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Region overview

The Indigenous profiles provide Census characteristics by Indigenous status of people who live in the region. For some topics, more detailed data are available through the [Queensland Regional Database](#) (also known as QRSIS), developed and maintained by the Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury.

Throughout this report, the term "Indigenous" is used in reference to Aboriginal peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples to ensure tables and charts are kept succinct.

All summary statistics mentioned in the highlight boxes refer to persons identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander for the primary region selected in this report.

Townsville and NW QLD region

Townsville and NW QLD region comprises the 15 local government areas of Boulia (S), Burdekin (S), Burke (S), Carpentaria (S), Charters Towers (R), Cloncurry (S), Doomadgee (S), Flinders (S), Hinchinbrook (S), McKinlay (S), Mornington (S), Mount Isa (C), Palm Island (S), Richmond (S) and Townsville (C).

In 2016, 25,388 persons identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander lived in Townsville and NW QLD region. This represents 9.8% of the total resident population.

Townsville and NW QLD region has a total land area of 448,024.0 km², with an average daily temperature range of 18.1°C to 31.9°C and an average annual rainfall of 561 mm.

Data for Townsville and NW QLD region are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016. In some cases these data have been concorded from other geographical boundaries.

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In 2016, 186,482 persons identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander lived in Queensland. This represents 4.0% of the total resident population.

Queensland has a total land area of 1,730,172.1 km², with an average daily temperature range of 16.4°C to 30.0°C and an average annual rainfall of 636 mm.

Data for Queensland are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016.

This profile should be read in conjunction with the abbreviations and explanatory notes provided at the end of the profile.

People and community

Aboriginal peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples

The population data shown here are based on the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question about Indigenous status. This question asks each person to identify whether they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

Aboriginal peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples

9.8%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 25,388 persons (or 9.8%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- 214,176 persons (or 82.7%) identified as non-Indigenous

Queensland

- 186,482 persons (or 4.0%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- 4,211,020 persons (or 89.5%) identified as non-Indigenous

Table 1 Persons by sex and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Sex / Indigenous status	Townsville and NW QLD region		Queensland	
	number	%	number	%
Males				
Indigenous:				
Aboriginal	10,253	7.9	73,503	3.2
Torres Strait Islander	1,107	0.8	10,518	0.5
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1,209	0.9	8,153	0.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>12,572</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>92,176</i>	<i>4.0</i>
Non-Indigenous	107,277	82.3	2,072,866	89.3
Not stated	10,488	8.0	156,845	6.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>130,340</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>2,321,889</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Females				
Indigenous:				
Aboriginal	10,440	8.1	75,437	3.2
Torres Strait Islander	1,157	0.9	10,538	0.4
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1,225	1.0	8,334	0.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>12,801</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>94,311</i>	<i>4.0</i>
Non-Indigenous	106,880	83.0	2,138,156	89.8
Not stated	9,065	7.0	148,843	6.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>128,763</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>2,381,308</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Persons				
Indigenous:				
Aboriginal	20,681	8.0	148,943	3.2
Torres Strait Islander	2,270	0.9	21,053	0.4
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	2,405	0.9	16,493	0.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>25,388</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>186,482</i>	<i>4.0</i>
Non-Indigenous	214,176	82.7	4,211,020	89.5
Not stated	19,551	7.5	305,685	6.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>259,124</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>4,703,193</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I02*

Population size and structure

The population data shown here are based on the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question about Indigenous status. This question asks each person to identify whether they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.



Townsville and NW QLD region

- 35.8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons were aged 0 to 14 years
- 18.9% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 0 to 14 years
- 4.0% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons were aged 65 years and over
- 14.0% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 65 years and over

Queensland

- 35.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons were aged 0 to 14 years
- 18.9% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 0 to 14 years
- 4.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons were aged 65 years and over
- 15.6% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 65 years and over

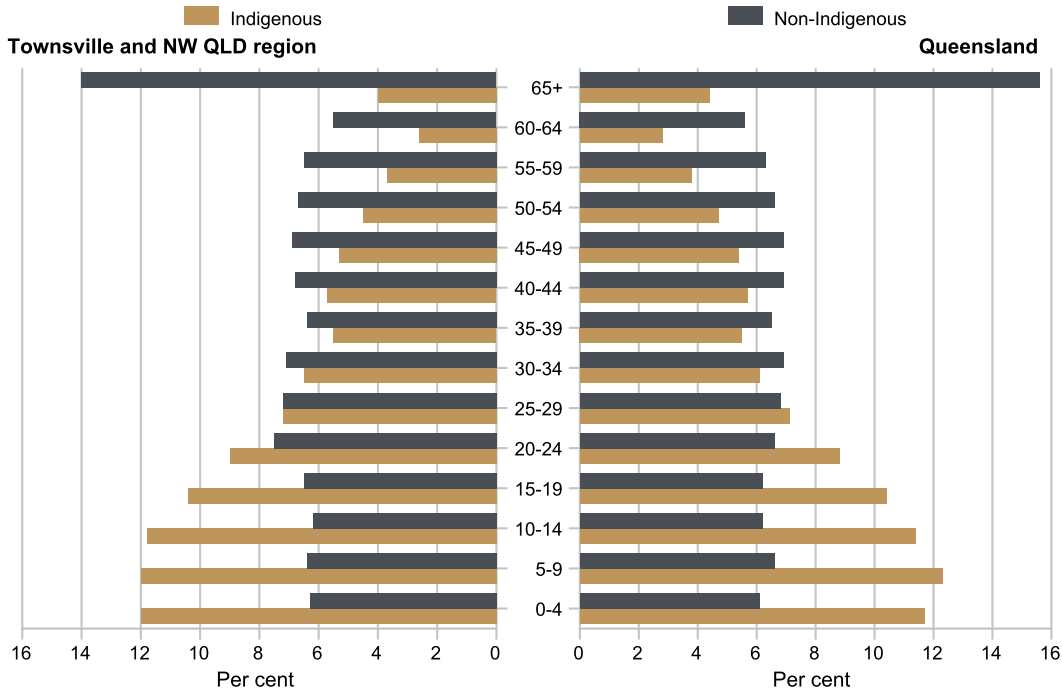
Table 2 Persons by sex and age group by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Sex / age group	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Males								
0-14	4,698	37.4	20,768	19.4	33,727	36.6	408,592	19.7
15-24	2,484	19.8	15,514	14.5	18,238	19.8	272,620	13.2
25-44	3,036	24.1	28,992	27.0	21,963	23.8	557,891	26.9
45-64	1,883	15.0	27,362	25.5	14,629	15.9	522,627	25.2
65+	448	3.6	14,673	13.7	3,609	3.9	311,118	15.0
Total	12,572	100.0	107,277	100.0	92,176	100.0	2,072,866	100.0
Females								
0-14	4,410	34.5	19,700	18.4	32,347	34.3	386,690	18.1
15-24	2,431	19.0	14,548	13.6	17,642	18.7	266,142	12.4
25-44	3,291	25.7	29,886	28.0	23,312	24.7	586,113	27.4
45-64	2,139	16.7	27,415	25.7	16,417	17.4	552,096	25.8
65+	585	4.6	15,339	14.4	4,583	4.9	347,112	16.2
Total	12,801	100.0	106,880	100.0	94,311	100.0	2,138,156	100.0
Persons								
0-14	9,094	35.8	40,483	18.9	66,074	35.4	795,282	18.9
15-24	4,925	19.4	30,072	14.0	35,884	19.2	538,767	12.8
25-44	6,316	24.9	58,855	27.5	45,286	24.3	1,144,008	27.2
45-64	4,085	16.1	54,756	25.6	31,052	16.7	1,074,726	25.5
65+	1,023	4.0	30,031	14.0	8,194	4.4	658,231	15.6
Total	25,388	100.0	214,176	100.0	186,482	100.0	4,211,020	100.0

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - 103*

Figure 1 Persons by age and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016



Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I03*

Different address 1 year ago

Migration one year ago compares where a person said they usually lived on Census Night 2016 (9 August 2016) with where they said they usually lived one year earlier (i.e. 9 August 2015). This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

Different address one year ago

20.4%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 20.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 1 year and over were living at a different address one year before Census Night 2016
- 18.3% of non-Indigenous persons aged 1 year and over were living at a different address one year before Census Night 2016

Queensland

- 21.7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 1 year and over were living at a different address one year before Census Night 2016
- 18.4% of non-Indigenous persons aged 1 year and over were living at a different address one year before Census Night 2016

Table 3 Different address 1 year ago^(a) by age and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Age group	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
1-14	1,911	22.4	7,461	19.6	14,341	23.1	143,880	19.2
15-24	1,257	25.5	9,748	32.4	9,918	27.6	159,812	29.7
25-44	1,314	20.9	13,942	23.7	10,381	22.9	290,023	25.4
45-64	486	11.9	5,580	10.2	4,305	13.9	125,023	11.6
65+	80	7.8	1,898	6.3	749	9.1	48,993	7.4
Total	5,076	20.4	38,673	18.3	39,699	21.7	767,730	18.4

(a) Excludes persons less than 1 year of age.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Different address 5 years ago

Migration five years ago compares where a person said they usually lived on Census Night 2016 (9 August 2016) with where they said they usually lived five years earlier (i.e. 9 August 2011). This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

