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Indigenous Profile

## Townsville and NW Qld region (ASGS 2021)

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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 (ASGS 2021)

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 2021, 29,543 persons identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander lived in Townsville and NW Qld region. This represents 11.1% of the total resident population.

Townsville and NW Qld region has a total land area of 448,024.1 km<sup>2</sup>, 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 2021. In some cases these data have been concorded from other geographical boundaries based on the population spread at a point in time. Historical estimates for these geographies may be different to those in previously generated profiles as a result of an update to the underlying population-weighted concordance. Caution should therefore be exercised when comparing historical estimates.

## Queensland

In 2021, 237,303 Aboriginal peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples lived in Queensland. This represents 4.6% of the total resident population.

Queensland has a total land area of 1,730,171.2 km<sup>2</sup>, with an average daily temperature range of 16.4°C to 30.0°C and an average annual rainfall of 634 mm.

Data for Queensland are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2021.

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 2021 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

# 11.1%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 29,543 persons (or 11.1%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- 215,182 persons (or 81.2%) identified as non-Indigenous

### Queensland

- 237,303 persons (or 4.6%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- 4,635,042 persons (or 89.9%) identified as non-Indigenous

**Table 1 Persons by sex and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Sex / Indigenous status	Townsville and NW Qld region		Queensland	
	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>				
Indigenous:				
Aboriginal	11,684	8.8	95,266	3.8
Torres Strait Islander	1,202	0.9	10,842	0.4
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1,642	1.2	11,000	0.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>14,517</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>117,102</i>	<i>4.6</i>
Non-Indigenous	107,100	80.4	2,272,966	89.5
Not stated	11,575	8.7	150,339	5.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>133,195</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>2,540,404</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Females</b>				
Indigenous:				
Aboriginal	12,126	9.2	98,142	3.8
Torres Strait Islander	1,203	0.9	10,936	0.4
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1,675	1.3	11,127	0.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>14,991</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>120,203</i>	<i>4.6</i>
Non-Indigenous	108,068	81.9	2,362,078	90.3
Not stated	8,836	6.7	133,453	5.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>131,920</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>2,615,736</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Persons</b>				
Indigenous:				
Aboriginal	23,803	9.0	193,405	3.8
Torres Strait Islander	2,407	0.9	21,772	0.4
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3,321	1.3	22,122	0.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>29,543</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>237,303</i>	<i>4.6</i>
Non-Indigenous	215,182	81.2	4,635,042	89.9
Not stated	20,394	7.7	283,793	5.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>265,119</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>5,156,138</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I02*

## Population size and structure

The population data shown here are based on the 2021 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

- 33.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons were aged 0 to 14 years
- 17.7% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 0 to 14 years
- 5.1% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons were aged 65 years and over
- 16.8% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 65 years and over

### Queensland

- 33.8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons were aged 0 to 14 years
- 18.0% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 0 to 14 years
- 5.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons were aged 65 years and over
- 17.6% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 65 years and over

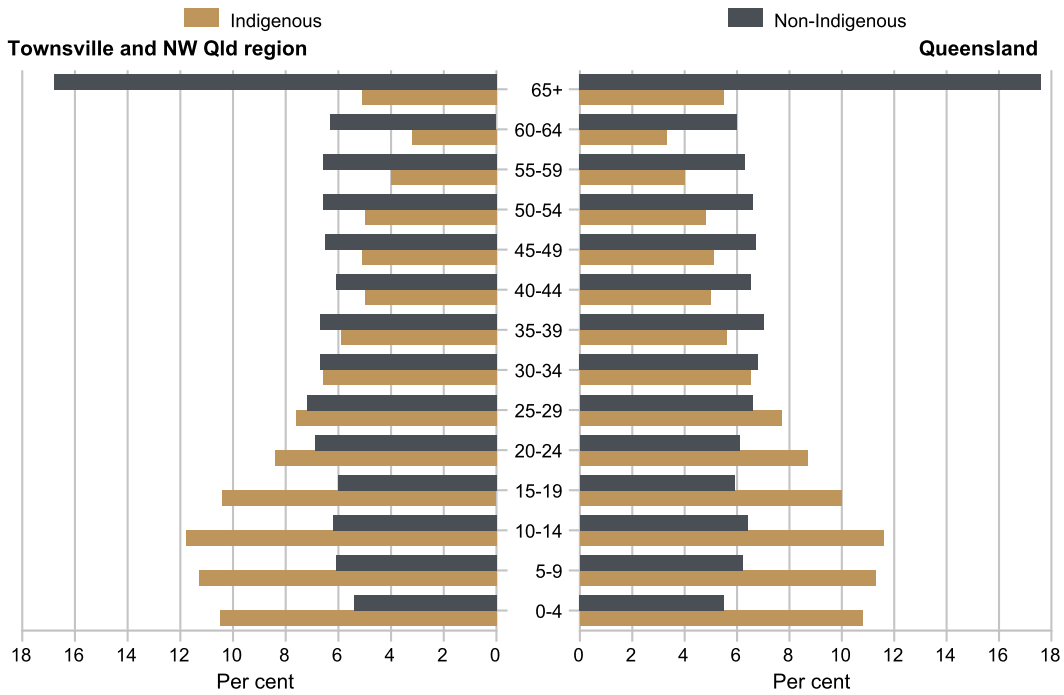
**Table 2 Persons by sex, age and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Sex / age group	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>								
0-14	4,999	34.4	19,791	18.5	41,028	35.0	430,094	18.9
15-24	2,830	19.5	14,123	13.2	22,157	18.9	282,514	12.4
25-44	3,585	24.7	28,227	26.4	28,570	24.4	604,323	26.6
45-64	2,454	16.9	27,440	25.6	19,407	16.6	569,928	25.1
65+	667	4.6	17,538	16.4	5,934	5.1	386,112	17.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,517</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>107,100</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117,102</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,272,966</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Females</b>								
0-14	4,894	32.6	18,217	16.9	39,148	32.6	405,955	17.2
15-24	2,758	18.4	13,719	12.7	22,045	18.3	274,953	11.6
25-44	3,844	25.6	29,248	27.1	30,256	25.2	641,698	27.2
45-64	2,698	18.0	28,251	26.1	21,625	18.0	609,107	25.8
65+	808	5.4	18,656	17.3	7,128	5.9	430,382	18.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,991</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>108,068</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>120,203</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,362,078</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
0-14	9,907	33.5	38,014	17.7	80,168	33.8	836,040	18.0
15-24	5,549	18.8	27,834	12.9	44,206	18.6	557,462	12.0
25-44	7,435	25.2	57,470	26.7	58,826	24.8	1,246,021	26.9
45-64	5,124	17.3	55,721	25.9	41,033	17.3	1,179,030	25.4
65+	1,497	5.1	36,169	16.8	13,065	5.5	816,492	17.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,543</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>215,182</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>237,303</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,635,042</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - 103*

**Figure 1 Persons by age and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**



Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - 103*

## Different address 1 year ago

Migration one year ago compares where a person said they usually lived on Census Night 2021 (10 August 2021) with where they said they usually lived one year earlier (i.e. 10 August 2020). This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

Different address one year ago

**18.3%**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 18.3% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 1 year and over were living at a different address one year before Census Night 2021
- 17.6% of non-Indigenous persons aged 1 year and over were living at a different address one year before Census Night 2021

### Queensland

- 20.2% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 1 year and over were living at a different address one year before Census Night 2021
- 17.8% of non-Indigenous persons aged 1 year and over were living at a different address one year before Census Night 2021

**Table 3 Different address 1 year ago<sup>(a)</sup> by age and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Age group	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
1-14	1,865	20.0	6,494	18.2	15,498	20.6	139,108	17.7
15-24	1,273	22.9	8,425	30.3	11,479	26.0	148,714	26.7
25-44	1,398	18.8	14,045	24.4	13,222	22.5	318,090	25.5
45-64	608	11.9	6,075	10.9	5,534	13.5	144,466	12.3
65+	122	8.1	2,450	6.8	1,201	9.2	67,595	8.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,289</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>37,475</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>46,933</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>817,971</b>	<b>17.8</b>

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

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)

## Different address 5 years ago

Migration five years ago compares where a person said they usually lived on Census Night 2021 (10 August 2021) with where they said they usually lived five years earlier (i.e. 10 August 2016). This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

Different address five years ago

**42.5%**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 42.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 5 years and over were living at a different address five years before Census Night 2021
- 43.7% of non-Indigenous persons aged 5 years and over were living at a different address five years before Census Night 2021

### Queensland

- 49.0% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 5 years and over were living at a different address five years before Census Night 2021
- 47.2% of non-Indigenous persons aged 5 years and over were living at a different address five years before Census Night 2021

