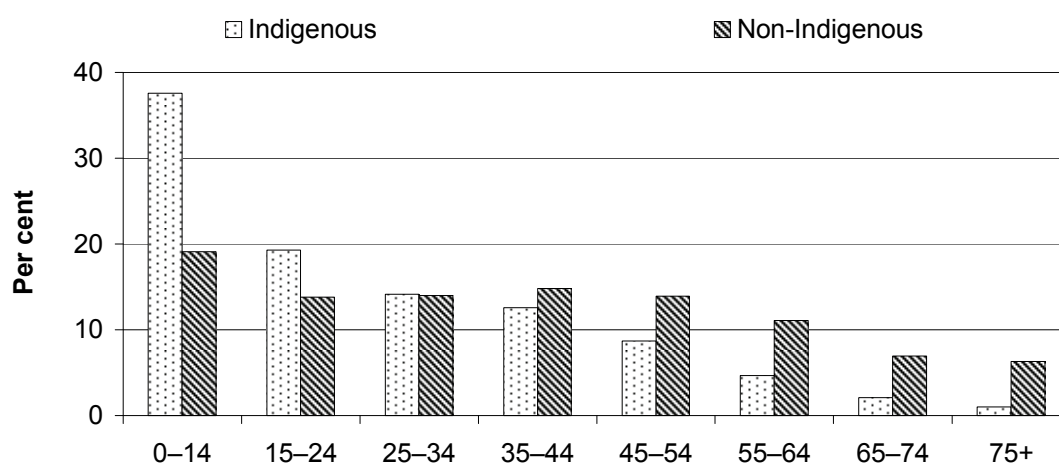

Appendix 3 Indigenous population and language use

This appendix provides contextual data on the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations to aid interpretation of data elsewhere in the report. It also includes data on language use by Indigenous people. Population estimates are based on the 2006 ABS Census of Population and Housing. Population projections (table A.3) for more recent years used for calculating rates and proportions elsewhere in this report are all based on the estimates for 2006. The next Census will be held in August 2011. This appendix also contains data on Indigenous language use from the ABS National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey 2008 (NATSISS 2008).

Indigenous population

Figure A3.1 Proportion of the population in each age category, 2006



Source: ABS 2008, *Experimental Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, June 2006*, Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001; table A.1.

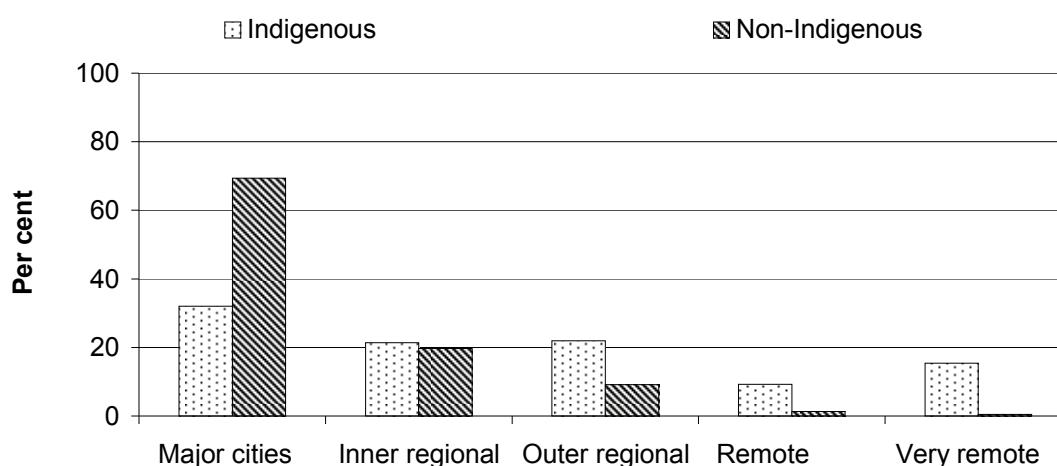
According to experimental estimates of the Australian population in 2006:

- the Indigenous population had a significantly different age structure to the non-Indigenous population. The Indigenous population tended to be younger,

with 37.6 per cent of the Indigenous population being aged 14 years or under, compared to 19.1 per cent for the non-Indigenous population (figure A3.1)

- the proportion of the Indigenous population over the age of 75 years was 1.0 per cent, compared to 6.3 per cent for the non-Indigenous population (figure A3.1)
- the difference in age structure of these populations was also reflected in their median ages. The median age of the Indigenous population was 21.0 years, compared with a median age of 37.0 years for the non-Indigenous population (table A.1).

Figure A3.2 Proportion of the population in each remoteness area, 2006

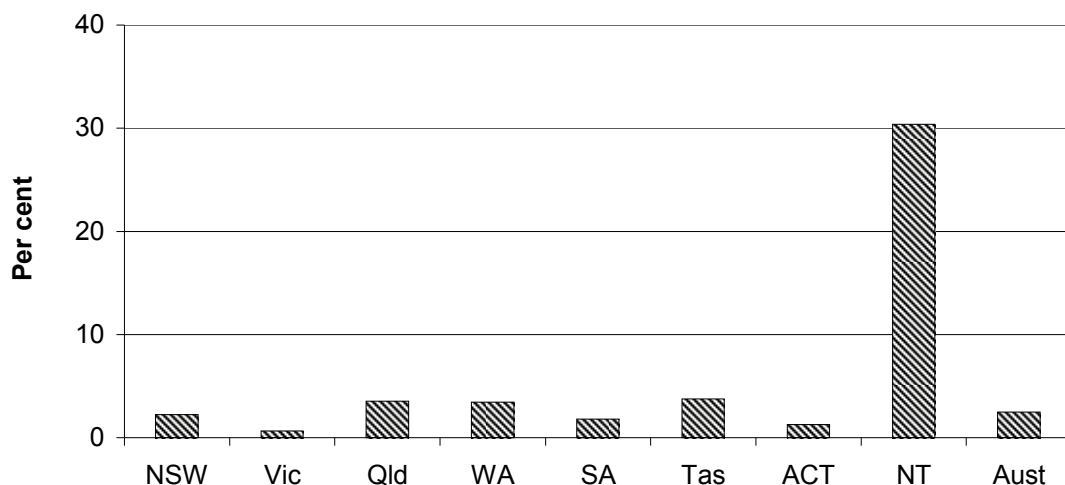


Source: ABS 2008, *Experimental Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, June 2006*, Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001; table A.2.

In 2006:

- the two populations also differed in their geographic distribution. Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people lived predominantly in major cities and regional areas (figure A3.2)
- however, a much higher proportion of the Indigenous population lived in remote and very remote areas: 24.6 per cent, compared to 1.8 per cent for non-Indigenous people (figure A3.2).

