
12 Outcomes for Torres Strait Islander people

Box 12.1 Key messages

- In 2008:
 - the proportion of Torres Strait Islander people aged 18 years and over who had completed year 12 or post-secondary education (44.2 per cent) was higher than for Aboriginal people (34.0 per cent), but much lower than for non-Indigenous people (62.2 per cent) (table 12A.1.1, figure 12.1)
 - the proportion of Torres Strait Islander people who were employed (65.1 per cent) was higher than for Aboriginal people (55.5 per cent), but lower than for non-Indigenous people (78.0 per cent) (figure 12.3)
 - the proportions of Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people who lived in a home owned by a member of the household (29.0 per cent) were much lower than for non-Indigenous people (65.2 per cent) (figure 12.5)
 - there was no statistically significant difference between the individual median weekly income for Torres Strait Islander people (\$550) and non-Indigenous people (\$608), but incomes for Aboriginal people were lower (\$400) (figure 12.4).

12.1 Selected outcomes for Torres Strait Islander people

The estimated Indigenous population of Australia at 30 June 2006 was 517 043, of whom 53 337 (10.3 per cent of the Indigenous population) identified as Torres Strait Islander people. This included people who identified as being of Torres Strait Islander origin only (6.4 per cent of the Indigenous population) and people who identified as being both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (3.9 per cent of the Indigenous population). The majority (62.8 per cent) of Torres Strait Islander people lived in Queensland (ABS 2009b).

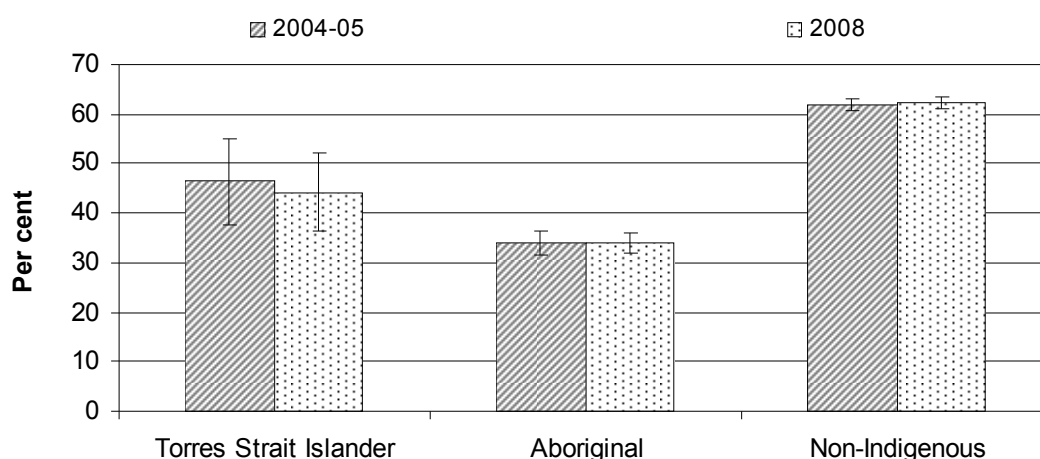
Torres Strait Islander people make up a very small proportion of the Australian population (0.16 per cent), making it difficult to source reliable data (ABS 2008). This chapter presents a selection of results from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS) 2004-05; the ABS National Health Survey (NHS) 2004-05 and 2007-08; and the ABS National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS) 2008. More extensive data from the 2006

census were presented in the 2009 report (SCRGSP 2009). In this chapter, selected outcomes for Torres Strait Islander, Aboriginal and non-Indigenous people are presented. In these data, ‘Torres Strait Islander’ includes both people who identified as ‘Torres Strait Islander only’ and people who identified as ‘Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander’. For comparison purposes, ‘Aboriginal’ in this chapter has been limited to people who identified as ‘Aboriginal only’.

Data for this chapter are disaggregated into two geographical areas that reflect the distribution of Torres Strait Islander people across Australia; Queensland (which includes the Torres Strait Indigenous region); and the Balance of Australia (which comprises the remainder of Australia).

Year 12 or a post-secondary education

Figure 12.1 Proportion of people aged 18 years and over who had completed year 12 or a post-secondary education^{a, b, c, d, e}



^a Torres Strait Islander includes people who identified as Torres Strait Islander only or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. ^b Aboriginal includes people who identified as being of Aboriginal origin only. ^c Post-secondary education includes people who had achieved a level 3 certificate or higher qualification. ^d Calculations exclude those who did not state their highest year of schooling completed. ^e Error bars represent 95 per cent confidence intervals around each estimate (see chapter 3 for more information).

Source: ABS (unpublished) NHS and NATSIHS 2004-05; ABS (unpublished) NATSISS 2008; ABS (unpublished) NHS 2007-08; table 12A.1.1.

In 2008, for those aged 18 years and over:

- the proportion of Torres Strait Islander people who had completed year 12 or a post-secondary education (44.2 per cent) was higher than for Aboriginal people (34.0 per cent) but much lower than for non-Indigenous people (62.2 per cent) (figure 12.1)

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- there were no statistically significant differences in educational attainment between Torres Strait Islander people living in Queensland and in the Balance of Australia (table 12A.1.1).

Between 2004-05 and 2008, for those aged 18 years and over:

- there were no statistically significant differences in the proportions of Torres Strait Islander, Aboriginal or non-Indigenous people who had completed year 12 or a post-secondary education (figure 12.1)
- the proportion of Torres Strait Islander people who had completed year 12 or a post-secondary education did not change significantly for either those residing in Queensland or those residing in the Balance of Australia (table 12A.1.1).