**Table 4 Different address 5 years ago<sup>(a)</sup> by age and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

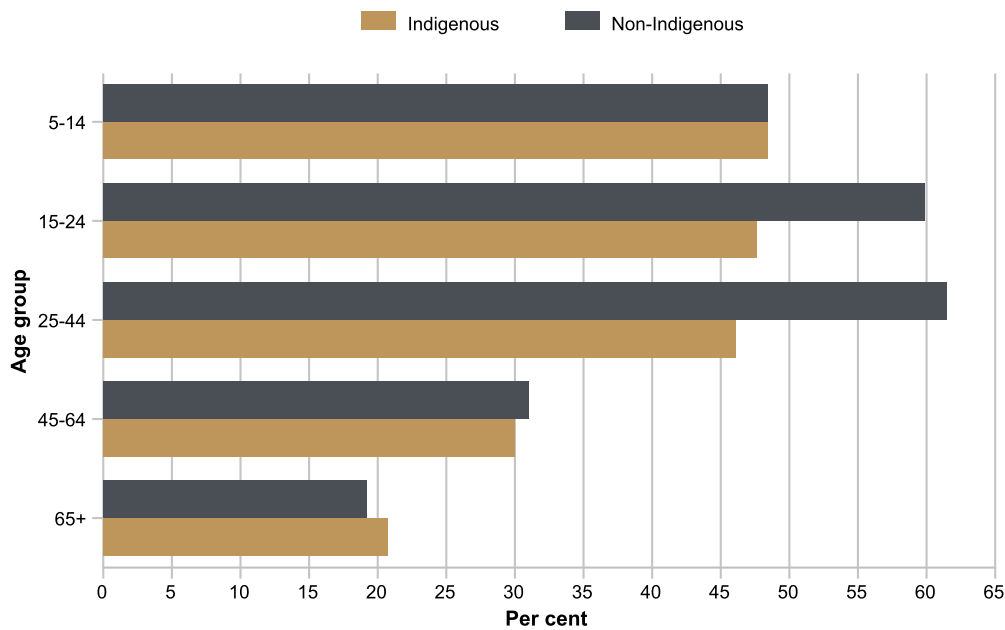
Age group	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
5-14	3,294	48.4	12,791	48.4	29,333	53.9	300,352	51.5
15-24	2,643	47.6	16,678	59.9	23,784	53.8	309,275	55.5
25-44	3,427	46.1	35,331	61.5	32,462	55.2	818,968	65.7
45-64	1,536	30.0	17,274	31.0	14,756	36.0	430,305	36.5
65+	310	20.7	6,949	19.2	3,361	25.7	208,637	25.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,239</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>89,024</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>103,693</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>2,067,538</b>	<b>47.2</b>

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

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)



**Figure 2 Different address 5 years ago by age and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region, 2021**



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)

## Family and household structure

In the 2021 Census there was a question about relationships between people who were in the household on Census Night 2021. 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

# 25.9%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 25.9% of one family households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons were occupied by one parent families
- 9.9% of non-Indigenous one family households were occupied by one parent families

### Queensland

- 24.8% 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<sup>(a)</sup> by family type and Indigenous status of household, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

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	1,712	15.9	24,467	29.0	18,041	17.8	501,592	28.4
Couple family with children	3,002	27.8	22,456	26.6	30,193	29.7	509,878	28.8
One parent family	2,794	25.9	8,377	9.9	25,214	24.8	183,863	10.4
Other family	283	2.6	928	1.1	2,079	2.0	19,741	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,805</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>56,203</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>75,530</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>1,215,088</b>	<b>68.7</b>
Multiple family households	615	5.7	1,038	1.2	5,400	5.3	31,856	1.8
Group households <sup>(b)</sup>	452	4.2	3,385	4.0	5,846	5.8	74,729	4.2
Lone person households	1,938	18.0	23,809	28.2	14,718	14.5	446,291	25.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,793</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>84,417</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>101,498</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,767,960</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(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, 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - 115*

## 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 2021 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

**36.6%**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 36.6% of dependent children in families with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons were from jobless families
- 7.7% of dependent children in non-Indigenous families were from jobless families

### Queensland

- 33.0% of dependent children in families with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons were from jobless families
- 9.6% of dependent children in non-Indigenous families were from jobless families

**Table 6** Dependent children<sup>(a)</sup> and families with no parent employed<sup>(b)</sup> by family composition and Indigenous status of family<sup>(c)</sup> Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021

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	1,187	18.8	1,006	2.8	8,193	14.0	32,263	3.9
Families	481	16.4	464	2.4	3,436	12.3	16,121	3.6
Single parent family								
Dependent children	3,112	58.4	2,512	28.3	25,845	58.8	66,989	33.8
Families	1,430	55.2	1,385	25.9	11,977	54.7	36,736	31.0
Total family								
Dependent children	4,283	36.6	3,527	7.7	34,034	33.0	99,253	9.6
Families	1,907	34.4	1,852	7.5	15,411	30.8	52,859	9.3

(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, 2021, 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 2021 Census and are based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

Providers of unpaid care

**10.8%**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 10.8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to someone else
- 11.8% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to someone else

### Queensland

- 13.1% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to someone else
- 12.1% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to someone else

**Table 7 Provision of unpaid care<sup>(a)</sup> by sex and Indigenous status<sup>(b)</sup>, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Sex	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Male	810	8.5	8,283	9.5	7,572	10.0	179,564	9.7
Female	1,303	12.9	12,723	14.2	12,934	16.0	278,395	14.2
Persons	2,108	10.8	20,984	11.8	20,506	13.1	457,960	12.1

(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, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)

## Disability

In this section, people with a profound or severe disability are those identified from the 2021 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

**5.8%**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 5.8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons had a profound or severe disability
- 6.1% of non-Indigenous persons had a profound or severe disability

### Queensland

- 8.2% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons had a profound or severe disability
- 6.2% of non-Indigenous persons had a profound or severe disability

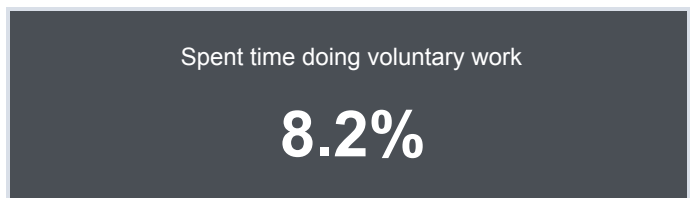
**Table 8 Profound or severe disability by age and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Age group	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
0-14	381	3.8	1,480	3.9	5,030	6.3	33,405	4.0
15-24	179	3.2	784	2.8	2,589	5.9	18,492	3.3
25-44	238	3.2	1,303	2.3	2,997	5.1	28,271	2.3
45-64	506	9.9	2,774	5.0	4,935	12.0	56,241	4.8
65+	411	27.5	6,877	19.0	3,807	29.1	150,154	18.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>13,233</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>19,353</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>286,563</b>	<b>6.2</b>

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)

## Voluntary work

This information is from the 2021 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

- 8.2% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons spent time doing voluntary work
- 15.8% of non-Indigenous persons spent time doing voluntary work

### Queensland

- 10.7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons spent time doing voluntary work
- 15.0% of non-Indigenous persons spent time doing voluntary work

**Table 9 Voluntary work<sup>(a)</sup> by sex and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Sex	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Male	665	7.0	12,218	14.0	7,171	9.4	245,926	13.3
Female	947	9.4	15,843	17.6	9,654	11.9	325,514	16.6
Persons	1,614	8.2	28,060	15.8	16,824	10.7	571,436	15.0

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

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)

# Education and training

## Highest level of schooling completed

These data are from the 2021 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

# 37.7%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 37.7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over had completed Year 12 or equivalent
- 56.3% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had completed Year 12 or equivalent

