

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.

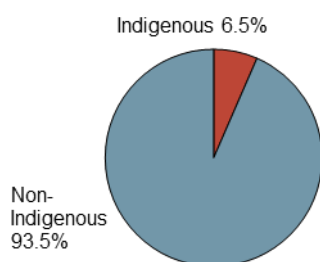
More detailed estimates and data for previous years are available from the project website.

### 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.

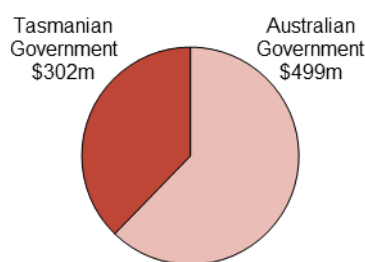
### Expenditure patterns in Tasmania in 2012-13

**Figure 1. Total government direct expenditure**



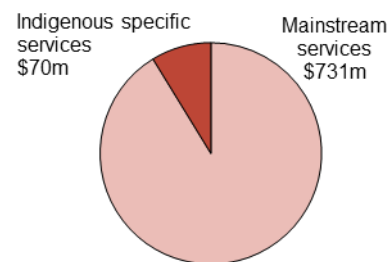
Total government direct Indigenous expenditure was estimated to be \$801 million, accounting for 6.5 per cent of total government direct expenditure in Tasmania.

**Figure 2. Funding source of total government direct expenditure**



The Australian Government accounted for \$499 million (62 per cent) of direct Indigenous expenditure, with the remaining \$302 million (38 per cent) provided by the Tasmanian Government.

**Figure 3. Composition of direct Indigenous expenditure**



Mainstream services accounted for \$731 million (91 per cent) of direct Indigenous expenditure, with the remaining \$70 million (9 per cent) provided through Indigenous specific (targeted) services.

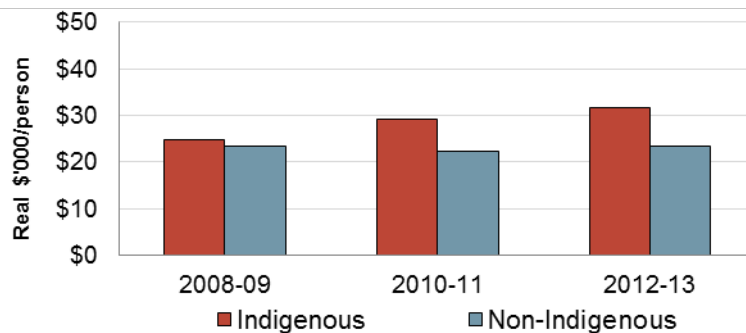
# Tasmania

## Expenditure per person in Tasmania

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians made up 4.9 per cent of the Tasmanian population at 30 June 2013.

Estimated expenditure per person in 2012-13 was \$31 709 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, compared with \$23 496 for non-Indigenous Australians (a ratio of 1.35:1). Between 2008-09 and 2012-13, total government direct Indigenous expenditure increased by \$226 million (39 per cent) in real terms, equivalent to an increase of \$6940 per person (see figure 4).

Figure 4. Total government direct expenditure per person in Tasmania<sup>a, b, c</sup>



<sup>a</sup> 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. <sup>b</sup> Per head of population expenditure is not the same as expenditure per user, and should not be interpreted as a proxy for unit cost. <sup>c</sup> 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 \$8 212 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* (\$5926 or 72 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* (\$2286 or 28 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).

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## Variations in expenditure in Tasmania 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.

The ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous expenditure per person in Tasmania was 1.57:1 (\$5009 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian compared with \$3196 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 Tasmania was 1.78:1 (\$8359 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian compared with \$4691 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 Tasmania was 0.96:1 (\$6068 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian compared with \$6342 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 Tasmania was 1.27:1 (\$1968 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian compared with \$1555 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 Tasmania was 1.80:1 (\$5758 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian compared with \$3205 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 Tasmania was 1.01:1 (\$4546 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian compared with \$4508 per non-Indigenous Australian).

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**Table 1 Australian Government *plus* Tasmanian Government direct expenditure, Tasmania, 2012-13<sup>a, b, c</sup>**