Post-secondary education

In 2008, for people aged 18 years and over, the proportion of Torres Strait Islander people with a post-secondary qualification (27.6 per cent) was not significantly different to the proportion for Aboriginal people (23.6 per cent), but much lower than the proportion for non-Indigenous people (46.3 per cent) (table 12A.1.1).

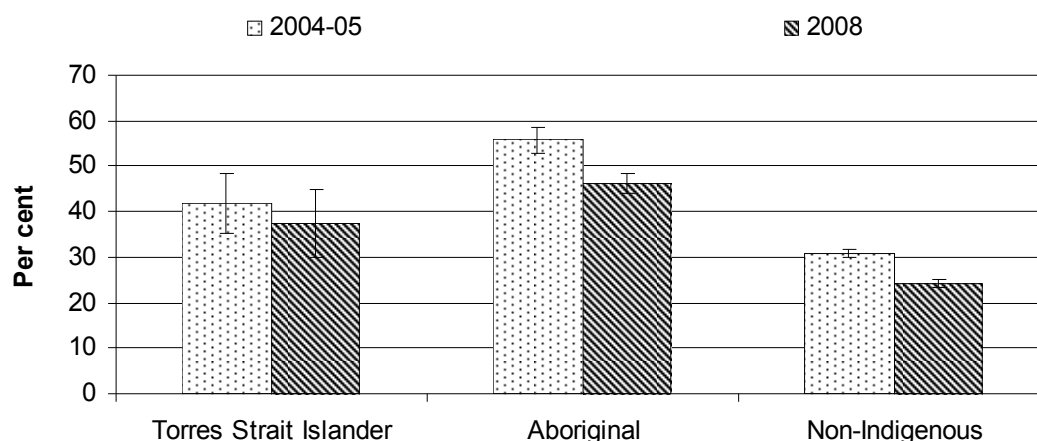
Between 2004-05 and 2008, for people aged 18 years and over:

- there was no statistically significant difference in the proportion of Torres Strait Islander people with a post-secondary qualification (table 12A.1.1)
- the proportions of Aboriginal and non-Indigenous people with a post-secondary qualification both increased significantly over the same period (table 12A.1.1).

In both 2004-05 and 2008, the proportion of Torres Strait Islander people aged 18 years and over with a post-secondary qualification did not vary significantly between those people living in Queensland or in the Balance of Australia (table 12A.1.1).

Year 10 education

Figure 12.2 **Proportion of people aged 18 years and over who had completed year 10 or below as their highest qualification^{a, b, c, d}**



^a Torres Strait Islander includes people who identified as Torres Strait Islander only or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. ^b Aboriginal includes people who identified as being of Aboriginal origin only. ^c Calculations exclude those who did not state their highest year of schooling completed. ^d Error bars represent 95 per cent confidence intervals around each estimate (see chapter 3 for more information).

Source: ABS (unpublished) NHS and NATSIHS 2004-05; ABS (unpublished) NATSISS 2008; ABS (unpublished) NHS 2007-08; table 12A.1.1.

In 2008, for those aged 18 years and over:

- the proportion of Torres Strait Islander people who had completed year 10 or below as their highest level of education (37.3 per cent) was lower than for Aboriginal people (46.2 per cent), but higher than for non-Indigenous people (24.2 per cent) (figure 12.2)
- The proportion of Torres Strait Islander people who had completed year 10 as their highest level of education did not vary between those who lived in Queensland or in the Balance of Australia (table 12A.1.1).

Between 2004-05 and 2008:

- There was no statistically significant change in the proportion of Torres Strait Islanders who had completed year 10 as their highest level of education (figure 12.2)
- There were statistically significant decreases in the proportions of Aboriginal people who had completed year 10 as their highest level of education (from 55.7 per cent in 2004-05 to 46.2 per cent in 2008) and non-Indigenous people

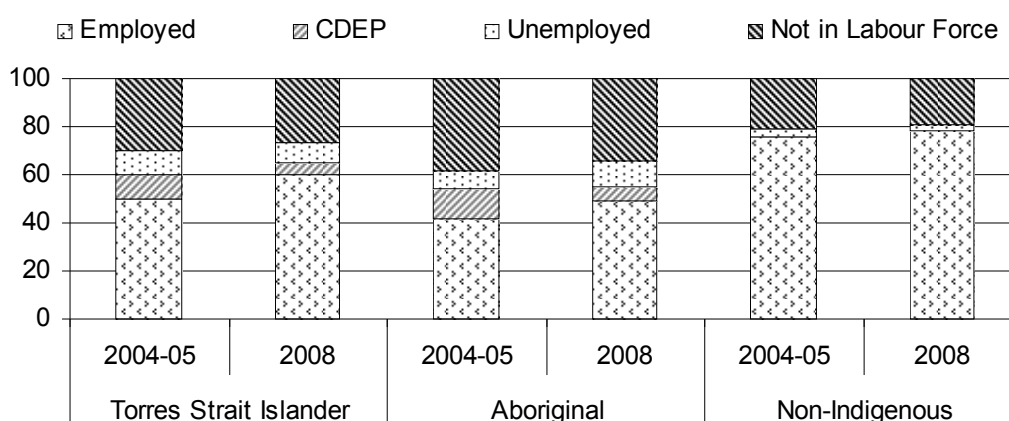
who had completed year 10 as their highest level of education (from 31.0 per cent in 2004-05 to 24.2 per cent in 2008) (figure 12.2).