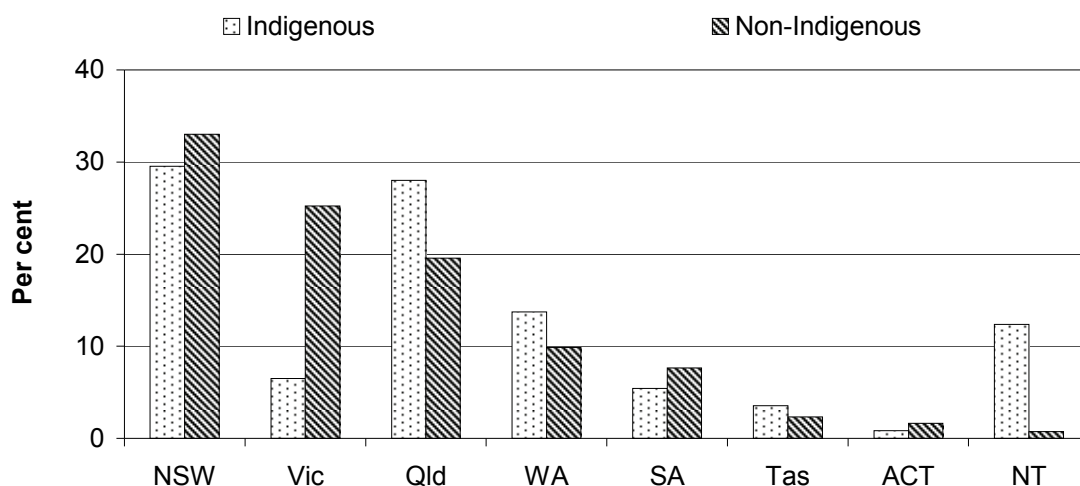
Figure A3.3 Proportion of each State and Territory population who were Indigenous, 2006



Source: ABS 2008, *Experimental Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, June 2006*, Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001; table A.2.

- In 2006, the proportion of the population who were Indigenous differed across jurisdictions. The NT had the highest proportion of the population who were Indigenous (30.4 per cent) and Victoria had the lowest (0.7 per cent) (figure A3.3).

Figure A3.4 Proportion of the total Indigenous/non-Indigenous population in each State and Territory, 2006



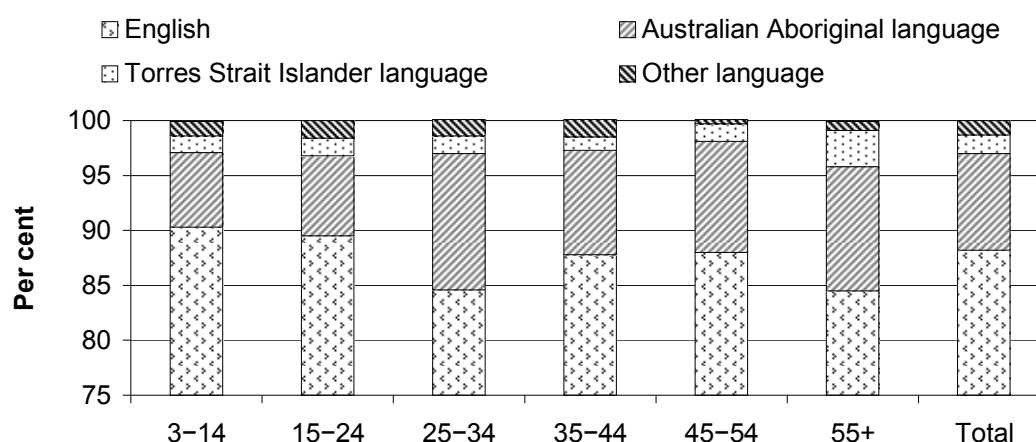
Source: ABS 2008, *Experimental Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, June 2006*, Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001; table A.2.

In 2006, a higher proportion of the Indigenous population lived in NSW than other states (29.5 per cent). Other jurisdictions with relatively large Indigenous populations were Queensland, WA and the NT (figure A3.4).

Use of Indigenous languages

Information about the use of Indigenous languages is relevant to many areas of the report. Language plays an important role in the continuation of culture and promotion of resilient communities. It is estimated that around 250 languages were used by Indigenous Australians prior to European settlement, but today less than 20 are considered strong (Purdie 2010). A lack of proficiency in English can also create barriers for Indigenous people in education, employment and in access to services (section 11.3).

Figure A3.5 **Main language spoken at home by Indigenous people, by age, 2008^{a, b}**



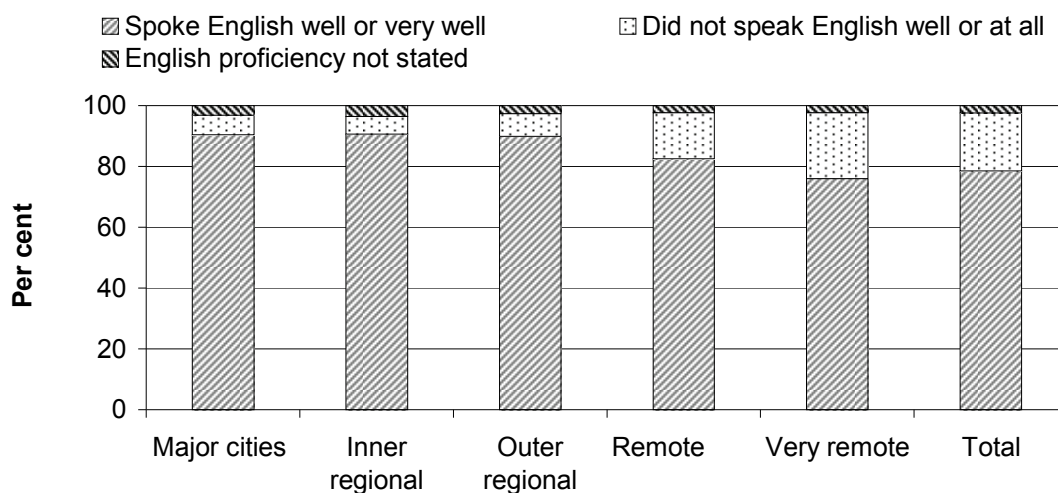
^a Indigenous children age 3–5 years who cannot yet speak are excluded from the analysis. ^b Percentages have been rounded. Although the percentages are correct they may not add to 100 per cent.

Source: ABS (unpublished) NATSISS 2008; table A.4.

In 2008:

- 88.2 per cent of the Indigenous population spoke English as a main language at home. This proportion was similar across all age groups (figure A3.5)
- 8.8 per cent of the Indigenous population spoke an Australian Aboriginal language as a main language at home (figure A3.5).

Figure A3.7 Indigenous people who spoke an Indigenous language at home, by remoteness area and proficiency in English, 2006



Source: ABS 2008, *Population Characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, Australia, 2006*, Cat. no. 4713.0.55.001; table A.6.

Data published in the 2009 OID report showed that, in 2006:

- The majority of the Indigenous population who spoke an Indigenous language at home also spoke English well or very well (78.6 per cent) (figure A3.7).
- People aged 0–24 years represented a significant proportion (69.5 per cent) of all people who spoke an Indigenous language at home, but who did not speak English well or at all (table A.6).

