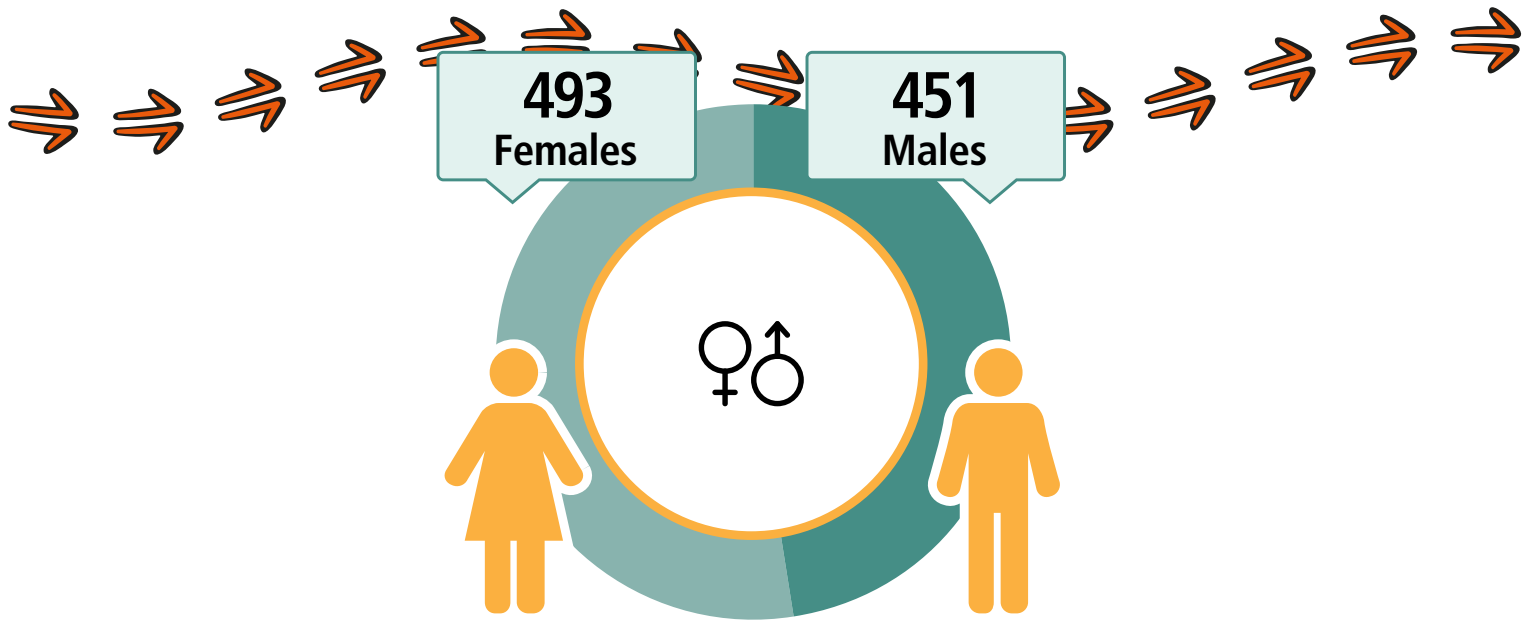
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233

FAMILIES



Kowanyama



CARED FOR CHILDREN



41%

229
Working



\$339
Weekly Income



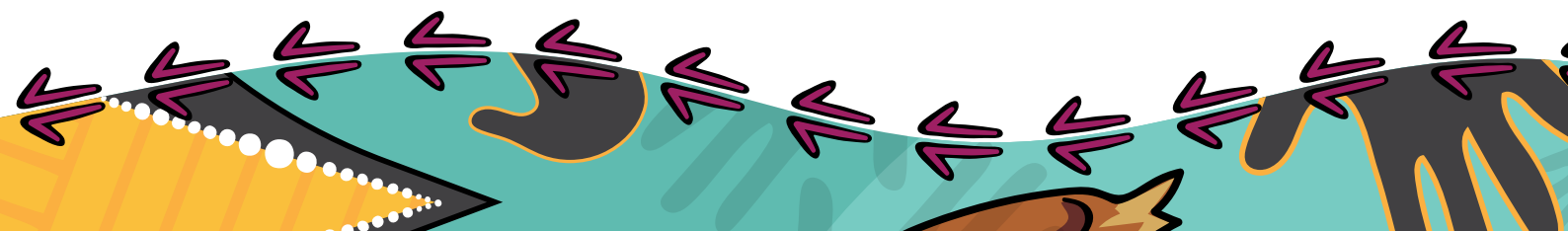
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Students



149
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Kowanyama ILOC



Laura

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Wik Mungkan

151

People

97

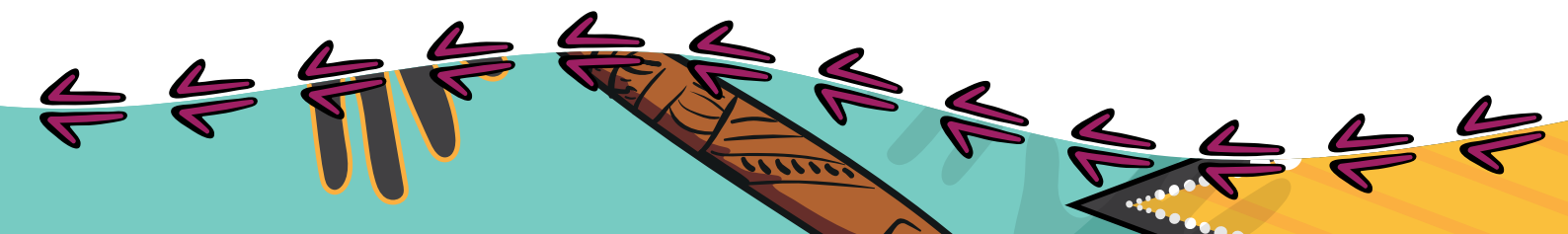
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Islander people

HOUSES

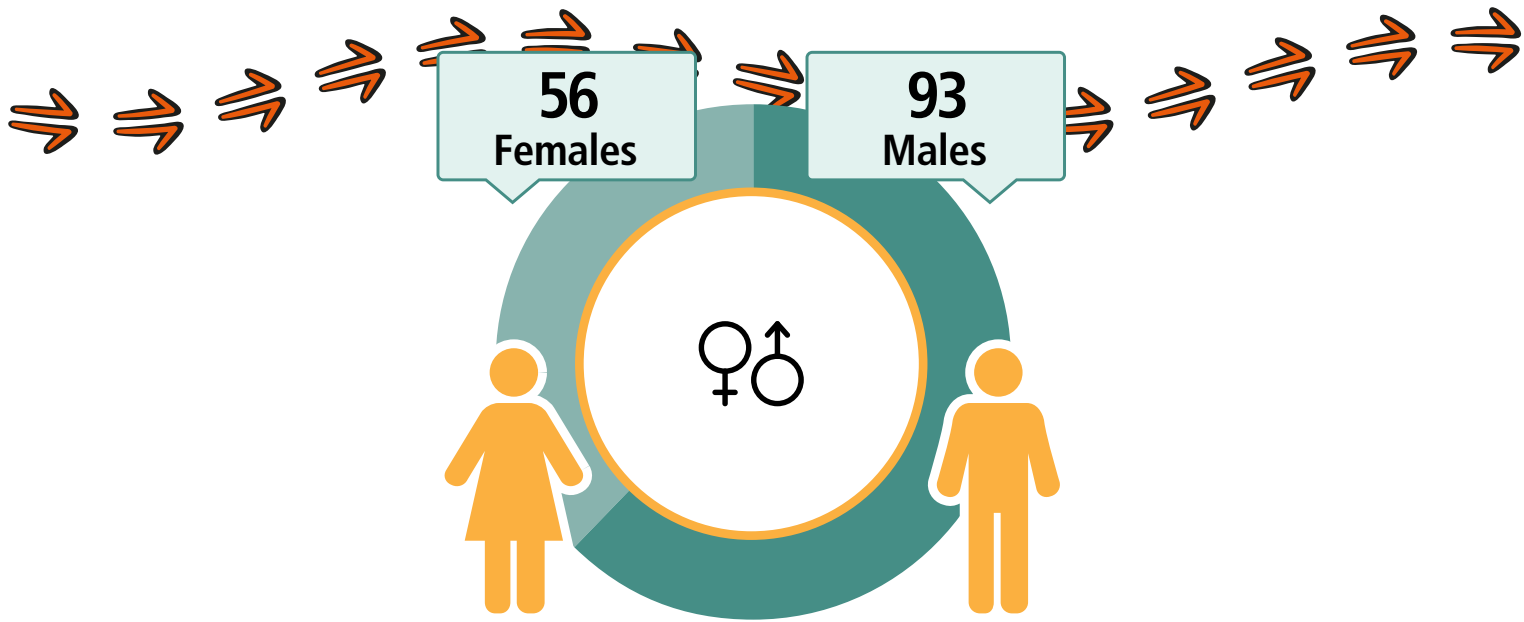
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24

FAMILIES



Laura



CARED FOR (CHILDREN



18%

35
Working



\$356
Weekly Income



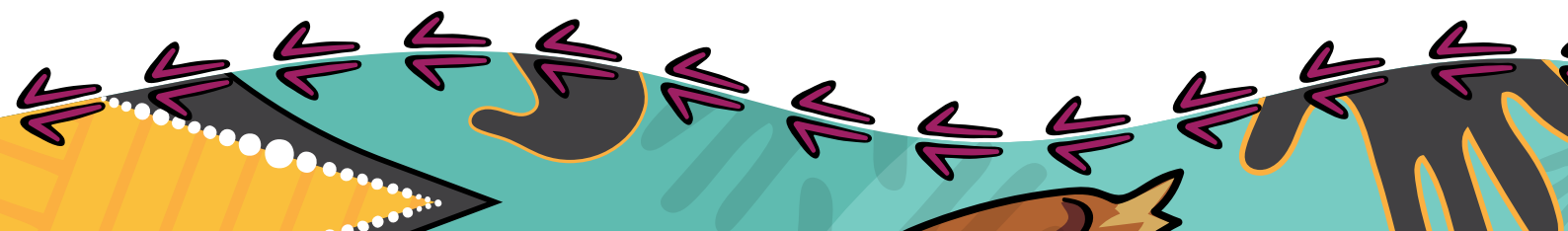
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Students



20
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Laura ILOC



Lockhart River

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Kriol

733

People

630

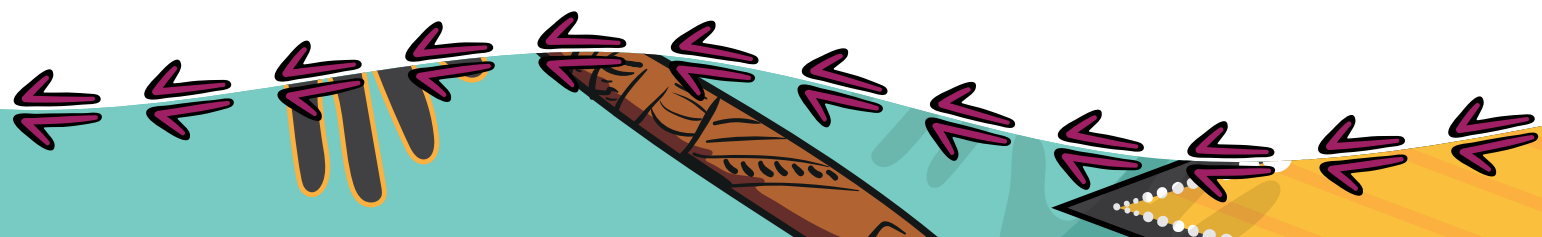
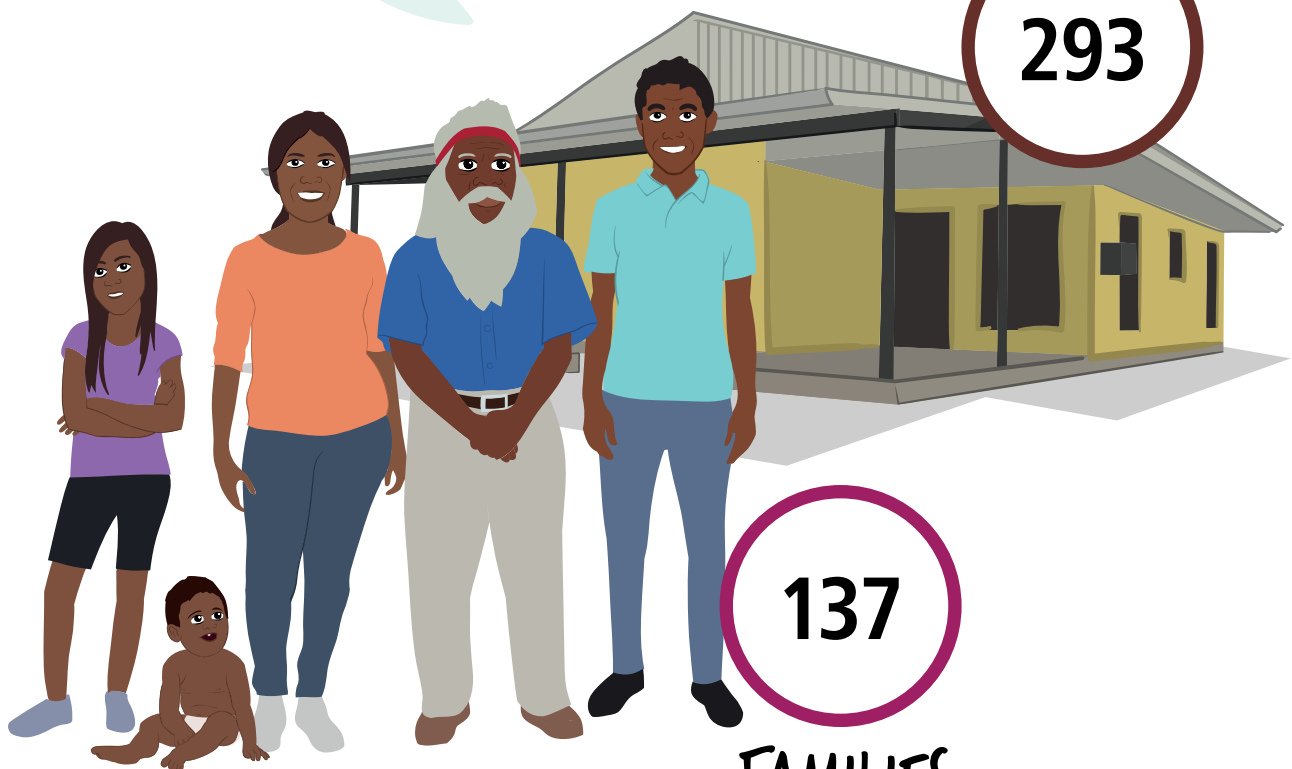
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Torres Strait
Islander people