Different address five years ago

42.7%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 42.7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 5 years and over were living at a different address five years before Census Night 2016
- 46.2% of non-Indigenous persons aged 5 years and over were living at a different address five years before Census Night 2016

Queensland

- 47.3% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 5 years and over were living at a different address five years before Census Night 2016
- 46.9% of non-Indigenous persons aged 5 years and over were living at a different address five years before Census Night 2016

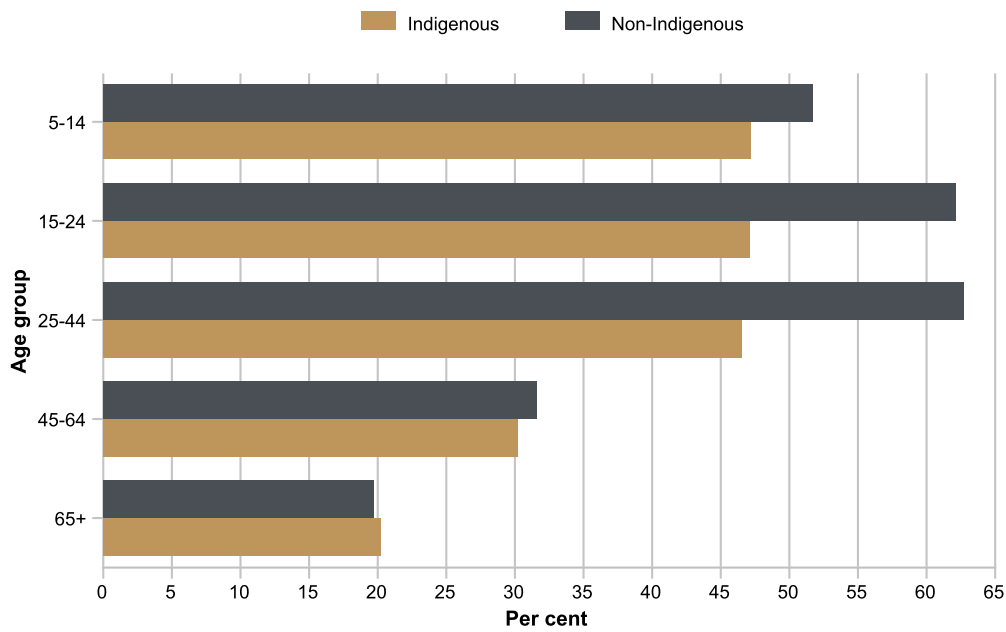
Table 4 Different address 5 years ago^(a) by age and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Age group	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
5-14	2,850	47.2	13,996	51.7	22,861	51.7	277,874	51.6
15-24	2,323	47.1	18,677	62.1	18,683	52.1	308,918	57.3
25-44	2,926	46.5	36,897	62.7	23,656	52.2	739,775	64.7
45-64	1,230	30.2	17,319	31.6	10,610	34.2	373,644	34.8
65+	208	20.2	5,914	19.7	1,973	24.1	152,931	23.2
Total	9,535	42.7	92,790	46.2	77,787	47.3	1,853,138	46.9

(a) Excludes persons less than 5 years of age.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Figure 2 Different address 5 years ago by age and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region, 2016



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Family and household structure

In the 2016 Census there was a question about relationships between people who were in the household on Census Night 2016. These data were then used to work out family types, including single parent families and couple families, and whether there was more than one family living in the household. Some households may have had people living in them that are not related to each other—these are group households. Other households may have had only one person living in them—these are lone person households. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

One parent families in one family households

27.5%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 27.5% of one family households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons were occupied by one parent families
- 10.0% of non-Indigenous one family households were occupied by one parent families

Queensland

- 25.8% of one family households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons were occupied by one parent families
- 10.4% of non-Indigenous one family households were occupied by one parent families

Table 5 Households^(a) by family type by Indigenous status of household, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Household type	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
One family households:								
Couple family with no children	1,262	14.8	23,414	28.5	11,886	15.9	444,645	28.1
Couple family with children	2,550	29.9	23,763	29.0	23,609	31.6	476,384	30.1
One parent family	2,344	27.5	8,200	10.0	19,239	25.8	164,469	10.4
Other family	200	2.3	868	1.1	1,624	2.2	17,847	1.1
Total	6,344	74.4	56,239	68.5	56,362	75.4	1,103,337	69.7
Multiple family households	489	5.7	942	1.1	3,778	5.1	26,382	1.7
Group households ^(b)	392	4.6	3,604	4.4	4,413	5.9	73,486	4.6
Lone person households	1,303	15.3	21,299	26.0	10,163	13.6	378,912	23.9
Total	8,532	100.0	82,073	100.0	74,710	100.0	1,582,122	100.0

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

(b) A group household is a non-family household with more than one person present on Census Night.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - 112*

Children in jobless families

These data include information about couple and single parent families where no parent(s) was working (referred to as jobless families) from the 2016 Census. Only families with children aged 0 to 14 years and dependent students aged 15 to 24 years are included. This is based on dependent children and families by place of enumeration.

Children in jobless families

44.6%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 44.6% of dependent children in families with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons were from jobless families
- 11.1% of dependent children in non-Indigenous families were from jobless families

Queensland

- 39.3% of dependent children in families with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons were from jobless families
- 12.0% of dependent children in non-Indigenous families were from jobless families

Table 6 Dependent children^(a) and families with no parent employed^(b) by family composition by Indigenous status of family ^(c) Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Family type	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous families		Non-Indigenous families		Indigenous families		Non-Indigenous families	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Couple family								
Dependent children	1,326	23.8	1,702	4.4	8,889	18.5	39,387	5.0
Families	488	20.1	732	3.6	3,572	16.4	18,056	4.4
Single parent family								
Dependent children	3,329	68.4	3,650	39.4	24,230	66.6	76,671	40.9
Families	1,515	64.0	2,041	34.7	11,398	61.6	42,322	35.9
Total family								
Dependent children	4,655	44.6	5,352	11.1	33,119	39.3	116,058	12.0
Families	2,003	41.7	2,773	10.6	14,970	37.1	60,378	11.5

(a) Dependent children defined as children aged 0-14 years and full time students aged 15-24 years.

(b) A couple family with no parents employed includes both parents unemployed or both not in the labour force or one unemployed and the other not in the labour force.

(c) An Indigenous family is one where any member of the household is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data

Unpaid care

Unpaid care describes the number of people who cared for someone who had a disability, a long-term illness or problems with old age, but were not paid for their care. These data are from the 2016 Census and are based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

Providers of unpaid care

11.5%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 11.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to someone else
- 11.0% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to someone else

Queensland

- 12.6% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to someone else
- 11.4% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to someone else

Table 7 Provision of unpaid care^(a) by sex by Indigenous status^(b), Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Sex	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Male	675	8.6	7,537	8.7	5,673	9.7	152,565	9.2
Female	1,187	14.1	11,651	13.4	9,504	15.3	236,249	13.5
Persons	1,869	11.5	19,190	11.0	15,171	12.6	388,814	11.4

(a) Help or assistance to family members or others because of a disability, a long-term health condition or problems related to old age.

(b) Persons aged 15 years and over.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Disability

In this section, people with a profound or severe disability are those identified from the 2016 Census that need help with looking after themselves, getting around and/or talking to other people, because of:

- a long term health condition (for six months or more),
- a disability (for six months or more),
- or old age.

This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

People with a profound or severe disability

4.9%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 4.9% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons had a profound or severe disability
- 5.2% of non-Indigenous persons had a profound or severe disability

Queensland

- 6.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons had a profound or severe disability
- 5.4% of non-Indigenous persons had a profound or severe disability

Table 8 Profound or severe disability by age group by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Age group	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
0-14	252	2.8	1,096	2.7	2,750	4.2	22,705	2.9
15-24	93	1.9	636	2.1	1,447	4.0	13,275	2.5
25-44	209	3.3	1,262	2.1	2,092	4.6	23,833	2.1
45-64	394	9.7	2,619	4.8	3,460	11.1	51,708	4.8
65+	291	28.3	5,531	18.4	2,261	27.6	115,899	17.6
Total	1,236	4.9	11,127	5.2	12,013	6.4	227,416	5.4

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Voluntary work

This information is from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question 'In the last twelve months did the person spend any time doing voluntary work through an organisation or group?'. This is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.