Table A3.1 Learning an Indigenous language, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by remoteness, 2008 (per cent)^{a, b}

	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote
Parent	35.5	23.9	31.4	35.5	37.7
Other relative	28.9	26.4	39.1	37.4	57.3
Person from the community	20.6	24.9	18.5	11.1	23.9
Learning institution	29.7	37.5	26.1	41.0	22.6
Other	9.9	7.6	4.7	6.4	5.2

^a People whose main language spoken at home was an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language were not asked whether they were learning an Indigenous language. ^b Components may not add to total as people may have provided more than one response.

Source: ABS (unpublished) NATSISS 2008; table A.7.

In 2008:

- 50 900 Indigenous people were learning an Indigenous language (table A.7)

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- the proportion of those learning an Indigenous language from a parent was similar across remoteness areas (table A3.1).

Attachment tables

Attachment tables are identified in references throughout this appendix by an ‘A’ prefix (for example, table A.2 is table 2 in the attachment tables for this appendix). The files containing the attachment tables can be found on the Review web page (www.pc.gov.au/gsp). Users without access to the Internet can contact the Secretariat directly.

Appendix 3 Indigenous population and language use — 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 A.1
Estimated resident population, by age and Indigenous status, 2006

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (a)	ACT (b)	NT	Aust (c)
Indigenous males										
0-4 years	no.	9 853	2 023	9 577	4 261	1 703	1 117	224	3 982	32 753
5-9 years	no.	9 965	2 074	9 535	4 680	1 777	1 154	265	3 874	33 335
10-14 years	no.	10 173	2 137	9 621	4 431	1 716	1 199	294	3 673	33 254
15-19 years	no.	8 589	1 753	7 786	3 828	1 563	1 184	241	3 374	28 329
20-24 years	no.	6 500	1 513	6 184	3 170	1 269	786	235	2 994	22 657
25-29 years	no.	4 872	1 170	5 163	2 791	947	574	170	2 546	18 246
30-34 years	no.	4 810	1 092	5 027	2 669	988	500	166	2 478	17 737
35-39 years	no.	4 674	1 079	4 661	2 382	894	564	140	2 223	16 624
40-44 years	no.	4 190	959	4 002	2 086	806	491	124	1 854	14 517
45-49 years	no.	3 652	779	3 195	1 745	641	463	85	1 491	12 062
50-54 years	no.	2 969	667	2 516	1 322	535	398	98	1 104	9 616
55-59 years	no.	2 215	489	1 847	906	341	304	51	711	6 869
60-64 years	no.	1 545	312	1 156	578	235	206	28	508	4 574
65-69 years	no.	991	227	691	403	152	106	15	311	2 901
70-74 years	no.	659	123	481	235	93	85	6	178	1 861
75-79 years	no.	330	92	275	144	67	np	np	107	1 059
80-84 years	no.	149	42	140	77	34	np	np	60	523
85 years and over	no.	93	50	93	67	29	np	np	46	392
Total		76 229	16 581	71 950	35 775	13 790	9 204	2 147	31 514	257 309
Median age		19.7	20.9	19.6	21.1	20.5	19.8	20.8	21.3	20.2
Non-Indigenous males										
0-4 years	no.	214 133	160 149	128 320	62 862	44 279	14 455	10 367	5 061	639 681
5-9 years	no.	215 966	163 100	131 855	65 502	46 894	15 275	10 061	4 969	653 717
10-14 years	no.	223 343	170 548	139 314	69 834	50 465	16 439	10 647	4 986	685 661
15-19 years	no.	225 898	176 711	137 278	72 143	52 338	16 263	12 410	4 746	697 843
20-24 years	no.	232 788	185 509	143 276	74 297	54 049	14 857	15 017	5 786	725 670
25-29 years	no.	228 922	178 288	133 059	67 833	48 409	12 879	13 438	6 321	689 224

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	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (a)	ACT (b)	NT	Aust (c)
30–34 years	no.	241 762	185 489	140 998	71 265	50 553	14 202	12 937	6 699	723 977
35–39 years	no.	239 765	191 061	144 098	76 139	55 022	15 813	12 513	6 792	741 295
40–44 years	no.	245 856	186 766	144 972	76 558	56 592	16 868	11 969	6 745	746 447
45–49 years	no.	238 398	180 206	141 644	74 642	56 613	17 629	11 658	6 420	727 302
50–54 years	no.	216 952	164 297	131 341	69 219	52 417	16 734	10 794	5 887	667 740
55–59 years	no.	204 327	151 747	126 349	64 539	50 008	16 201	10 090	5 401	628 774
60–64 years	no.	161 986	119 326	99 722	48 071	38 940	12 976	6 992	3 527	491 602
65–69 years	no.	127 616	94 910	75 733	36 894	30 732	10 280	4 849	2 178	383 234
70–74 years	no.	102 518	76 265	56 878	27 905	25 443	8 019	3 570	1 086	301 705
75–79 years	no.	86 256	64 710	45 570	22 525	22 473	np	np	743	251 619
80–84 years	no.	57 155	42 676	29 753	14 281	15 256	np	np	312	165 650
85 years and over	no.	35 630	26 729	19 181	8 761	9 780	np	np	142	103 983
Total		3 299 271	2 518 487	1 969 341	1 003 270	760 263	232 352	163 156	77 801	10 025 124
Median age		36.3	36.0	36.0	36.1	38.0	38.7	33.8	35.2	36.3
Indigenous females										
0–4 years	no.	9 252	2 057	9 403	4 200	1 626	1 049	284	3 792	31 673
5–9 years	no.	9 402	2 152	9 260	4 300	1 716	1 054	259	3 645	31 801
10–14 years	no.	9 712	2 013	9 000	4 108	1 710	1 188	229	3 466	31 433
15–19 years	no.	7 809	1 784	7 360	3 639	1 559	1 026	220	3 207	26 614
20–24 years	no.	6 123	1 414	6 117	3 070	1 264	837	202	3 083	22 122
25–29 years	no.	5 003	1 199	5 201	2 646	1 037	594	167	2 763	18 620
30–34 years	no.	5 241	1 146	5 256	2 504	1 008	588	156	2 638	18 546
35–39 years	no.	5 247	1 134	5 049	2 515	977	644	180	2 382	18 136
40–44 years	no.	4 803	990	4 312	2 107	886	589	133	1 911	15 734
45–49 years	no.	3 980	804	3 442	1 794	724	528	113	1 617	13 011
50–54 years	no.	3 091	654	2 777	1 413	538	344	82	1 292	10 196
55–59 years	no.	2 385	517	2 061	1 000	382	289	46	865	7 554
60–64 years	no.	1 567	356	1 363	674	283	164	29	673	5 115