HOUSES

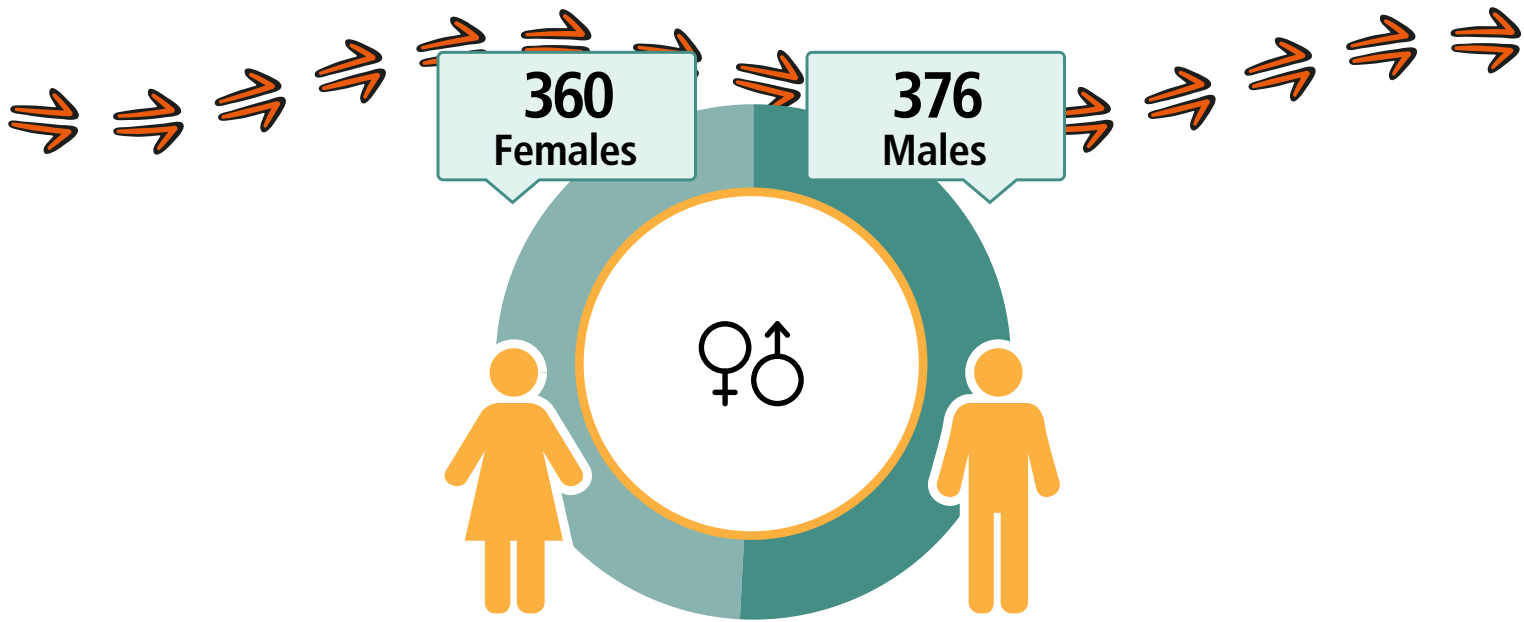
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137

FAMILIES



Lockhart River



CARED FOR (CHILDREN



41%

201
Working



\$344
Weekly Income



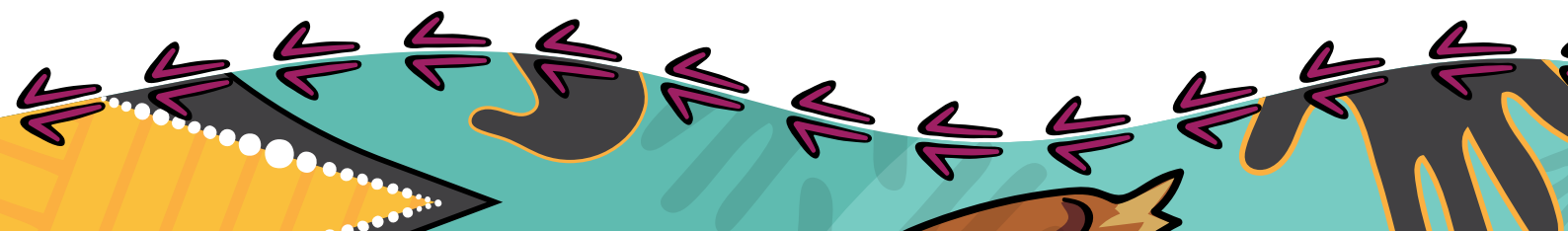
247
Students



113
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Lockhart River ILOC



Mapoon

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)

305

People

276

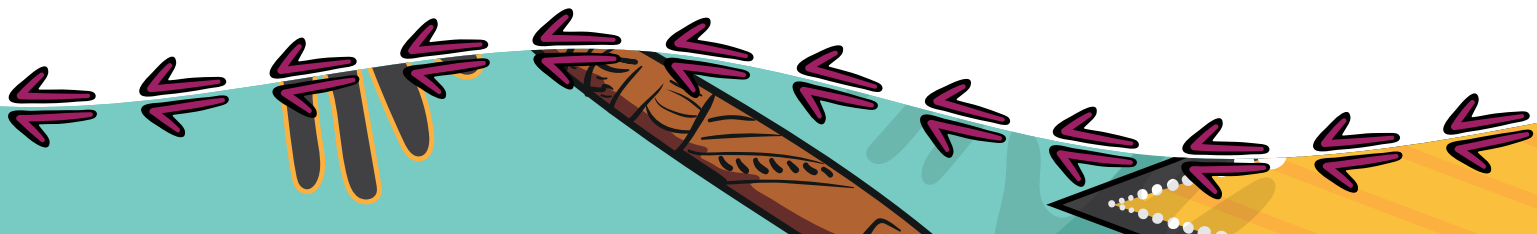
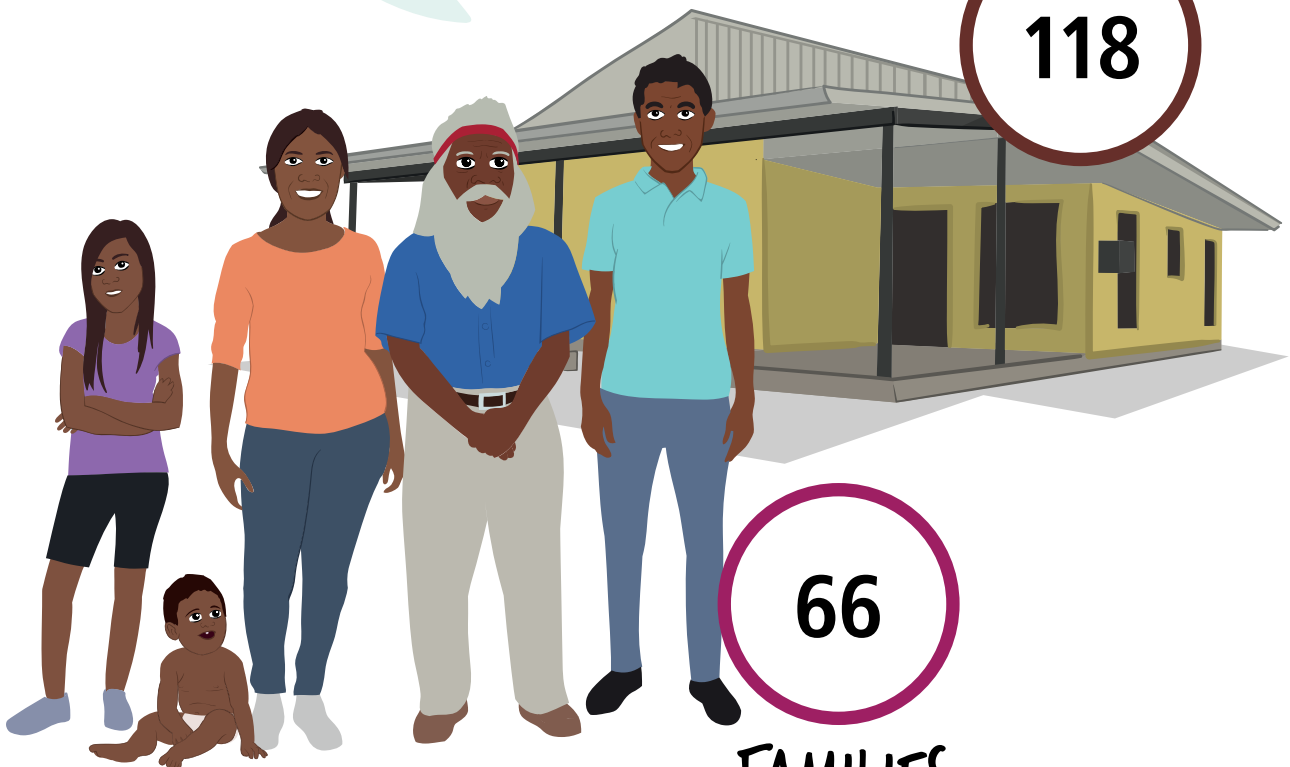
Aboriginal and/or
Torres Strait
Islander people

HOUSES

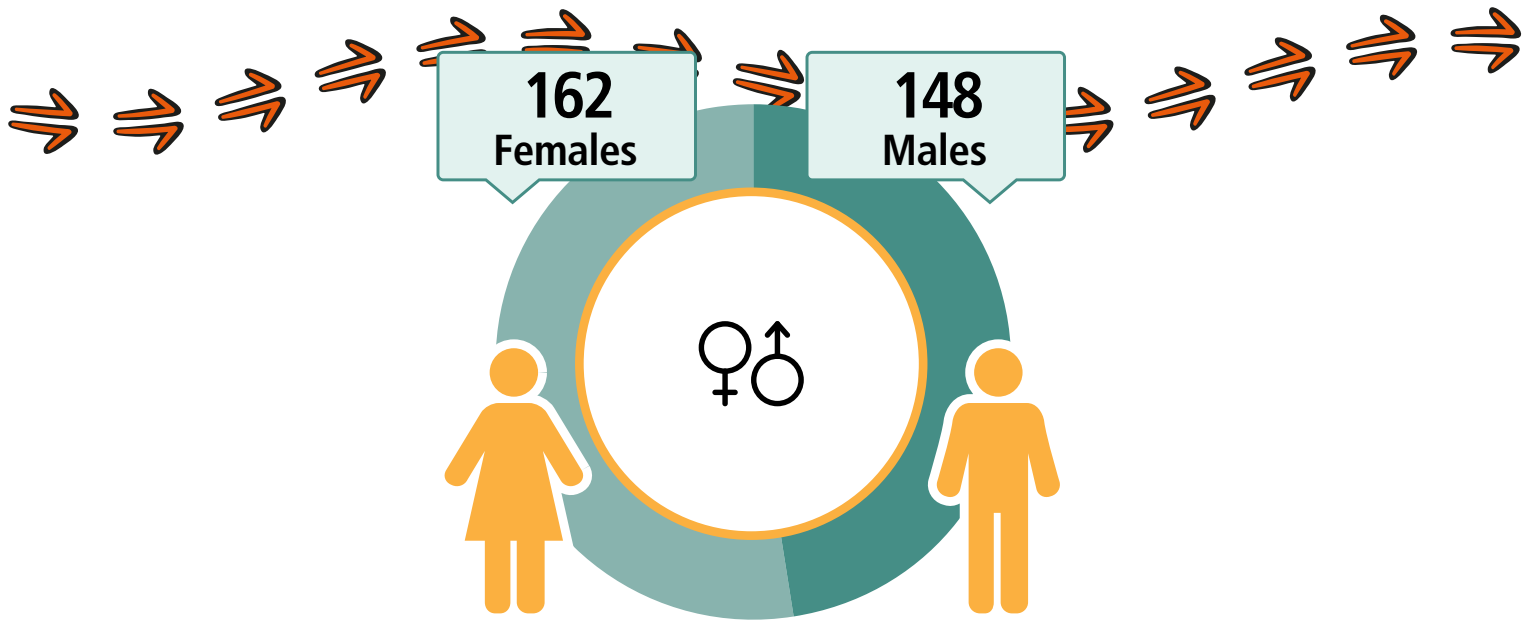
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66

FAMILIES



Mapoon



CARED FOR CHILDREN



32%

78
Working



\$365
Weekly Income



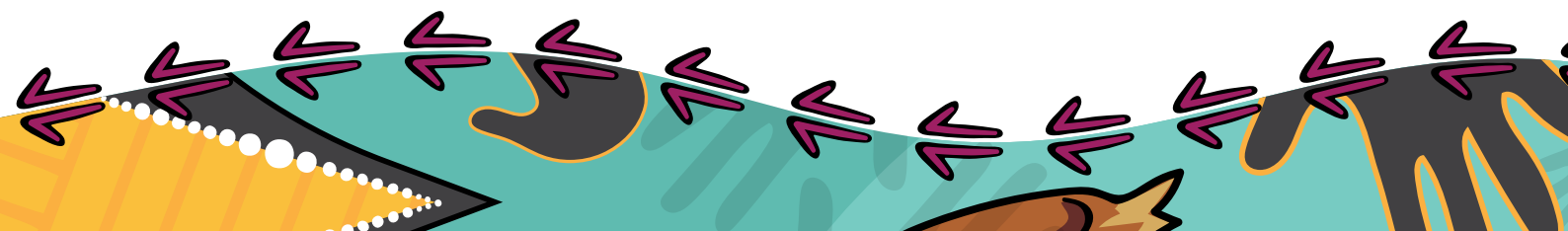
74
Students



44
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Mapoon ILOC



Napranum

LANGUAGE SPOKEN

Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)

950

People

903

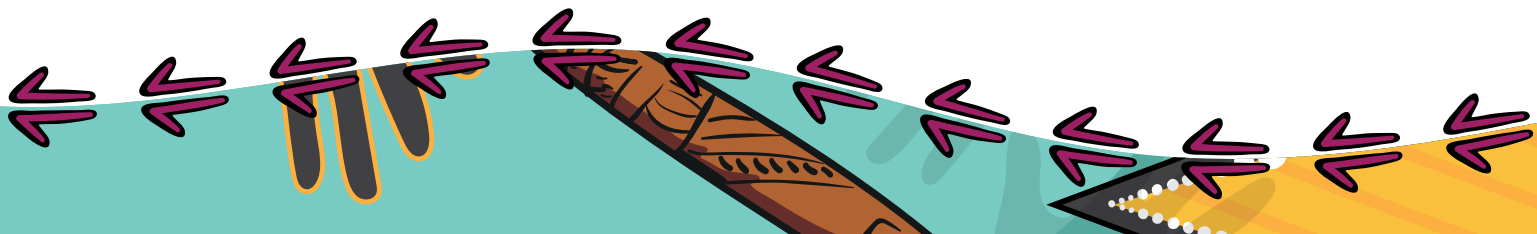
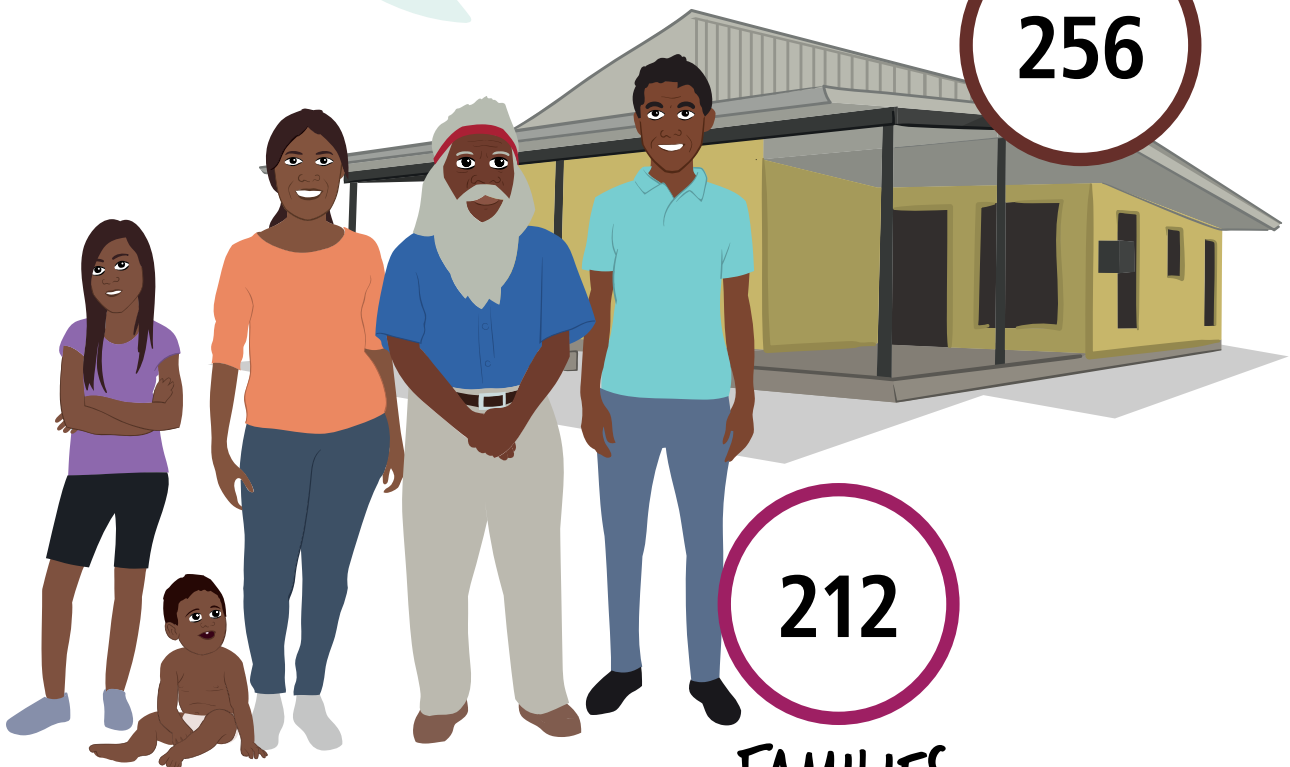
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Islander people