### Queensland

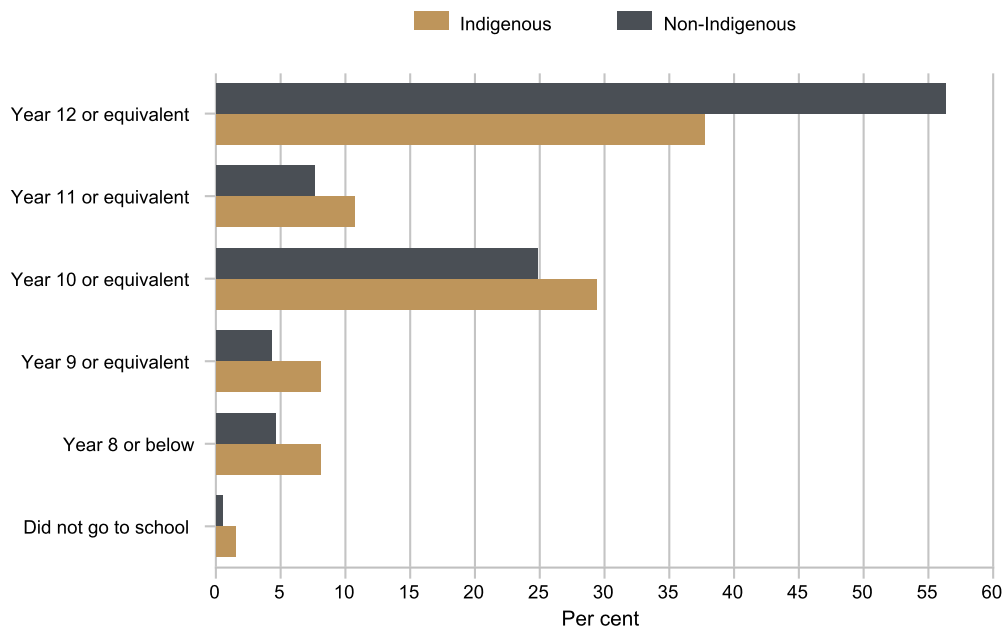
- 43.6% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over had completed Year 12 or equivalent
- 61.1% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had completed Year 12 or equivalent

**Table 10 Highest level of schooling completed by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Sex / highest level of schooling	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>								
Year 12 or equivalent	3,103	35.2	45,042	53.8	28,741	41.0	1,051,482	59.7
Year 11 or equivalent	833	9.5	6,945	8.3	6,627	9.4	127,075	7.2
Year 10 or equivalent	2,714	30.8	21,667	25.9	20,531	29.3	391,715	22.2
Year 9 or equivalent	755	8.6	4,025	4.8	5,881	8.4	75,082	4.3
Year 8 or below	847	9.6	3,999	4.8	4,955	7.1	70,607	4.0
Did not go to school	156	1.8	405	0.5	754	1.1	10,382	0.6
Not stated	422	4.8	1,668	2.0	2,682	3.8	34,502	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,811</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>83,782</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>70,178</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,760,851</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Females</b>								
Year 12 or equivalent	3,743	40.1	50,640	58.8	34,517	46.1	1,170,598	62.4
Year 11 or equivalent	1,125	12.0	5,931	6.9	8,224	11.0	118,847	6.3
Year 10 or equivalent	2,618	28.0	20,417	23.7	19,365	25.8	397,968	21.2
Year 9 or equivalent	709	7.6	3,318	3.9	5,526	7.4	67,068	3.6
Year 8 or below	617	6.6	3,802	4.4	4,188	5.6	72,780	3.9
Did not go to school	118	1.3	396	0.5	576	0.8	11,740	0.6
Not stated	387	4.1	1,633	1.9	2,534	3.4	37,426	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,345</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>86,126</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>74,940</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,876,428</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
Year 12 or equivalent	6,851	37.7	95,695	56.3	63,260	43.6	2,222,083	61.1
Year 11 or equivalent	1,950	10.7	12,881	7.6	14,851	10.2	245,918	6.8
Year 10 or equivalent	5,341	29.4	42,078	24.8	39,894	27.5	789,685	21.7
Year 9 or equivalent	1,471	8.1	7,327	4.3	11,405	7.9	142,153	3.9
Year 8 or below	1,464	8.1	7,781	4.6	9,147	6.3	143,389	3.9
Did not go to school	275	1.5	810	0.5	1,332	0.9	22,122	0.6
Not stated	796	4.4	3,307	1.9	5,220	3.6	71,928	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,175</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>169,906</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>145,117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,637,279</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - 107

**Figure 3 Highest level of schooling completed by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region, 2021**



Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - 107*



## Non-school qualifications

Non-school qualification information describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2021 Census of Population and Housing. This is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

With non-school qualification

# 37.1%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 37.1% 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

### Queensland

- 45.6% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over had a non-school qualification
- 61.1% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had a non-school qualification

**Table 11 Level of non-school qualification<sup>(a)</sup> by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Sex / non-school qualification	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>								
Postgraduate degree	31	0.3	2,773	3.2	592	0.8	93,946	5.1
Graduate diploma and certificate	23	0.2	965	1.1	434	0.6	29,994	1.6
Bachelor degree	180	1.9	8,346	9.6	2,490	3.3	254,647	13.8
Advanced diploma and diploma	273	2.9	6,110	7.0	3,289	4.3	158,173	8.6
Certificate <sup>(b)</sup>	2,095	22.0	29,768	34.1	21,144	27.8	540,382	29.3
Total with a qualification <sup>(c)</sup>	3,259	34.3	50,808	58.2	32,329	42.5	1,143,243	62.0
Total <sup>(d)</sup>	9,514	100.0	87,310	100.0	76,071	100.0	1,842,878	100.0
<b>Females</b>								
Postgraduate degree	53	0.5	3,429	3.8	973	1.2	101,107	5.2
Graduate diploma and certificate	111	1.1	2,556	2.8	1,211	1.5	60,421	3.1
Bachelor degree	461	4.6	15,136	16.8	5,328	6.6	365,603	18.7
Advanced diploma and diploma	686	6.8	8,801	9.8	7,323	9.0	225,621	11.5
Certificate <sup>(b)</sup>	2,053	20.4	16,833	18.7	19,867	24.5	342,822	17.5
Total with a qualification <sup>(c)</sup>	4,014	39.8	50,124	55.8	39,297	48.5	1,177,444	60.2
Total <sup>(d)</sup>	10,087	100.0	89,861	100.0	81,057	100.0	1,956,124	100.0
<b>Persons</b>								
Postgraduate degree	83	0.4	6,202	3.5	1,566	1.0	195,054	5.1
Graduate diploma and certificate	133	0.7	3,522	2.0	1,642	1.0	90,420	2.4
Bachelor degree	636	3.2	23,467	13.2	7,821	5.0	620,246	16.3
Advanced diploma and diploma	959	4.9	14,912	8.4	10,614	6.8	383,793	10.1
Certificate <sup>(b)</sup>	4,165	21.2	46,598	26.3	41,011	26.1	883,202	23.2
Total with a qualification <sup>(c)</sup>	7,268	37.1	100,932	57.0	71,625	45.6	2,320,686	61.1
Total <sup>(d)</sup>	19,602	100.0	177,150	100.0	157,131	100.0	3,799,000	100.0

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

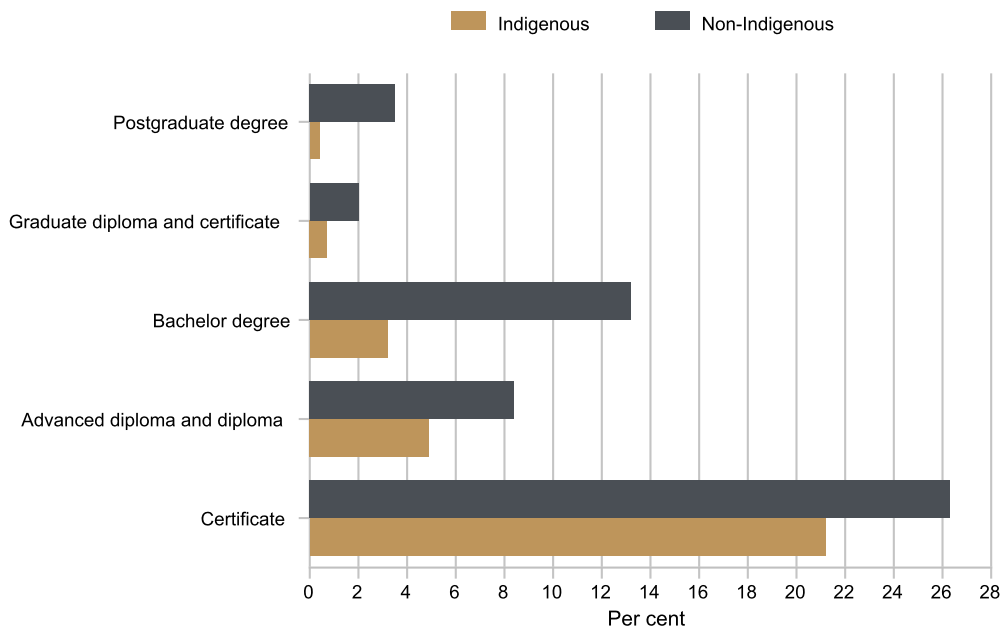
(b) Includes Certificate, I, II, III and IV and Certificates not further defined responses.