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	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (a)	ACT (b)	NT	Aust (c)
65–69 years	no.	1 128	260	944	457	204	132	15	435	3 576
70–74 years	no.	777	157	595	318	146	76	9	351	2 430
75–79 years	no.	503	142	384	204	106	np	np	175	1 575
80–84 years	no.	230	87	229	124	50	np	np	109	871
85 years and over	no.	203	70	182	118	49	np	np	87	727
Total		76 456	16 936	72 935	35 191	14 265	9 211	2 135	32 491	259 734
Median age		21.6	21.6	21.1	22.1	22.0	21.5	21.5	23.3	21.8
Non-Indigenous females										
0–4 years	no.	202 943	152 342	121 125	58 984	42 270	13 542	9 833	4 854	605 975
5–9 years	no.	206 040	154 103	125 388	61 508	45 170	14 550	9 936	4 574	621 356
10–14 years	no.	212 417	161 653	132 284	64 986	47 961	15 443	10 324	4 650	649 806
15–19 years	no.	215 377	167 930	131 098	67 310	49 325	15 471	11 654	4 205	662 419
20–24 years	no.	226 737	180 197	139 501	68 947	51 857	14 640	14 271	5 199	701 409
25–29 years	no.	227 919	175 286	130 651	64 694	46 391	13 241	13 501	6 099	677 840
30–34 years	no.	245 486	188 621	141 888	69 595	49 801	14 855	12 960	6 272	729 544
35–39 years	no.	243 850	195 511	146 117	73 799	54 282	16 410	12 548	6 184	748 801
40–44 years	no.	247 743	190 905	148 790	75 645	56 978	17 333	12 489	5 879	755 856
45–49 years	no.	243 213	184 566	144 721	74 220	57 772	18 217	12 502	5 760	741 055
50–54 years	no.	220 000	167 254	131 415	68 451	53 816	17 041	11 529	5 162	674 751
55–59 years	no.	203 978	156 327	123 834	61 677	51 567	16 338	10 439	4 098	628 297
60–64 years	no.	162 054	120 838	96 603	45 459	40 433	13 007	7 160	2 466	488 051
65–69 years	no.	132 112	98 919	73 959	36 551	33 009	10 540	5 164	1 433	391 708
70–74 years	no.	111 643	84 077	58 251	29 444	28 055	8 610	3 988	756	324 834
75–79 years	no.	103 800	77 515	52 346	25 690	27 287	np	np	606	298 296
80–84 years	no.	83 466	62 125	41 035	19 659	22 830	np	np	363	238 704
85 years and over	no.	75 353	56 367	37 676	18 526	20 766	np	np	261	217 011
Total		3 364 131	2 574 536	1 976 682	985 145	779 570	239 184	166 681	68 821	10 155 713
Median age		37.9	37.7	37.2	37.4	40.2	40.5	35.3	33.9	37.8

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Table A.1 Estimated resident population, by age and Indigenous status, 2006

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (a)	ACT (b)	NT	Aust (c)
Indigenous persons										
0-4 years	no.	19 105	4 080	18 980	8 461	3 329	2 166	508	7 774	64 426
5-9 years	no.	19 367	4 226	18 795	8 980	3 493	2 208	524	7 519	65 136
10-14 years	no.	19 885	4 150	18 621	8 539	3 426	2 387	523	7 139	64 687
15-19 years	no.	16 398	3 537	15 146	7 467	3 122	2 210	461	6 581	54 943
20-24 years	no.	12 623	2 927	12 301	6 240	2 533	1 623	437	6 077	44 779
25-29 years	no.	9 875	2 369	10 364	5 437	1 984	1 168	337	5 309	36 866
30-34 years	no.	10 051	2 238	10 283	5 173	1 996	1 088	322	5 116	36 283
35-39 years	no.	9 921	2 213	9 710	4 897	1 871	1 208	320	4 605	34 760
40-44 years	no.	8 993	1 949	8 314	4 193	1 692	1 080	257	3 765	30 251
45-49 years	no.	7 632	1 583	6 637	3 539	1 365	991	198	3 108	25 073
50-54 years	no.	6 060	1 321	5 293	2 735	1 073	742	180	2 396	19 812
55-59 years	no.	4 600	1 006	3 908	1 906	723	593	97	1 576	14 423
60-64 years	no.	3 112	668	2 519	1 252	518	370	57	1 181	9 689
65-69 years	no.	2 119	487	1 635	860	356	238	30	746	6 477
70-74 years	no.	1 436	280	1 076	553	239	161	15	529	4 291
75-79 years	no.	833	234	659	348	173	96	8	282	2 634
80-84 years	no.	379	129	369	201	84	58	5	169	1 394
85 years and over	no.	296	120	275	185	78	28	3	133	1 119
Total		152 685	33 517	144 885	70 966	28 055	18 415	4 282	64 005	517 043
Median age		20.6	21.2	20.4	21.5	21.2	20.6	21.1	22.3	21.0
Non-Indigenous persons										
0-4 years	no.	417 076	312 491	249 445	121 846	86 549	27 997	20 200	9 915	1 245 656
5-9 years	no.	422 006	317 203	257 243	127 010	92 064	29 825	19 997	9 543	1 275 073
10-14 years	no.	435 760	332 201	271 598	134 820	98 426	31 882	20 971	9 636	1 335 467
15-19 years	no.	441 275	344 641	268 376	139 453	101 663	31 734	24 064	8 951	1 360 262
20-24 years	no.	459 525	365 706	282 777	143 244	105 906	29 497	29 288	10 985	1 427 079
25-29 years	no.	456 841	353 574	263 710	132 527	94 800	26 120	26 939	12 420	1 367 064