HOUSES

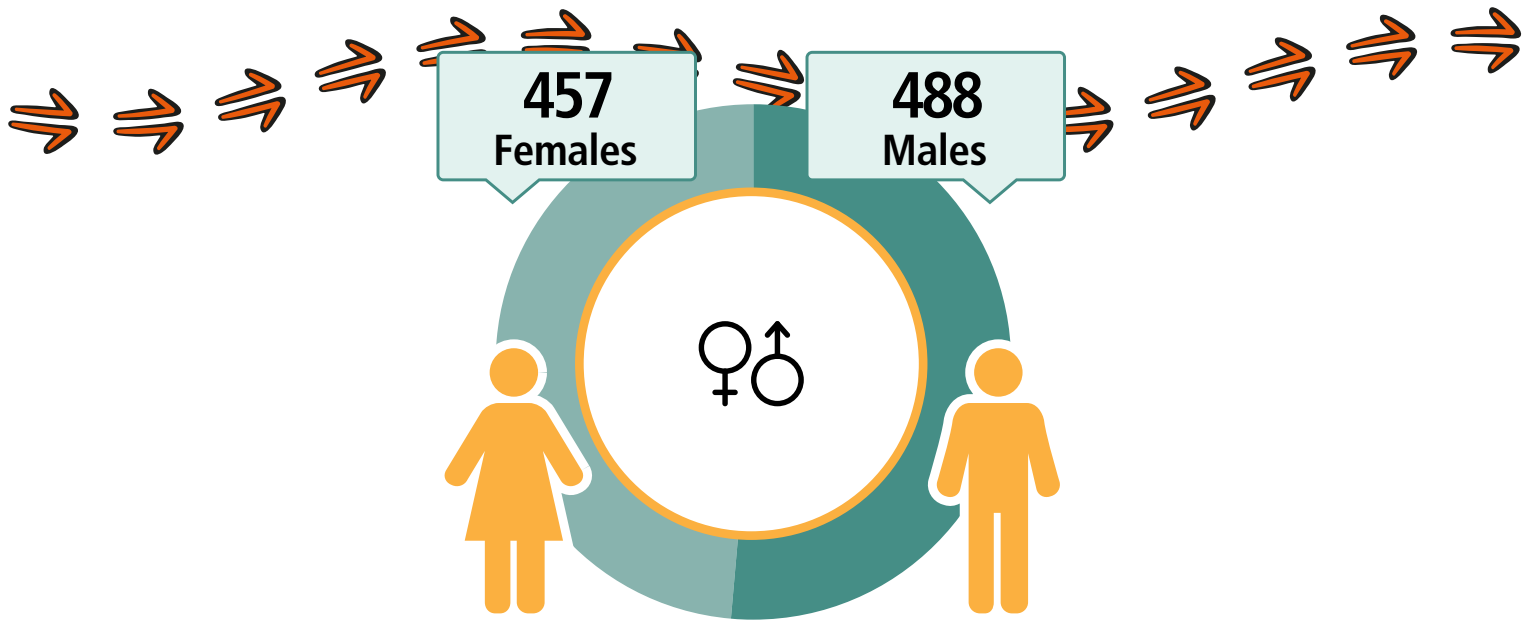
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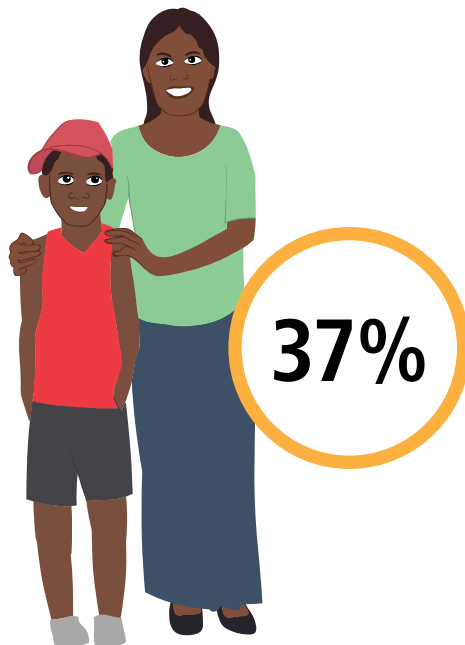
FAMILIES



Napranum



CARED FOR CHILDREN



145
Working



\$279
Weekly Income



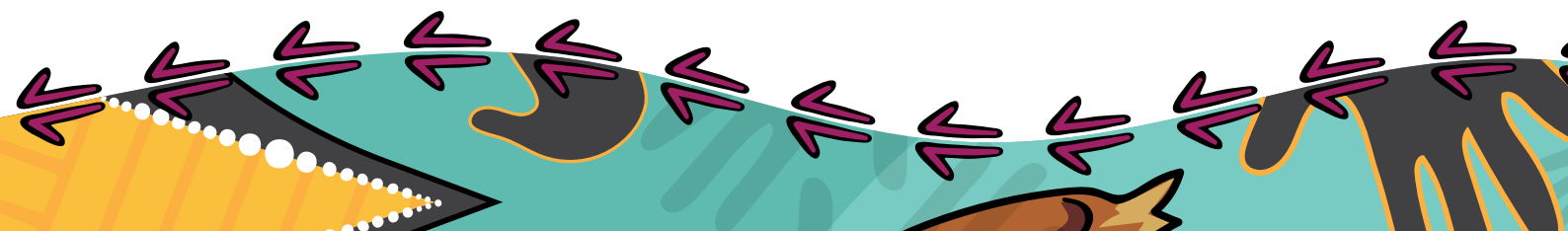
261
Students



175
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Napranum ILOC



New Mapoon

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)

383

People

349

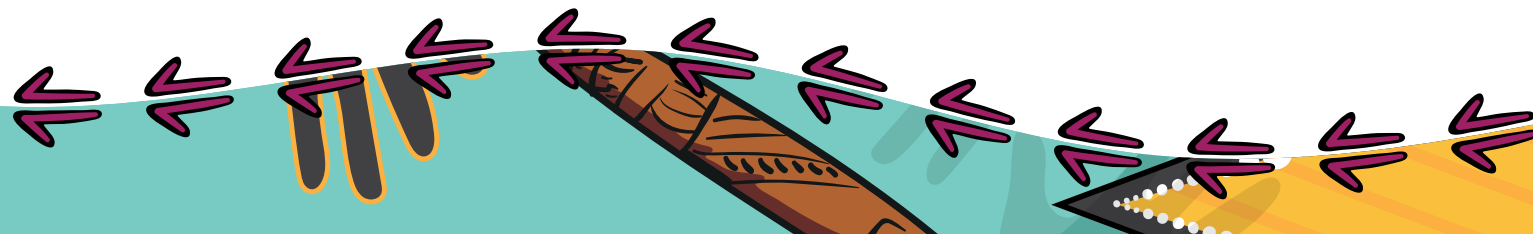
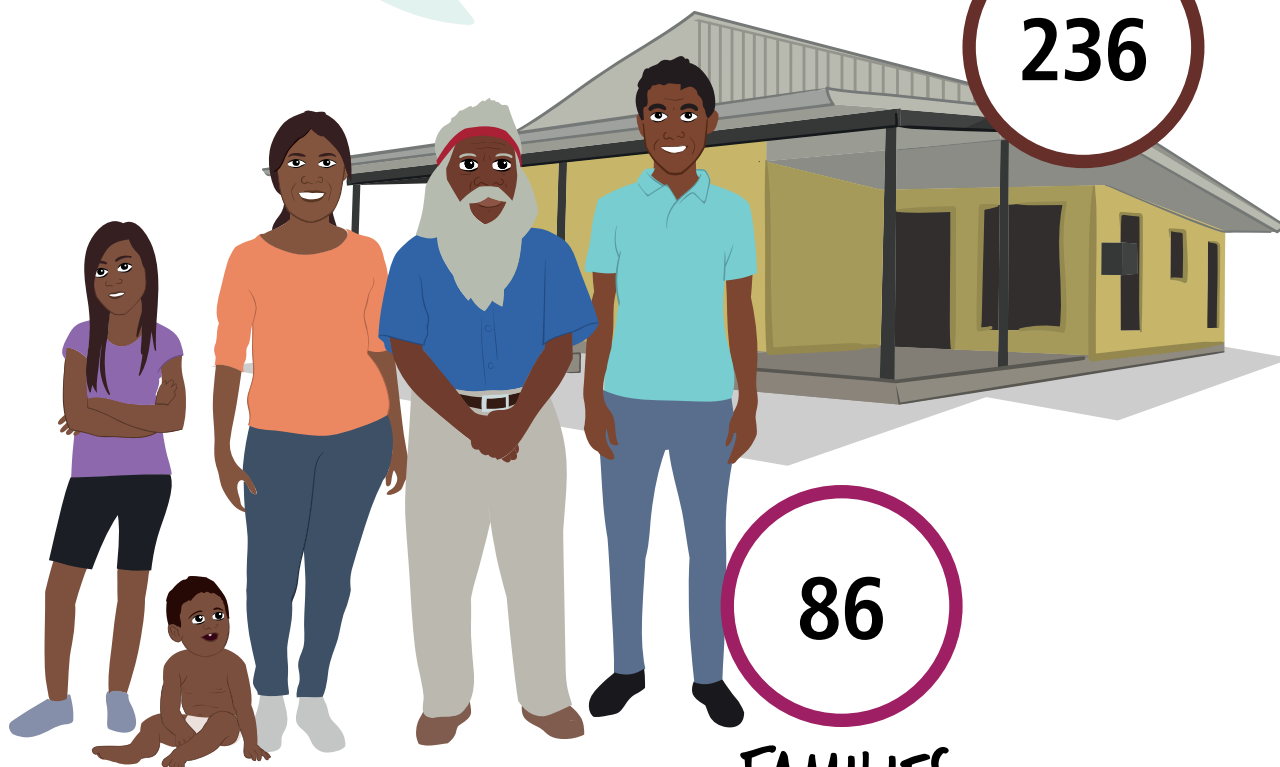
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Torres Strait
Islander people

HOUSES

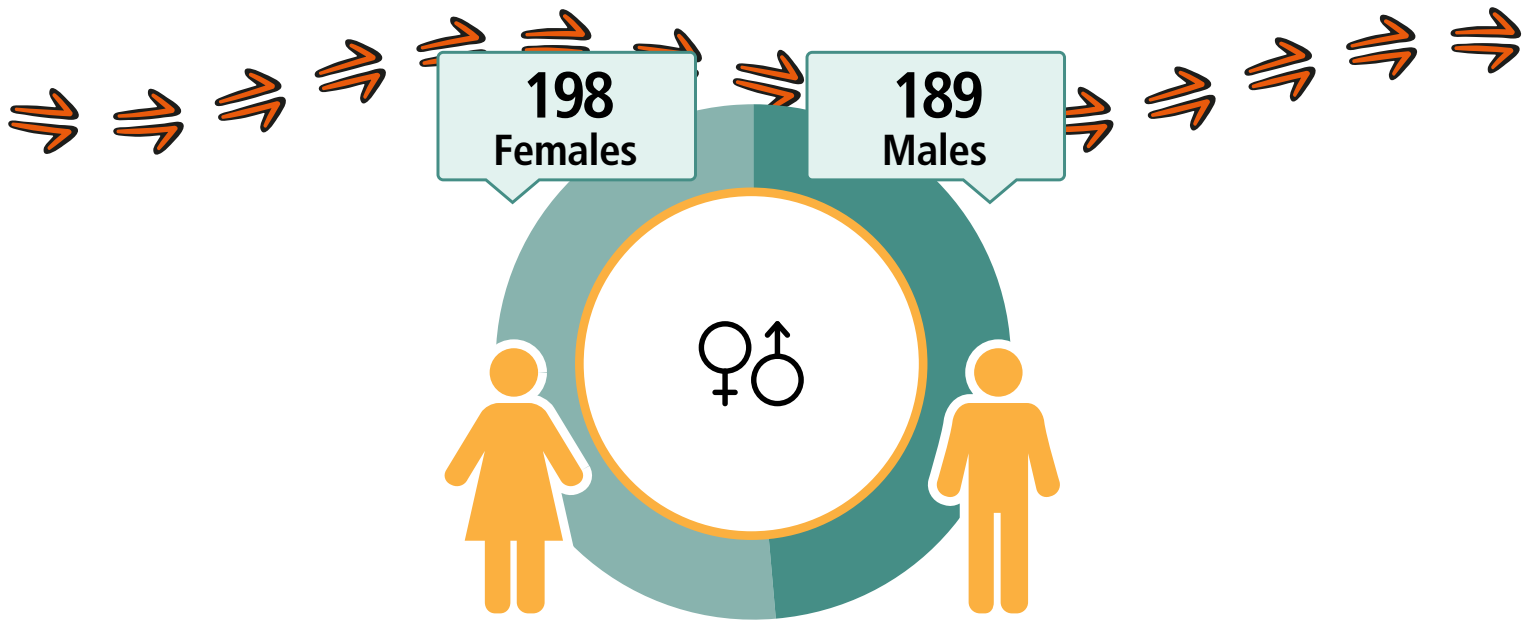
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86

