

The *2012 Indigenous Expenditure Report* was released on **4 September 2012**. The Report is the second in a series that provides *estimates* of expenditure on services provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by the Australian Government, and State and Territory governments. Estimates are provided for each level of government, Australia as a whole, and on a state and territory geographical basis, for 2008-09 and 2010-11.

The printed report provides an overview of six broad areas of expenditure — early child development and education and training; healthy lives; economic participation; home environment; safe and supportive communities; and other government expenditure — which are mapped at a high level to COAG's *National Indigenous Reform Agreement* building blocks. More detailed estimates for 86 expenditure categories are available electronically from the project website.

Expenditure patterns in Queensland

The *2012 Indigenous Expenditure Report* found that in Queensland in 2010-11:

- total government direct Indigenous expenditure was estimated to be \$6.6 billion, accounting for 7.0 per cent of total government direct expenditure in Queensland. Indigenous Australians make up 3.6 per cent of the Queensland population
- the Australian Government accounted for \$3.0 billion (45 per cent) of direct Indigenous expenditure, with the remaining \$3.7 billion (55 per cent) provided by the Queensland Government
- mainstream services accounted for \$5.3 billion (80 per cent) of direct Indigenous expenditure, with the remaining \$1.4 billion (20 per cent) provided through Indigenous specific (targeted) services.

Estimated expenditure per head of population was \$40 304 for Indigenous Australians, compared with \$20 197 for non-Indigenous Australians (a ratio of 2:1). The \$20 108 per person difference reflected the combined effects of:

- *greater intensity of service use (\$12 751 or 63 per cent)* — Indigenous Australians use more services per capita because of greater need, and because of population characteristics such as the younger age profile of the Indigenous population
- *additional costs of providing services (\$7357 or 37 per cent)* — it can cost more to provide services to Indigenous Australians if mainstream services are more expensive to provide (for example, because of location), or if Indigenous Australians receive targeted services in addition to mainstream services (for example, liaison officers in hospitals). Targeted services received in addition to mainstream services accounted for \$5805 per person, (79 per cent) of the additional costs of providing services to Indigenous Australians in Queensland (web-table W-C.16).

Indigenous expenditure in Queensland, 2010-11

There were significant variations in levels and patterns of expenditure across expenditure categories:

- *early child development, and education and training* — includes expenditure on preschool and childcare; school education; and tertiary education. The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per head of population in Queensland was 2.09:1 (\$6065 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$2901 per non-Indigenous Australian)
- *healthy lives* — includes expenditure on hospital services; public and community health services; and other health care subsidies and support services. The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per head of population in Queensland was 1.79:1 (\$7278 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$4055 per non-Indigenous Australian)
- *economic participation* — includes expenditure on labour and employment services and social security support. The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per head of population in Queensland was 1.94:1 (\$8306 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$4281 per non-Indigenous Australian)
- *home environment* — expenditure on housing services; community and environment services; and transport and communications services. The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per head of population in Queensland was 1.83:1 (\$3937 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$2156 per non-Indigenous Australian)
- *safe and supportive communities* — includes expenditure on public order and safety; community support and welfare; and recreation and culture. The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per head of population in Queensland was 4.01:1 (\$9993 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$2491 per non-Indigenous Australian)
- *other government expenditure* — includes expenditure on general government (such as the operations of legislative and executive affairs and defence services); and support to industry. The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per head of population in Queensland was 1.10:1 (\$4726 per Indigenous Australian compared with \$4313 per non-Indigenous Australian).

Interpreting the results

Estimating the Indigenous component of expenditure — especially for mainstream services — is a complex exercise, and many data quality and methodological challenges are yet to be resolved. Some of these challenges are state-specific. The interpretation of the estimates provided in the Report requires an understanding of the strengths and limitations of the data and method, as well as the context within which Indigenous services are provided. Chapters 2 and 3 of the report provide an overview of these issues, with detailed observations of issues specific to each jurisdiction provided in section 3.3.

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Indigenous expenditure in Queensland, 2010-11

Table 1 Australian Government *plus* Queensland Government direct expenditure, Queensland, 2010-11^{a, b, c}