More detailed information on educational outcomes for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people can be found in sections 4.5, 4.7 and 6.5.

Labour force status

This section presents data for mainstream employment, employment under the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program, unemployment and persons not in the labour force, as proportions of the working age population (18–64 years).

Figure 12.3 Labour force status, people aged 18–64 years, 2004-05 and 2008^{a, b, c}



^a Torres Strait Islander includes people who identified as Torres Strait Islander only or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin. Aboriginal includes people who identified as being Aboriginal only. ^b These data may differ from labour force data elsewhere in the report due to different age-groups measured. ^c Calculations exclude those who did not state their labour force status.

Source: ABS (unpublished) NHS and NATSIHS 2004-05; ABS (unpublished) NATSISS 2008; ABS (unpublished) NHS 2007-08; tables 12A.1.4 and 4A.6.12.

In 2008, for people aged 18–64 years:

- higher proportions of Torres Strait Islander (26.6 per cent) and Aboriginal people (34.2 per cent) were not in the labour force compared with non-Indigenous people (19.4 per cent) (figure 12.3)
- similar proportions of Torres Strait Islander (8.3 per cent) and Aboriginal people (10.4 per cent) were unemployed, significantly higher than the corresponding proportion of non-Indigenous people (2.6 per cent) (figure 12.3).

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- Torres Strait Islander people (59.9 per cent) were employed in non-CDEP employment at a lesser rate than non-Indigenous people (78.0 per cent), but employed in mainstream jobs at a higher rate than Aboriginal people (49.3 per cent) (figure 12.3)
 - there were no significant differences between the proportions of Torres Strait Islander people employed in non-CDEP employment in Queensland or in the Balance of Australia (table 12A.1.4)
 - similar proportions of Torres Strait Islander (5.2 per cent) and Aboriginal people (6.1 per cent) were employed under the CDEP program (figure 12.3)
 - for total employment, including CDEP employment, higher proportions of Torres Strait Islander people (65.1 per cent) than Aboriginal people (55.5 per cent) were employed. These proportions were lower than the proportion of employed non-Indigenous people (78.0 per cent) (figure 12.3).

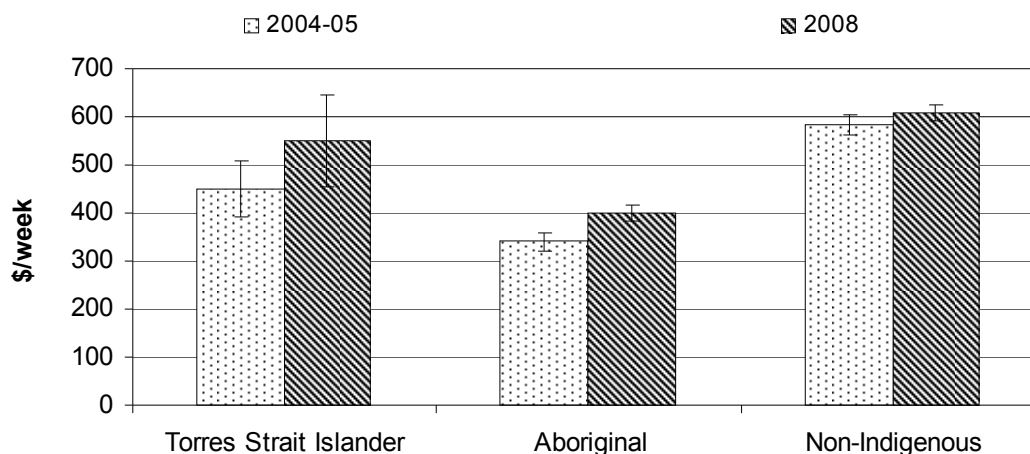
Between 2004-05 and 2008, for people aged 18–64 years:

- there were no statistically significant differences in the proportions of Torres Strait Islander people employed under CDEP; otherwise (non-CDEP) employed; unemployed; or not in the labour force (figure 12.3)
- there were significant changes in the proportions of Aboriginal people employed under CDEP (from 12.1 to 6.1 per cent); otherwise (non-CDEP) employed (from 41.9 to 49.3 per cent); and unemployed (from 7.9 to 10.4 per cent) (figure 12.3).

For more information on Indigenous employment outcomes (including CDEP) see sections 4.6 and 8.1.

Income

Figure 12.4 **Median real gross weekly individual income, people aged 18 years and over (2008 dollars)^{a, b, c, d}**



^a Torres Strait Islander includes people who identified as Torres Strait Islander only or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. Aboriginal includes people who identified as being Aboriginal only. ^b Real income is adjusted for the effects of inflation, and allows comparisons to be made between incomes in different years, by holding purchasing power constant. The 2004-05 data are adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Price Index for the March quarter 2005 and the December quarter 2008 (ABS 2009a). ^c Calculations exclude those who did not state their income. ^d Error bars represent 95 per cent confidence intervals around each estimate (see chapter 3 for more information).

Source: ABS (unpublished) NHS and NATSIHS 2004-05; ABS (unpublished) NATSISS 2008; ABS (unpublished) NHS 2007-08; table 12A.1.3.