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	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (a)	ACT (b)	NT	Aust (c)
30–34 years	no.	487 248	374 110	282 886	140 860	100 354	29 057	25 897	12 971	1 453 521
35–39 years	no.	483 615	386 572	290 215	149 938	109 304	32 223	25 061	12 976	1 490 096
40–44 years	no.	493 599	377 671	293 762	152 203	113 570	34 201	24 458	12 624	1 502 303
45–49 years	no.	481 611	364 772	286 365	148 862	114 385	35 846	24 160	12 180	1 468 357
50–54 years	no.	436 952	331 551	262 756	137 670	106 233	33 775	22 323	11 049	1 342 491
55–59 years	no.	408 305	308 074	250 183	126 216	101 575	32 539	20 529	9 499	1 257 071
60–64 years	no.	324 040	240 164	196 325	93 530	79 373	25 983	14 152	5 993	979 653
65–69 years	no.	259 728	193 829	149 692	73 445	63 741	20 820	10 013	3 611	774 942
70–74 years	no.	214 161	160 342	115 129	57 349	53 498	16 629	7 558	1 842	626 539
75–79 years	no.	190 056	142 225	97 916	48 215	49 760	14 250	6 133	1 349	549 915
80–84 years	no.	140 621	104 801	70 788	33 940	38 086	10 714	4 725	675	404 354
85 years and over	no.	110 983	83 096	56 857	27 287	30 546	8 444	3 369	403	320 994
Total		6 663 402	5 093 023	3 946 023	1 988 415	1 539 833	471 536	329 837	146 622	20 180 837
Median age		37.1	36.8	36.6	36.8	39.1	39.6	34.5	34.6	37.0
Indigenous persons										
0–4 years	%	12.5	12.2	13.1	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.9	12.1	12.5
5–9 years	%	12.7	12.6	13.0	12.7	12.5	12.0	12.2	11.7	12.6
10–14 years	%	13.0	12.4	12.9	12.0	12.2	13.0	12.2	11.2	12.5
15–19 years	%	10.7	10.6	10.5	10.5	11.1	12.0	10.8	10.3	10.6
20–24 years	%	8.3	8.7	8.5	8.8	9.0	8.8	10.2	9.5	8.7
25–29 years	%	6.5	7.1	7.2	7.7	7.1	6.3	7.9	8.3	7.1
30–34 years	%	6.6	6.7	7.1	7.3	7.1	5.9	7.5	8.0	7.0
35–39 years	%	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.9	6.7	6.6	7.5	7.2	6.7
40–44 years	%	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.9
45–49 years	%	5.0	4.7	4.6	5.0	4.9	5.4	4.6	4.9	4.8
50–54 years	%	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.8
55–59 years	%	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.6	3.2	2.3	2.5	2.8

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	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (a)	ACT (b)	NT	Aust (c)
60-64 years	%	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.3	1.8	1.9
65-69 years	%	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.7	1.2	1.3
70-74 years	%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.8
75-79 years	%	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.5
80-84 years	%	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3
85 years and over	%	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous persons										
0-4 years	%	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.1	5.6	5.9	6.1	6.8	6.2
5-9 years	%	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.4	6.0	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.3
10-14 years	%	6.5	6.5	6.9	6.8	6.4	6.8	6.4	6.6	6.6
15-19 years	%	6.6	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.6	6.7	7.3	6.1	6.7
20-24 years	%	6.9	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.3	8.9	7.5	7.1
25-29 years	%	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.2	5.5	8.2	8.5	6.8
30-34 years	%	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.1	6.5	6.2	7.9	8.8	7.2
35-39 years	%	7.3	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.1	6.8	7.6	8.8	7.4
40-44 years	%	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.7	7.4	7.3	7.4	8.6	7.4
45-49 years	%	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.4	7.6	7.3	8.3	7.3
50-54 years	%	6.6	6.5	6.7	6.9	6.9	7.2	6.8	7.5	6.7
55-59 years	%	6.1	6.0	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.9	6.2	6.5	6.2
60-64 years	%	4.9	4.7	5.0	4.7	5.2	5.5	4.3	4.1	4.9
65-69 years	%	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.4	3.0	2.5	3.8
70-74 years	%	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.5	3.5	2.3	1.3	3.1
75-79 years	%	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.4	3.2	3.0	1.9	0.9	2.7
80-84 years	%	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.4	0.5	2.0
85 years and over	%	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.4	2.0	1.8	1.0	0.3	1.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table A.1

Table A.1 Estimated resident population, by age and Indigenous status, 2006

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (a)	ACT (b)	NT	Aust (c)
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(a) For Tasmania in the age group 75 years and over, the number of Indigenous males is 73 and the number of Indigenous females is 109. The number of non-Indigenous males is 13 462 and the number of non-Indigenous females is 19 946.

(b) For the Australian Capital Territory age group 75 years and over, the number of Indigenous males is 5 and the number of Indigenous females is 11. The number of non-Indigenous males is 5844 and the number of non-Indigenous females is 8383.

(c) Includes other territories.

np Not published.

Source: ABS 2008, *Experimental Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, June 2006*, Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001.

Table A.2 ^{Table A.2} **Estimated resident population, by remoteness areas and Indigenous status, 2006 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>
New South Wales				
Major cities	no.	66 068	4 880 279	4 946 347
Inner regional	no.	50 705	1 335 860	1 386 565
Outer regional	no.	28 046	417 053	445 099
Remote	no.	6 616	26 913	33 529
Very remote	no.	1 250	3 297	4 547
Total	no.	152 685	6 663 402	6 816 087
Share of NSW population	%	2.2	97.8	100.0
Share of national population	%	29.5	33.0	32.9
Victoria (b)				
Major Cities	no.	16 629	3 817 614	3 834 243
Inner Regional	no.	11 694	1 025 458	1 037 152
Balance of Vic.	no.	5 194	249 951	255 145
Total	no.	33 517	5 093 023	5 126 540
Share of Victorian population	%	0.7	99.3	100.0
Share of national population	%	6.5	25.2	24.8
Queensland				
Major cities	no.	40 685	2 397 669	2 438 354
Inner regional	no.	29 831	867 217	897 048
Outer regional	no.	42 160	578 960	621 120
Remote	no.	12 410	72 236	84 646
Very remote	no.	19 799	29 941	49 740
Total	no.	144 885	3 946 023	4 090 908
Share of Queensland population	%	3.5	96.5	100.0
Share of national population	%	28.0	19.6	19.8
Western Australia				
Major cities	no.	24 429	1 446 074	1 470 503
Inner regional	no.	5 711	252 859	258 570
Outer regional	no.	10 601	180 956	191 557
Remote	no.	12 159	80 589	92 748
Very remote	no.	18 066	27 937	46 003
Total	no.	70 966	1 988 415	2 059 381
Share of WA population	%	3.4	96.6	100.0
Share of national population	%	13.7	9.9	9.9
South Australia				
Major cities	no.	13 714	1 125 484	1 139 198
Inner regional	no.	2 568	186 193	188 761
Outer regional	no.	6 534	174 263	180 797
Remote	no.	1 200	44 039	45 239
Very remote	no.	4 039	9 854	13 893
Total	no.	28 055	1 539 833	1 567 888
Share of SA population	%	1.8	98.2	100.0

Table A.2 ^{Table A.2} **Estimated resident population, by remoteness areas and Indigenous status, 2006 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>
Share of national population	%	5.4	7.6	7.6
Tasmania (c)				
Inner regional	no.	9 918	306 887	316 805
Balance of Tas.	no.	8 497	164 649	173 146
Total	no.	18 415	471 536	489 951
Share of Tasmanian population	%	3.8	96.2	100.0
Share of national population	%	3.6	2.3	2.4
Australian Capital Territory (d)				
Total	no.	4 282	329 837	334 119
Share of ACT population	%	1.3	98.7	100.0
Share of national population	%	0.8	1.6	1.6
Northern Territory (e)				
Outer regional	no.	12 951	102 434	115 385
Remote	no.	14 985	31 562	46 547
Very remote	no.	36 069	12 626	48 695
Total	no.	64 005	146 622	210 627
Share of NT population	%	30.4	69.6	100.0
Share of national population	%	12.4	0.7	1.0
Australia (f)				
Major cities	no.	165 804	13 996 450	14 162 254
Inner regional	no.	110 643	3 975 154	4 085 797
Outer regional	no.	113 280	1 854 026	1 967 306
Remote	no.	47 852	267 199	315 051
Very remote	no.	79 464	88 008	167 472
Total	no.	517 043	20 180 837	20 697 880
Share of Australian population	%	2.5	97.5	100.0
Share of Australian population	%	100.0	100.0	100.0
Australia				
Major Cities	%	32.1	69.4	68.4
Inner Regional	%	21.4	19.7	19.7
Outer Regional	%	21.9	9.2	9.5
Remote	%	9.3	1.3	1.5
Very Remote	%	15.4	0.4	0.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Some states and territories do not have all five remoteness classifications.