FAMILIES



New Mapoon



CARED FOR CHILDREN



62%

96
Working



\$485
Weekly Income



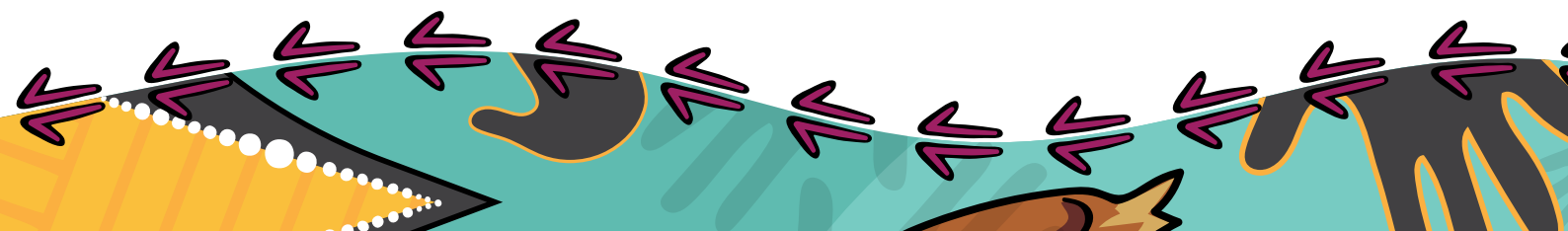
112
Students



97
Completed
Year 12



Geography: New Mapoon ILOC



Pormpuraaw

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Wik Mungkan

749

People

630

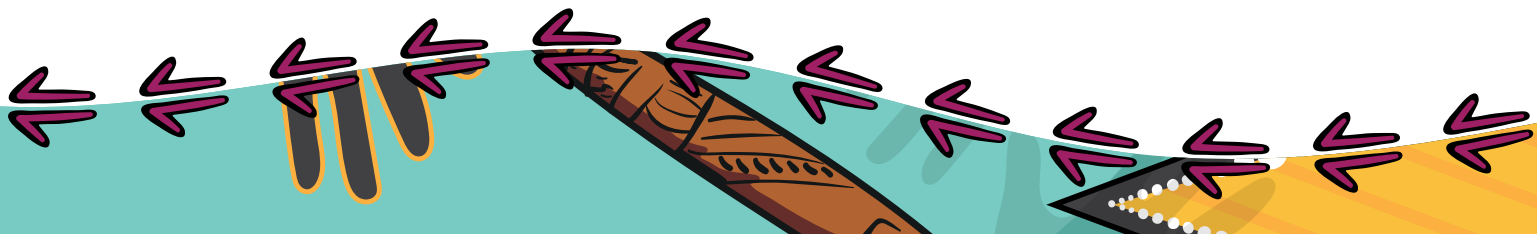
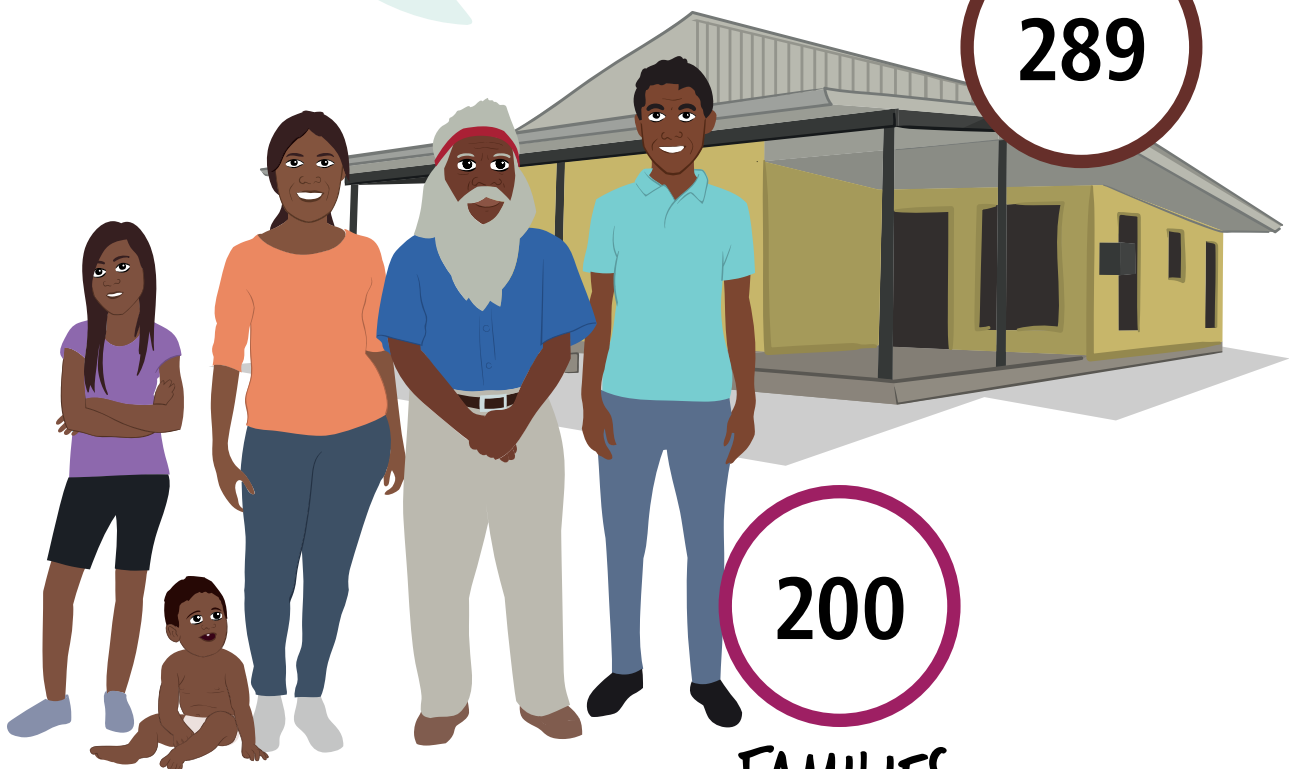
Aboriginal and/or
Torres Strait
Islander people

HOUSES

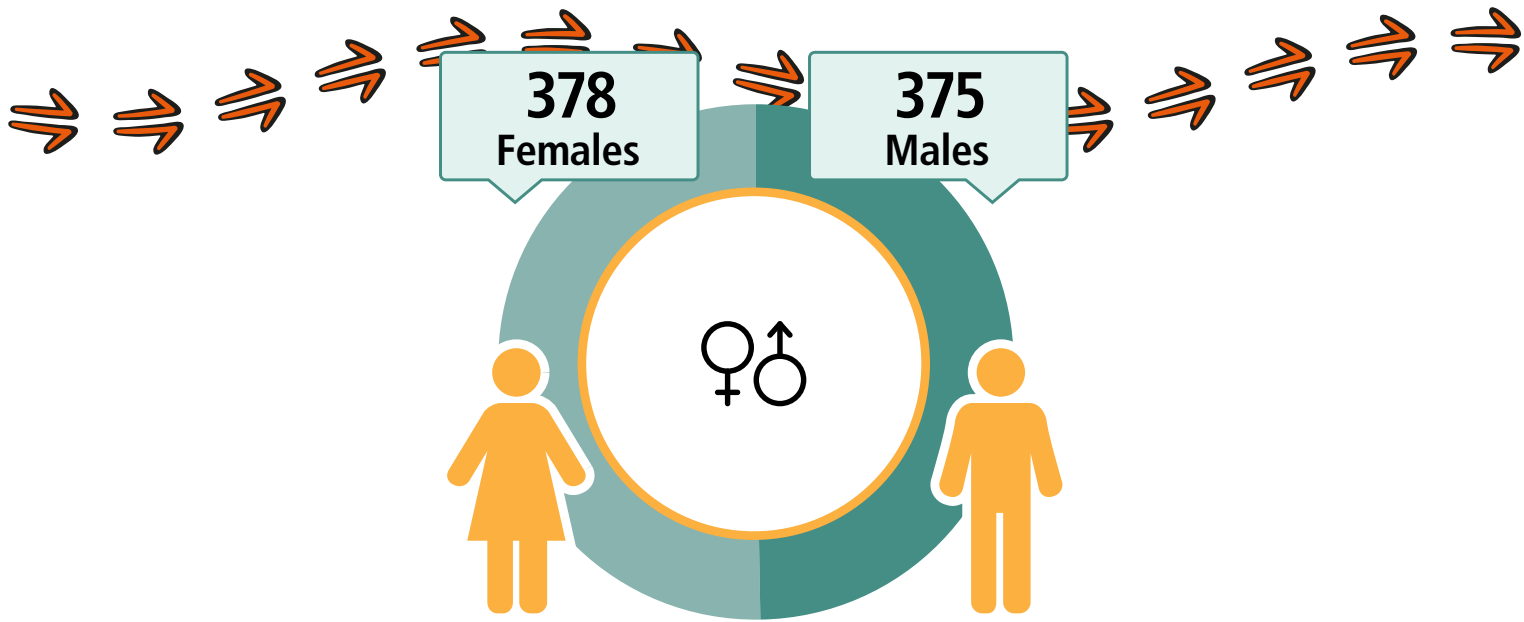
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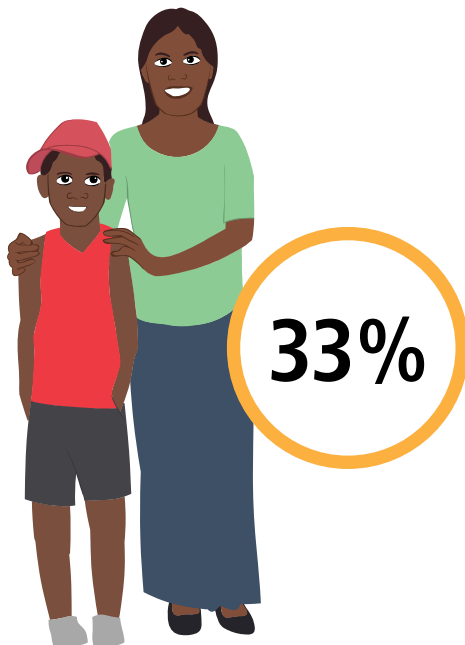
FAMILIES



Pormpuraaw



CARED FOR (CHILDREN



212
Working



\$340
Weekly Income



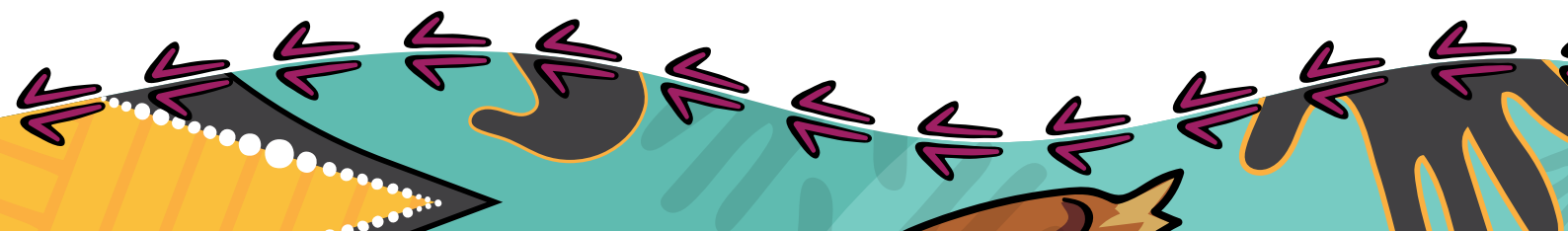
183
Students



120
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Pormpuraaw ILOC



Seisia

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)

260

People

196

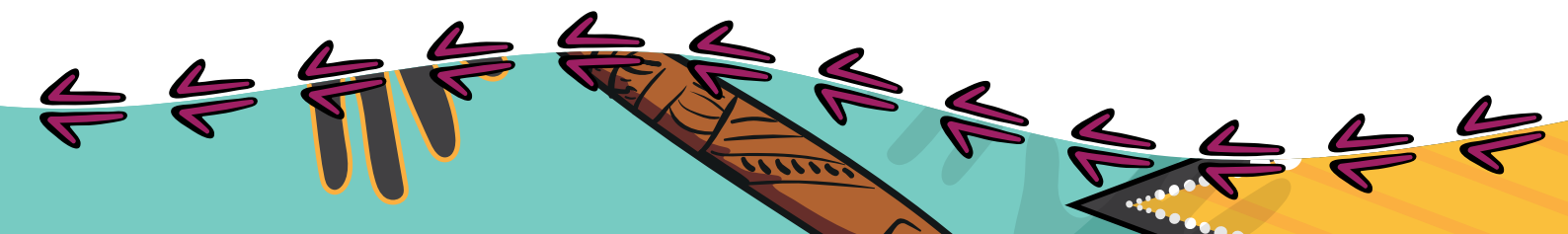
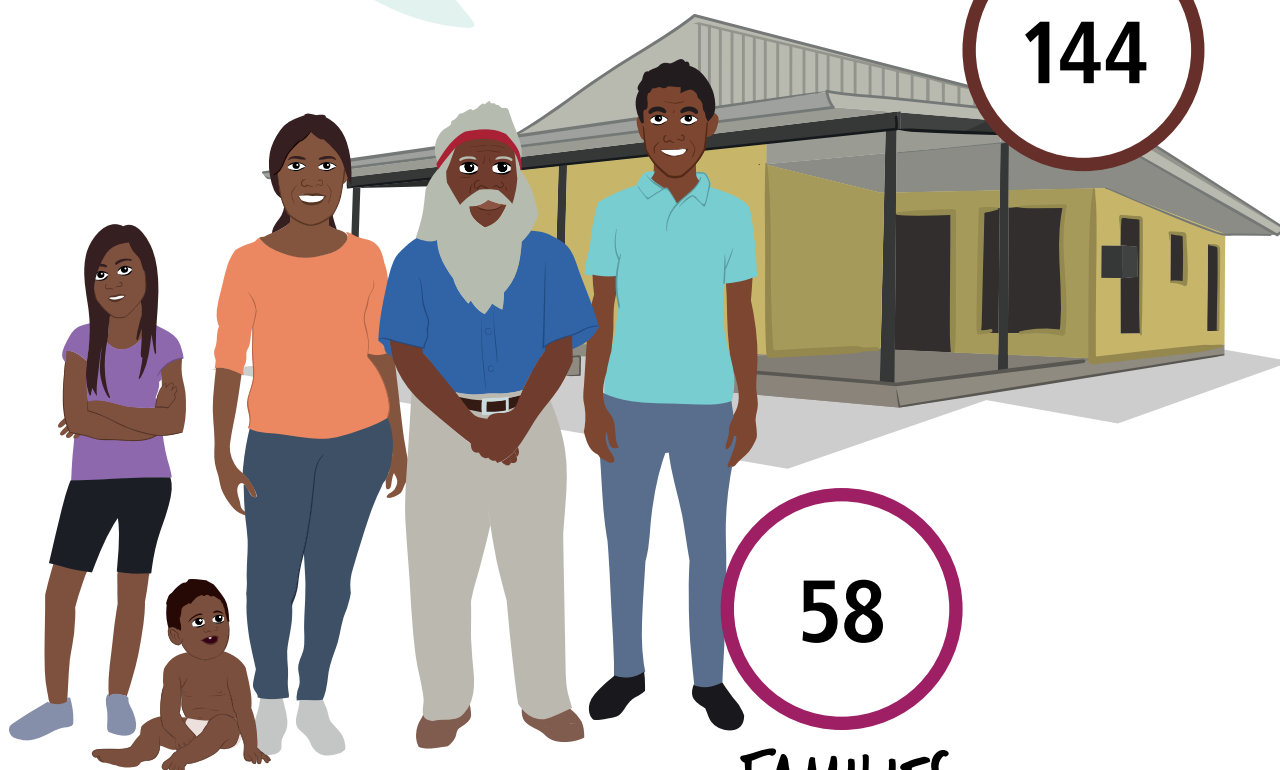
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Torres Strait
Islander people

HOUSES

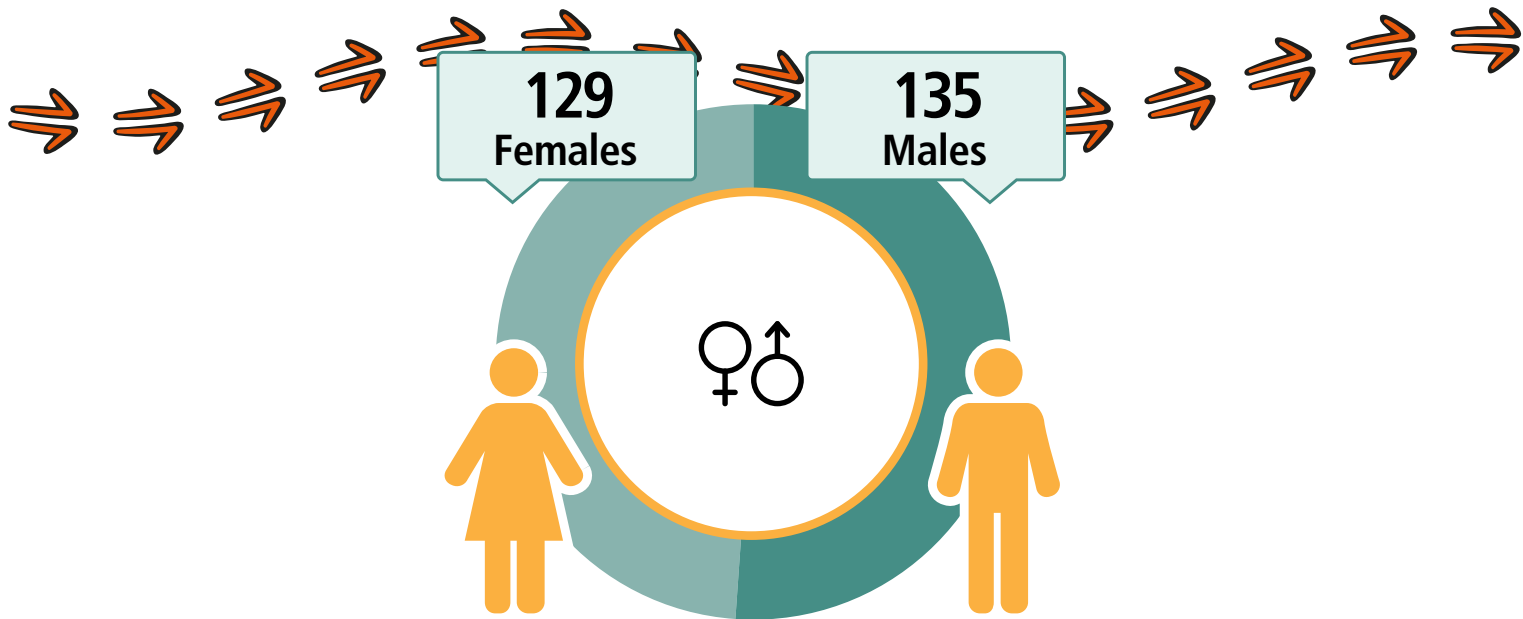
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58