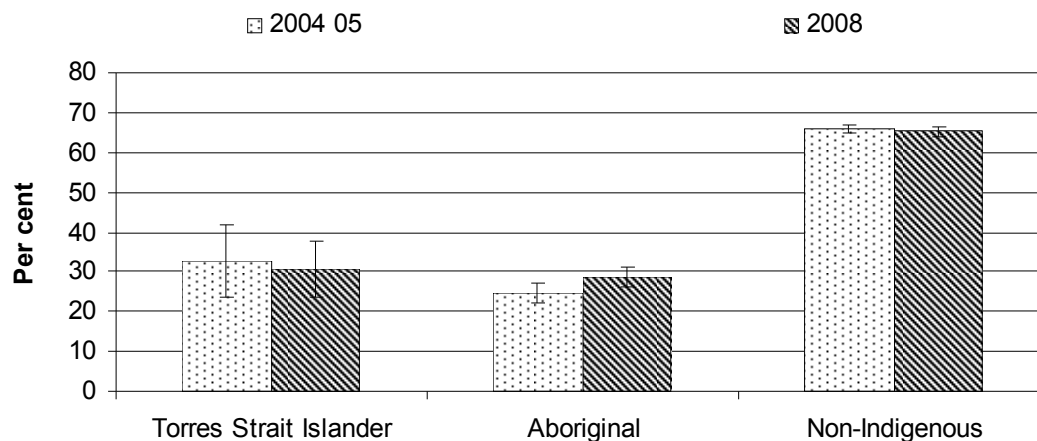
After adjusting for the effects of inflation, for people aged 18 years and over:

- in 2004-05, the real individual median weekly income for Torres Strait Islander people was \$450, which was higher than for Aboriginal people (\$341 per week) but much lower than for non-Indigenous people (\$583 per week) (figure 12.4)
- in 2008, the difference between the individual median weekly income for Torres Strait Islander people (\$550) and non-Indigenous people (\$608) was not statistically significant. However, the individual median weekly income for both Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous people was higher than for Aboriginal people (\$400) (figure 12.4)
- between 2004-05 and 2008, the apparent increase in real individual median incomes for Torres Strait Islander people was not statistically significant. However, there were statistically significant increases in real individual median incomes for Aboriginal and non-Indigenous people (figure 12.4).

See table 12A.1.3 for more detail on individual weekly income for the Torres Strait region, Queensland and the remainder of Australia. Sections 4.9 and 8.4 provide more detailed information on incomes for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Home ownership

Figure 12.5 Proportion of people living in a home owned by a member of the household, 2004-05 and 2008^{a, b, c}



^a Torres Strait Islander includes people who identified as Torres Strait Islander only or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. Aboriginal includes people who identified as being Aboriginal only. ^b Includes people living in a home owned with or without a mortgage, or as part of a rent/buy scheme by a member of the household. ^c Error bars represent 95 per cent confidence intervals around each estimate (see chapter 3 for more information).

Source: ABS (unpublished) NHS and NATSIHS 2004-05; ABS (unpublished) NATSISS 2008; ABS (unpublished) NHS 2007-08; table 12A.1.2.

In 2008, the proportion of Torres Strait Islander people (30.6 per cent) and Aboriginal people (28.8 per cent) living in a home owned (with or without a mortgage) by a member of the household was much lower than for non-Indigenous people (65.2 per cent) (figure 12.5).

Between 2004-05 and 2008, the proportion of people living in a home owned by a member of the household:

- did not change significantly for Torres Strait Islander people (around 30 per cent) or non-Indigenous people (around 65 per cent) (figure 12.5)
- increased for Aboriginal people (from 24.6 per cent to 28.8 per cent) (figure 12.5). Over the same period, the proportion of Aboriginal people living in rented accommodation decreased (from 74.2 per cent to 70.1 per cent) (table 12A.1.2).

Section 8.3 contains more information on Indigenous home ownership.

Overcrowding in housing

- In 2008, for people aged 15 years and over, Torres Strait Islander (19.9 per cent) and Aboriginal people (25.7 per cent) lived in overcrowded housing at a much higher rate than non-Indigenous people (4.8 per cent) (table 9A.1.3).
- Between 2004-05 and 2008, there were no statistically significant changes in the proportions of Torres Strait Islander people and Aboriginal people living in overcrowded housing (table 9A.1.3).

More detailed data on the levels of overcrowding for Indigenous people can be found in section 9.1 and table 9A.1.3.

12.2 Attachment tables

Attachment tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an ‘A’ suffix (for example, table 12A.2 is table 2 in the attachment tables for chapter 12). The files containing the attachment tables can also be found on the Review web page (www.pc.gov.au/gsp) or can be obtained by contacting the Secretariat directly.

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12A Outcomes for Torres Strait Islander people — attachment

The tables in this file accompany the report, *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators 2011*, prepared by the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision. Background and definitions are available in the report, which is available on the Review website (www.pc.gov.au/gsp).

This file is available in both Microsoft Excel and Adobe PDF formats on the Review website (www.pc.gov.au/gsp). Users without Internet access can contact the Secretariat to obtain these tables (details inside the front cover of the report).

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Table 12A.1.1

Table 12A.1.1 Highest level of education completed by people aged 18 years or over, by Indigenous status, 2004-05 and 2008