(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, 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I19 and I20*

**Figure 4 Level of non-school qualification by Indigenous status<sup>(a)</sup>, Townsville and NW Qld region, 2021**

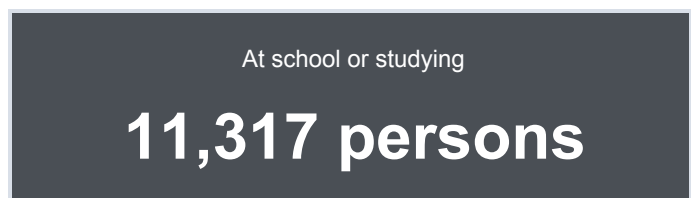


(a) Total used to derive percentages is based on persons aged 15 years and over.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I19 and I20*

## 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 2021 Census. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.



### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 39.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons at school or studying were attending infants or primary school
- 32.5% of non-Indigenous persons at school or studying were attending infants or primary school

### Queensland

- 38.9% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons at school or studying were attending infants or primary school
- 31.9% 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, 2021**

Sex / education institution	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>								
Preschool	342	6.0	1,775	6.9	3,157	6.9	40,777	7.0
Primary school	2,244	39.2	9,134	35.3	18,267	39.7	198,530	33.9
Secondary school	1,545	27.0	7,268	28.0	13,080	28.4	165,641	28.2
Vocational education <sup>(a)</sup>	150	2.6	1,866	7.2	1,820	4.0	44,193	7.5
University <sup>(b)</sup>	169	3.0	3,461	13.4	1,951	4.2	85,389	14.6
Other	145	2.5	804	3.1	1,284	2.8	18,882	3.2
Not stated	1,133	19.8	1,602	6.2	6,445	14.0	32,783	5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,722</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>25,912</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46,017</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>586,371</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Females</b>								
Preschool	335	6.0	1,502	5.3	2,918	6.3	37,406	5.9
Primary school	2,207	39.4	8,598	30.1	17,602	38.0	189,773	30.0
Secondary school	1,626	29.0	7,350	25.7	13,126	28.4	159,052	25.1
Vocational education <sup>(a)</sup>	258	4.6	2,382	8.3	3,142	6.8	60,743	9.6
University <sup>(b)</sup>	361	6.4	6,419	22.5	4,410	9.5	131,573	20.8
Other	156	2.8	1,020	3.6	1,521	3.3	25,549	4.0
Not stated	642	11.5	1,253	4.4	3,529	7.6	28,196	4.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,601</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>28,589</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>632,517</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
Preschool	684	6.0	3,287	6.0	6,070	6.6	78,184	6.4
Primary school	4,456	39.4	17,738	32.5	35,874	38.9	388,307	31.9
Secondary school	3,151	27.8	14,617	26.8	26,207	28.4	324,695	26.6
Vocational education <sup>(a)</sup>	421	3.7	4,270	7.8	4,967	5.4	104,940	8.6
University <sup>(b)</sup>	521	4.6	9,880	18.1	6,362	6.9	216,958	17.8
Other	303	2.7	1,832	3.4	2,803	3.0	44,434	3.6
Not stated	1,766	15.6	2,875	5.3	9,970	10.8	60,984	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,317</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>54,508</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>92,276</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,218,885</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Includes TAFE and private training providers.

(b) Includes university or other higher education institution.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I06*

## Year 12 or above attainment (20 to 24 years)

Year 12 or above attainment is a Closing the Gap measure. These data include information on the education and training levels of young adults aged 20-24 years. This topic describes the number of people who had attained either a year 12 or non-school qualification at AQF Certificate III or above qualification and is based on persons by place of usual residence.

Attainment of a year 12 or non-school qualification at AQF Certificate III or above

**65.1%**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 65.1% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 20 to 24 years had attained either a year 12 or non-school qualification at AQF Certificate III or above
- 91.4% of non-Indigenous persons aged 20 to 24 years had attained either a year 12 or non-school qualification at AQF Certificate III or above

### Queensland

- 75.0% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 20 to 24 years had attained either a year 12 or or non-school qualification at AQF Certificate III or above
- 91.9% of non-Indigenous persons aged 20 to 24 years attained either a year 12 or or non-school qualification at AQF Certificate III or above

**Table 13 Persons aged 20 to 24 years who had attained at least a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate III or above by sex and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

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	766	63.4	6,718	89.5	7,066	71.7	126,445	90.2
Females aged 20 to 24 years	825	69.3	6,671	93.1	7,859	78.2	130,811	93.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>13,418</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>14,926</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>257,255</b>	<b>91.9</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data

## Working, studying or training (15 to 24 years)

Working, studying or training is a Closing the Gap measure. 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 based on place of usual residence.

Fully engaged in work, study or training

# 52.5%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 52.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people (aged 15 to 24 years) were working, studying or training
- 80.2% of non-Indigenous young people (aged 15 to 24 years) were working, studying or training

### Queensland

- 58.1% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people (aged 15 to 24 years) were working, studying or training
- 77.9% of non-Indigenous young people (aged 15 to 24 years) were working, studying or training

**Table 14 Young people (aged 15 to 24 years) engaged<sup>(a)</sup> in work, study or training by sex and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Sex / engagement	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>								
Fully engaged	1,367	53.6	11,101	81.8	11,980	59.4	212,694	78.6
Partially engaged <sup>(b)</sup>	235	9.2	1,365	10.1	2,316	11.5	30,117	11.1
Not engaged	964	37.8	1,103	8.1	5,887	29.2	27,703	10.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,571</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20,185</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>270,517</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Females</b>								
Fully engaged	1,352	52.3	10,474	78.6	11,742	56.8	203,102	77.2
Partially engaged <sup>(b)</sup>	319	12.3	1,846	13.8	3,054	14.8	36,094	13.7
Not engaged	895	34.6	1,012	7.6	5,880	28.4	23,759	9.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,584</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,331</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20,679</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>262,956</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
Fully engaged	2,687	52.5	21,601	80.2	23,722	58.1	415,796	77.9
Partially engaged <sup>(b)</sup>	563	11.0	3,200	11.9	5,377	13.2	66,211	12.4
Not engaged	1,857	36.3	2,114	7.9	11,770	28.8	51,465	9.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,122</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26,922</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>40,860</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>533,472</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Partially engaged are people who are either working or studying part-time, but not both.

(b) Excludes people who were engaged in either work or study but did not provide enough information to determine if they were fully or partially engaged, and people whose engagement status could not be determined, was not stated or inadequately described.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, 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 2021. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

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

# 10.1%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 10.1% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons earned \$500-\$649 per week
- 7.9% of non-Indigenous households earned \$500-\$649 per week

### Queensland

- 10.8% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons earned \$500-\$649 per week
- 9.0% of non-Indigenous households earned \$500-\$649 per week

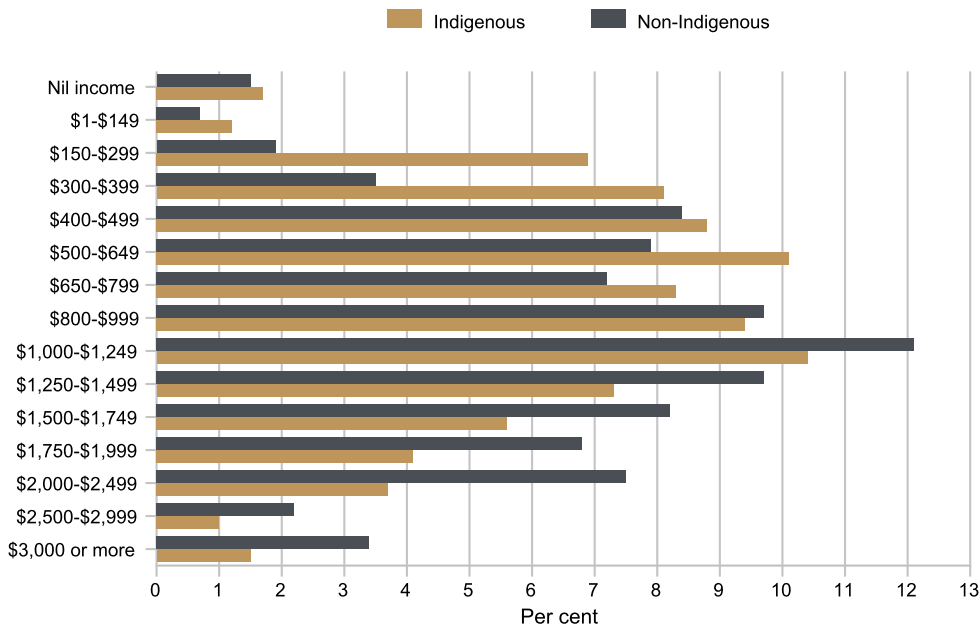
**Table 15 Household income (weekly) by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