(b) For confidentiality purposes, the outer regional and remote areas of Victoria have been combined.

(c) There is no major cities area in Tasmania. For confidentiality purposes, the outer regional, remote and very remote area have been combined.

(d) For the ACT, major cities and the inner regional areas have been combined. The ACT does not have outer regional, remote or very remote areas.

(e) The NT does not have major cities or inner regional areas.

(f) Includes other territories.

Table A.2 ^{Table A.2} **Estimated resident population, by remoteness areas and Indigenous status, 2006 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>
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Source: ABS 2008, *Experimental Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, June 2006*, Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001.

Table A.3

Table A.3 Experimental projections of the Indigenous population, 2000 to 2009 (number) (a), (b), (c)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Female									
2000	69 992	14 827	63 013	31 002	12 649	8 094	1 793	28 811	226 608
2001	71 581	15 170	64 697	31 747	12 935	8 272	1 851	29 473	230 994
2002	73 192	15 501	66 364	32 479	13 205	8 443	1 908	30 121	235 214
2003	74 764	15 850	67 993	33 178	13 487	8 606	1 965	30 747	239 480
2004	76 456	16 186	69 540	33 831	13 748	8 777	2 025	31 330	243 796
2005	71 957	16 557	71 252	34 467	14 007	8 972	2 084	31 895	248 169
2006	76 456	16 936	72 935	35 191	14 265	9 211	2 135	32 491	259 734
2007	77 952	17 307	74 793	35 821	14 537	9 405	2 188	33 067	265 186
2008	79 498	17 693	76 713	36 471	14 821	9 608	2 242	33 650	270 815
2009	81 106	18 092	78 688	37 140	15 118	9 820	2 298	34 240	276 623
2010	82 773	18 503	80 727	37 833	15 427	10 043	2 356	34 835	282 620
2011	84 509	18 932	82 837	38 539	15 743	10 281	2 412	35 435	288 814
Male									
2000	69 540	14 460	62 189	31 773	12 213	8 067	1 881	27 866	223 260
2001	71 109	14 835	63 879	32 530	12 470	8 277	1 923	28 563	227 526
2002	72 783	15 229	65 477	33 227	12 746	8 471	1 957	29 204	231 711
2003	74 468	15 568	67 079	33 869	13 020	8 650	2 004	29 847	235 932
2004	76 229	15 896	68 693	34 456	13 270	8 821	2 045	30 422	240 196
2005	71 867	16 240	70 362	35 116	13 532	8 995	2 095	30 953	244 508
2006	76 229	16 581	71 950	35 775	13 790	9 204	2 147	31 514	257 309
2007	77 718	16 978	73 860	36 408	14 076	9 405	2 198	32 080	262 844
2008	79 266	17 391	75 815	37 066	14 368	9 614	2 249	32 654	268 546
2009	80 866	17 817	77 829	37 745	14 667	9 833	2 302	33 235	274 419
2010	82 533	18 258	79 905	38 438	14 976	10 063	2 355	33 826	280 481
2011	84 264	18 715	82 046	39 155	15 297	10 299	2 413	34 420	286 738
Persons									
2000	132 889	29 287	125 202	62 775	24 862	16 161	3 674	56 677	449 868
2001	136 254	30 005	128 576	64 277	25 405	16 549	3 774	58 036	458 520
2002	139 532	30 730	131 841	65 706	25 951	16 914	3 865	59 325	466 925
2003	142 690	31 418	135 072	67 047	26 507	17 256	3 969	60 594	475 412
2004	145 975	32 082	138 233	68 287	27 018	17 598	4 070	61 752	483 992
2005	149 232	32 797	141 614	69 583	27 539	17 967	4 179	62 848	492 677
2006	152 685	33 517	144 885	70 966	28 055	18 415	4 282	64 005	517 043
2007	155 670	34 285	148 653	72 229	28 613	18 810	4 386	65 147	528 030
2008	158 764	35 084	152 528	73 537	29 189	19 222	4 491	66 304	539 361
2009	161 972	35 909	156 517	74 885	29 785	19 653	4 600	67 475	551 042
2010	165 306	36 761	160 632	76 271	30 403	20 106	4 711	68 661	563 101
2011	168 773	37 647	164 883	77 694	31 040	20 580	4 825	69 855	575 552

(a) At 30 June.

(b) Total persons may not add as a result of rounding.

(c) Based on Series B.

Table A.3 Experimental projections of the Indigenous population, 2000 to 2009 (number) (a), (b), (c)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
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(d) Includes other territories.

Source: ABS (2009), *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders*, Cat. no. 3238.0.

Table A.4

Table A.4 Use of Indigenous languages, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by age, 2008

	Unit	3 to 14 years	15 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 years and over	Total
Proportion								
Main language spoken at home								
English	%	90.3	89.5	84.6	87.8	88.0	84.5	88.2
Australian Aboriginal language	%	6.8	7.3	12.4	9.5	10.1	11.3	8.8
Torres Strait Islander language	%	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.6	3.3	1.7
Other language	%	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.4	0.8	1.3
Doesn't speak yet (3 to 5 years old)	%	0.2	..	..	..	..	..	0.1
Speaks an Indigenous language								
Yes	%	12.9	13.1	23.1	22.1	19.1	23.0	17.2
Yes, some words only	%	20.6	19.1	20.6	24.0	24.7	19.5	21.0
No	%	66.3	67.8	56.3	53.9	56.1	57.5	61.7
Understands spoken Indigenous language								
Yes	%	13.8	14.8	25.4	24.8	21.1	24.8	18.9
Yes, some words only	%	27.3	30.5	33.0	38.8	35.2	33.5	31.7
No	%	58.7	54.7	41.5	36.4	43.8	41.6	49.4
Learning an Indigenous language (a)								
No	%	72.4	84.2	78.6	80.2	82.9	83.5	78.9
Yes	%	19.2	6.9	7.4	9.1	5.5	1.8	10.6
Learning Indigenous language from (b)								
Parent	%	7.7	2.4	1.2	2.3	np.	np.	3.5
Other relative (c)	%	6.9	3.2	3.5	3.2	1.3	0.5	4.0
Total relative	%	11.7	4.3	4.3	4.9	1.9	0.5	6.2
Community elder	%	1.7	1.1	1.5	2.0	0.9	0.5	1.4
Other person in the community (d)	%	0.9	1.1	0.6	1.4	1.4	0.4	1.0
Total person in the community	%	2.3	1.8	2.1	3.0	2.3	0.8	2.1