	Year 12 (a)			Year 10 or below (a)			Post secondary (b)			All persons aged 18 years or over (c)			Year 12 and Post secondary (a) (b)			
	Estimate	Proportion	RSE	Estimate	Proportion	RSE	Estimate	Proportion	RSE	Estimate	Proportion	RSE	Estimate	Proportion	RSE	
	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	
2004-05																
Torres Strait Islander people (d)																
Queensland	4.1	27.7	17.3	5.9	39.7	10.3	3.4	22.7	13.8	14.9	100.0	-	50.4	-	-	-
Australia excluding QLD	1.6	13.9	23.7	5.1	44.4	10.6	3.1	27.3	22.7	11.5	100.0	-	41.2	-	-	-
Australia	5.7	21.7	14.2	11.0	41.8	7.9	6.5	24.7	13.3	26.4	100.0	-	46.4	-	-	-
Other Indigenous people (e), (f)	31.5	13.6	6.9	128.4	55.7	2.6	46.9	20.4	4.5	230.6	100.0	-	34.0	-	-	-
All Indigenous people (f)	37.2	14.5	6.3	139.4	54.3	2.5	53.4	20.8	4.3	257.0	100.0	-	35.3	-	-	-
Non-Indigenous people (f)	2 628.8	17.9	2.1	4 559.7	31.0	1.4	6 446.7	43.9	1.1	14 692.2	100.0	-	61.8	-	-	-
2008																
Torres Strait Islander people (d)																
Queensland	3.3	18.3	21.7	6.8	37.4	15.3	5.2	28.9	16.8	18.2	100.0	-	47.2	-	-	-
Australia excluding Qld	1.8	14.1	20.1	4.7	37.2	11.7	3.3	25.7	12.6	12.7	100.0	-	39.8	-	-	-
Australia(g)	5.1	16.6	16.0	11.5	37.3	10.3	8.5	27.6	11.2	30.9	100.0	-	44.2	-	-	-
Other Indigenous people (e), (f)	26.9	10.4	5.6	120.0	46.2	2.5	61.5	23.6	3.8	260.0	100.0	-	34.0	-	-	-
All Indigenous people (f)	32.0	11.0	5.4	131.5	45.2	2.5	70.0	24.1	3.7	290.9	100.0	-	35.1	-	-	-
Non-Indigenous people (f), (g)	2 475.1	15.9	2.1	3 761.2	24.2	1.7	7 203.8	46.3	1.1	15 553.8	100.0	-	62.2	-	-	-

RSE Relative standard error.

(a) Excludes people still attending secondary school and persons who have a post school qualification.

(b) People who have achieved a level 3 certificate or higher qualification.

(c) Includes not stated.

(d) Includes people who identified as being of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.

Table 12A.1.1

Table 12A.1.1 Highest level of education completed by people aged 18 years or over, by Indigenous status, 2004-05 and 2008

	Year 12 (a)			Year 10 or below (a)			Post secondary (b)			All persons aged 18 years or over (c)			Year 12 and Post secondary (a) (b)		
	Estimate	Proportion	RSE	Estimate	Proportion	RSE	Estimate	Proportion	RSE	Estimate	Proportion	RSE	Estimate	Proportion	RSE
	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%

(e) People who identified as being of Aboriginal origin and not Torres Strait Islander origin.

(f) Difference between 2004-05 and 2008 rate is statistically significant for all education categories.

(g) Difference between 2008 Torres Strait Islander rate and non-Indigenous rate is statistically significant for Year 12 and Post secondary categories.

- Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ABS (unpublished) *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey 2004-05*, Cat. no. 4715.0; ABS (unpublished) *National Health Survey 2004-05*, Cat. no. 4364.0; ABS (unpublished) *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey 2008*, Cat. no. 4714.0; ABS (unpublished) *National Health Survey 2007-08*, Cat. no. 4364.0.

Table 12A.1.2

Table 12A.1.2 Housing tenure of people aged 18 years or over, by Indigenous status, 2004-05 and 2008 (a)

	Housing owned with or without a mortgage (a)				Renter (b)				All persons aged 18 years or over			
	Estimate		RSE		Estimate		RSE		Estimate		RSE	
	'000	%	%	%	'000	%	%	%	'000	%	%	%
2004-05												
Torres Strait Islander people (c)												
Queensland	3.8	25.7	24.5	11.0	73.7	8.5	14.9	100.0	–			
Balance of Australia	4.8	41.5	15.9	6.6	56.6	11.5	11.7	100.0	–			
Australia	8.7	32.6	14.2	17.6	66.2	6.9	26.6	100.0	–			
Other Indigenous people (d), (e)	56.9	24.6	5.5	171.9	74.2	1.8	231.7	100.0	–			
All Indigenous people (f)	65.6	25.4	5.2	189.5	73.4	1.8	258.3	100.0	–			
Non-Indigenous people	9 719.0	65.9	0.7	4 287.3	29.1	1.7	14 753.3	100.0	–			
2008												
Torres Strait Islander people (c)												
Queensland	5.0	27.6	19.9	13.0	71.7	7.7	18.2	100.0	–			
Balance of Australia	4.4	34.9	12.7	8.2	64.6	6.9	12.7	100.0	–			
Australia(g)	9.5	30.6	11.9	21.3	68.8	5.3	30.9	100.0	–			
Other Indigenous people (d), (e)	74.9	28.8	4.4	182.3	70.1	1.9	260.0	100.0	–			
All Indigenous people (f)	84.4	29.0	4.1	203.6	70.0	1.7	290.9	100.0	–			
Non-Indigenous people (g)	10 136.3	65.2	0.9	4 710.6	30.3	1.7	15 553.8	100.0	–			

RSE Relative standard error.

(a) Includes people living in a home owned with or without a mortgage, or as part of a rent/buy scheme by a member of the household.

(b) Renter includes being occupied rent-free.

(c) Includes people who identified as being of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.

(d) People who identified as being of Aboriginal origin and not Torres Strait Islander origin.

(e) Difference between 2004-05 and 2008 rate is statistically significant for home owners and renters.