Townsville and NW QLD region

- 12.1% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons spent time doing voluntary work
- 21.5% of non-Indigenous persons spent time doing voluntary work

Queensland

- 15.2% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons spent time doing voluntary work
- 20.2% of non-Indigenous persons spent time doing voluntary work

Table 9 Voluntary work^(a) by sex by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Sex	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Male	832	10.6	16,298	18.8	7,904	13.5	295,241	17.7
Female	1,135	13.5	21,062	24.2	10,400	16.8	396,200	22.6
Persons	1,973	12.1	37,359	21.5	18,302	15.2	691,435	20.2

(a) Persons 15 years and over who participated in voluntary work in the 12 months prior to Census night.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Education and training

Highest level of schooling completed

These data are from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question 'What is the highest year of primary or secondary school the person has completed?'. This is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

Completed Year 12 or equivalent

33.2%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 33.2% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over had completed Year 12 or equivalent
- 52.5% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had completed Year 12 or equivalent

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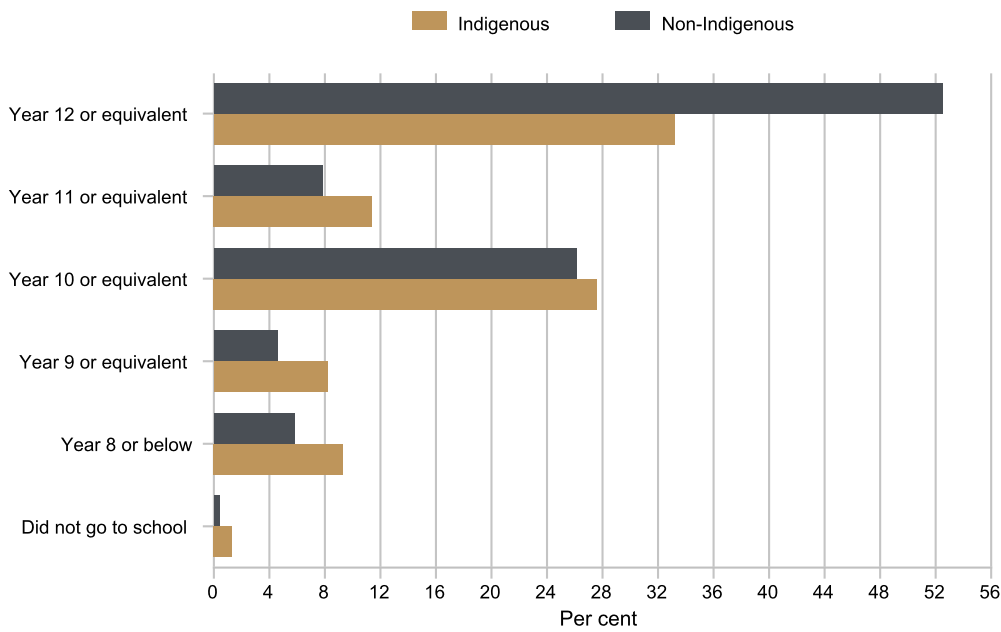
- 37.9% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over had completed Year 12 or equivalent
- 56.4% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had completed Year 12 or equivalent

Table 10 Highest level of schooling completed by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Sex / highest level of schooling	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Males								
Year 12 or equivalent	2,264	31.0	41,421	50.0	19,178	35.6	879,381	55.1
Year 11 or equivalent	777	10.6	7,149	8.6	5,203	9.6	120,141	7.5
Year 10 or equivalent	1,951	26.7	22,357	27.0	14,427	26.8	382,537	24.0
Year 9 or equivalent	665	9.1	4,192	5.1	4,696	8.7	74,934	4.7
Year 8 or below	756	10.4	5,111	6.2	4,633	8.6	82,281	5.2
Did not go to school	107	1.5	347	0.4	585	1.1	8,175	0.5
Not stated	816	11.2	2,310	2.8	5,224	9.7	47,109	3.0
Total	7,299	100.0	82,884	100.0	53,931	100.0	1,594,554	100.0
Females								
Year 12 or equivalent	2,745	34.9	46,131	55.0	22,995	40.0	968,835	57.5
Year 11 or equivalent	953	12.1	5,915	7.1	6,477	11.3	112,893	6.7
Year 10 or equivalent	2,245	28.6	21,191	25.3	15,456	26.9	392,720	23.3
Year 9 or equivalent	580	7.4	3,479	4.2	4,388	7.6	67,637	4.0
Year 8 or below	647	8.2	4,567	5.4	4,215	7.3	84,631	5.0
Did not go to school	77	1.0	337	0.4	486	0.8	8,834	0.5
Not stated	599	7.6	2,186	2.6	3,403	5.9	49,396	2.9
Total	7,855	100.0	83,812	100.0	57,424	100.0	1,684,932	100.0
Persons								
Year 12 or equivalent	5,034	33.2	87,533	52.5	42,172	37.9	1,848,216	56.4
Year 11 or equivalent	1,723	11.4	13,068	7.8	11,678	10.5	233,032	7.1
Year 10 or equivalent	4,177	27.6	43,544	26.1	29,880	26.8	775,255	23.6
Year 9 or equivalent	1,237	8.2	7,672	4.6	9,082	8.2	142,570	4.3
Year 8 or below	1,410	9.3	9,678	5.8	8,843	7.9	166,910	5.1
Did not go to school	195	1.3	684	0.4	1,066	1.0	17,003	0.5
Not stated	1,414	9.3	4,495	2.7	8,628	7.7	96,502	2.9
Total	15,157	100.0	166,687	100.0	111,357	100.0	3,279,492	100.0

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - 106

Figure 3 Highest level of schooling completed by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region, 2016



Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - 106*

Non-school qualifications

Non-school qualification information describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. This is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

With non-school qualification

38.7%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 38.7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over had a non-school qualification
- 53.8% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had a non-school qualification

Queensland

- 44.1% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over had a non-school qualification
- 57.0% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had a non-school qualification

Table 11 Level of non-school qualification^(a) by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Sex / non-school qualification	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Males								
Postgraduate degree	17	0.2	2,170	2.5	336	0.6	66,480	4.0
Graduate diploma and certificate	16	0.2	853	1.0	255	0.4	23,004	1.4
Bachelor degree	110	1.4	7,340	8.5	1,527	2.6	200,113	12.0
Advanced diploma and diploma	209	2.7	5,689	6.6	2,267	3.9	132,872	8.0
Certificate ^(b)	1,608	20.4	29,446	34.0	14,308	24.5	492,885	29.6
Total with a qualification ^(c)	3,084	39.2	49,350	57.0	25,928	44.4	994,706	59.8
<i>Total^(d)</i>	<i>7,872</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>86,504</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>58,444</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,664,273</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Females								
Postgraduate degree	34	0.4	2,412	2.8	519	0.8	66,493	3.8
Graduate diploma and certificate	58	0.7	1,874	2.1	661	1.1	42,593	2.4
Bachelor degree	305	3.6	13,238	15.2	3,185	5.1	285,703	16.3
Advanced diploma and diploma	507	6.0	8,018	9.2	4,889	7.9	188,878	10.8
Certificate ^(b)	1,461	17.3	14,858	17.0	12,744	20.6	282,169	16.1
Total with a qualification ^(c)	3,210	38.0	44,010	50.5	27,113	43.8	952,243	54.4
<i>Total^(d)</i>	<i>8,441</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>87,165</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>61,963</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,751,467</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Persons								
Postgraduate degree	57	0.3	4,569	2.6	855	0.7	132,973	3.9
Graduate diploma and certificate	85	0.5	2,730	1.6	914	0.8	65,591	1.9
Bachelor degree	426	2.6	20,568	11.8	4,716	3.9	485,818	14.2
Advanced diploma and diploma	721	4.4	13,733	7.9	7,156	5.9	321,754	9.4
Certificate ^(b)	3,049	18.7	44,294	25.5	27,043	22.5	775,050	22.7
Total with a qualification ^(c)	6,301	38.7	93,360	53.8	53,040	44.1	1,946,954	57.0
<i>Total^(d)</i>	<i>16,295</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>173,679</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>120,408</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>3,415,734</i>	<i>100.0</i>

(a) Includes persons aged 15 years and over with a qualification within the scope of the Australian Standard Classification of Education.

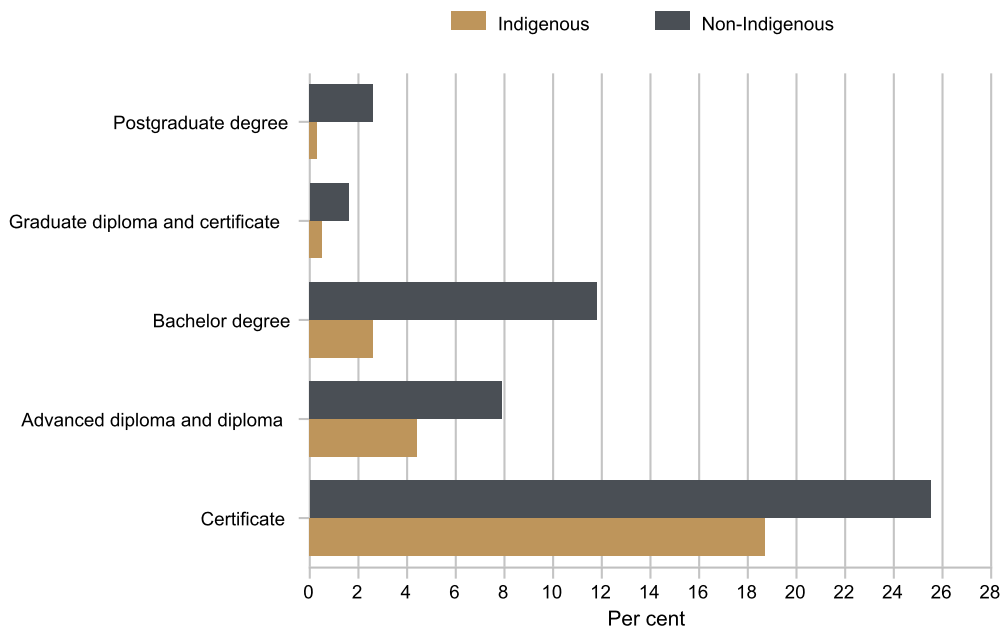
(b) Includes Certificate, I, II, III and IV and Certificates not further defined responses.