Table A.4

Table A.4 Use of Indigenous languages, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by age, 2008

	Unit	3 to 14 years	15 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 years and over	Total
School	%	7.9	1.2	0.2	np.	0.3	np.	2.9
Other learning institution (e)	%	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.3
Total learning institution		8.1	1.5	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.2	3.2
Other	%	0.4	0.3	1.7	1.3	1.1	0.4	0.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Estimate								
Main language spoken at home								
English	'000	138.4	92.9	59.1	56.0	41.3	36.0	423.8
Australian Aboriginal language	'000	10.4	7.6	8.7	6.1	4.7	4.8	42.2
Torres Strait Islander language	'000	2.2	1.7	1.1	0.7	0.7	1.4	7.9
Other language	'000	2.0	1.7	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.4	6.2
Doesn't speak yet (3 to 5 years old)	'000	0.4	..	..	..	..	..	0.4
Speaks an Indigenous language								
Yes	'000	19.8	13.6	16.1	14.1	9.0	9.8	82.4
Yes, some words only	'000	31.6	19.8	14.4	15.3	11.6	8.3	101.0
No	'000	101.7	70.4	39.4	34.4	26.3	24.5	296.7
Understands spoken Indigenous language								
Yes	'000	21.1	15.3	17.8	15.9	9.9	10.6	90.6
Yes, some words only	'000	41.8	31.7	23.1	24.8	16.5	14.3	152.1
No	'000	90.1	56.7	29.0	23.2	20.5	17.8	237.4
Learning an Indigenous language (a)								
No	'000	111.0	87.4	55.0	51.2	38.9	35.6	379.1
Yes	'000	29.4	7.1	5.2	5.8	2.6	0.8	50.9
Learning Indigenous language from (b)								
Parent	'000	11.7	2.5	0.8	1.4	np.	np.	16.8

Table A.4

Table A.4 Use of Indigenous languages, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by age, 2008

	Unit	3 to 14 years	15 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 years and over	Total
Other relative (c)	'000	10.5	3.3	2.4	2.1	0.6	0.2	19.1
Total relative	'000	17.9	4.4	3.0	3.1	0.9	0.2	29.6
Community elder	'000	2.5	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.4	0.2	6.6
Other person in the community (d)	'000	1.4	1.1	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.2	4.6
Total person in the community	'000	3.6	1.9	1.5	1.9	1.1	0.4	10.2
School	'000	12.2	1.2	0.1	np.	0.1	np.	13.9
Other learning institution (e)	'000	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.5
Total learning institution	'000	12.4	1.6	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.1	15.4
Other	'000	0.6	0.3	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.2	3.5
Total	'000	153.4	103.8	69.9	63.9	46.9	42.6	480.5
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Main language spoken at home								
English	%	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.3	2.1	0.7
Australian Aboriginal language	%	9.7	10.0	9.0	10.5	10.1	12.0	7.5
Torres Strait Islander language	%	22.3	23.8	27.5	22.1	37.0	41.6	14.2
Other language	%	31.4	37.1	38.6	41.7	58.5	43.8	31.4
Doesn't speak yet (3 to 5 years old)	%	44.2	..	..	..	..	..	44.2
Speaks an Indigenous language								
Yes	%	6.7	7.1	6.4	6.6	6.8	8.7	3.9
Yes, some words only	%	6.4	7.2	7.6	7.4	9.0	9.7	4.3
No	%	2.0	2.3	3.1	3.2	4.2	3.9	1.5
Understands spoken Indigenous language								
Yes	%	6.4	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.6	8.1	3.7
Yes, some words only	%	5.3	5.9	5.5	5.3	6.5	6.7	3.3
No	%	2.5	3.4	4.3	5.2	5.2	5.3	2.1

Table A.4

Table A.4 Use of Indigenous languages, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by age, 2008

	Unit	3 to 14 years	15 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 years and over	Total
Learning an Indigenous language (a)								
No	%	1.8	1.1	1.9	1.9	1.7	2.2	1.0
Yes	%	6.5	11.5	12.5	13.1	17.3	26.0	5.7
Learning Indigenous language from (b)								
Parent	%	10.3	19.3	24.1	27.4	np.	np.	9.4
Other relative (c)	%	10.5	18.3	16.8	27.2	30.5	41.3	10.0
Total relative	%	8.1	14.1	15.1	20.8	25.1	41.3	7.5
Community elder	%	20.0	25.0	37.2	30.2	53.0	56.8	15.5
Other person in the community (d)	%	26.8	24.1	28.0	27.1	36.0	71.6	15.1
Total person in the community	%	17.3	18.7	28.4	23.9	31.2	46.4	12.2
School	%	10.6	32.1	46.0	np.	46.6	np.	10.3
Other learning institution (e)	%	65.3	49.2	54.2	48.2	64.9	61.6	23.7
Total learning institution	%	10.4	27.8	37.2	38.3	40.6	61.6	9.4
Other	%	46.3	38.0	31.2	39.3	32.2	46.7	16.5
Total	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) People whose main language spoken at home was an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language were not asked whether they were learning an Indigenous language.

(b) Components may not add to total as people may have provided more than one response.

(c) Includes brother; sister; partner; wife; husband; other relative.

(d) Includes neighbour; friend; other community member; volunteer organisation; community group.

(e) Includes TAFE; university; adult learning centre; library.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: ABS (unpublished) *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey 2008*, Cat. no. 4714.0.

Table A.5

Table A.5 Use of Indigenous languages, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by State/Territory, 2008