Table 12A.1.2

Table 12A.1.2 Housing tenure of people aged 18 years or over, by Indigenous status, 2004-05 and 2008 (a)

<i>Housing owned with or without a mortgage (a)</i>				<i>Renter (b)</i>				<i>All persons aged 18 years or over</i>			
<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Proportion</i>	<i>RSE</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Proportion</i>	<i>RSE</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Proportion</i>	<i>RSE</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>

(f) Difference between 2004-05 and 2008 rate is statistically significant for home owners.

(g) Difference between 2008 Torres Strait Islander rate and non-Indigenous rate is statistically significant for home owners and renters.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ABS (unpublished) *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey 2004-05*, Cat. no. 4715.0; ABS (unpublished) *National Health Survey 2004-05*, Cat. no. 4364.0; ABS (unpublished) *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey 2008*, Cat. no. 4714.0; ABS (unpublished) *National Health Survey 2007-08*, Cat. no. 4364.0.

Table 12A.1.3

Table 12A.1.3 Individual weekly income of people aged 18 years or over, by Indigenous status, 2004-05 and 2008 (a)

	Lowest quintile			2nd to 4th quintiles			Highest quintile			Persons aged 18 years and over with reported income			Median income			Population (people 18 years or over)			Median Income increase 2004-05 to 2008												
	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	RSE					
	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	\$	%	\$	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	\$	%				
2004-05																															
Torres Strait Islander people (b)																															
Torres Strait Indigenous Region(c)	0.4	12.8	21.5	2.9	82.2	6.0	0.2	5.0	65.0	3.5	100.0	339.0	381.5	8.8	3.7	100.0	na														
Balance of Queensland	2.2	21.4	18.7	7.5	72.9	5.8	0.6	5.8	36.4	10.3	100.0	400.0	450.2	8.3	11.2	100.0	na														
Queensland	2.6	19.2	16.2	10.4	75.2	4.6	0.8	5.6	31.5	13.8	100.0	400.0	450.2	7.5	14.9	100.0	na														
Australia excluding Torres Strait Area	4.0	19.2	13.4	15.7	75.0	3.8	1.2	5.8	23.6	21.0	100.0	400.0	450.2	7.6	22.8	100.0	na														
Australia	4.5	18.3	12.3	18.6	76.0	3.4	1.4	5.7	22.2	24.4	100.0	400.0	450.2	6.5	26.6	100.0	na														
Other Indigenous people (c), (d)																															
All Indigenous people (c)	48.0	22.1	4.4	152.7	70.2	1.7	16.9	7.7	10.7	217.5	100.0	303.0	341.0	2.9	231.7	100.0	na														
Non-Indigenous people (e)	52.4	21.7	4.0	171.2	70.8	1.5	18.3	7.5	9.9	241.9	100.0	320.0	360.1	3.6	258.3	100.0	na														
2008	2 234.7	17.2	2.1	7 830.6	60.3	0.8	2 918.1	22.5	1.8	12 983.5	100.0	518.0	583.0	1.7	14 753.3	100.0	na														
Torres Strait Islander people (b)																															
Torres Strait Indigenous Region(c)	1.2	25.6	18.7	2.8	62.6	13.3	0.5	11.9	70.3	4.5	100.0	462.0	na	24.7	4.6	100.0	21.1														
Balance of Queensland	2.3	17.9	24.0	8.8	70.0	8.9	1.5	12.1	52.3	12.6	100.0	671.0	na	11.9	13.6	100.0	49.1														
Queensland	3.4	19.9	17.0	11.7	68.0	7.6	2.1	12.0	41.4	17.2	100.0	617.0	na	11.2	18.2	100.0	37.1														

Table 12A.1.3

Table 12A.1.3 Individual weekly income of people aged 18 years or over, by Indigenous status, 2004-05 and 2008 (a)

	Lowest quintile			2nd to 4th quintiles			Highest quintile			Persons aged 18 years and over with reported income			Median income			Population (people 18 years or over)			Median Income increase 2004-05 to 2008		
	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	Est.	Prop.	Est.	Prop.
	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	\$	%	\$	%	'000	%	'000	%	%
Australia excluding Torres Strait Area	4.6	18.6	15.7	17.1	69.1	5.4	3.0	12.3	28.5	24.7	100.0	600.0	na	9.7	26.3	100.0	33.3				
Australia(f)	5.7	19.6	13.0	19.9	68.1	5.1	3.6	12.2	25.7	29.2	100.0	550.0	na	8.8	30.9	100.0	22.2				
Other Indigenous people (c), (d)	64.1	26.0	3.4	164.5	66.7	1.5	18.0	7.3	8.5	246.6	100.0	400.0	na	2.0	260.0	100.0	17.3				
All Indigenous people (c)	69.8	25.3	3.3	184.4	66.9	1.4	21.6	7.8	8.3	275.8	100.0	400.0	na	2.2	290.9	100.0	11.1				
Non-Indigenous people (e), (f)	2 891.1	19.9	2.2	8 694.4	59.9	1.0	2 929.4	20.2	2.7	14 514.9	100.0	608.0	na	1.3	15 553.8	100.0	4.3				

RSE Relative standard error. Est. Estimate. Prop. Proportion.

(a) Estimates with an RSE of 25 per cent to 50 per cent should be interpreted with caution. Estimates with an RSE greater than 50 per cent are considered too unreliable for general use.

(b) Includes people who identified as being of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.

(c) Difference between 2004-05 and 2008 rate is statistically significant for the lowest quintile and 2nd to 4th quintiles grouping.

(d) Includes people who identified as being of Aboriginal origin and not Torres Strait Islander origin.