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	188	1.7	1,299	1.5	1,466	1.4	28,810	1.6
\$1-\$149	134	1.2	571	0.7	952	0.9	12,915	0.7
\$150-\$299	748	6.9	1,572	1.9	5,098	5.0	34,639	2.0
\$300-\$399	872	8.1	2,983	3.5	6,969	6.9	65,122	3.7
\$400-\$499	954	8.8	7,126	8.4	9,450	9.3	162,008	9.2
\$500-\$649	1,089	10.1	6,669	7.9	10,954	10.8	158,241	9.0
\$650-\$799	898	8.3	6,114	7.2	9,422	9.3	138,793	7.9
\$800-\$999	1,019	9.4	8,228	9.7	10,899	10.7	179,478	10.2
\$1,000-\$1,249	1,120	10.4	10,240	12.1	11,342	11.2	208,355	11.8
\$1,250-\$1,499	783	7.3	8,218	9.7	8,022	7.9	161,940	9.2
\$1,500-\$1,749	604	5.6	6,889	8.2	5,833	5.7	132,700	7.5
\$1,750-\$1,999	442	4.1	5,726	6.8	4,229	4.2	109,087	6.2
\$2,000-\$2,499	402	3.7	6,357	7.5	3,945	3.9	126,276	7.1
\$2,500-\$2,999	108	1.0	1,828	2.2	1,223	1.2	42,956	2.4
\$3,000 or more	165	1.5	2,837	3.4	1,643	1.6	74,504	4.2
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	1,264	11.7	7,769	9.2	10,047	9.9	132,123	7.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,793</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>84,417</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>101,498</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,767,960</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data

**Figure 5 Household income by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region, 2021**



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data

## Personal income

Personal income information is from the 2021 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
- 7.3% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over earned \$300-\$399 per week

### Queensland

- 10.2% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 years and over earned \$300-\$399 per week
- 8.1% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over earned \$300-\$399 per week

**Table 16 Personal income (weekly) by sex and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

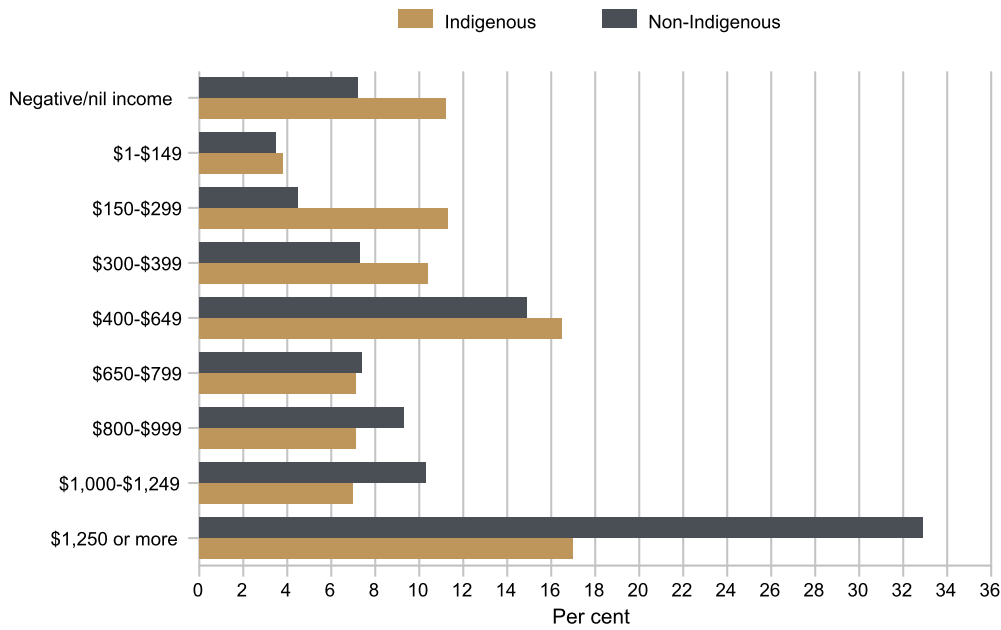
Sex / personal income (weekly)	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>								
Negative/nil income	1,141	12.0	5,363	6.1	8,464	11.1	132,884	7.2
\$1-\$149	329	3.5	2,401	2.7	2,676	3.5	52,813	2.9
\$150-\$299	1,191	12.5	3,343	3.8	7,079	9.3	77,711	4.2
\$300-\$399	918	9.6	5,873	6.7	7,402	9.7	138,062	7.5
\$400-\$649	1,152	12.1	10,180	11.7	10,720	14.1	236,812	12.9
\$650-\$799	483	5.1	4,949	5.7	4,864	6.4	115,826	6.3
\$800-\$999	613	6.4	7,261	8.3	6,201	8.2	160,909	8.7
\$1,000-\$1,249	677	7.1	9,326	10.7	6,440	8.5	194,436	10.6
\$1,250 or more	1,901	20.0	35,996	41.2	15,814	20.8	682,153	37.0
<i>Total<sup>(a)</sup></i>	<i>9,514</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>87,310</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>76,071</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,842,878</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Females</b>								
Negative/nil income	1,038	10.3	7,366	8.2	8,266	10.2	181,149	9.3
\$1-\$149	434	4.3	3,741	4.2	3,483	4.3	80,621	4.1
\$150-\$299	1,022	10.1	4,673	5.2	7,158	8.8	108,452	5.5
\$300-\$399	1,108	11.0	7,089	7.9	8,599	10.6	169,108	8.6
\$400-\$649	2,103	20.8	16,156	18.0	17,937	22.1	379,410	19.4
\$650-\$799	881	8.7	8,215	9.1	7,749	9.6	176,278	9.0
\$800-\$999	782	7.8	9,135	10.2	6,951	8.6	185,413	9.5
\$1,000-\$1,249	682	6.8	8,825	9.8	5,914	7.3	176,283	9.0
\$1,250 or more	1,394	13.8	22,316	24.8	11,479	14.2	450,285	23.0
<i>Total<sup>(a)</sup></i>	<i>10,087</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>89,861</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>81,057</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,956,124</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Persons</b>								
Negative/nil income	2,192	11.2	12,737	7.2	16,726	10.6	314,032	8.3
\$1-\$149	754	3.8	6,148	3.5	6,162	3.9	133,435	3.5
\$150-\$299	2,209	11.3	8,026	4.5	14,238	9.1	186,160	4.9
\$300-\$399	2,037	10.4	12,971	7.3	15,999	10.2	307,173	8.1
\$400-\$649	3,241	16.5	26,350	14.9	28,651	18.2	616,212	16.2
\$650-\$799	1,391	7.1	13,171	7.4	12,613	8.0	292,104	7.7
\$800-\$999	1,390	7.1	16,405	9.3	13,153	8.4	346,320	9.1
\$1,000-\$1,249	1,377	7.0	18,158	10.3	12,353	7.9	370,720	9.8
\$1,250 or more	3,332	17.0	58,328	32.9	27,301	17.4	1,132,437	29.8
<i>Total<sup>(a)</sup></i>	<i>19,602</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>177,150</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>157,131</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>3,799,000</i>	<i>100.0</i>

(a) Includes 'Income not stated'.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)



**Figure 6 Personal income by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region, 2021**



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)

## Employment

Employment is a Closing the Gap measure. These data include information on the percentage of adults aged 25 to 64 years who were employed. The employment status of persons aged 15 to 24 years is also reported. This topic is based on persons by place of usual residence.

Percentage of adults aged 25 to 64 years who were employed

# 50.8%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 50.8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults aged 25 to 64 years were employed and 38.8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 15 to 24 years were employed
- 81.3% of non-Indigenous adults aged 25 to 64 years were employed and 71.8% of non-Indigenous young people aged 15 to 24 years were employed

### Queensland

- 57.2% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 25 to 64 years were employed and 45.6% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 to 24 years were employed
- 78.5% non-Indigenous persons aged 25 to 64 years were employed and 64.9% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 24 years were employed