(c) Includes level of qualification inadequately described or not stated.

(d) Includes all persons aged 15 years with or without a qualification.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I14 and I15*

Figure 4 Level of non-school qualification by Indigenous status^(a), Townsville and NW QLD region, 2016



(a) Total used to derive percentages is based on persons aged 15 years and over.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I14 and I15*

At school or studying

These data include people who were going to school or studying at other places of education at the time of the 2016 Census. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

At school or studying

9,802 persons

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 39.8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons at school or studying were attending infants or primary school
- 33.6% of non-Indigenous persons at school or studying were attending infants or primary school

Queensland

- 39.8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons at school or studying were attending infants or primary school
- 33.5% of non-Indigenous persons at school or studying were attending infants or primary school

Table 12 Type of education institution attending by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Sex / education institution	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Males								
Pre-school	235	4.7	1,299	5.0	1,838	5.0	27,298	5.2
Infants/Primary school	2,011	40.0	9,426	36.1	14,755	40.4	188,537	35.7
Secondary school	1,312	26.1	7,257	27.8	9,888	27.1	140,933	26.7
Tech. institution ^(a)	123	2.4	1,384	5.3	1,122	3.1	29,528	5.6
University ^(b)	157	3.1	4,133	15.8	1,502	4.1	86,220	16.3
Other	92	1.8	509	1.9	707	1.9	13,012	2.5
Not stated	1,091	21.7	2,111	8.1	6,719	18.4	42,811	8.1
Total	5,024	100.0	26,120	100.0	36,531	100.0	528,339	100.0
Females								
Pre-school	208	4.4	1,198	4.1	1,757	4.8	25,232	4.4
Infants/Primary school	1,917	40.2	9,183	31.4	14,381	39.2	178,938	31.4
Secondary school	1,278	26.8	6,862	23.5	9,714	26.4	134,755	23.6
Tech. institution ^(a)	198	4.2	2,201	7.5	2,058	5.6	43,803	7.7
University ^(b)	344	7.2	6,847	23.4	3,149	8.6	121,442	21.3
Other	126	2.6	949	3.2	1,045	2.8	22,494	3.9
Not stated	700	14.7	2,005	6.9	4,638	12.6	43,186	7.6
Total	4,769	100.0	29,244	100.0	36,733	100.0	569,841	100.0
Persons								
Pre-school	448	4.6	2,509	4.5	3,597	4.9	52,536	4.8
Infants/Primary school	3,899	39.8	18,605	33.6	29,132	39.8	367,471	33.5
Secondary school	2,582	26.3	14,125	25.5	19,602	26.8	275,693	25.1
Tech. institution ^(a)	314	3.2	3,594	6.5	3,177	4.3	73,325	6.7
University ^(b)	505	5.2	10,972	19.8	4,645	6.3	207,661	18.9
Other	220	2.2	1,467	2.6	1,750	2.4	35,503	3.2
Not stated	1,805	18.4	4,090	7.4	11,357	15.5	85,993	7.8
Total	9,802	100.0	55,376	100.0	73,263	100.0	1,098,185	100.0

(a) Includes 'Technical and Further Educational Institution (including TAFE colleges)'.
 (b) Includes 'University or other Tertiary Institution'.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I05*

Year 12 or above (20 to 24 years)

These data are taken from the 2016 Census and include information on the education and training levels of young adults aged 20-24 years. It describes the number of people who attained a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above qualification. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

Attainment of a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above qualification

62.4%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 62.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 20 to 24 years attained a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above qualification
- 89.0% of non-Indigenous persons aged 20 to 24 years attained a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above qualification

Queensland

- 71.2% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 20 to 24 years attained a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above qualification
- 89.4% of non-Indigenous persons aged 20 to 24 years attained a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above qualification

Table 13 Persons aged 20 to 24 years who had attained at least a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above by sex by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Sex and age group	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Males aged 20 to 24 years	589	59.3	7,068	87.2	5,140	70.1	120,044	87.8
Females aged 20 to 24 years	646	62.2	7,026	91.1	5,517	72.2	124,708	91.0
Total	1,256	62.4	14,074	89.0	10,657	71.2	244,752	89.4

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data

Working, studying or training (18 to 24 years)

Young people can be involved in a combination of working and learning activities. To be fully engaged in work or learning, a young person would be doing one of the following:

- have a full-time job,
- in full-time education or training,
- have a job and be in education or training.

These data are from the 2016 Census and are based on persons aged 18 to 24 years by place of usual residence.

Fully engaged in work, study or training

30.3%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 30.3% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 18 to 24 years were working, studying or training
- 68.9% of non-Indigenous persons aged 18 to 24 years were working, studying or training

Queensland

- 36.1% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 18 to 24 years were working, studying or training
- 66.6% of non-Indigenous persons aged 18 to 24 years were working, studying or training

Table 14 Persons aged 18 to 24 years fully engaged in work, study or training by sex by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Sex and age group	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Males aged 18 to 24 years	533	32.6	7,931	70.8	4,509	37.6	130,663	68.0
Females aged 18 to 24 years	447	27.9	7,129	67.1	4,032	34.7	123,827	65.2
Total	976	30.3	15,059	68.9	8,539	36.1	254,486	66.6

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data

Work and income

Household income

Household income has been adjusted for the number and ages of the people living in the household (referred to as equivalised household income). It includes the weekly incomes of each person aged 15 years and over present in the household on Census Night 2016. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

Household income of \$500-\$649 per week

10.5%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 10.5% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons earned \$500-\$649 per week
- 9.1% of non-Indigenous households earned \$500-\$649 per week

Queensland

- 11.7% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons earned \$500-\$649 per week
- 10.1% of non-Indigenous households earned \$500-\$649 per week

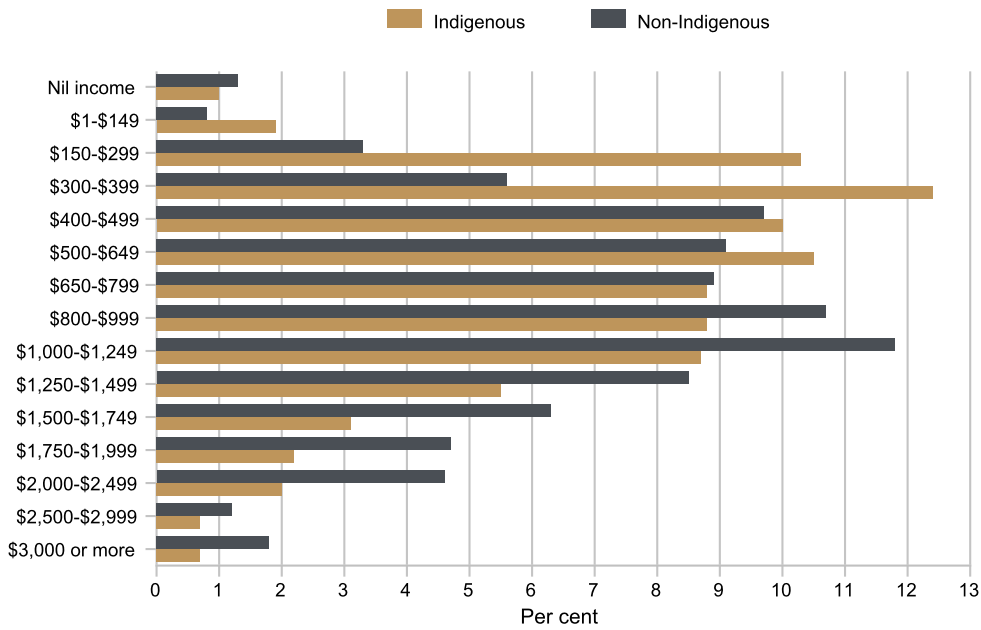
Table 15 Household income (weekly) by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Household income (weekly)	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Nil income	87	1.0	1,064	1.3	870	1.2	21,812	1.4
\$1-\$149	160	1.9	666	0.8	1,136	1.5	13,628	0.9
\$150-\$299	880	10.3	2,686	3.3	6,212	8.3	52,248	3.3
\$300-\$399	1,057	12.4	4,579	5.6	8,392	11.2	91,040	5.8
\$400-\$499	853	10.0	7,949	9.7	8,056	10.8	167,065	10.6
\$500-\$649	896	10.5	7,483	9.1	8,717	11.7	160,091	10.1
\$650-\$799	751	8.8	7,325	8.9	7,023	9.4	147,102	9.3
\$800-\$999	749	8.8	8,780	10.7	7,474	10.0	170,212	10.8
\$1,000-\$1,249	740	8.7	9,715	11.8	6,815	9.1	182,637	11.5
\$1,250-\$1,499	468	5.5	7,001	8.5	4,087	5.5	123,675	7.8
\$1,500-\$1,749	263	3.1	5,184	6.3	2,668	3.6	92,860	5.9
\$1,750-\$1,999	185	2.2	3,868	4.7	1,770	2.4	69,690	4.4
\$2,000-\$2,499	170	2.0	3,787	4.6	1,543	2.1	72,177	4.6
\$2,500-\$2,999	61	0.7	989	1.2	442	0.6	22,403	1.4
\$3,000 or more	58	0.7	1,449	1.8	618	0.8	35,209	2.2
Not stated ^(a)	1,122	13.2	9,503	11.6	8,881	11.9	160,275	10.1
Total	8,526	100.0	82,069	100.0	74,713	100.0	1,582,120	100.0