	Total expenditure				Expenditure per head of population ^d		
	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Total	Indig. share	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Ratio ^e
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$/person	\$/person	ratio
Early child development, and Education and training (Report chapter 4 and web-tables W-C.3 and W-C.4)							
Early childhood	58	1 105	1 163	5.0	352	251	1.40
School education	800	8 529	9 329	8.6	4 851	1 940	2.50
Tertiary education	142	3 122	3 264	4.4	862	710	1.21
Total	1 000	12 756	13 756	7.3	6 065	2 901	2.09
Healthy lives (Report chapter 5 and web-tables W-C.5 and W-C.6)							
Hospital services	680	7 659	8 339	8.2	4 124	1 742	2.37
Public and community health	398	3 230	3 629	11.0	2 417	735	3.29
Health care subsidies and support	122	6 941	7 062	1.7	738	1 578	0.47
Total	1 200	17 830	19 030	6.3	7 278	4 055	1.79
Economic participation (Report chapter 6 and web-tables W-C.7 and W-C.8)							
Labour & employment	316	1 561	1 877	16.8	1 914	355	5.39
Social security support	1 054	17 262	18 316	5.8	6 391	3 926	1.63
Total	1 369	18 823	20 192	6.8	8 306	4 281	1.94
Home environment (Report chapter 7 and web-tables W-C.9 and W-C.10)							
Housing	284	1 703	1 988	14.3	1 724	387	4.45
Community and environment	156	2 379	2 534	6.1	943	541	1.74
Transport & communications	209	5 398	5 607	3.7	1 269	1 228	1.03
Total	649	9 480	10 129	6.4	3 937	2 156	1.83
Safe and supportive communities (Report chapter 8 and web-tables W-C.11 and W-C.12)							
Public order and safety	697	3 800	4 496	15.5	4 225	864	4.89
Community support & welfare	824	5 477	6 302	13.1	4 999	1 246	4.01
Recreation and culture	127	1 678	1 805	7.0	768	382	2.01
Total	1 648	10 955	12 603	13.1	9 993	2 491	4.01
Other government expenditure (Report chapter 9 and web-tables W-C.13 and W-C.14)							
General govt and defence	716	17 391	18 106	4.0	4 342	3 955	1.10
Support to industry	63	1 576	1 639	3.9	384	358	1.07
Total	779	18 966	19 746	3.9	4 726	4 313	1.10
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6 646	88 810	95 455	7.0	40 304	20 197	2.00

^a Direct expenditure includes government outlays on services and programs (including income support) that are paid directly to individuals, non-government service providers, or local governments. ^b Refer to relevant chapters for more detail on the estimates and specific guidelines for the use and interpretation of these data. ^c Totals may not sum due to rounding. ^d Per head of population expenditure is not the same as expenditure per user, and should not be interpreted as a proxy for unit cost. The population data used for these calculations is provided in appendix C, table C.1. ^e The ratio of total Indigenous expenditure per person to total non-Indigenous expenditure per person.

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Table 2 Australian Government and Queensland Government direct expenditure, Queensland, 2010-11^{a, b, c}

	Total expenditure			Indig. share	Expenditure per head of population ^d		
	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Total		Indig.	Non-Indig.	Ratio ^e
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$/person	\$/person	ratio
Early child development, and Education and training (Report chapter 4 and web-tables W-C.3 and W-C.4)							
Australian Government	207	3 473	3 679	5.6	1 253	790	1.59
Queensland Government	793	9 283	10 076	7.9	4 812	2 111	2.28
Total	1 000	12 756	13 756	7.3	6 065	2 901	2.09
Healthy lives (Report chapter 5 and web-tables W-C.5 and W-C.6)							
Australian Government	317	7 884	8 201	3.9	1 925	1 793	1.07
Queensland Government	883	9 946	10 829	8.2	5 353	2 262	2.37
Total	1 200	17 830	19 030	6.3	7 278	4 055	1.79
Economic participation (Report chapter 6 and web-tables W-C.7 and W-C.8)							
Australian Government	1 290	18 375	19 665	6.6	7 824	4 179	1.87
Queensland Government	79	448	528	15.0	482	102	4.72
Total	1 369	18 823	20 192	6.8	8 306	4 281	1.94
Home environment (Report chapter 7 and web-tables W-C.9 and W-C.10)							
Australian Government	157	2 529	2 686	5.8	952	575	1.66
Queensland Government	492	6 951	7 443	6.6	2 984	1 581	1.89
Total	649	9 480	10 129	6.4	3 937	2 156	1.83
Safe and supportive communities (Report chapter 8 and web-tables W-C.11 and W-C.12)							
Australian Government	510	4 472	4 982	10.2	3 093	1 017	3.04
Queensland Government	1 138	6 484	7 621	14.9	6 899	1 474	4.68
Total	1 648	10 955	12 603	13.1	9 993	2 491	4.01
Other government expenditure (Report chapter 9 and web-tables W-C.13 and W-C.14)							
Australian Government	485	12 704	13 188	3.7	2 939	2 889	1.02
Queensland Government	295	6 263	6 557	4.5	1 787	1 424	1.25
Total	779	18 966	19 746	3.9	4 726	4 313	1.10
All direct expenditure (web-tables W-C.1 and W-C.2)							
Australian Government	2 966	49 435	52 401	5.7	17 987	11 242	1.60
Queensland Government	3 680	39 375	43 054	8.5	22 318	8 954	2.49
Total	6 646	88 810	95 455	7.0	40 304	20 197	2.00

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