FAMILIES



Seisia



CARED FOR CHILDREN



34%

83
Working



\$610
Weekly Income



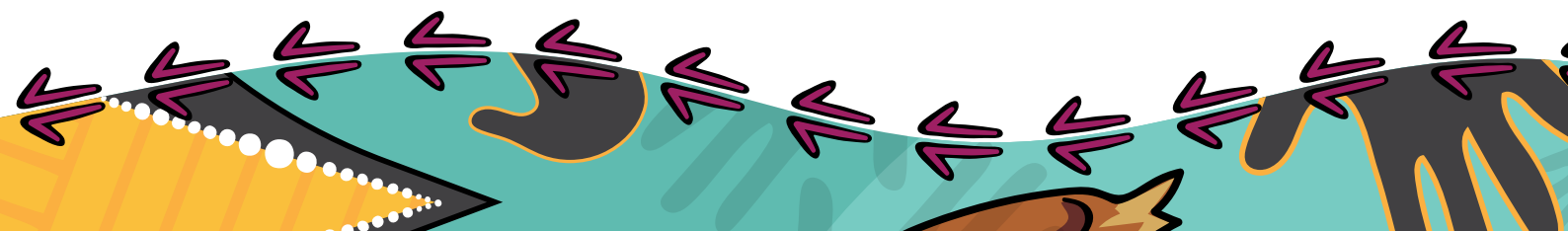
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Students



92
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Seisia ILOC



Umagico

LANGUAGE SPOKEN

Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)

427

People

399

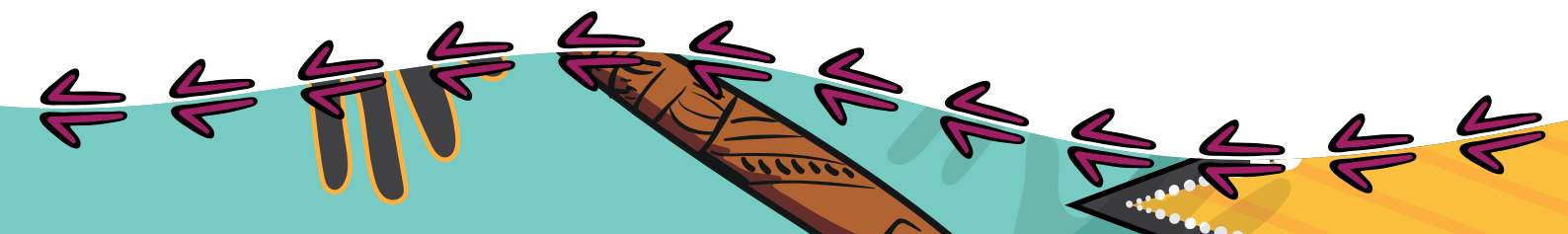
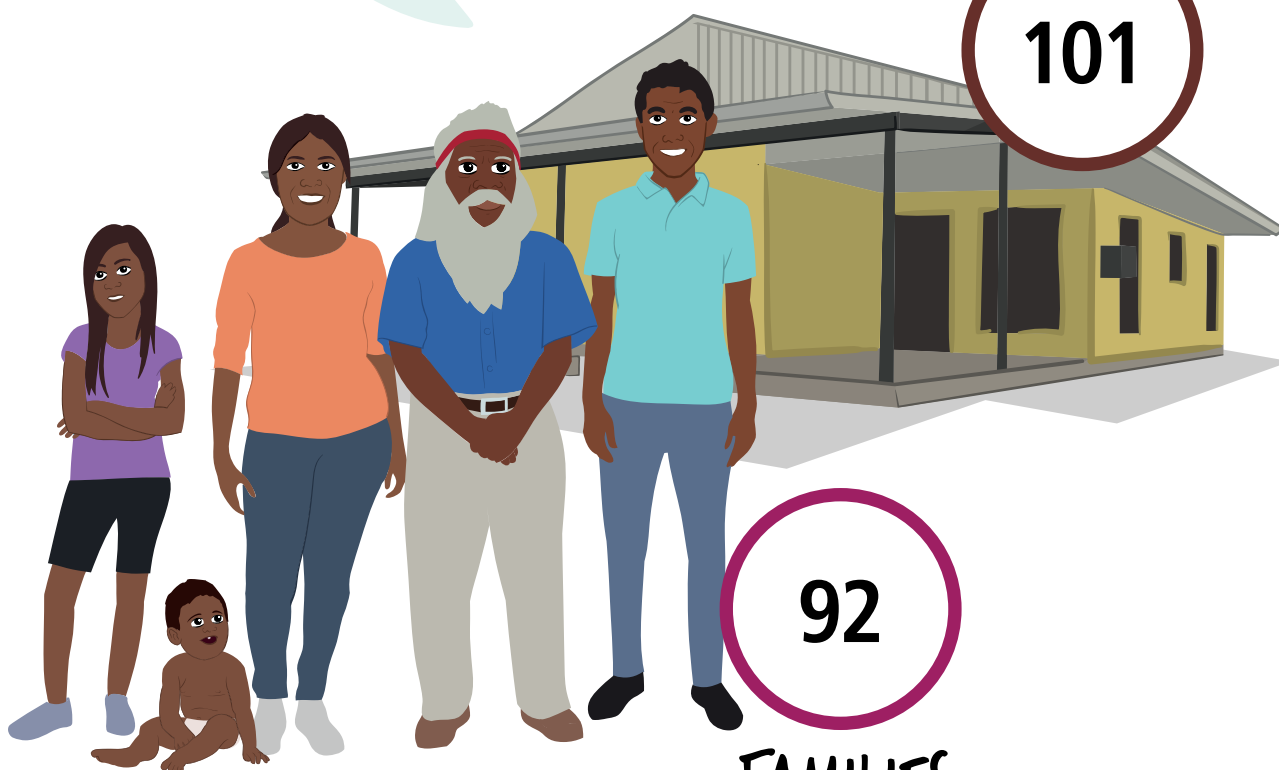
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Islander people

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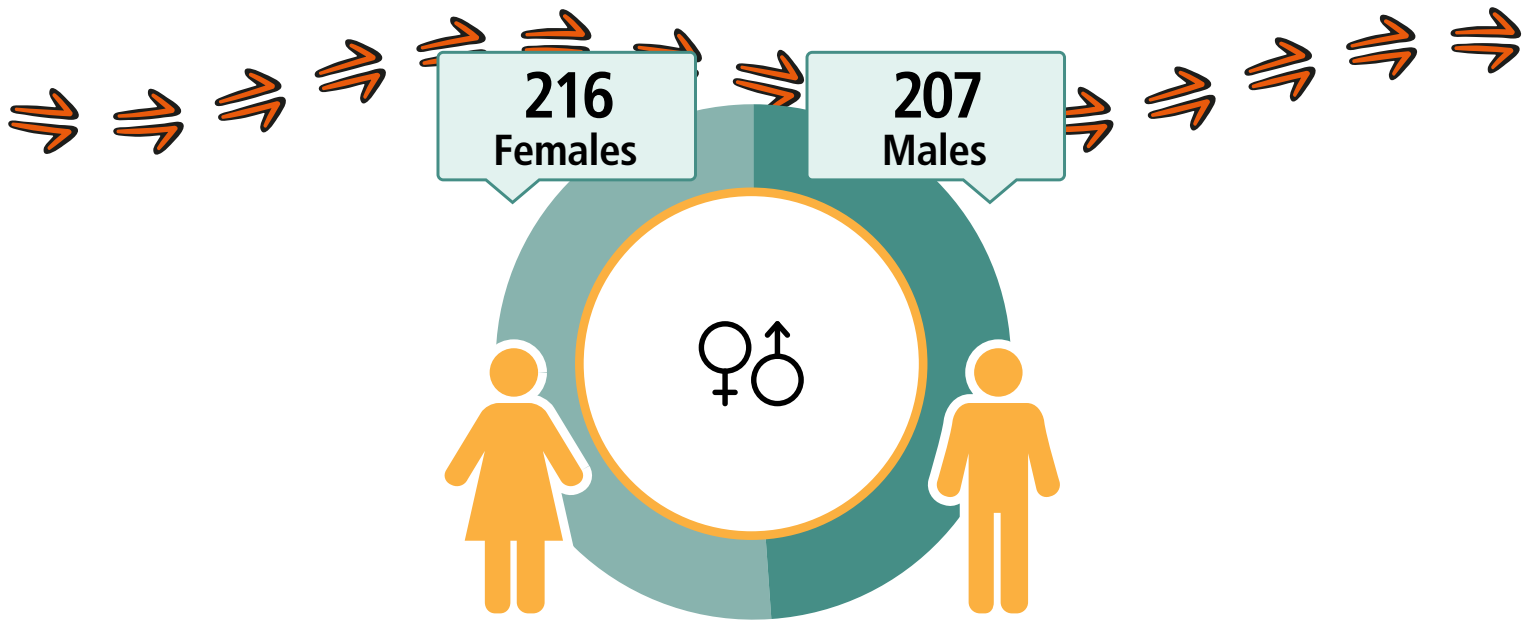
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FAMILIES



Umagico



CARED FOR (CHILDREN



54%

91
Working



\$328
Weekly Income



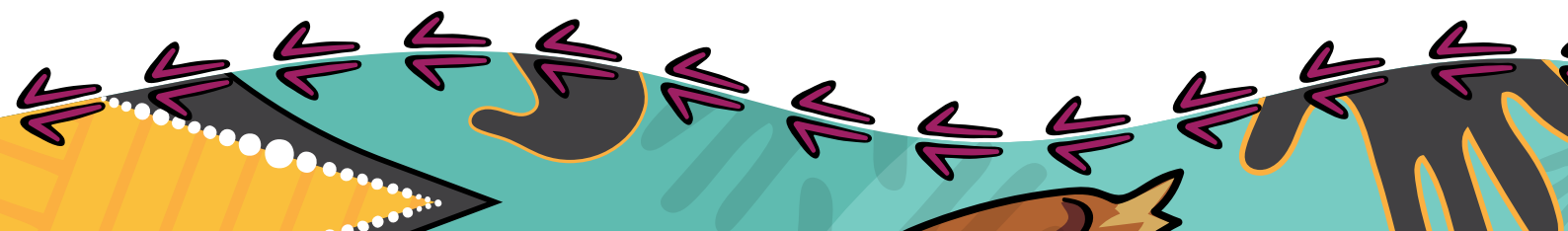
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Completed
Year 12



Geography: Umagico ILOC



Weipa

LANGUAGE SPOKEN

Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)

3 899

People

760

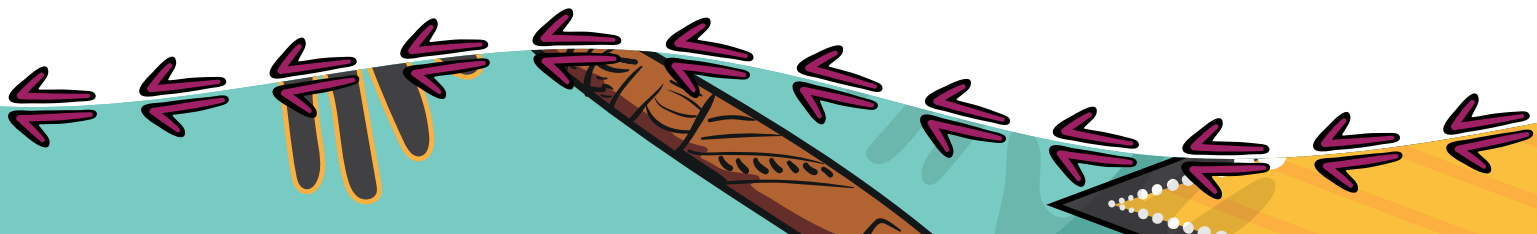
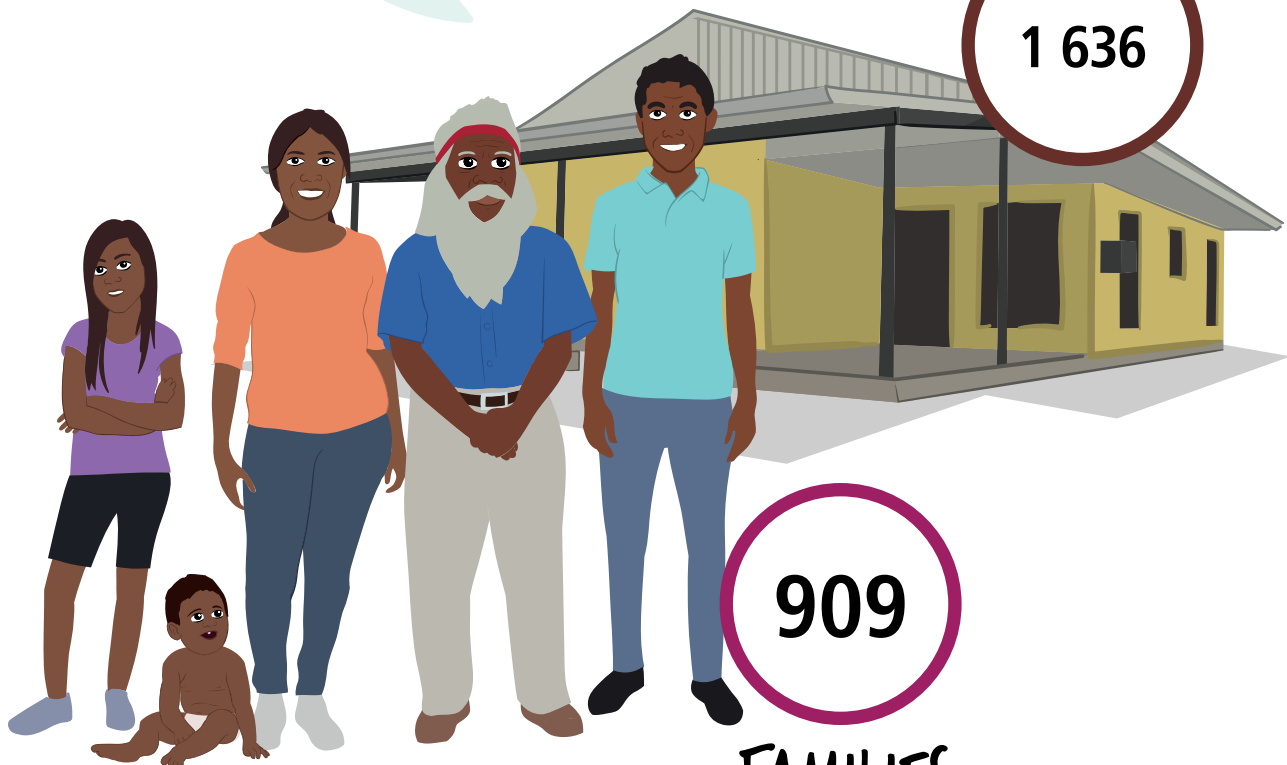
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Islander people