(a) Includes 'Partial income stated' and 'All incomes not stated'.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data

Figure 5 Household income by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region, 2016



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data

Personal income

Personal income information is from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question 'What is the total of all income the person usually receives?'. This is based on the weekly income of persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

Personal income of \$300-\$399 per week

10.4%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 10.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over earned \$300-\$399 per week
- 8.3% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over earned \$300-\$399 per week

Queensland

- 10.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over earned \$300-\$399 per week
- 9.2% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over earned \$300-\$399 per week

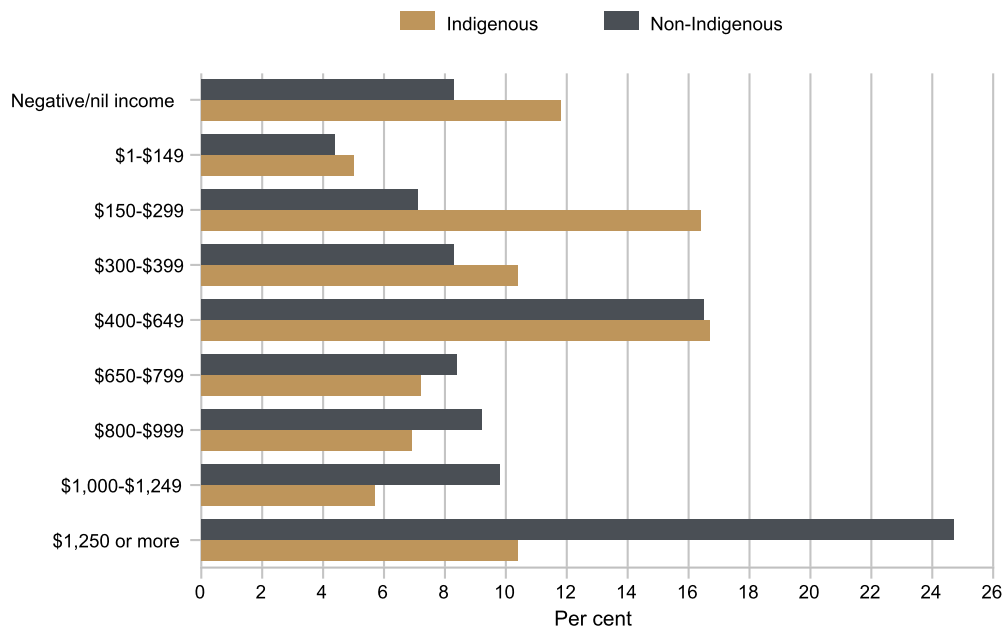
Table 16 Personal income (weekly) by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Sex / personal income (weekly)	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Males								
Negative/nil income	1,046	13.3	6,033	7.0	6,824	11.7	125,847	7.6
\$1-\$149	368	4.7	2,963	3.4	2,783	4.8	56,936	3.4
\$150-\$299	1,373	17.4	5,289	6.1	8,618	14.7	103,545	6.2
\$300-\$399	630	8.0	6,180	7.1	5,060	8.7	133,861	8.0
\$400-\$649	945	12.0	10,809	12.5	8,119	13.9	226,756	13.6
\$650-\$799	487	6.2	6,153	7.1	4,228	7.2	125,681	7.6
\$800-\$999	537	6.8	8,070	9.3	4,537	7.8	159,381	9.6
\$1,000-\$1,249	463	5.9	9,528	11.0	4,041	6.9	173,814	10.4
\$1,250 or more	1,086	13.8	28,551	33.0	8,298	14.2	501,815	30.2
<i>Total^(a)</i>	<i>7,874</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>86,518</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>58,444</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,664,267</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Females								
Negative/nil income	865	10.3	8,301	9.5	6,572	10.6	181,645	10.4
\$1-\$149	422	5.0	4,680	5.4	3,432	5.5	90,822	5.2
\$150-\$299	1,309	15.5	7,064	8.1	8,442	13.6	144,358	8.2
\$300-\$399	1,074	12.7	8,306	9.5	7,582	12.2	179,054	10.2
\$400-\$649	1,774	21.0	17,890	20.5	13,973	22.6	367,996	21.0
\$650-\$799	706	8.4	8,380	9.6	5,506	8.9	166,227	9.5
\$800-\$999	570	6.8	7,967	9.1	4,280	6.9	153,144	8.7
\$1,000-\$1,249	460	5.5	7,420	8.5	3,365	5.4	139,122	7.9
\$1,250 or more	637	7.5	14,473	16.6	5,038	8.1	270,413	15.4
<i>Total^(a)</i>	<i>8,438</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>87,162</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>61,961</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,751,463</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Persons								
Negative/nil income	1,919	11.8	14,335	8.3	13,400	11.1	307,496	9.0
\$1-\$149	809	5.0	7,638	4.4	6,211	5.2	147,759	4.3
\$150-\$299	2,677	16.4	12,350	7.1	17,059	14.2	247,905	7.3
\$300-\$399	1,694	10.4	14,486	8.3	12,644	10.5	312,914	9.2
\$400-\$649	2,726	16.7	28,709	16.5	22,089	18.3	594,748	17.4
\$650-\$799	1,182	7.2	14,545	8.4	9,737	8.1	291,908	8.5
\$800-\$999	1,121	6.9	16,050	9.2	8,819	7.3	312,525	9.1
\$1,000-\$1,249	933	5.7	16,935	9.8	7,408	6.2	312,938	9.2
\$1,250 or more	1,702	10.4	42,978	24.7	13,343	11.1	772,219	22.6
<i>Total^(a)</i>	<i>16,311</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>173,692</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>120,407</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>3,415,733</i>	<i>100.0</i>

(a) Includes 'Income not stated'.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Figure 6 Personal income by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region, 2016



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Work status

Work status is derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing data. This is based on persons aged 15 to 64 years by place of usual residence.



Townsville and NW QLD region

- The unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons was 24.1%
- The unemployment rate for non-Indigenous persons was 7.5%

Queensland

- The unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons was 20.3%
- The unemployment rate for non-Indigenous persons was 7.4%

Table 17 Work status by Indigenous status^(a), Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Sex / labour force status	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Male								
Employed	3,113	41.9	55,374	77.1	26,525	48.4	1,026,254	75.8
Unemployed	1,051	14.2	4,809	6.7	7,166	13.1	84,250	6.2
Total labour force	4,182	56.4	60,200	83.8	33,689	61.4	1,110,503	82.1
Not in labour force	3,055	41.2	11,127	15.5	19,508	35.6	232,409	17.2
Total ^(b)	7,421	100.0	71,820	100.0	54,832	100.0	1,353,149	100.0
Unemployment rate	n.a.	25.1	n.a.	8.0	n.a.	21.3	n.a.	7.6
Participation rate	n.a.	56.4	n.a.	83.8	n.a.	61.4	n.a.	82.1
Female								
Employed	3,021	38.4	51,334	71.5	25,258	44.0	962,024	68.5
Unemployed	895	11.4	3,843	5.4	6,013	10.5	74,086	5.3
Total labour force	3,925	50.0	55,164	76.8	31,269	54.5	1,036,116	73.8
Not in labour force	3,721	47.4	16,279	22.7	24,730	43.1	359,693	25.6
Total ^(b)	7,857	100.0	71,820	100.0	57,375	100.0	1,404,354	100.0
Unemployment rate	n.a.	22.8	n.a.	7.0	n.a.	19.2	n.a.	7.2
Participation rate	n.a.	50.0	n.a.	76.8	n.a.	54.5	n.a.	73.8
Persons								
Employed	6,144	40.2	106,713	74.3	51,785	46.1	1,988,279	72.1
Unemployed	1,951	12.8	8,648	6.0	13,178	11.7	158,338	5.7
Total labour force	8,102	53.1	115,378	80.3	64,965	57.9	2,146,615	77.8
Not in labour force	6,773	44.4	27,413	19.1	44,238	39.4	592,099	21.5
Total ^(b)	15,271	100.0	143,646	100.0	112,211	100.0	2,757,504	100.0
Unemployment rate	n.a.	24.1	n.a.	7.5	n.a.	20.3	n.a.	7.4
Participation rate	n.a.	53.1	n.a.	80.3	n.a.	57.9	n.a.	77.8

(a) Persons aged 15 to 64 years.

(b) Includes labour force status not stated.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Not in work by age

Work status by age is derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing data. This is based on persons aged 15 to 64 years by place of usual residence.