	Total expenditure				Expenditure per head of population <sup>d</sup>		
	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Total	Indig. share	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Ratio <sup>e</sup>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$/person	\$/person	ratio
<b>Early child development and Education and training</b>							
Early childhood	11	132	143	7.7	437	271	1.61
School education	97	997	1 094	8.9	3 849	2 044	1.88
Tertiary education	18	430	448	4.1	723	881	0.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1 559</b>	<b>1 686</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>5 009</b>	<b>3 196</b>	<b>1.57</b>
<b>Healthy lives</b>							
Hospital services	39	1 093	1 132	3.4	1 527	2 241	0.68
Public and community health	38	417	454	8.3	1 491	854	1.75
Health care subsidies & support	135	779	914	14.8	5 341	1 596	3.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>2 289</b>	<b>2 500</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8 359</b>	<b>4 691</b>	<b>1.78</b>
<b>Economic participation</b>							
Labour & employment	22	256	278	7.9	874	525	1.66
Social security support	131	2 838	2 969	4.4	5 195	5 817	0.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>3 094</b>	<b>3 247</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>6 068</b>	<b>6 342</b>	<b>0.96</b>
<b>Home environment</b>							
Housing	20	225	245	8.2	798	461	1.73
Community and environment	14	244	258	5.5	562	500	1.13
Transport & communications	15	290	305	5.0	607	594	1.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>1 968</b>	<b>1 555</b>	<b>1.27</b>
<b>Safe and supportive communities</b>							
Public order and safety	51	466	517	9.8	2 016	956	2.11
Community support & welfare	77	840	917	8.4	3 066	1 721	1.78
Recreation and culture	17	257	274	6.2	676	527	1.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1 564</b>	<b>1 709</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>5 758</b>	<b>3 205</b>	<b>1.80</b>
<b>Other government expenditure</b>							
General govt and defence	102	1 947	2 048	5.0	4 027	3 990	1.01
Support to industry	13	253	266	4.9	519	518	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2 199</b>	<b>2 314</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4 546</b>	<b>4 508</b>	<b>1.01</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>11 464</b>	<b>12 265</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>31 709</b>	<b>23 496</b>	<b>1.35</b>

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**Table 2 Australian Government and Tasmanian Government direct expenditure, Tasmania, 2012-13<sup>a, b, c</sup>**

	Total expenditure				Expenditure per head of population <sup>d</sup>		
	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Total	Indig. share	Indig.	Non-Indig.	Ratio <sup>e</sup>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$/person	\$/person	ratio
<b>Early child development and Education and training</b>							
Australian Government	29	403	432	6.7	1 144	826	1.38
Tasmanian Government	98	1 156	1 254	7.8	3 866	2 370	1.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1 559</b>	<b>1 686</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>5 009</b>	<b>3 196</b>	<b>1.57</b>
<b>Healthy lives</b>							
Australian Government	155	870	1 025	15.1	6 132	1 783	3.44
Tasmanian Government	56	1 419	1 475	3.8	2 228	2 908	0.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>2 289</b>	<b>2 500</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8 359</b>	<b>4 691</b>	<b>1.78</b>
<b>Economic participation</b>							
Australian Government	150	3 017	3 167	4.7	5 929	6 183	0.96
Tasmanian Government	4	77	81	4.4	139	158	0.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>3 094</b>	<b>3 247</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>6 068</b>	<b>6 342</b>	<b>0.96</b>
<b>Home environment</b>							
Australian Government	19	318	337	5.6	742	652	1.14
Tasmanian Government	31	441	472	6.6	1 226	903	1.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>1 968</b>	<b>1 555</b>	<b>1.27</b>
<b>Safe and supportive communities</b>							
Australian Government	67	643	710	9.5	2 670	1 317	2.03
Tasmanian Government	78	921	999	7.8	3 088	1 888	1.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1 564</b>	<b>1 709</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>5 758</b>	<b>3 205</b>	<b>1.80</b>
<b>Other government expenditure</b>							
Australian Government	79	1 523	1 602	4.9	3 128	3 122	1.00
Tasmanian Government	36	676	712	5.0	1 418	1 385	1.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2 199</b>	<b>2 314</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4 546</b>	<b>4 508</b>	<b>1.01</b>
<b>All direct expenditure</b>							
Australian Government	499	6 774	7 273	6.9	19 744	13 884	1.42
Tasmanian Government	302	4 690	4 992	6.1	11 965	9 613	1.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>11 464</b>	<b>12 265</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>31 709</b>	<b>23 496</b>	<b>1.35</b>

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**Table 3 Real Australian Government and Tasmanian Government direct expenditure, Tasmania, 2008-09, 2010-11, 2012-13 (2012-13 dollars)<sup>a, b, c</sup>**

	Total expenditure				Expenditure per head of population <sup>d</sup>		
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<b>All direct expenditure 2008-09<sup>f</sup></b>							
Australian Government	314	6 687	7 001	4.5	13 515	13 899	0.97
Tasmanian Government	261	4 542	4 803	5.4	11 254	9 440	1.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>11 229</b>	<b>11 804</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>24 769</b>	<b>23 338</b>	<b>1.06</b>
<b>All direct expenditure 2010-11<sup>f</sup></b>							
Australian Government	416	6 289	6 704	6.2	17 209	12 905	1.33
Tasmanian Government	293	4 594	4 887	6.0	12 122	9 426	1.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>10 882</b>	<b>11 591</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>29 331</b>	<b>22 331</b>	<b>1.31</b>
<b>All direct expenditure 2012-13</b>							
Australian Government	499	6 774	7 273	6.9	19 744	13 884	1.42
Tasmanian Government	302	4 690	4 992	6.1	11 965	9 613	1.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>11 464</b>	<b>12 265</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>31 709</b>	<b>23 496</b>	<b>1.35</b>

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