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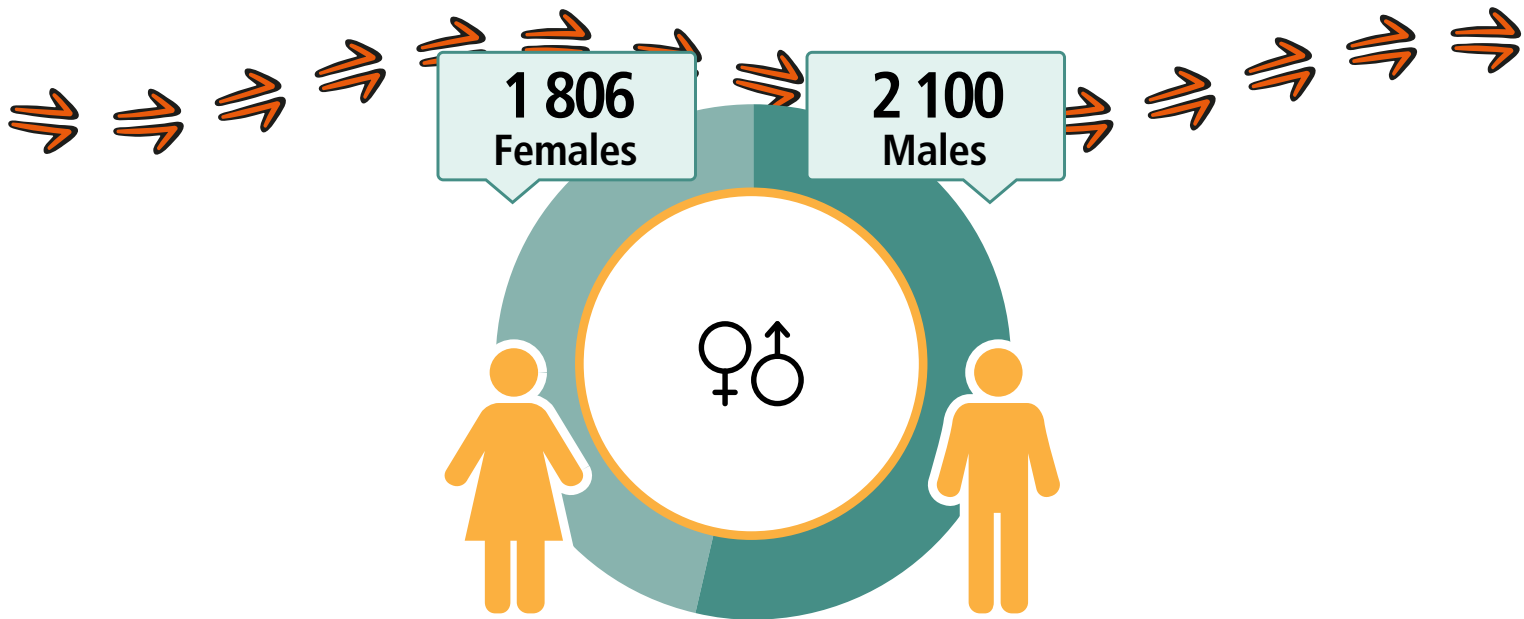
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FAMILIES



Weipa



CARED FOR (CHILDREN



34%

2 150
Working



\$1 319
Weekly Income



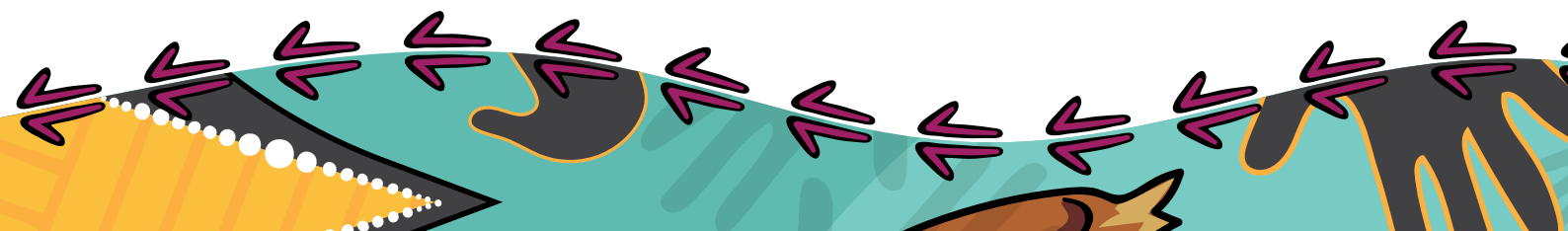
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Students



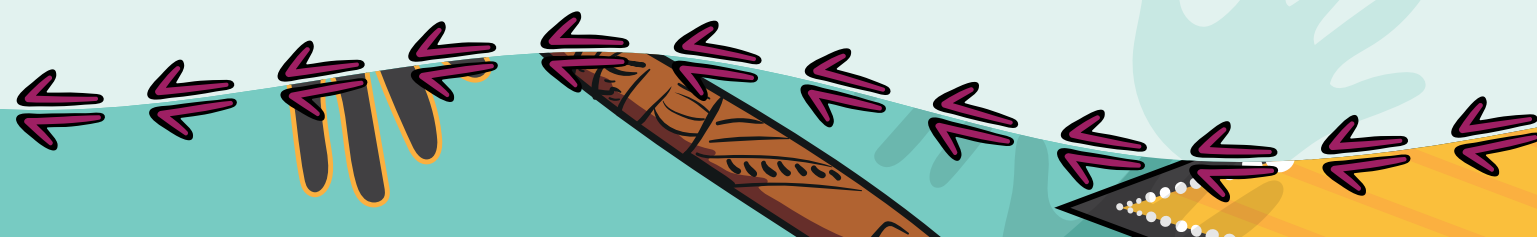
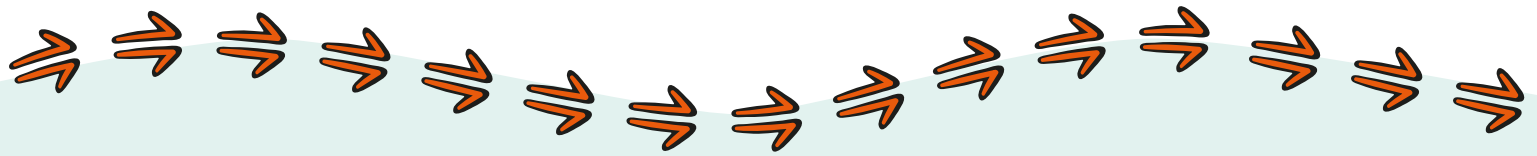
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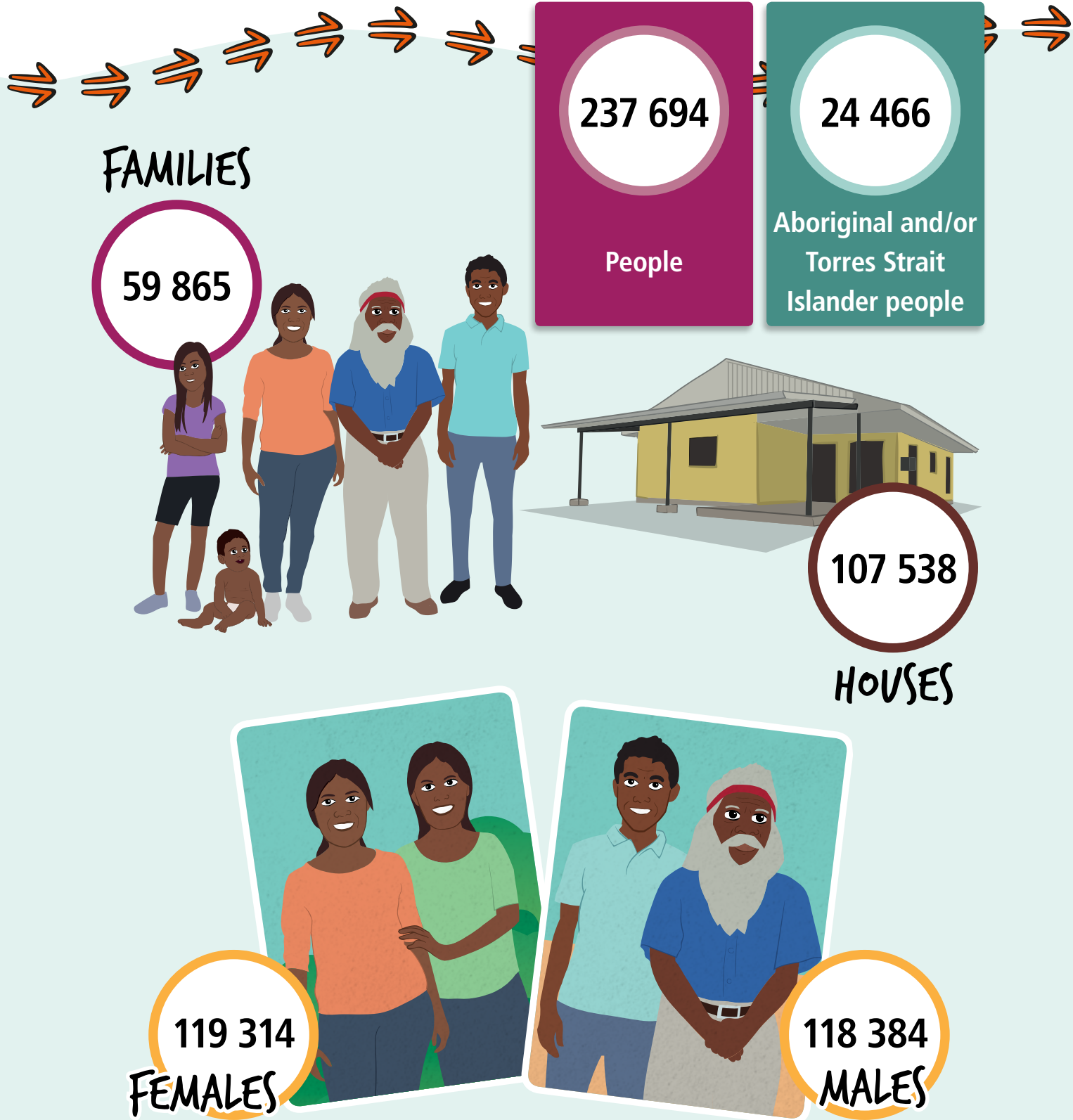
Geography: Weipa ILOC



Cairns - Atherton



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Geography: Cairns - Atherton IREG

Cape Tribulation - China Camp - Zig Zag

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Kuku Yalanji

656

People

25

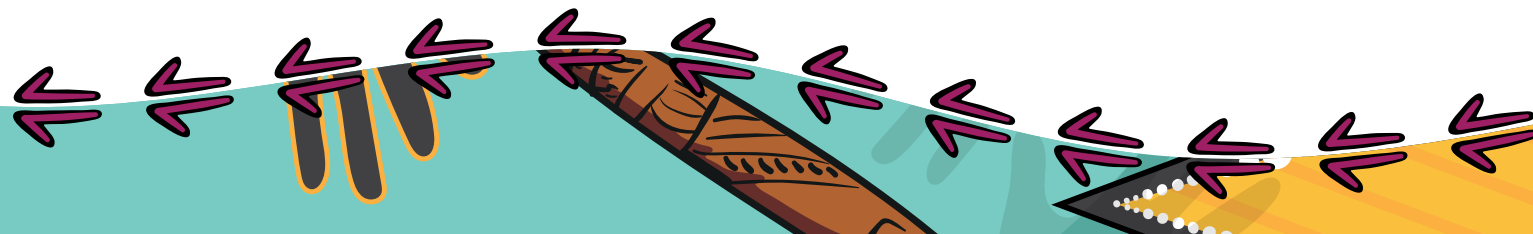
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Islander people

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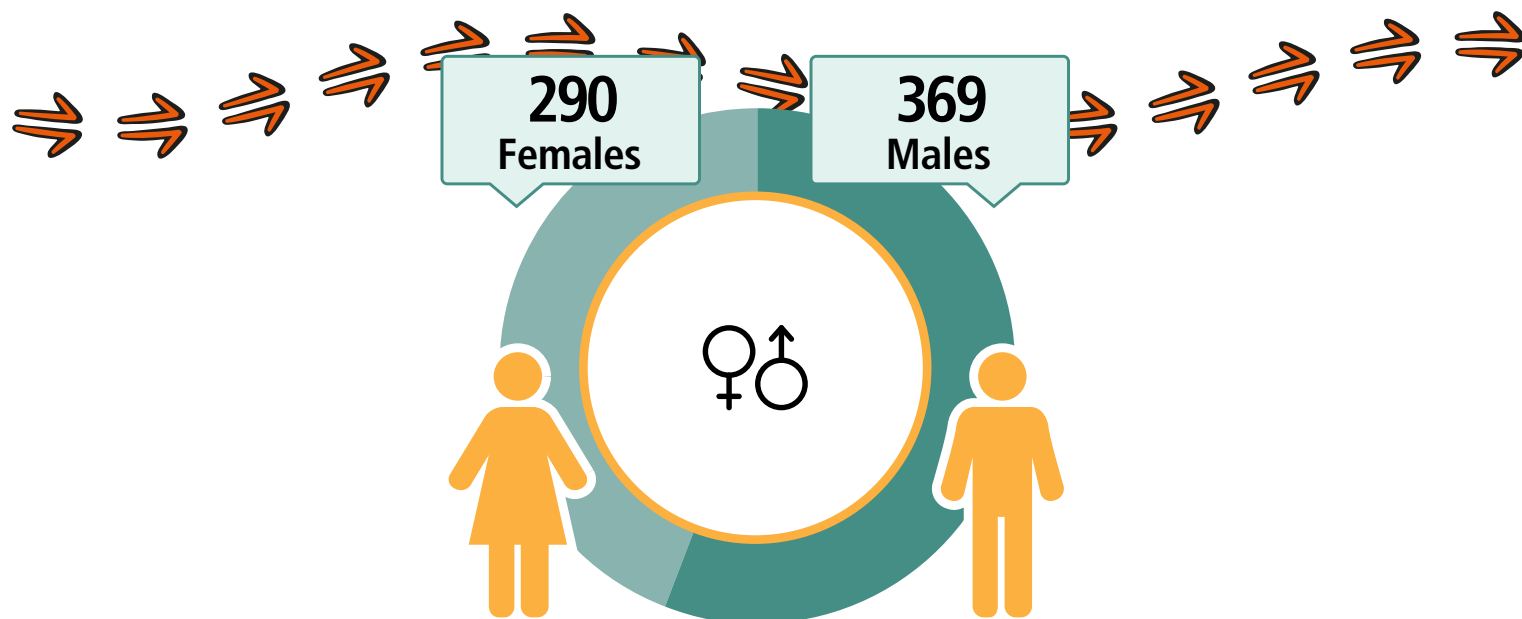
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FAMILIES



Cape Tribulation - China Camp - Zig Zag



CARED FOR
(CHILDREN



13%

294
Working



\$487
Weekly Income



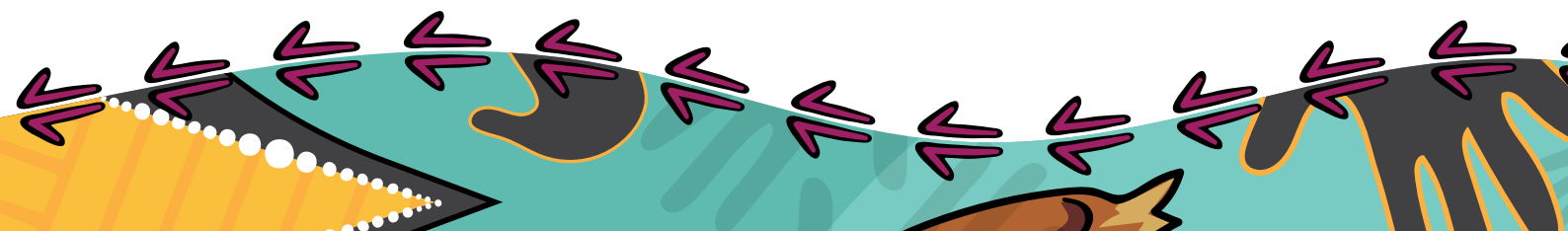
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Students



264
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Cape Tribulation - China Camp - Zig Zag ILOC