15 to 64 years unemployment rate

24.1%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 24.1% unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 to 64 years
- 7.5% unemployment rate for non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years

Queensland

- 20.3% unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 to 64 years
- 7.4% unemployment rate for non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years

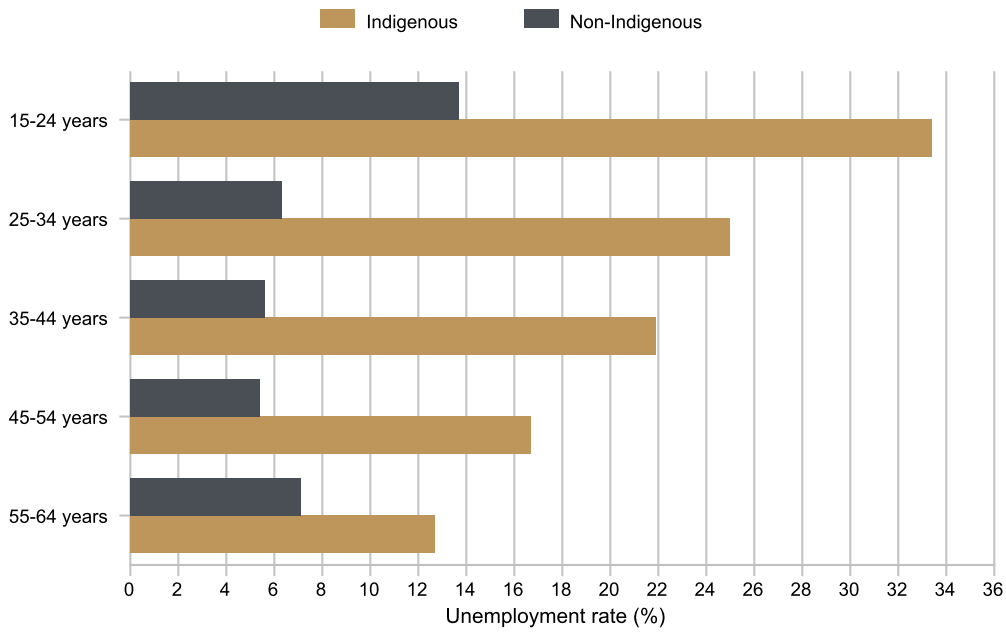
Table 18 Unemployed or not in the labour force by age^(a) and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Age group	Townsville and NW QLD region		Queensland	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
	number	number	number	number
Unemployed				
15-24 years	739	3,021	5,487	56,638
25-34 years	486	1,644	2,995	31,661
35-44 years	380	1,358	2,285	25,433
45-54 years	245	1,353	1,651	24,634
55-64 years	94	1,256	762	19,974
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,951</i>	<i>8,648</i>	<i>13,178</i>	<i>158,338</i>
Unemployment rate				
15-24 years	33.4	13.7	29.5	15.1
25-34 years	25.0	6.3	19.7	6.5
35-44 years	21.9	5.6	16.9	5.3
45-54 years	16.7	5.4	14.0	5.1
55-64 years	12.7	7.1	12.9	6.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>24.1</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>20.3</i>	<i>7.4</i>
Not in the labour force				
15-24 years	2,597	7,792	16,299	161,045
25-34 years	1,438	4,161	8,656	89,312
35-44 years	1,027	3,737	6,723	82,754
45-54 years	951	4,013	6,511	88,809
55-64 years	768	7,714	6,041	170,177
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,773</i>	<i>27,413</i>	<i>44,238</i>	<i>592,099</i>

(a) Persons aged 15 to 64 years.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Figure 7 Unemployment rate by age and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region, 2016



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Work by industry

Work by industry is from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing data. It combines information on the type of business or industry a person works in with the main goods or service their workplace produces. This is based on persons aged 15 to 64 years by place of usual residence.



Townsville and NW QLD region

- 16.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the Public administration and safety industry
- 12.0% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the Public administration and safety industry

Queensland

- 11.2% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the Public administration and safety industry
- 6.6% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the Public administration and safety industry

Table 19 Work by industry by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Industry	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	139	2.3	3,949	3.7	1,250	2.4	49,713	2.5
Mining	375	6.1	5,494	5.1	1,984	3.8	46,912	2.4
Manufacturing	200	3.3	5,568	5.2	2,515	4.9	121,392	6.1
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	48	0.8	1,561	1.5	480	0.9	22,760	1.1
Construction	398	6.5	7,943	7.4	4,689	9.1	180,127	9.1
Wholesale trade	67	1.1	2,231	2.1	922	1.8	53,071	2.7
Retail trade	426	6.9	10,320	9.7	4,768	9.2	199,148	10.0
Accommodation and food services	400	6.5	7,595	7.1	4,024	7.8	148,428	7.5
Transport, postal and warehousing	212	3.5	4,735	4.4	2,364	4.6	98,887	5.0
Information media and telecommunications	43	0.7	1,105	1.0	445	0.9	24,045	1.2
Financial and insurance services	31	0.5	1,562	1.5	571	1.1	51,921	2.6
Rental, hiring and real estate services	36	0.6	1,496	1.4	535	1.0	38,394	1.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	114	1.9	4,154	3.9	1,285	2.5	126,038	6.3
Administrative and support services	288	4.7	3,100	2.9	2,098	4.1	69,536	3.5
Public administration and safety	1,013	16.5	12,844	12.0	5,800	11.2	130,352	6.6
Education and training	675	11.0	10,046	9.4	4,656	9.0	179,409	9.0
Health care and social assistance	948	15.4	14,380	13.5	7,305	14.1	258,055	13.0
Arts and recreation services	57	0.9	1,199	1.1	883	1.7	31,191	1.6
Other services	298	4.9	3,981	3.7	2,290	4.4	77,360	3.9
Total^(a)	6,144	100.0	106,713	100.0	51,785	100.0	1,988,279	100.0

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Work by occupation

Work by occupation is from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing data. It combines information on the type of work a person does and the tasks they do while at work. This is based on persons aged 15 to 64 years by place of usual residence.

Largest occupation of work

Community and personal service workers (21.6%)

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 21.6% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the community and personal service workers occupation
- 13.3% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the community and personal service workers occupation

Queensland

- 17.0% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons worked in the community and personal service workers occupation
- 11.4% of non-Indigenous persons worked in the community and personal service workers occupation

Table 20 Work by occupation by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Occupation	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Managers	317	5.2	11,421	10.7	3,236	6.2	236,385	11.9
Professionals	644	10.5	19,006	17.8	6,065	11.7	400,624	20.1
Technicians and trades workers	785	12.8	16,949	15.9	6,996	13.5	288,920	14.5
Community and personal service workers	1,328	21.6	14,242	13.3	8,820	17.0	226,259	11.4
Clerical and administrative workers	770	12.5	13,606	12.8	6,643	12.8	271,739	13.7
Sales workers	412	6.7	9,806	9.2	4,759	9.2	194,259	9.8
Machinery operators and drivers	667	10.9	9,328	8.7	5,015	9.7	134,700	6.8
Labourers	1,015	16.5	10,933	10.2	8,763	16.9	205,755	10.3
Total^(a)	6,144	100.0	106,713	100.0	51,785	100.0	1,988,279	100.0

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (usual residence)

Housing

Overcrowding

The measure of overcrowding has been defined as dwellings that need one or more extra bedrooms. Overcrowding has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing data. It is applicable to occupied private dwellings.

Overcrowded households

13.6%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 13.6% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons were overcrowded
- 2.0% of non-Indigenous households were overcrowded

Queensland

- 10.5% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons were overcrowded
- 2.7% of non-Indigenous households were overcrowded

Table 21 Overcrowding in households by Indigenous status of household^(a), Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Overcrowding status	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Overcrowded:								
4 or more extra bedrooms needed	91	1.1	11	0.0	314	0.4	547	0.0
3 extra bedrooms needed	94	1.1	32	0.0	438	0.6	1,428	0.1
2 extra bedrooms needed	215	2.6	205	0.3	1,525	2.1	6,163	0.4
1 extra bedroom needed	718	8.7	1,366	1.7	5,317	7.4	32,956	2.1
<i>Total overcrowded</i>	<i>1,115</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>1,617</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>7,592</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>41,094</i>	<i>2.7</i>
Not overcrowded	6,679	81.3	75,478	94.3	61,368	85.1	1,447,547	93.7
Total^(b)	8,214	100.0	80,041	100.0	72,120	100.0	1,544,844	100.0

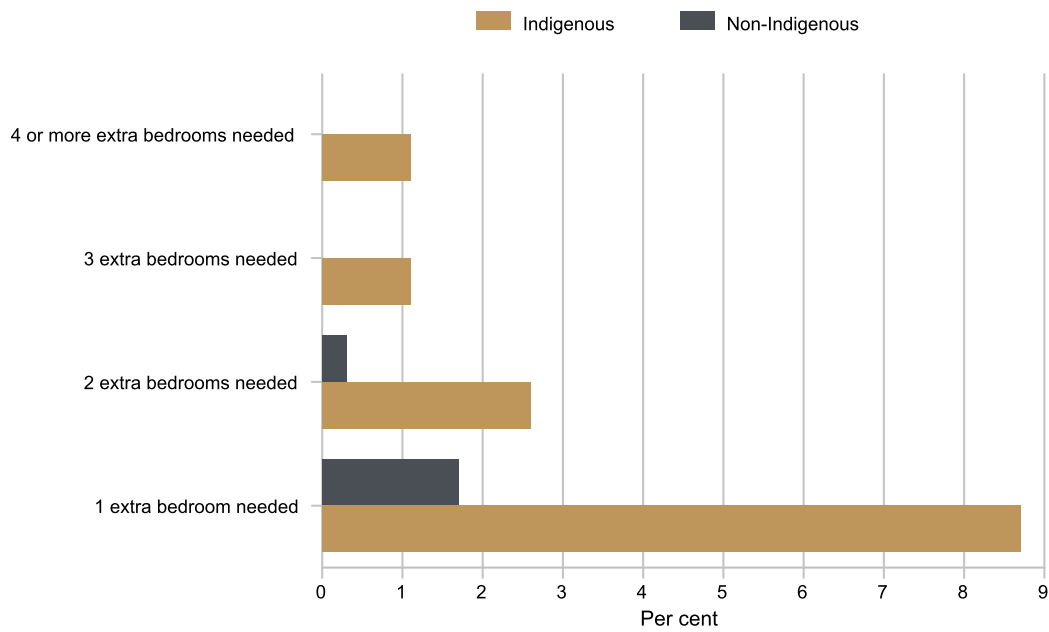
Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

