

The 2014 *Indigenous Expenditure Report* was released on **12 December 2014**. The Report is the third 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.

The 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 services.

More detailed estimates and data for previous years are available from the project website.

Interpreting the results

Estimating the Indigenous component of expenditure – especially for mainstream services – is complex, and many data quality and methodological challenges are yet to be resolved. Some of these challenges are state and territory specific. The Report provides information to assist in interpreting the estimates, including the strengths and limitations of the data and method and the context in which services are provided.

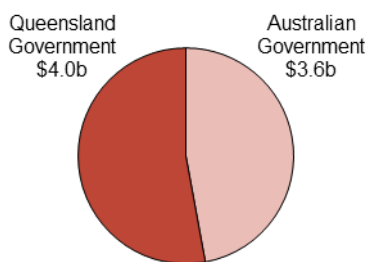
Expenditure patterns in Queensland in 2012-13

Figure 1. Total government direct expenditure



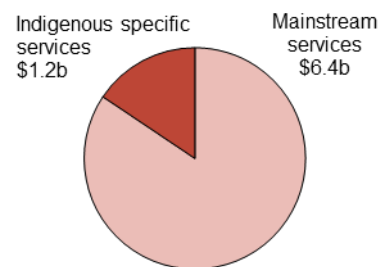
Total government direct Indigenous expenditure was estimated to be \$7.6 billion, accounting for 7.3 per cent of total government direct expenditure in Queensland.

Figure 2. Funding source of total government direct expenditure



The Australian Government accounted for \$3.6 billion (47 per cent) of direct Indigenous expenditure, with the remaining \$4.0 billion (53 per cent) provided by the Queensland Government.

Figure 3. Composition of direct Indigenous expenditure



Mainstream services accounted for \$6.4 billion (84 per cent) of direct Indigenous expenditure, with the remaining \$1.2 billion (16 per cent) provided through Indigenous specific (targeted) services.

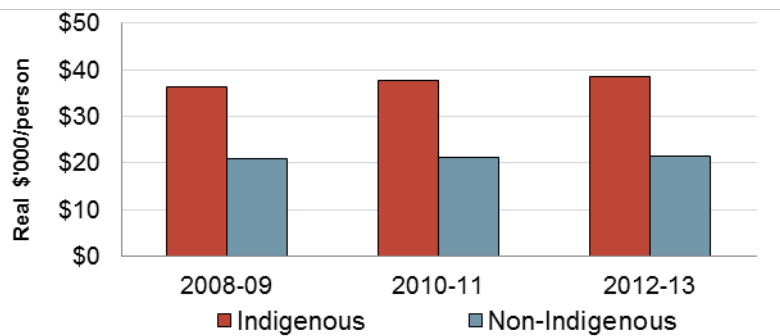
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Expenditure per person in Queensland

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians made up 4.3 per cent of the Queensland population at 30 June 2013.

Estimated expenditure per person in 2012-13 was \$38 540 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, compared with \$21 602 for non-Indigenous Australians (a ratio of 1.78:1). Between 2008-09 and 2012-13, total government direct Indigenous expenditure increased by \$1.1 billion (17 per cent) in real terms, equivalent to an increase of \$2159 per person (see figure 4).

Figure 4. Total government direct expenditure per person in Queensland^{a, b, c}



^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 Per head of population expenditure is not the same as expenditure per user, and should not be interpreted as a proxy for unit cost. ^c Expenditure for 2008-09 and 2010-11 has been expressed in real (constant 2012-13 dollars) terms using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure deflator (chain price index).

Source: 2014 Indigenous Expenditure Report database

The \$16 938 per person difference in expenditure between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and non-Indigenous Australians in 2012-13 reflected the combined effects of:

- *greater intensity of service use* (\$11 352 or 67 per cent) – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, on average, use more services per person because of greater need, and because of population characteristics such as the younger age profile of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population
- *higher costs of providing services* (\$5586 or 33 per cent) – it can cost more to provide services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians if mainstream services are more expensive to provide (for example, because of location), or if Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians receive targeted services in addition to mainstream services (for example, liaison officers in hospitals).

Variations in expenditure in Queensland over the six broad areas

There were significant variations in levels and patterns of expenditure across expenditure categories in 2012-13.

Early child development, and education and training

This includes expenditure on preschool and childcare; school education; and tertiary education.

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The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per person in Queensland was 1.94:1 (\$5869 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian compared with \$3026 per non-Indigenous Australian).

Healthy lives

This 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 person in Queensland was 1.70:1 (\$7411 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian compared with \$4352 per non-Indigenous Australian).

Economic participation

This includes expenditure on labour and employment services and social security support.

The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per person in Queensland was 1.58:1 (\$7447 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian compared with \$4720 per non-Indigenous Australian).

Home environment

This includes expenditure on housing services; community and environment services; and transport and communications services.

The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per person in Queensland was 1.60:1 (\$3985 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian compared with \$2487 per non-Indigenous Australian).