Kowrowa - Mantaka - Mona Mona



594

People

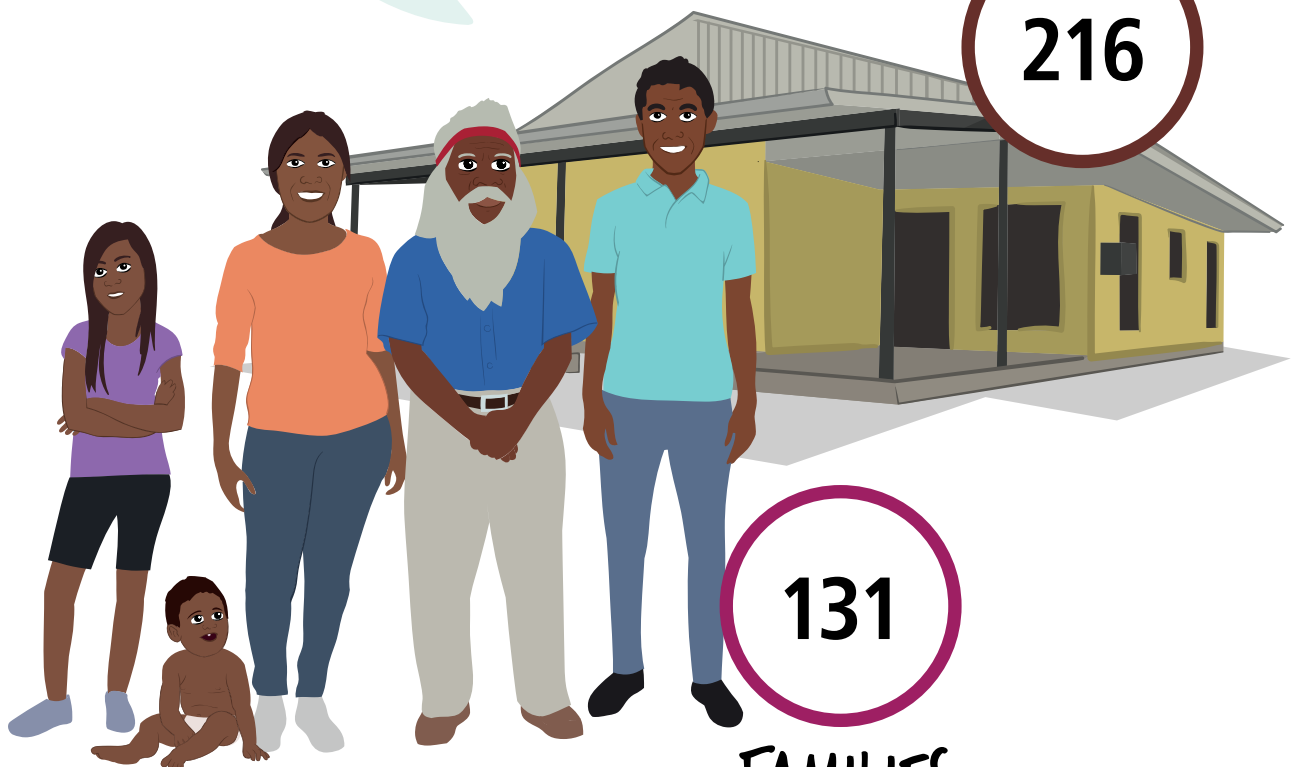
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Aboriginal and/or
Torres Strait
Islander people

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Djabugay

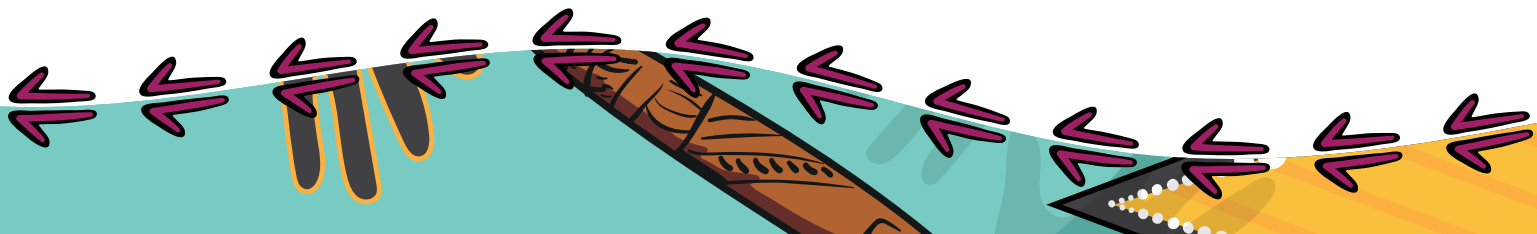
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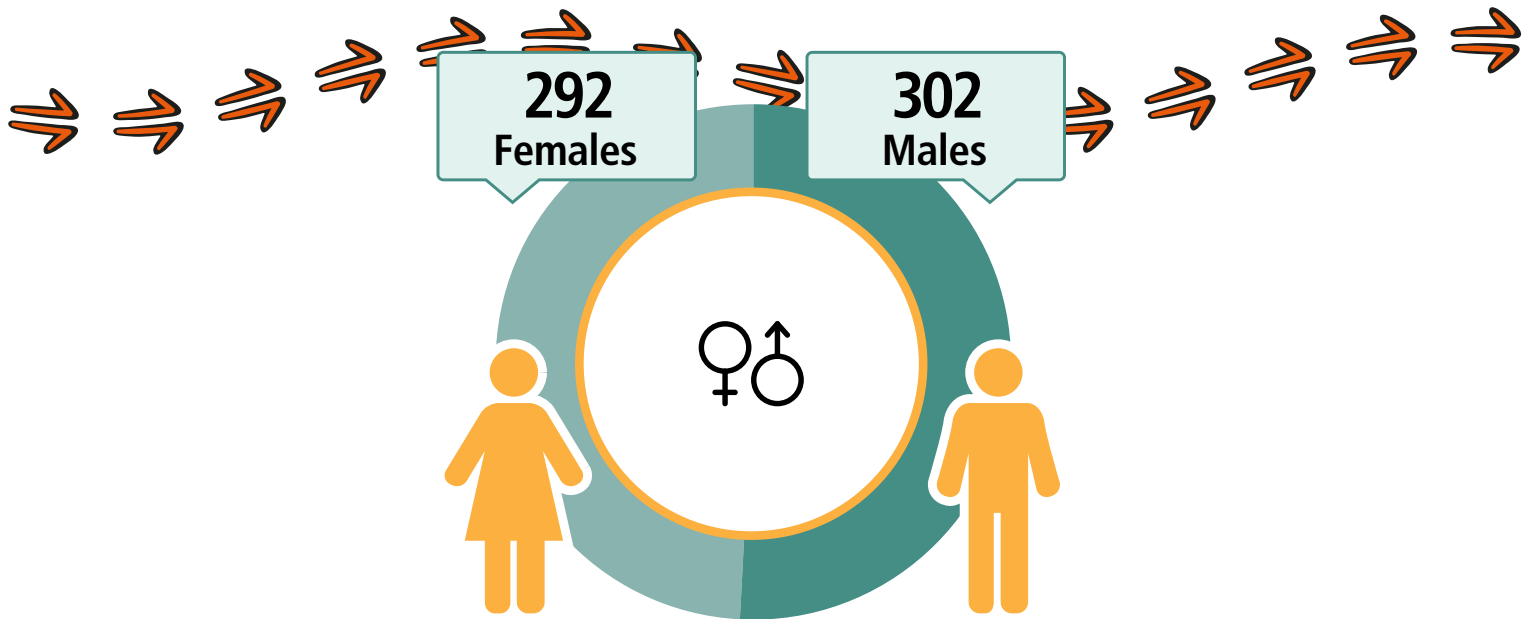


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FAMILIES



Kowrowa - Mantaka - Mona Mona



CARED FOR CHILDREN



40%

153
Working



\$421
Weekly Income



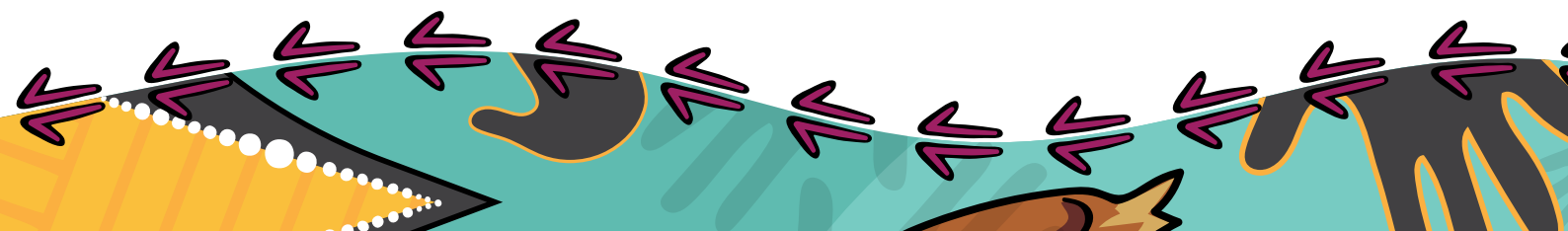
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Students



174
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Kowrowa - Mantaka - Mona Mona ILOC



Mossman Gorge

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Kuku Yalanji

86

People

86

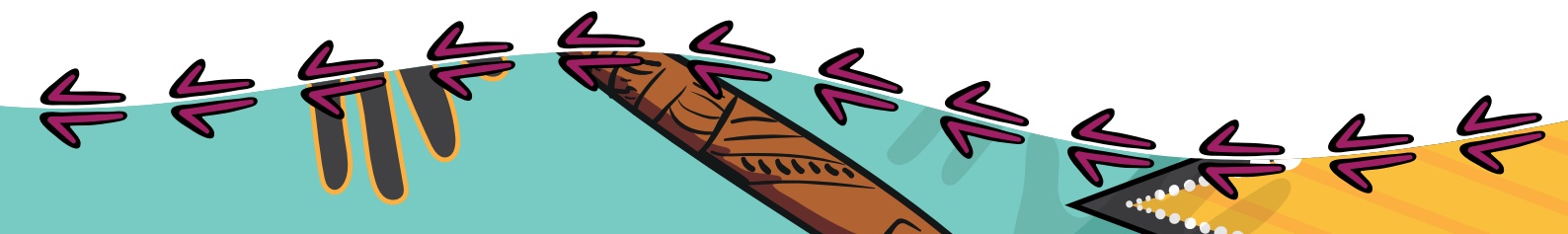
Aboriginal and/or
Torres Strait
Islander people

HOUSES

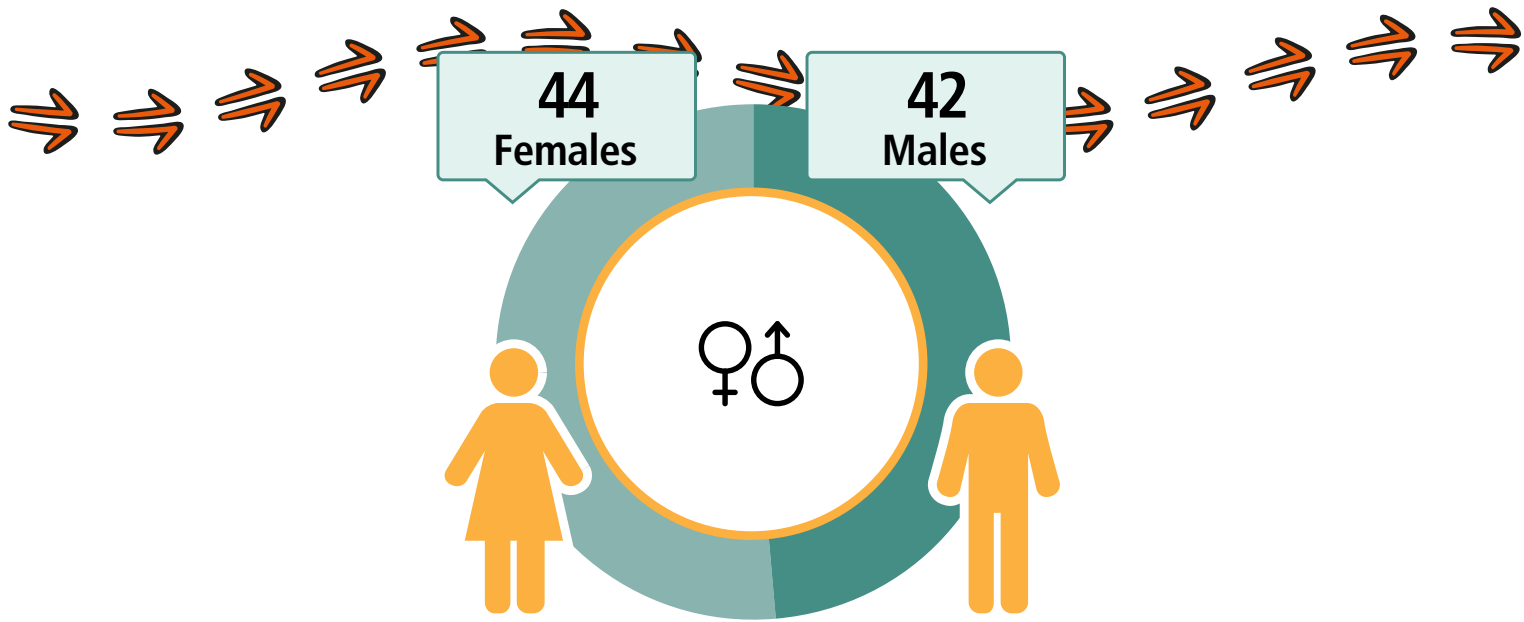
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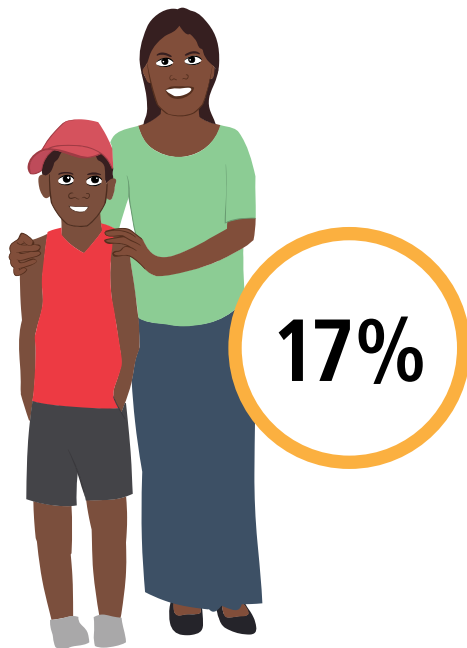
FAMILIES



Mossman Gorge



CARED FOR CHILDREN



8
Working



\$237
Weekly Income



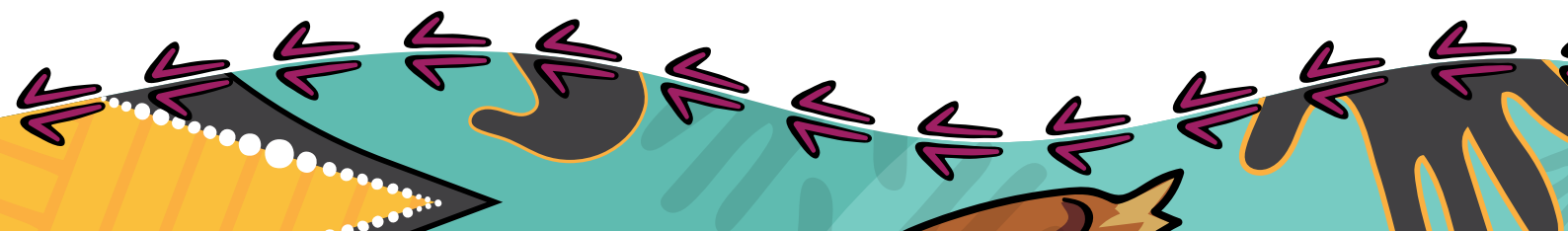
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Students