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

(b) Includes 'Unable to determine' but excludes 'Not stated'.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data

Figure 8 Overcrowding by Indigenous status of household, Townsville and NW QLD region, 2016



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data

Dwelling structure

In general terms, a dwelling is a structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which was fit to be lived in on Census Night 2016. Dwelling structure describes the type of dwellings counted on Census Night, for example, houses, flats and caravans. Non-private dwellings such as hospitals, hostels and aged care homes are not included in this profile. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

Separate house dwellings

82.5%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 82.5% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons lived in separate houses
- 82.2% of non-Indigenous households lived in separate houses

Queensland

- 80.5% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons lived in separate houses
- 76.4% of non-Indigenous households lived in separate houses

Table 22 Occupied private dwellings^(a) by dwelling structure by Indigenous status of household, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Dwelling structure	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Separate house	7,031	82.5	67,493	82.2	60,181	80.5	1,209,472	76.4
Semi-detached, row, terrace, townhouse	796	9.3	7,319	8.9	6,988	9.4	167,991	10.6
Flat, unit or apartment	564	6.6	5,706	7.0	6,285	8.4	180,493	11.4
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	50	0.6	889	1.1	648	0.9	12,584	0.8
Improvised home, tent, sleepers out	23	0.3	62	0.1	120	0.2	1,237	0.1
House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc.	8	0.1	114	0.1	139	0.2	2,093	0.1
Not stated	60	0.7	495	0.6	349	0.5	8,253	0.5
Total	8,526	100.0	82,069	100.0	74,713	100.0	1,582,120	100.0

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

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data

Renting, buying or owned

In general terms, a dwelling is a structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which was fit to be lived in on Census Night 2016. Tenure type describes whether a household rents or owns the dwelling they were counted in on Census Night 2016. Other tenure types are also included. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

Dwellings owned outright

7.9%

Townsville and NW QLD region

- 7.9% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons fully owned their dwelling
- 27.4% of non-Indigenous households fully owned their dwelling

Queensland

- 10.3% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons fully owned their dwelling
- 29.3% of non-Indigenous households fully owned their dwelling

Table 23 Occupied private dwellings^(a) by tenure type by Indigenous status of household, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Tenure type	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Owned outright	675	7.9	22,476	27.4	7,727	10.3	463,675	29.3
Owned with a mortgage ^(b)	1,702	19.9	27,803	33.9	17,634	23.6	540,811	34.2
Rented ^(c)	5,753	67.4	28,803	35.1	46,197	61.8	520,278	32.9
Other tenure type ^(d)	39	0.5	751	0.9	409	0.5	15,159	1.0
Tenure type not stated	341	4.0	2,250	2.7	2,743	3.7	42,196	2.7
Total	8,532	100.0	82,073	100.0	74,710	100.0	1,582,122	100.0

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

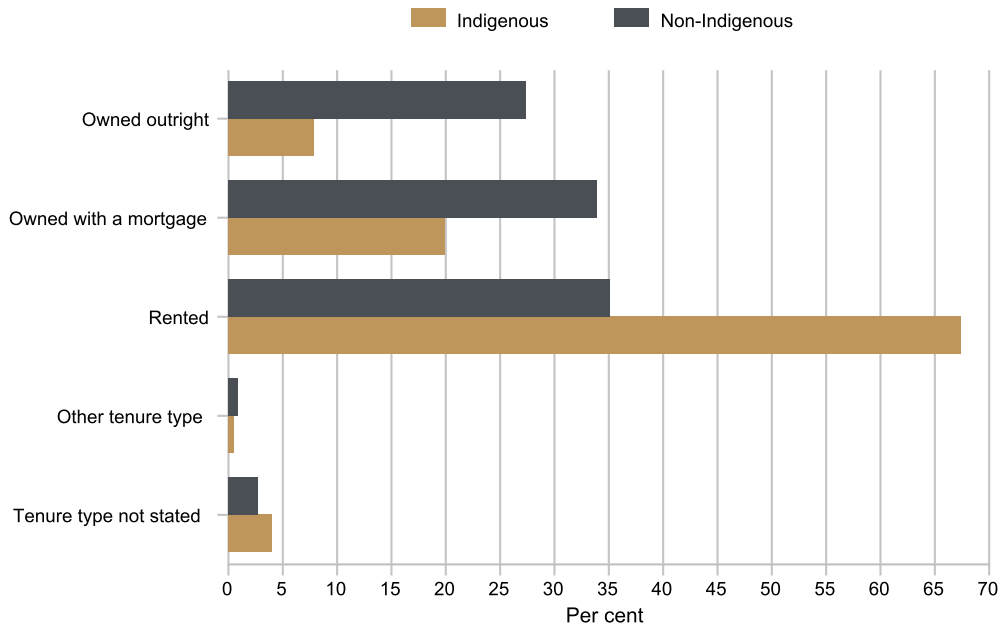
(b) Includes dwellings being purchased under a shared equity scheme.

(c) Includes renting from a real estate agent, state housing authority, person not in the same household, housing co-op/community/church, other and not stated.

(d) Includes dwellings being occupied under a life tenure scheme.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - 110*

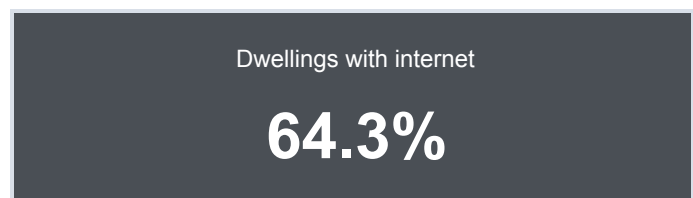
Figure 9 Occupied private dwellings by tenure type and Indigenous status of household, Townsville and NW QLD region, 2016



Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I10*

Internet access

Information on Internet access is from the ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I11* Census of Population and Housing question 'Does any member of this household access the internet from this dwelling?'. This is based on occupied private dwellings.



Townsville and NW QLD region

- 64.3% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons had internet access
- 81.9% of non-Indigenous households had internet access

Queensland

- 73.5% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons had internet access
- 84.2% of non-Indigenous households had internet access

Table 24 Internet access^(a) in occupied private dwellings^(b) by Indigenous status of household, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Internet access	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Internet accessed from dwelling	5,484	64.3	67,243	81.9	54,946	73.5	1,332,551	84.2
Internet not accessed from dwelling	2,674	31.3	12,635	15.4	16,824	22.5	208,029	13.1
Not stated	354	4.1	2,205	2.7	2,942	3.9	41,542	2.6
Total	8,532	100.0	82,073	100.0	74,710	100.0	1,582,122	100.0

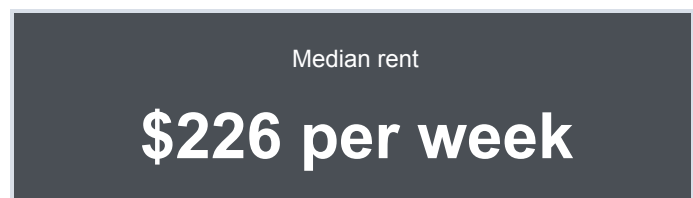
(a) Includes any member of the household who accessed the internet from the dwelling through a desktop/laptop computer, mobile or smart phone, tablet, music or video player, gaming console, smart TV or any other devices. It also includes accessing through any type of connection for example ADSL, fibre, cable, wireless, satellite and mobile broadband (3G/4G).

(b) Excludes Visitors only and other not classifiable households.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I11*

Rent by income

This section shows the median rent paid each week by households who rent, by their household income. The median rent is the value whereby half the households pay less and half pay more. Median rents have been calculated by Queensland Treasury. These data are from the 2016 Census and are based on occupied private dwellings.