**Table 17 Work status of persons aged 25 to 64 years by Indigenous status<sup>(a)</sup>, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Sex / labour force status	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Male</b>								
Employed	3,039	52.6	46,159	83.7	27,806	59.5	957,413	82.3
Unemployed	495	8.6	1,805	3.3	3,654	7.8	42,306	3.6
Total labour force	3,534	61.1	47,964	86.9	31,460	67.4	999,719	85.9
Not in labour force	2,259	39.1	7,245	13.1	15,250	32.6	163,692	14.1
Total <sup>(b)</sup>	5,781	100.0	55,167	100.0	46,711	100.0	1,163,416	100.0
Unemployment rate	n.a.	14.0	n.a.	3.8	n.a.	11.6	n.a.	4.2
Participation rate	n.a.	61.1	n.a.	86.9	n.a.	67.4	n.a.	85.9
<b>Female</b>								
Employed	3,120	49.3	45,130	79.0	27,972	55.2	931,487	75.0
Unemployed	437	6.9	1,400	2.5	3,228	6.4	37,859	3.0
Total labour force	3,557	56.2	46,530	81.4	31,200	61.5	969,346	78.1
Not in labour force	2,760	43.6	10,597	18.5	19,517	38.5	272,376	21.9
Total <sup>(b)</sup>	6,332	100.0	57,137	100.0	50,713	100.0	1,241,719	100.0
Unemployment rate	n.a.	12.3	n.a.	3.0	n.a.	10.3	n.a.	3.9
Participation rate	n.a.	56.2	n.a.	81.4	n.a.	61.5	n.a.	78.1
<b>Persons</b>								
Employed	6,158	50.8	91,273	81.3	55,777	57.2	1,888,902	78.5
Unemployed	942	7.8	3,217	2.9	6,879	7.1	80,166	3.3
Total labour force	7,100	58.6	94,490	84.1	62,656	64.3	1,969,068	81.9
Not in labour force	5,015	41.4	17,843	15.9	34,765	35.7	436,070	18.1
Total <sup>(b)</sup>	12,122	100.0	112,314	100.0	97,429	100.0	2,405,134	100.0
Unemployment rate	n.a.	13.3	n.a.	3.4	n.a.	11.0	n.a.	4.1
Participation rate	n.a.	58.6	n.a.	84.1	n.a.	64.3	n.a.	81.9

(a) Persons aged 25 to 64 years.

(b) Excludes labour force status not stated.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)

**Table 18 Work status of persons aged 15 to 24 years by Indigenous status<sup>(a)</sup>, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Sex / labour force status	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Male</b>								
Employed	1,026	37.9	10,009	71.5	9,712	44.9	176,397	63.0
Unemployed	296	10.9	902	6.4	2,679	12.4	23,776	8.5
Total labour force	1,322	48.8	10,911	78.0	12,391	57.3	200,173	71.5
Not in labour force	1,390	51.3	3,058	21.9	9,230	42.7	79,810	28.5
Total <sup>(b)</sup>	2,710	100.0	13,995	100.0	21,620	100.0	279,986	100.0
Unemployment rate	n.a.	22.4	n.a.	8.3	n.a.	21.6	n.a.	11.9
Participation rate	n.a.	48.8	n.a.	78.0	n.a.	57.3	n.a.	71.5
<b>Female</b>								
Employed	1,062	39.6	9,832	72.1	10,008	46.3	182,227	66.8
Unemployed	218	8.1	707	5.2	2,191	10.1	18,455	6.8
Total labour force	1,280	47.7	10,539	77.2	12,199	56.4	200,682	73.5
Not in labour force	1,388	51.8	3,088	22.6	9,419	43.6	72,245	26.5
Total <sup>(b)</sup>	2,682	100.0	13,644	100.0	21,617	100.0	272,926	100.0
Unemployment rate	n.a.	17.0	n.a.	6.7	n.a.	18.0	n.a.	9.2
Participation rate	n.a.	47.7	n.a.	77.2	n.a.	56.4	n.a.	73.5
<b>Persons</b>								
Employed	2,102	38.8	19,843	71.8	19,724	45.6	358,622	64.9
Unemployed	515	9.5	1,616	5.8	4,871	11.3	42,229	7.6
Total labour force	2,617	48.3	21,459	77.6	24,595	56.9	400,851	72.5
Not in labour force	2,792	51.6	6,171	22.3	18,647	43.1	152,059	27.5
Total <sup>(b)</sup>	5,414	100.0	27,640	100.0	43,238	100.0	552,914	100.0
Unemployment rate	n.a.	19.7	n.a.	7.5	n.a.	19.8	n.a.	10.5
Participation rate	n.a.	48.3	n.a.	77.6	n.a.	56.9	n.a.	72.5

(a) Persons aged 15 to 24 years.

(b) Excludes labour force status not stated.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)

## Not in work by age

Work status by age is derived from the 2021 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

**14.9%**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 14.9% unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 to 64 years
- 4.2% unemployment rate for non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years

### Queensland

- 13.5% unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 to 64 years
- 5.2% unemployment rate for non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years

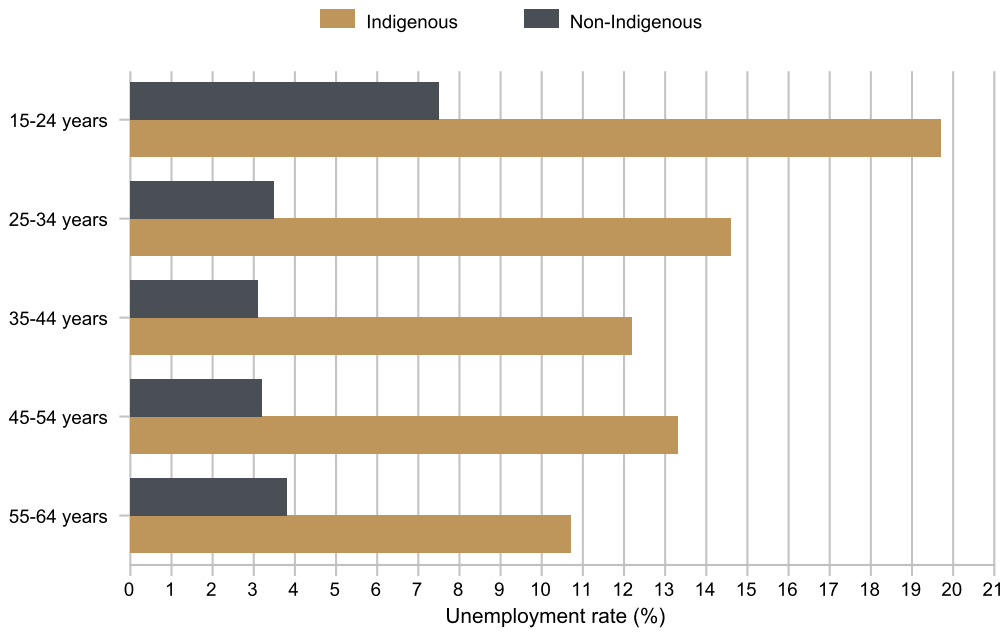
**Table 19 Unemployed or not in the labour force by age<sup>(a)</sup> and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Age group	Townsville and NW Qld region		Queensland	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
	number	number	number	number
Unemployed				
15-24 years	515	1,616	4,871	42,229
25-34 years	357	927	2,801	24,992
35-44 years	227	757	1,803	19,022
45-54 years	238	777	1,471	18,583
55-64 years	108	744	804	17,566
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,451</i>	<i>4,822</i>	<i>11,754</i>	<i>122,396</i>
Unemployment rate				
15-24 years	19.7	7.5	19.8	10.5
25-34 years	14.6	3.5	12.8	4.7
35-44 years	12.2	3.1	10.8	3.5
45-54 years	13.3	3.2	9.6	3.6
55-64 years	10.7	3.8	9.2	4.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>5.2</i>
Not in the labour force				
15-24 years	2,792	6,171	18,647	152,059
25-34 years	1,631	3,359	10,839	84,221
35-44 years	1,237	3,180	7,927	82,157
45-54 years	1,111	3,698	7,829	91,305
55-64 years	1,019	7,584	8,172	178,382
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,803</i>	<i>24,005</i>	<i>53,413</i>	<i>588,127</i>

(a) Persons aged 15 to 64 years.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)

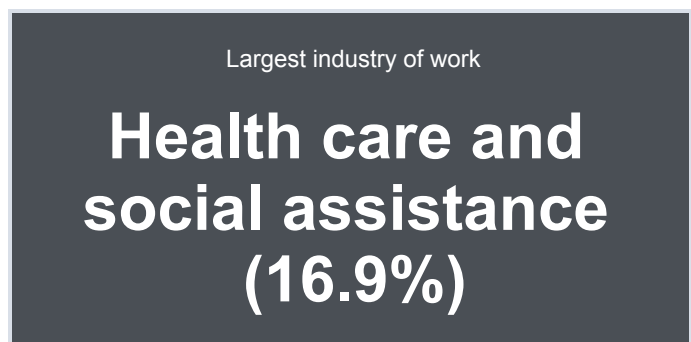
**Figure 7 Unemployment rate by age and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region, 2021**



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)

## Work by industry

Work by industry is from the 2021 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

- 16.9% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the Health care and social assistance industry
- 16.0% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the Health care and social assistance industry

### Queensland

- 15.9% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the Health care and social assistance industry
- 15.4% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the Health care and social assistance industry