8
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Mossman Gorge ILOC



Wujal Wujal

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Kuku Yalanji

282

People

261

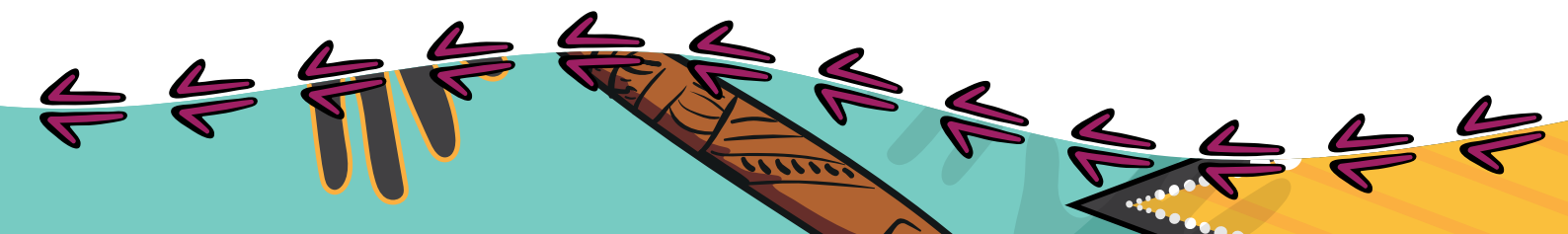
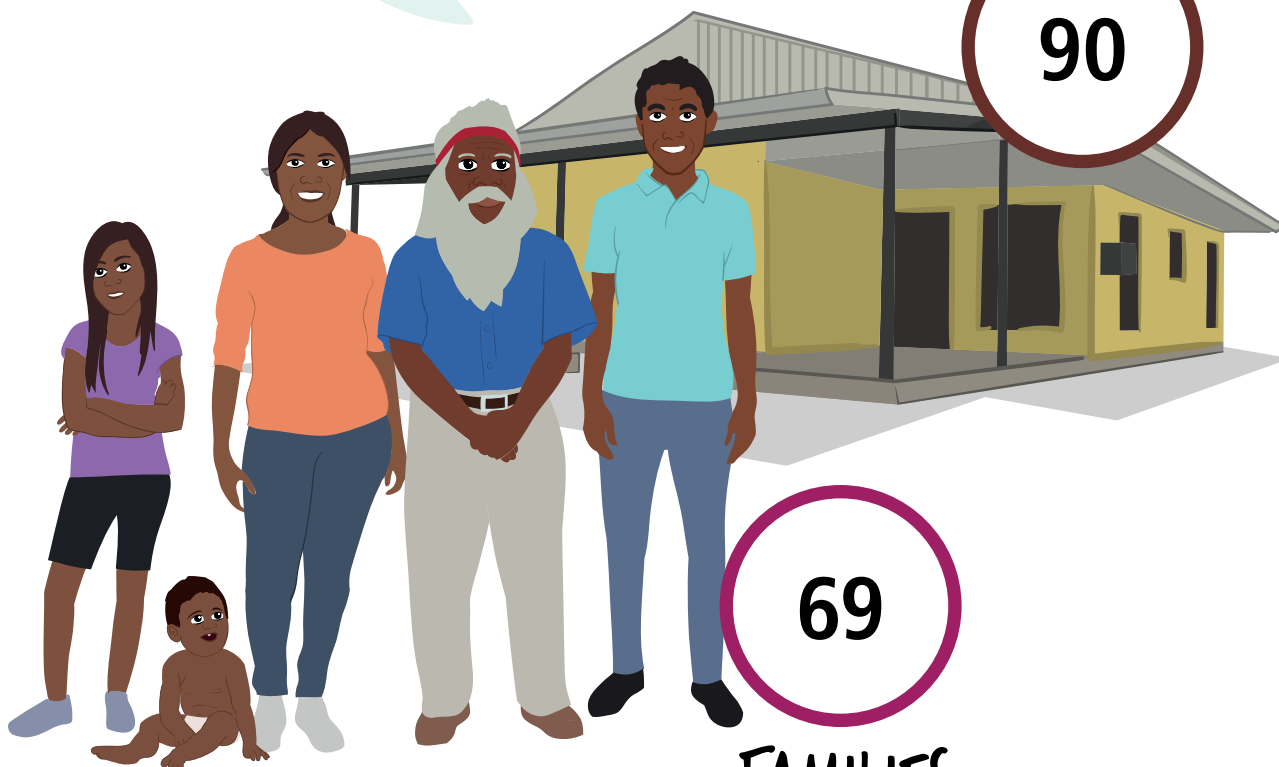
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Islander people

HOUSES

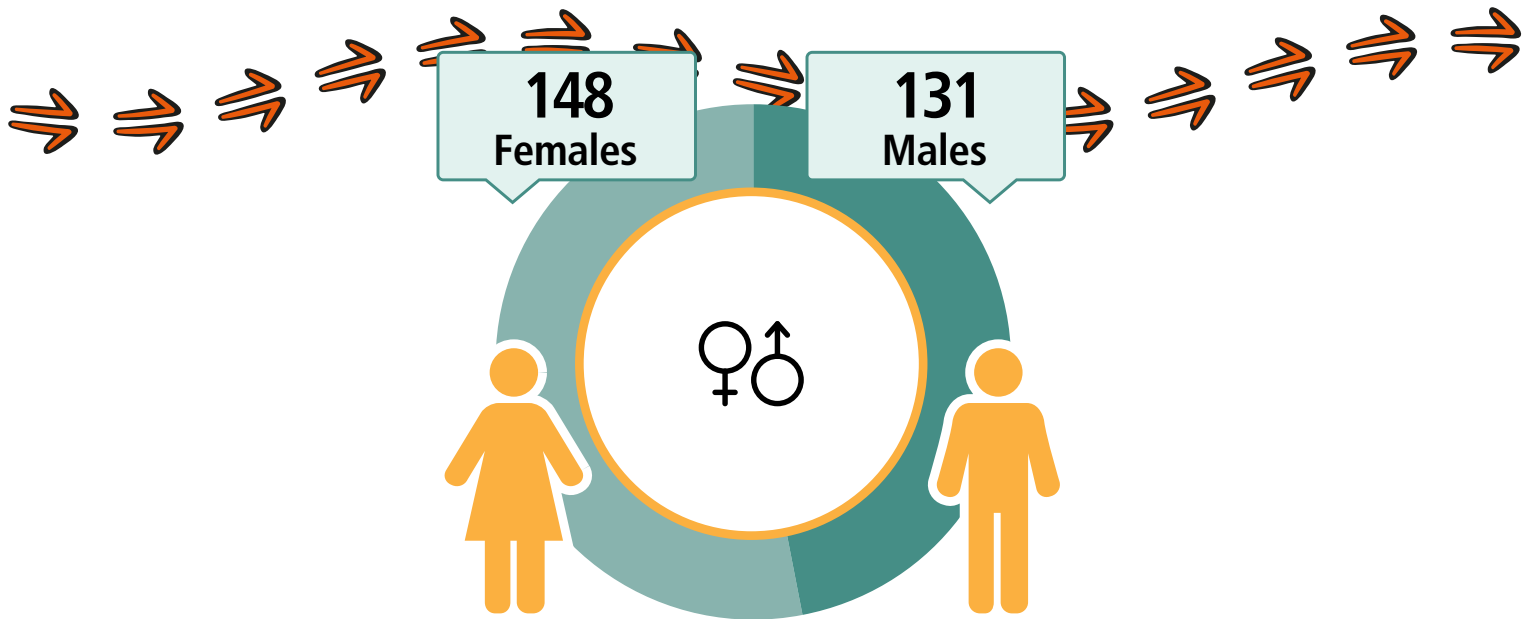
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FAMILIES



Wujal Wujal



CARED FOR (CHILDREN



41%

65
Working



\$298
Weekly Income



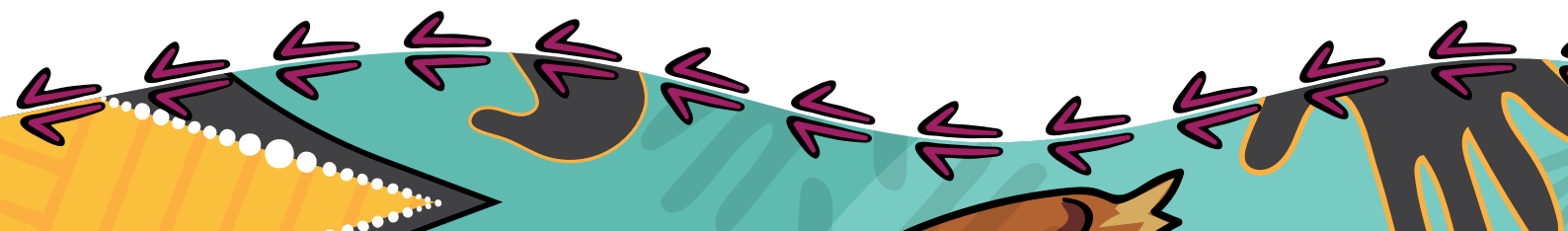
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Students



57
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Wujal Wujal ILOC



Yarrabah

LANGUAGE SPOKEN
Kriol

2 559

People

2 492

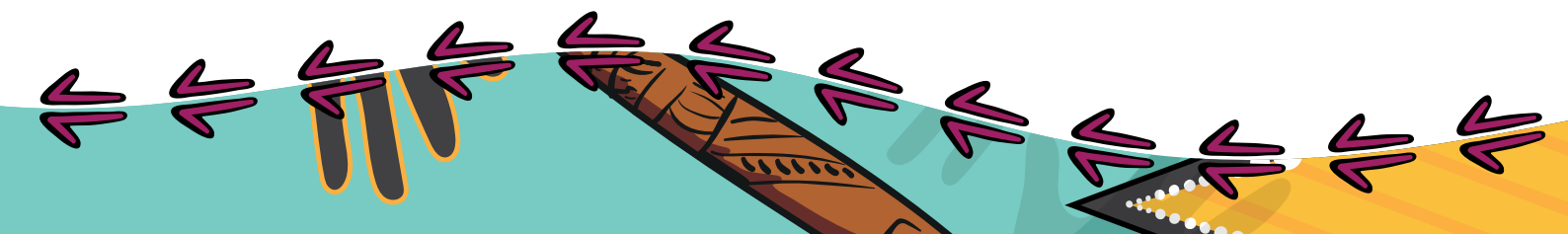
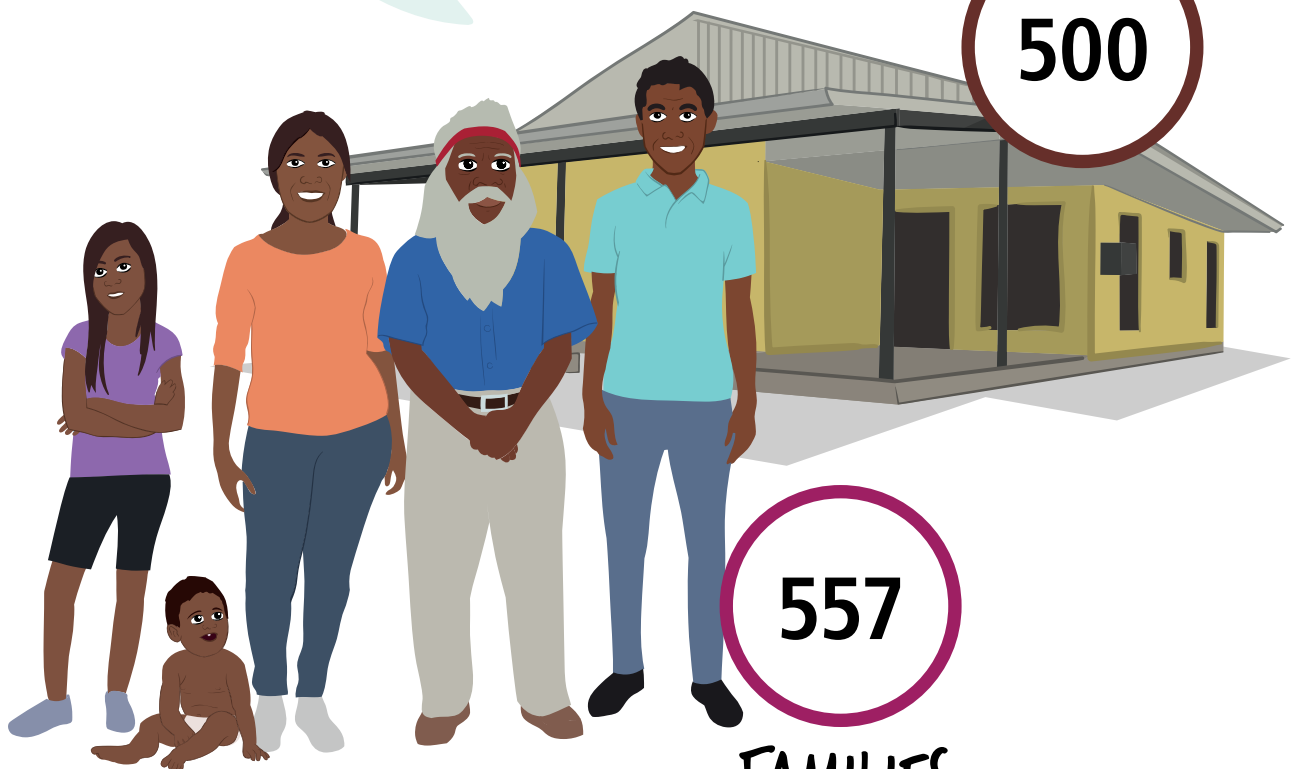
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Islander people

HOUSES

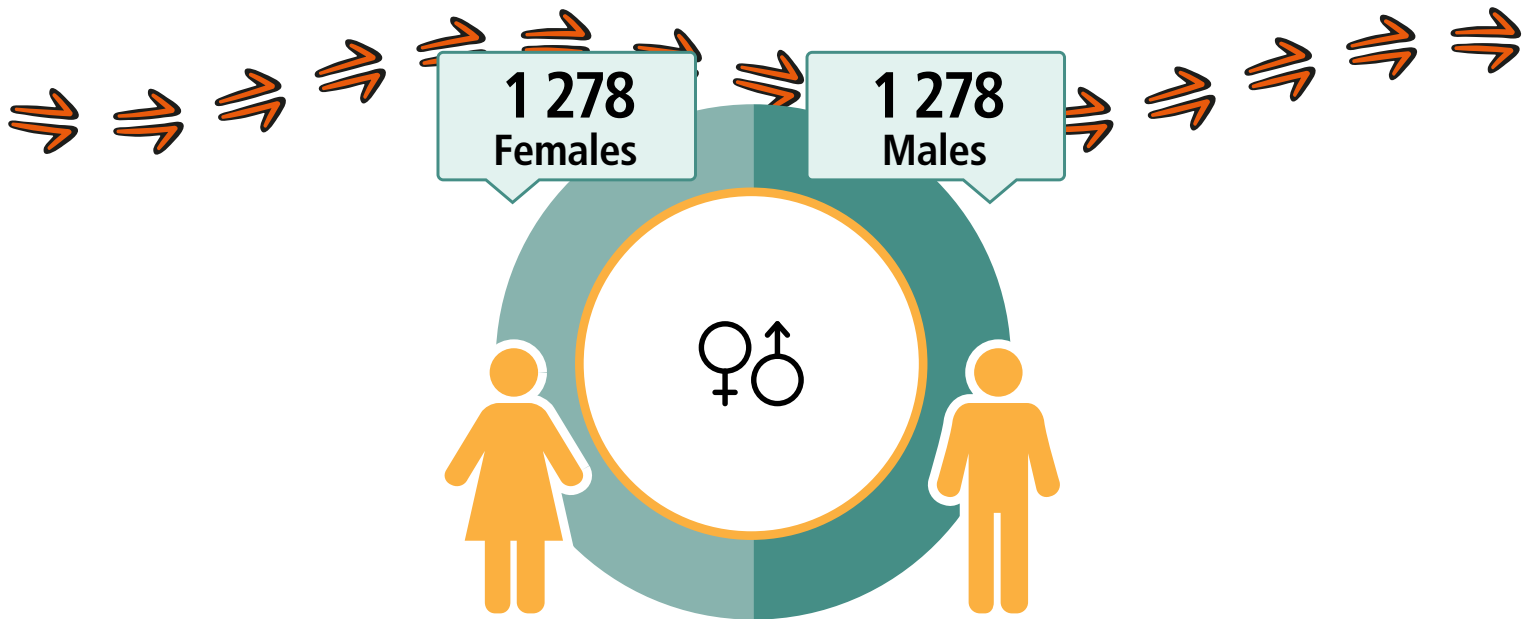
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FAMILIES



Yarrabah



CARED FOR CHILDREN



38%

340
Working



\$288
Weekly Income



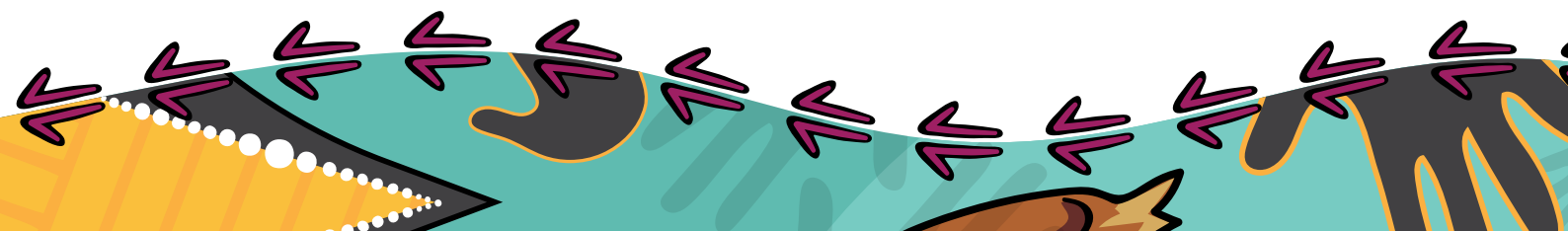
877
Students



450
Completed
Year 12



Geography: Yarrabah ILOC









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