(e) Difference between 2004-05 and 2008 rate is statistically significant for the highest quintile.

(f) Difference between 2008 Torres Strait Islander rate and non-Indigenous rate is statistically significant for the 2nd to 4th income quintile grouping and the highest quintile.

(g) Real income is adjusted for the effects of inflation, and allows comparisons to be made between incomes in different years, by holding purchasing power constant. The 2004-05 data are adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Price Index for the March quarter 2005 and the December quarter 2008.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not applicable.

Table 12A.1.3

Table 12A.1.3 Individual weekly income of people aged 18 years or over, by Indigenous status, 2004-05 and 2008 (a)

Lowest quintile	2nd to 4th quintiles	Highest quintile	Persons aged 18 years and over with reported income			Median income	Population (people 18 years or over)	Median Income increase 2004-05 to 2008
			Est.	Prop.	RSE			
Est.	Prop.	RSE	Est.	Prop.	RSE	Real income (g)	Est.	Prop.
'000	%	%	'000	%	%	\$	'000	%

Source: ABS (unpublished) National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey 2004-05, Cat. no. 4715.0; ABS (unpublished) National Health Survey 2004-05, Cat. no. 4364.0; ABS (unpublished) National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey 2008, Cat. no. 4714.0; ABS (unpublished) National Health Survey 2007-08, Cat. no. 4364.0.

Table 12A.1.4

Table 12A.1.4 **Employment status of Indigenous people aged 18 to 64 years, 2004-05 and 2008 (a)**

	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Proportion</i>	<i>RSE</i>
	'000	%	%
2004-05			
Torres Strait Islander people (b)			
Queensland			
Labour force participation	10.3	72.8	5.5
Unemployed	1.5	10.5	20.4
Employed			
CDEP	2.2	15.8	19.7
Other	6.6	46.5	11.1
Total employed	8.8	62.3	7.7
Not in the labour force	3.8	27.2	14.8
All people	14.1	100.0	–
Balance of Australia			
Labour force participation	7.4	65.9	8.4
Unemployed	1.0	8.5	29.3
Employed			
CDEP	0.4	3.4	36.1
Other	6.0	53.9	11.3
Total employed	6.4	57.3	10.3
Not in the labour force	3.8	34.1	16.3
All people	11.2	100.0	–
Australia			
Labour force participation	17.6	69.7	4.8
Unemployed	2.4	9.6	16.6
Employed			
CDEP	2.6	10.3	17.9
Other	12.6	49.8	7.9
Total employed	15.2	60.1	6.2
Not in the labour force	7.7	30.3	11.1
All people	25.3	100.0	–
Other Indigenous people (c)			
Labour force participation(d)	136.7	61.9	1.9
Unemployed(d)	17.4	7.9	7.8
Employed			
CDEP(d)	26.8	12.1	6.5
Other(d)	92.5	41.9	3.3
Total employed	119.3	54.0	2.3
Not in the labour force	84.1	38.1	3.1
All people	220.8	100.0	–

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Table 12A.1.4 **Employment status of Indigenous people aged 18 to 64 years, 2004-05 and 2008 (a)**

	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Proportion</i>	<i>RSE</i>
	'000	%	%
All Indigenous people			
Labour force participation(d)	154.3	62.7	1.8
Unemployed(d)	19.8	8.1	7.3
Employed			
CDEP(d)	29.4	11.9	6.0
Other(d)	105.1	42.7	3.1
Total employed	134.5	54.7	2.3
Not in the labour force	91.7	37.3	3.1
All people	246.1	100.0	–
2008			
Torres Strait Islander people (b)			
Queensland			
Labour force participation	13.3	77.7	5.0
Unemployed	1.6	9.6	27.5
Employed			
CDEP	1.4	7.9	51.1
Other	10.3	60.1	9.3
Total employed	11.6	68.1	7.1
Not in the labour force	3.8	22.3	17.2
All people	17.1	100.0	–
Balance of Australia			
Labour force participation	8.0	67.2	6.2
Unemployed	0.8	6.4	25.6
Employed			
CDEP	0.1	1.2	60.7
Other	7.1	59.6	7.3
Total employed	7.2	60.8	7.1
Not in the labour force	3.9	32.8	12.6
All people	11.8	100.0	–
Australia			
Labour force participation	21.2	73.4	3.8
Unemployed	2.4	8.3	20.0
Employed			
CDEP	1.5	5.2	46.6
Other	17.3	59.9	6.1
Total employed	18.8	65.1	5.0
Not in the labour force	7.7	26.6	10.4
All people	28.9	100.0	–

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Table 12A.1.4 **Employment status of Indigenous people aged 18 to 64 years, 2004-05 and 2008 (a)**

	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Proportion</i>	<i>RSE</i>
	'000	%	%
Other Indigenous people (c)			
Labour force participation(d)	162.0	65.8	1.5
Unemployed(d)	25.5	10.4	6.4
Employed			
CDEP(d)	15.1	6.1	8.6
Other(d)	121.4	49.3	2.7
Total employed	136.5	55.5	2.2
Not in the labour force	84.0	34.2	2.9
All people	246.0	100.0	–
All Indigenous people			
Labour force participation(d)	183.2	66.6	1.4
Unemployed(d)	27.9	10.2	6.2
Employed			
CDEP(d)	16.6	6.0	8.9
Other(d)	138.7	50.5	2.5
Total employed	155.3	56.5	2.1
Not in the labour force	91.7	33.4	2.8
All people	275.0	100.0	–

RSE Relative standard error.