**Table 20 Work by industry and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Industry	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	155	1.9	3,894	3.5	1,686	2.2	50,394	2.2
Mining	554	6.7	6,215	5.6	2,971	3.9	50,890	2.3
Manufacturing	252	3.1	5,659	5.1	3,467	4.6	130,730	5.8
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	77	0.9	1,527	1.4	821	1.1	26,977	1.2
Construction	572	6.9	8,667	7.8	7,443	9.9	205,634	9.1
Wholesale trade	96	1.2	2,125	1.9	1,212	1.6	53,475	2.4
Retail trade	749	9.1	9,900	8.9	7,207	9.5	210,197	9.4
Accommodation and food services	683	8.3	7,840	7.1	6,251	8.3	164,884	7.3
Transport, postal and warehousing	309	3.7	4,399	4.0	3,348	4.4	104,202	4.6
Information media and telecommunications	44	0.5	795	0.7	485	0.6	22,008	1.0
Financial and insurance services	33	0.4	1,411	1.3	946	1.3	59,178	2.6
Rental, hiring and real estate services	73	0.9	1,362	1.2	714	0.9	38,128	1.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	164	2.0	4,498	4.0	2,100	2.8	153,314	6.8
Administrative and support services	340	4.1	2,743	2.5	3,008	4.0	74,521	3.3
Public administration and safety	1,133	13.7	12,541	11.3	7,260	9.6	137,413	6.1
Education and training	685	8.3	10,421	9.4	5,975	7.9	199,588	8.9
Health care and social assistance	1,399	16.9	17,786	16.0	12,033	15.9	346,259	15.4
Arts and recreation services	100	1.2	1,213	1.1	1,199	1.6	34,584	1.5
Other services	283	3.4	4,362	3.9	2,680	3.5	88,397	3.9
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>8,260</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111,107</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>75,504</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,247,524</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)

## Work by occupation

Work by occupation is from the 2021 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 (20.5%)**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 20.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the community and personal service workers occupation
- 14.6% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the community and personal service workers occupation

### Queensland

- 17.3% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the community and personal service workers occupation
- 12.4% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the community and personal service workers occupation

**Table 21 Work by occupation and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Occupation	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Managers	472	5.7	12,134	10.9	5,432	7.2	277,689	12.4
Professionals	900	10.9	21,011	18.9	9,136	12.1	490,864	21.8
Technicians and trades workers	1,018	12.3	17,235	15.5	10,215	13.5	311,625	13.9
Community and personal service workers	1,694	20.5	16,240	14.6	13,033	17.3	278,428	12.4
Clerical and administrative workers	957	11.6	13,132	11.8	9,028	12.0	283,515	12.6
Sales workers	709	8.6	9,092	8.2	7,048	9.3	194,807	8.7
Machinery operators and drivers	898	10.9	9,389	8.5	7,296	9.7	149,207	6.6
Labourers	1,293	15.7	11,043	9.9	11,891	15.7	221,600	9.9
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>8,260</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111,107</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>75,504</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,247,524</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (usual residence)

# Housing

## Appropriately sized housing

Appropriately sized housing is a Closing the Gap measure. Appropriately sized houses are those that do not need additional bedrooms to accommodate the people living there. The measure reports the number and percentage of people who were at home on Census night living in dwellings that do not require additional bedrooms. It is applicable to occupied private dwellings. These data should be interpreted with caution, as for some regions, less than 70% of usual residents were at home on Census night. Refer to topic explanatory notes for further information.

People living in appropriately sized housing

# 73.0%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 73.0% of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons were living in appropriately sized housing
- 95.6% of non-Indigenous persons were living in appropriately sized housing

### Queensland

- 81.2% of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons were living in appropriately sized housing
- 94.8% of non-Indigenous persons were living in appropriately sized housing

**Table 22 People living in appropriately sized housing<sup>(a)</sup> by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

Housing bedroom status	Townsville and NW Qld region				Queensland			
	Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Additional bedrooms needed:								
4 or more extra bedrooms needed	786	3.2	120	0.1	2,487	1.2	5,131	0.1
3 extra bedrooms needed	764	3.1	380	0.2	3,633	1.8	10,545	0.2
2 extra bedrooms needed	1,487	6.1	1,412	0.7	8,638	4.2	38,444	0.9
1 extra bedroom needed	3,525	14.5	6,527	3.4	23,457	11.5	165,694	3.9
<i>Total</i>	6,562	27.0	8,439	4.4	38,215	18.8	219,814	5.2
No additional bedrooms needed	17,717	73.0	182,889	95.6	165,224	81.2	4,000,190	94.8
<b>Total<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>24,286</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>191,318</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>203,440</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,220,006</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

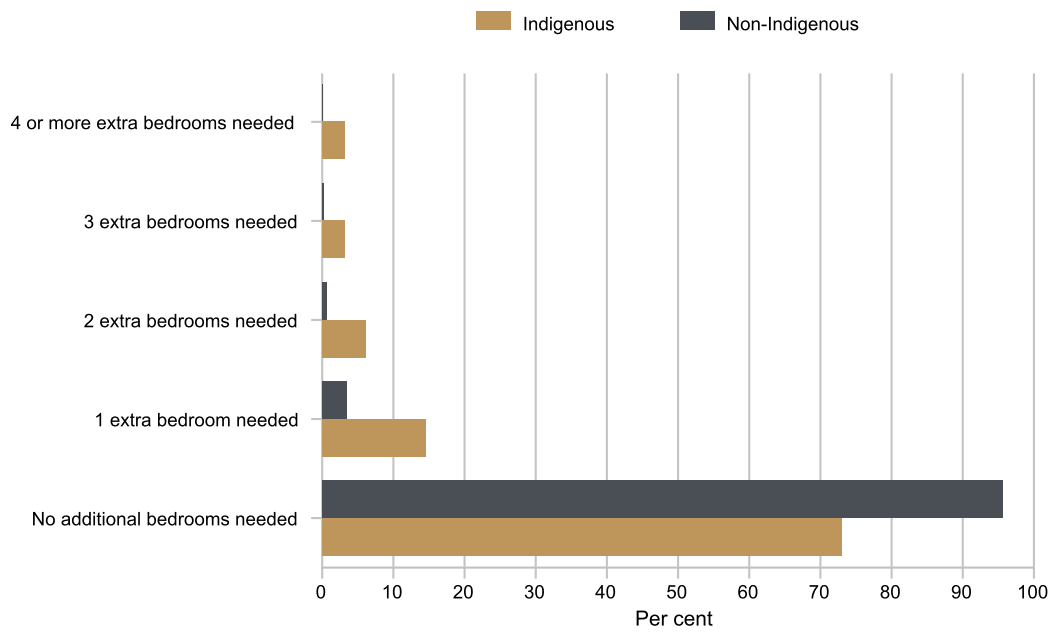
(a) Excludes overseas visitors, usual residents not at home on Census night, people whose Indigenous status could not be determined, and people in households where housing suitability was not stated or could not be determined.

(b) Excludes 'Unable to determine' and 'Not stated' housing suitability.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data



**Figure 8 Housing bedroom requirement by Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region, 2021**



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, 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 2021. 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

**80.0%**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 80.0% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons lived in separate houses
- 82.0% of non-Indigenous households lived in separate houses

### Queensland

- 79.3% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons lived in separate houses
- 74.5% of non-Indigenous households lived in separate houses

**Table 23 Occupied private dwellings<sup>(a)</sup> by dwelling structure and Indigenous status of household, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

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	8,637	80.0	69,246	82.0	80,529	79.3	1,317,392	74.5
Semi-detached, row, terrace, townhouse	1,320	12.2	8,710	10.3	11,082	10.9	207,465	11.7
Flat, unit or apartment	573	5.3	5,026	6.0	8,530	8.4	225,000	12.7
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	56	0.5	827	1.0	637	0.6	10,604	0.6
Improvised home, tent, sleepers out	158	1.5	54	0.1	281	0.3	735	0.0
House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc.	6	0.1	83	0.1	92	0.1	1,180	0.1
Not stated	53	0.5	480	0.6	350	0.3	5,595	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,793</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>84,417</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>101,498</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,767,960</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, 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 2021. Tenure type describes whether a household rents or owns the dwelling they were counted in on Census Night 2021. Other tenure types are also included. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

Dwellings owned outright

**9.8%**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 9.8% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons fully owned their dwelling
- 29.1% of non-Indigenous households fully owned their dwelling

### Queensland

- 12.2% of households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons fully owned their dwelling
- 30.0% of non-Indigenous households fully owned their dwelling

**Table 24 Occupied private dwellings<sup>(a)</sup> by tenure type and Indigenous status of household, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

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	1,057	9.8	24,591	29.1	12,395	12.2	530,888	30.0
Owned with a mortgage <sup>(b)</sup>	2,335	21.6	28,866	34.2	26,096	25.7	617,360	34.9
Rented <sup>(c)</sup>	6,817	63.2	27,540	32.6	59,211	58.3	559,235	31.6
Other tenure type <sup>(d)</sup>	133	1.2	2,003	2.4	1,295	1.3	33,875	1.9
Tenure type not stated	440	4.1	1,425	1.7	2,502	2.5	26,602	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,793</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>84,417</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>101,498</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,767,960</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