Safe and supportive communities

This includes expenditure on public order and safety; community support and welfare; and recreation and culture.

The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per person in Queensland was 3.64:1 (\$9293 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian compared with \$2553 per non-Indigenous Australian).

Other government expenditure

This 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 person in Queensland was 1.02:1 (\$4535 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian compared with \$4463 per non-Indigenous Australian).

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Table 1 Australian Government *plus* Queensland Government direct expenditure, Queensland, 2012-13^{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							
Early childhood	94	1 267	1 361	6.9	475	284	1.67
School education	913	8 822	9 736	9.4	4 609	1 979	2.33
Tertiary education	156	3 404	3 560	4.4	785	763	1.03
Total	1 163	13 493	14 657	7.9	5 869	3 026	1.94
Healthy lives							
Hospital services	686	8 144	8 831	7.8	3 463	1 827	1.90
Public and community health	510	3 152	3 662	13.9	2 571	707	3.64
Health care subsidies & support	273	8 109	8 382	3.3	1 376	1 819	0.76
Total	1 469	19 406	20 874	7.0	7 411	4 352	1.70
Economic participation							
Labour & employment	250	1 800	2 050	12.2	1 261	404	3.12
Social security support	1 226	19 244	20 470	6.0	6 186	4 316	1.43
Total	1 476	21 044	22 520	6.6	7 447	4 720	1.58
Home environment							
Housing	348	1 684	2 032	17.1	1 755	378	4.65
Community and environment	174	2 981	3 155	5.5	878	668	1.31
Transport & communications	268	6 425	6 693	4.0	1 351	1 441	0.94
Total	790	11 089	11 879	6.6	3 985	2 487	1.60
Safe and supportive communities							
Public order and safety	743	3 968	4 711	15.8	3 748	890	4.21
Community support & welfare	989	5 850	6 839	14.5	4 990	1 312	3.80
Recreation and culture	110	1 566	1 676	6.6	554	351	1.58
Total	1 842	11 385	13 226	13.9	9 293	2 553	3.64
Other government expenditure							
General govt and defence	803	17 819	18 622	4.3	4 052	3 997	1.01
Support to industry	96	2 079	2 175	4.4	483	466	1.04
Total	899	19 898	20 797	4.3	4 535	4 463	1.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7 639	96 315	103 953	7.3	38 540	21 602	1.78

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	Total expenditure				Expenditure per head of population ^d		
	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Total	Indig. share	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Ratio ^e
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Early child development and Education and training							
Australian Government	257	3 624	3 881	6.6	1 299	813	1.60
Qld Government	906	9 870	10 775	8.4	4 570	2 214	2.06
Total	1 163	13 493	14 657	7.9	5 869	3 026	1.94
Healthy lives							
Australian Government	466	8 474	8 941	5.2	2 354	1 901	1.24
Qld Government	1 002	10 931	11 934	8.4	5 058	2 452	2.06
Total	1 469	19 406	20 874	7.0	7 411	4 352	1.70
Economic participation							
Australian Government	1 455	20 783	22 238	6.5	7 342	4 661	1.58
Qld Government	21	261	281	7.4	104	58	1.79
Total	1 476	21 044	22 520	6.6	7 447	4 720	1.58
Home environment							
Australian Government	195	2 956	3 150	6.2	983	663	1.48
Qld Government	595	8 134	8 729	6.8	3 002	1 824	1.65
Total	790	11 089	11 879	6.6	3 985	2 487	1.60
Safe and supportive communities							
Australian Government	592	4 920	5 511	10.7	2 984	1 103	2.70
Qld Government	1 250	6 465	7 715	16.2	6 308	1 450	4.35
Total	1 842	11 385	13 226	13.9	9 293	2 553	3.64
Other government expenditure							
Australian Government	633	13 921	14 554	4.4	3 195	3 122	1.02
Qld Government	266	5 977	6 242	4.3	1 341	1 340	1.00
Total	899	19 898	20 797	4.3	4 535	4 463	1.02
All direct expenditure							
Australian Government	3 599	54 678	58 276	6.2	18 156	12 263	1.48
Qld Government	4 040	41 637	45 677	8.8	20 384	9 339	2.18
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Table 3 Real Australian Government and Queensland Government direct expenditure, Queensland, 2008-09, 2010-11, 2012-13 (2012-13 dollars)^{a, b, c}

	Total expenditure				Expenditure per head of population ^d		
	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Total	Indig. share	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Ratio ^e
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All direct expenditure 2008-09^f							
Australian Government	2 919	50 210	53 128	5.5	16 218	12 102	1.34
Qld Government	3 628	37 123	40 751	8.9	20 163	8 948	2.25
Total	6 547	87 333	93 880	7.0	36 381	21 050	1.73
All direct expenditure 2010-11^f							
Australian Government	3 187	50 108	53 295	6.0	16 869	11 686	1.44
Qld Government	3 945	40 810	44 754	8.8	20 877	9 518	2.19
Total	7 132	90 918	98 050	7.3	37 746	21 204	1.78
All direct expenditure 2012-13							
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