- (a) Estimates with a RSE of 25 per cent to 50 per cent should be interpreted with caution. Estimates with a RSE greater than 50 per cent are considered too unreliable for general use.
- (b) Includes persons who identified as being of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.
- (c) Persons who identified as being of Aboriginal origin and not Torres Strait Islander origin.
- (d) Difference between 2004-05 and 2008 rate is statistically significant.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

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Table 12A.1.5

Table 12A.1.5 **Selected indicators for people aged 18 years or over, by Indigenous status, age standardised, 2004-05 and 2008 (a)**

	<i>Non-remote</i>		<i>Australia</i>	
	<i>Proportion</i>	<i>RSE</i>	<i>Proportion</i>	<i>RSE</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
2004-05				
Torres Strait Islander people (b)				
Health				
Has long-term health condition (c)	86.4	3.5	85.2	3.1
Employment status				
Labour force participation	52.0	8.8	55.9	6.2
Unemployed	6.1	27.1	7.3	20.3
Employed				
CDEP	3.0	61.1	8.7	22.0
Other	42.9	11.8	39.9	9.9
Total employed	46.0	11.3	48.6	7.9
All people	100.0	–	100.0	–
Other Indigenous people (d)				
Health				
Has long-term health condition (c)	89.3	1.4	86.0	1.3
Employment status				
Labour force participation(e)	52.9	2.8	52.4	2.3
Unemployed(e)	6.0	10.8	5.8	8.9
Employed				
CDEP(e)	3.8	14.7	10.1	7.2
Other(e)	43.1	3.8	36.6	3.7
Total employed	46.9	3.4	46.7	2.7
All people	100.0	–	100.0	–
All Indigenous people				
Health				
Has long-term health condition (c)	89.0	1.3	85.9	1.2
Employment status				
Labour force participation(e)	52.9	2.7	52.9	2.2
Unemployed(e)	6.0	10.2	5.9	8.3
Employed				
CDEP(e)	3.7	14.1	9.9	6.8
Other(e)	43.2	3.7	37.1	3.6
Total employed(e)	46.9	3.3	47.0	2.6
All people	100.0	–	100.0	–
Non-Indigenous people				
Health				
Has long-term health condition (c)	86.9	0.3	86.9	0.3
Employment status				

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Table 12A.1.5 **Selected indicators for people aged 18 years or over, by Indigenous status, age standardised, 2004-05 and 2008 (a)**

	<i>Non-remote</i>		<i>Australia</i>	
	<i>Proportion</i>	<i>RSE</i>	<i>Proportion</i>	<i>RSE</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Labour force participation(e)	68.2	0.5	68.3	0.5
Unemployed	2.6	5.5	2.6	5.6
Employed				
Total employed(e)	65.6	0.5	65.7	0.5
All people	100.0	–	100.0	–
2008				
Torres Strait Islander people (b)				
Health				
Has long-term health condition (c)	na	na	na	na
Employment status				
Labour force participation(g)	57.2	6.2	61.4	4.5
Unemployed(g)	6.5	28.5	6.1	22.1
Employed				
CDEP	1.0	78.7	4.3	52.4
Other	49.6	7.7	50.9	7.1
Total employed(g)	50.6	7.7	55.2	5.8
All people	100.0	–	100.0	–
Other Indigenous people (d)				
Health				
Has long-term health condition (c)	na	na	na	na
Employment status				
Labour force participation(e)	58.4	2.1	57.4	1.6
Unemployed(e)	8.0	8.7	7.7	7.0
Employed				
CDEP(e)	0.7	28.0	5.1	9.4
Other(e)	49.7	3.2	44.5	3.0
Total employed	50.4	3.1	49.7	2.4
All people	100.0	–	100.0	–
All Indigenous people				
Health				
Has long-term health condition (c)	na	na	na	na
Employment status				
Labour force participation(e)	58.3	2.0	57.8	1.5
Unemployed(e)	7.8	8.5	7.5	6.8
Employed				
CDEP(e)	0.7	27.6	5.0	9.8
Other(e)	49.8	3.1	45.2	2.7
Total employed(f)	50.5	3.0	50.3	2.3

Table 12A.1.5

Table 12A.1.5 **Selected indicators for people aged 18 years or over, by Indigenous status, age standardised, 2004-05 and 2008 (a)**

	<i>Non-remote</i>		<i>Australia</i>	
	<i>Proportion</i>	<i>RSE</i>	<i>Proportion</i>	<i>RSE</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
All people	100.0	–	100.0	–
Non-Indigenous people				
Health				
Has long-term health condition (c)	85.9	0.5	85.9	0.5
Employment status				
Labour force participation(e)(g)	70.2	0.7	70.2	0.7
Unemployed(g)	2.2	7.9	2.2	7.9
Employed				
Total employed(e)(g)	67.9	0.8	67.9	0.7
All people	100.0	–	100.0	–

RSE Relative standard error.

- (a) Estimates with a RSE of 25 per cent to 50 per cent should be interpreted with caution. Estimates with a RSE greater than 50 per cent are considered too unreliable for general use.
- (b) Includes people who identified as being of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.
- (c) Selected long term health conditions are based on International Classification of Diseases (ICD).
- (d) People who identified as being of Aboriginal origin and not Torres Strait Islander origin.
- (e) Difference between 2004-05 and 2008 rate is statistically significant for non-remote areas and Australia.
- (f) Difference between 2004-05 and 2008 rate is statistically significant for Australia.
- (g) Difference between 2008 Torres Strait Islander rate and non-Indigenous rate is statistically significant for both non-remote areas and Australia.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

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