Townsville and NW QLD region

- Median rent of \$226 per week for households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons
- Median rent of \$288 per week for non-Indigenous households

Queensland

- Median rent of \$270 per week for households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons
- Median rent of \$340 per week for non-Indigenous households

Table 25 Median weekly rent by household income (weekly) by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Household income (weekly)	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	median(\$)	number	median(\$)	number	median(\$)	number	median(\$)
Negative/nil income	61	197	352	273	487	220	8,245	342
\$1-\$149	66	138	193	233	482	162	3,215	268
\$150-\$299	280	123	715	183	1,721	137	11,881	201
\$300-\$399	279	162	1,060	182	2,080	166	18,476	193
\$400-\$499	403	171	1,971	205	3,225	192	34,485	218
\$500-\$649	438	210	1,718	252	3,489	235	31,747	276
\$650-\$799	535	215	2,135	259	4,426	251	40,093	295
\$800-\$999	523	241	2,359	271	4,433	267	42,715	313
\$1,000-\$1,249	566	256	2,722	287	4,666	291	51,393	331
\$1,250-\$1,499	508	266	2,607	305	4,174	306	47,109	352
\$1,500-\$1,749	316	280	2,051	312	2,766	322	36,217	365
\$1,750-\$1,999	266	293	1,684	320	2,217	328	31,266	374
\$2,000-\$2,499	391	299	2,931	331	3,468	351	52,686	392
\$2,500-\$2,999	193	322	1,465	350	1,650	368	25,872	411
\$3,000-\$3,499	104	358	708	366	843	383	13,581	430
\$3,500-\$3,999	56	323	559	367	598	346	11,628	455
\$4,000-\$4,499	26	356	226	373	222	411	4,456	479
\$4,500-\$4,999	8	..	204	411	153	405	3,671	490
\$5,000-\$5,999	11	..	118	405	122	422	3,033	530
\$6,000-\$7,999	0	..	78	468	107	308	1,939	534
\$8,000 or more	5	..	7	710	39	204	253	484
Partial income stated	499	241	2,366	323	3,707	285	37,384	375
All incomes not stated	181	170	533	207	1,109	202	8,934	247
Total^(a)	5,742	226	28,784	288	46,196	270	520,281	340

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Where published, median values were taken from the ABS Indigenous Profile.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data and Queensland Treasury estimates

Mortgage repayments by income

This section shows the median mortgage paid each week by households with a mortgage, by their household income. The median mortgage is the value whereby half the households pay less and half pay more. Median mortgage repayments have been calculated by Queensland Treasury. These data are from the 2016 Census and are based on occupied private dwellings.

Median mortgage repayments

\$417 per week

Townsville and NW QLD region

- Median mortgage repayment of \$417 per week for households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons
- Median mortgage repayment of \$419 per week for non-Indigenous households

Queensland

- Median mortgage repayment of \$433 per week for households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons
- Median mortgage repayment of \$433 per week for non-Indigenous households

Table 26 Median weekly mortgage repayments by household income (weekly) by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016

Household income (weekly)	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	median(\$)	number	median(\$)	number	median(\$)	number	median(\$)
Negative/nil income	8	..	209	312	119	300	3,915	359
\$1-\$149	4	..	77	233	52	389	1,639	312
\$150-\$299	8	233	183	294	130	288	3,518	264
\$300-\$399	3	..	140	232	104	271	3,267	225
\$400-\$499	17	333	371	200	286	221	8,716	190
\$500-\$649	37	233	390	271	334	282	8,665	278
\$650-\$799	47	261	763	288	573	297	16,522	270
\$800-\$999	47	265	1,086	322	722	324	21,741	318
\$1,000-\$1,249	91	371	1,664	338	1,062	348	33,242	349
\$1,250-\$1,499	138	388	1,939	365	1,398	385	37,684	381
\$1,500-\$1,749	131	377	2,025	400	1,314	394	38,269	411
\$1,750-\$1,999	120	388	2,040	408	1,329	424	39,795	431
\$2,000-\$2,499	270	430	4,414	433	2,737	446	83,434	464
\$2,500-\$2,999	202	447	3,266	466	2,005	489	59,128	503
\$3,000-\$3,499	129	467	2,136	497	1,221	507	39,851	526
\$3,500-\$3,999	88	506	1,389	514	838	532	29,999	551
\$4,000-\$4,499	31	600	655	513	435	523	15,747	566
\$4,500-\$4,999	28	1,025	637	533	328	559	14,735	615
\$5,000-\$5,999	34	571	446	563	311	564	12,920	641
\$6,000-\$7,999	16	569	270	589	173	643	8,275	733
\$8,000 or more	0	..	17	839	33	525	989	740
Partial income stated	186	439	3,359	443	1,993	438	53,998	472
All incomes not stated	12	..	297	333	167	293	4,757	338
Total^(a)	1,732	417	27,798	419	17,631	433	540,806	433

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Where published, median values were taken from the ABS Indigenous Profile.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data and Queensland Treasury estimates

Abbreviations

..	not applicable
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AQF	Australian Qualifications Framework
ASGS	Australian Statistical Geography Standard
(C)	City
LGA	local government area
n.a.	not available
R	Regional Council
S	Shire

Explanatory notes

Profile explanatory notes

Aboriginal persons and/or Torres Strait Islander persons

The question used on the 2016 Census of Population and Housing form was "Is the person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?" Respondents could report Aboriginal origin, Torres Strait Islander origin, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, or neither.

Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)

A geographical framework covering all spatial areas of Australia and its external territories. The ASGS was developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to allow statistics from different collections to be spatially comparable. The ASGS replaced the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC).

Cell confidentialisation

This profile utilises source data confidentialisation. This refers to datasets that have been confidentialised by the data custodians. For example census data supplied by the ABS have small cell counts of 1 or 2 confidentialised to 0 or 3 and a small random adjustment made to all data to avoid any risk of releasing identifiable information. Caution should therefore be used when interpreting data where the cell count is small.

Census 2016 data

Census data have 'small random adjustments' to ensure no data are released which could risk identifying individuals. As such, cells containing very small counts should be treated with extreme caution. Therefore discrepancies may occur between the sum of the component items and total.

Census undercount

Due to the size and complexity of the Census of Population and Housing, whenever a Census is conducted it is inevitable that some people will be missed and some will be counted more than once. After each Census, the Australian Bureau of Statistics conduct a Post Enumeration Survey to estimate the number of people who should have been counted in the Census and the actual Census counts. It is important to note, that all Census data reported in this profile do not have any adjustments made for Census undercount and readers should keep this in mind when making inferences from the data.

Dwelling

In broad terms, a dwelling is a structure intended for persons to live in it, and which is habitable on Census Night (9 August 2016). Examples of dwellings include houses, motels, flats, caravans, prisons, tents, humpies and houseboats. Private dwellings are enumerated using household Census forms, obtaining family and relationship data. Personal forms are used to enumerate non-private dwellings (for example, hotels and hospitals).

Equivalent household income

Equivalent income enables direct comparison of the relative incomes of households of different sizes and composition by adjusting household income according to an equivalence scale. For a lone person household equivalent income is equal to household income but for a household comprising more than one person, it is an indicator of the household income that would need to be received by a lone person household to enjoy the same level of economic wellbeing as the household type in question.

Indigenous person

Aboriginal peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples are those who identified (in the 2016 Census of Population and Housing) as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

Indigenous status of household

A household with Indigenous person(s) is any household that had at least one person of any age as a resident at the time of the Census who identified as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

Land area

Land area, as stated in the Region overview, are based on the Australian Albers Equal Area projection (EPSG 3577).

Local government area (LGA)

A geographical area under the responsibility of a local government council or an Indigenous government council. There are 78 LGAs in Queensland.

Region overview

Statistics in the profile overview have been derived from data sourced to the Bureau of Meteorology and aggregated to administrative boundaries. Land area are based on the Australian Albers Equal Area projection (EPSG 3577).

Rounding

Figures are rounded to nearest whole number. Calculations (such as percentages and rates) are based on pre-rounded figures.

Topic explanatory notes

Household income

Household income is an equivalence-scaled measure of household income. While for a lone person household it is equal to household income, for a household comprising more than one person, it is an indicator of the household income that would be needed by a lone person household to enjoy the same level of economic wellbeing.

Overcrowding

The overcrowding table in this profile is based upon the ABS' 'Housing suitability' variable derived by the ABS for the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. This variable measures housing utilisation based on a comparison of the number of bedrooms in a dwelling with a series of household demographics, such as the number of usual residents, their relationship to each other, age and sex. The criteria are based on the Canadian National Occupancy Standard.

Work (employment) by industry

The industry of employment (for persons aged 15–64 years) is classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) 2006 edition, revision 2 published in 2013.

Work (employment) by occupation

In the Census, occupation is collected for all employed persons aged 15–64 years. Occupation is coded using the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), 2006 edition, version 1.2 released 2013.

Year 12 or equivalent (20 to 24 years)

This measure is designed to ascertain the proportion of 20–24 year old persons who have attained a year 12 (or equivalent) or above qualification. Under the Australian Qualifications Framework, Certificate II is deemed to be equivalent to year 12.

Data in this table have been calculated according to specifications used for the National Indigenous Reform Agreement measure: PI 12a-Attainment of Year 12 or equivalent (Census data). As such the measure excludes, from both the numerator and denominator:

- People who did not have a year 12 qualification and also did not state if they had a non-school qualification (or whose level of education was inadequately described)
- People who did not state their highest year of school and also did not have a qualification at Certificate level II or above.

People whose level of study was determined to be certificate level but was not able to be further defined (that is, coded as Certificate nfd) are assumed to have attained below Certificate level II and have been excluded from the numerator.