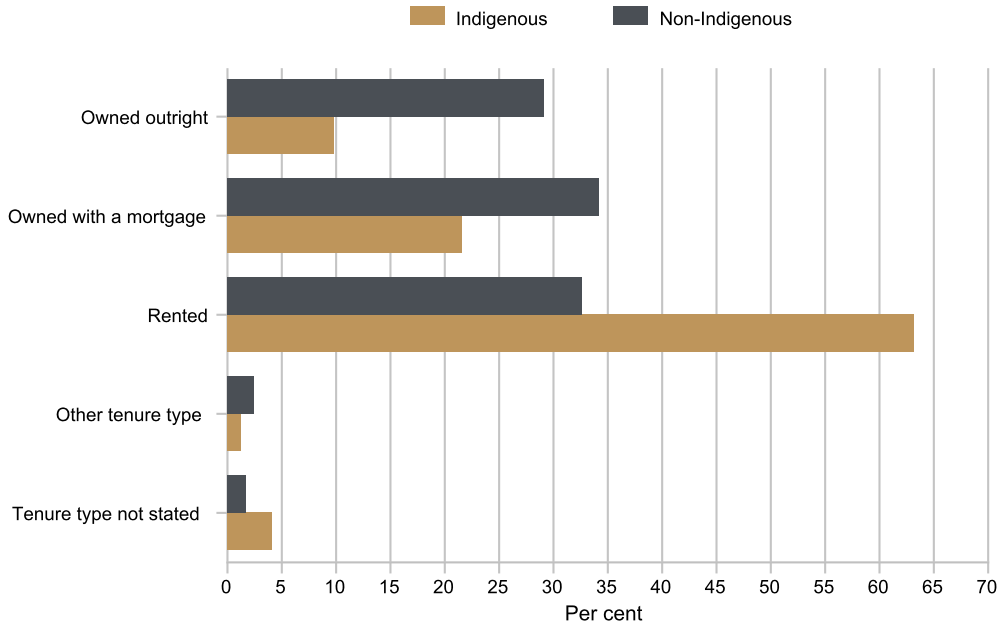
(b) Includes dwellings being purchased under a shared equity scheme.

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

(d) Included dwellings being occupied under a life tenure scheme and occupied rent-free.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - 113*

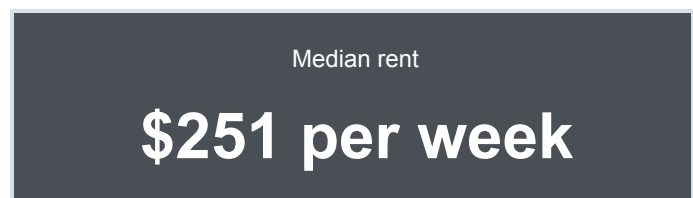
**Figure 9 Occupied private dwellings by tenure type and Indigenous status of household, Townsville and NW Qld region, 2021**



Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I13*

## 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 2021 Census and are based on occupied private dwellings.



### Townsville and NW Qld region

- Median rent of \$251 per week for households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons
- Median rent of \$304 per week for non-Indigenous households

### Queensland

- Median rent of \$312 per week for households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons
- Median rent of \$373 per week for non-Indigenous households

**Table 25 Median weekly rent by household income (weekly) and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

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	141	180	373	270	903	229	8,753	356
\$1-\$149	54	206	115	271	351	165	2,346	318
\$150-\$299	222	120	393	205	1,348	133	6,876	225
\$300-\$399	294	147	815	203	2,061	168	15,567	220
\$400-\$499	396	161	1,341	204	3,177	189	26,686	225
\$500-\$649	426	194	1,751	239	3,553	248	34,788	280
\$650-\$799	518	227	1,611	262	4,575	268	33,491	317
\$800-\$999	584	221	1,889	273	5,049	281	40,804	330
\$1,000-\$1,249	589	252	2,298	288	5,344	306	48,596	354
\$1,250-\$1,499	594	271	2,475	306	5,573	324	50,618	369
\$1,500-\$1,749	440	288	1,974	316	4,018	347	39,502	383
\$1,750-\$1,999	360	315	1,854	322	3,540	361	35,702	398
\$2,000-\$2,499	634	313	3,431	343	6,091	372	69,350	414
\$2,500-\$2,999	370	343	1,840	357	3,340	392	36,617	434
\$3,000-\$3,499	213	351	1,285	369	2,032	408	26,147	458
\$3,500-\$3,999	106	380	670	386	1,069	432	13,823	484
\$4,000-\$4,499	46	369	339	408	594	429	7,110	499
\$4,500-\$4,999	62	308	533	402	648	406	12,098	522
\$5,000-\$5,999	25	489	239	460	413	487	6,422	551
\$6,000-\$7,999	23	363	144	486	239	458	4,182	624
\$8,000 or more	13	117	41	588	132	264	1,223	623
Partial income stated	547	277	1,702	352	4,144	324	31,079	413
All incomes not stated	118	125	419	220	1,032	209	7,453	267
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>6,817</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>27,540</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>59,211</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>559,235</b>	<b>373</b>

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, 2021, 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 2021 Census and are based on occupied private dwellings.

Median mortgage repayments

**\$379 per week**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- Median mortgage repayment of \$379 per week for households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons
- Median mortgage repayment of \$377 per week for non-Indigenous households

### Queensland

- Median mortgage repayment of \$416 per week for households with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons
- Median mortgage repayment of \$441 per week for non-Indigenous households

**Table 26 Median weekly mortgage repayments by household income (weekly) and Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

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	9	381	171	213	133	342	3,666	321
\$1-\$149	0	..	47	355	46	333	1,007	318
\$150-\$299	6	38	76	235	103	281	1,991	267
\$300-\$399	7	283	151	192	118	262	3,196	236
\$400-\$499	14	98	318	142	268	209	7,905	174
\$500-\$649	10	315	277	232	275	282	6,776	262
\$650-\$799	44	240	513	239	557	283	12,815	261
\$800-\$999	57	283	871	268	784	295	18,401	295
\$1,000-\$1,249	87	260	1,341	293	1,150	336	27,667	325
\$1,250-\$1,499	147	334	1,539	317	1,533	344	34,547	350
\$1,500-\$1,749	105	357	1,651	329	1,549	366	34,738	378
\$1,750-\$1,999	146	363	1,850	350	1,677	385	38,330	401
\$2,000-\$2,499	347	354	4,339	367	3,870	410	91,341	428
\$2,500-\$2,999	298	401	3,502	397	3,193	429	68,260	458
\$3,000-\$3,499	242	398	3,136	421	2,620	455	63,076	497
\$3,500-\$3,999	162	446	1,879	444	1,773	492	41,640	518
\$4,000-\$4,499	119	450	1,102	437	1,023	486	23,292	531
\$4,500-\$4,999	110	501	1,418	473	1,117	528	37,171	579
\$5,000-\$5,999	67	492	902	495	923	534	27,032	613
\$6,000-\$7,999	41	530	596	532	568	599	20,842	698
\$8,000 or more	9	..	164	595	139	589	6,158	843
Partial income stated	261	393	2,823	408	2,461	432	43,749	455
All incomes not stated	12	..	181	286	214	421	3,757	328
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>28,866</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>26,096</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>617,360</b>	<b>441</b>

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, 2021, unpublished data and Queensland Treasury estimates

# Abbreviations

..	not applicable
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
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 2021 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 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 2021). 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).

### Indigenous person

Aboriginal peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples are those who identified (in the 2021 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

**Appropriately sized housing**

The appropriately sized housing table in this profile is based upon the ABS' 'Housing suitability' variable derived by the ABS for the 2021 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. Readers should note that for the table counting people living in appropriately sized housing in this report, only residents who reported being 'at home' on Census night are included. For some regions, a significant proportion of usual residents were not at home on census night.

Readers should also consider that the Canadian National Occupancy Standard may not adequately reflect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives of housing suitability. For more information, read the ABS' [Housing suitability and overcrowding](#) section in the Housing Statistics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, 2021 report.

**Work by industry**

Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition, revision 2 published in 2013.

**Work by occupation**

Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), 2013, version 1.3.

**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.

**Year 12 or equivalent (20 to 24 years)**

This Closing the Gap target is designed measure the proportion of 20–24 year old persons who have attained a minimum of Year 12 or equivalent, or Certificate level III or above qualification.

Data in this table have been calculated according to data specifications outlined for Target 5: Increase the proportion of people attaining Year 12 or equivalent qualification.

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 III or above.
- People whose highest year of school and non-school qualification were 'not stated' or inadequately described.