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Proportion										
Main language spoken at home										
English	%	99.6	99.1	89.7	89.1	91.5	100.0	98.2	44.8	88.2
Australian Aboriginal language	%	0.2	0.4	3.4	8.8	8.3	np	np	49.9	8.8
Torres Strait Islander language	%	np	np	5.7	np	np	np	np	np	1.7
Other language	%	np	0.3	1.3	1.9	np	np	np	5.1	1.3
Doesn't speak yet (3 to 5 years old)	%	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	0.1
Speaks an Indigenous language										
Yes	%	2.6	5.3	16.5	20.5	23.5	1.4	9.6	59.0	17.2
Yes, some words only	%	15.0	20.5	21.1	33.5	40.1	10.1	19.9	16.9	21.0
No	%	82.2	74.2	62.4	45.9	36.4	88.5	70.5	24.1	61.7
Understands spoken Indigenous language										
Yes	%	4.0	6.1	18.0	23.5	24.3	1.8	11.4	61.6	18.9
Yes, some words only	%	27.8	32.7	30.1	46.1	48.9	17.3	36.5	24.5	31.7
No	%	68.0	61.1	51.9	30.3	26.7	80.9	52.0	13.8	49.4
Learning an Indigenous language (a)										
No	%	91.2	91.1	82.4	71.6	76.7	96.5	89.5	37.5	78.9
Yes	%	8.4	8.4	8.5	19.4	14.8	3.5	10.5	12.4	10.6
Learning Indigenous language from (b)										
Parent	%	1.4	2.5	4.1	6.6	4.3	0.2	3.4	4.9	3.5
Other relative (c)	%	1.3	2.2	4.0	9.5	5.6	0.3	2.6	5.8	4.0
Person from the community (d)	%	1.2	3.2	1.7	3.9	2.2	1.9	3.4	2.9	2.1
Learning institution (e)	%	4.2	1.8	1.2	5.4	5.5	0.9	1.7	3.6	3.2
Other	%	0.8	1.1	0.5	1.1	0.7	0.4	1.6	0.5	0.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table A.5

Table A.5 Use of Indigenous languages, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by State/Territory, 2008

Estimate	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Main language spoken at home										
English	'000	141.4	31.6	121.9	57.1	23.8	17.6	4.0	26.4	423.8
Australian Aboriginal language	'000	0.2	0.1	4.6	5.7	2.2	np	np	29.4	42.2
Torres Strait Islander language	'000	np	np	7.8	np	np	np	np	np	7.9
Other language	'000	np	0.1	1.7	1.2	np	np	np	3.0	6.2
Doesn't speak yet (3 to 5 years old)	'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	0.4
Speaks an Indigenous language										
Yes	'000	3.7	1.7	22.4	13.1	6.1	0.2	0.4	34.8	82.4
Yes, some words only	'000	21.3	6.5	28.7	21.5	10.4	1.8	0.8	9.9	101.0
No	'000	116.7	23.6	84.8	29.4	9.5	15.6	2.8	14.2	296.7
Understands spoken Indigenous language										
Yes	'000	5.6	2.0	24.5	15.1	6.3	0.3	0.5	36.4	90.6
Yes, some words only	'000	39.5	10.4	41.0	29.5	12.8	3.0	1.5	14.5	152.1
No	'000	96.6	19.4	70.5	19.4	7.0	14.3	2.1	8.1	237.4
Learning an Indigenous language (a)										
No	'000	129.5	29.0	112.0	45.9	20.0	17.0	3.6	22.1	379.1
Yes	'000	12.0	2.7	11.6	12.4	3.9	0.6	0.4	7.3	50.9
Learning Indigenous language from (b)										
Parent	'000	2.0	0.8	5.6	4.2	1.1	0.0	0.1	2.9	16.8
Other relative (c)	'000	1.8	0.7	5.5	6.1	1.5	0.1	0.1	3.4	19.1
Person from the community (d)	'000	1.7	1.0	2.3	2.5	0.6	0.3	0.1	1.7	10.2
Learning institution (e)	'000	5.9	0.6	1.7	3.5	1.4	0.2	0.1	2.1	15.4
Other	'000	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	3.5
Total	'000	141.9	31.8	135.9	64.1	26.1	17.6	4.0	59.0	480.5

Table A.5

Table A.5 Use of Indigenous languages, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by State/Territory, 2008

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
RSE %										
Main language spoken at home										
English	%	0.1	0.4	1.7	2.1	2	0	1.3	5.6	0.7
Australian Aboriginal language	%	53.7	69	42.8	18.6	21.5	np	np	7.3	7.5
Torres Strait Islander language	%	np	np	14.4	np	np	np	np	np	14.2
Other language	%	np	55.1	67.6	56.3	np	np	np	46.1	31.4
Doesn't speak yet (3 to 5 years old)	%	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	44.2
Speaks an Indigenous language										
Yes	%	21.1	14.2	10.9	10.0	10.1	36.5	22.3	5.3	3.9
Yes, some words only	%	10.0	6.7	10.9	6.8	6.0	18.0	15.8	12.4	4.3
No	%	1.9	2.0	3.8	5.6	7.5	2.2	4.6	9.7	1.5
Understands spoken Indigenous language										
Yes	%	17.1	13.3	9.7	9.4	9.6	28.6	21.2	5.0	3.7
Yes, some words only	%	6.2	5.2	9.7	4.6	4.5	12.4	9.9	10.0	3.3
No	%	2.6	2.8	5.3	6.6	7.9	2.7	6.8	12.8	2.1
Learning an Indigenous language(a)										
No	%	1.4	1.1	2.1	3.1	2.9	1.1	2.4	7.6	1.0
Yes	%	15.3	11.3	16.3	7.3	11.8	31.6	20.6	13.8	5.7
Learning Indigenous language from(b)										
Parent	%	32.3	22.7	20.9	13.8	26.1	77.8	31.7	17.2	9.4
Other relative (c)	%	32.1	21.1	26.9	12.2	19.0	54.6	51.0	20.1	10.0
Person from the community (d)	%	43.4	21.0	29.7	16.5	31.4	32.6	33.6	26.5	12.2
Learning institution (e)	%	19.5	20.8	32.2	16.4	15.1	61.7	50.4	23.1	9.4
Other	%	39.4	23.6	49.2	22.8	32.9	74.0	46.6	32.3	16.5

Table A.5

Table A.5 Use of Indigenous languages, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by State/Territory, 2008

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Total	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) People whose main language spoken at home was an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language were not asked whether they were learning an Indigenous language.

(b) Components may not add to total as people may have provided more than one response.

(c) Includes brother; sister; partner; husband; wife; and other relative.

(d) Includes community elder; neighbour; friend; other community member; volunteer organisation; and community group.

(e) Includes school; TAFE; university; adult learning centre; community centre; and library.

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Table A.6

Table A.6 Use of Indigenous languages, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by remoteness areas, 2008

	Unit	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Total non-remote	Remote	Very remote	Total remote	Aust
Proportion									
Main language spoken at home									
English	%	99.3	99.4	96.7	98.5	80.9	41.5	56.4	88.2
Australian Aboriginal language	%	0.4	0.4	1.4	0.7	17.1	43.8	33.7	8.8
Torres Strait Islander language	%	np	np	np	0.5	np	8.2	5.1	1.7
Other language	%	np	np	np	0.2	2.0	6.5	4.8	1.3
Doesn't speak yet (3 to 5 years old)	%	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	0.1
Speaks an Indigenous language									
Yes	%	6.2	3.6	10.4	6.7	26.8	62.9	49.2	17.2
Yes, some words only	%	24.0	16.2	22.5	21.3	25.7	16.6	20.0	21.0
No	%	69.8	79.9	67.0	71.8	47.5	20.5	30.7	61.7
Understands spoken Indigenous language									
Yes	%	7.7	4.7	12.7	8.3	28.8	64.9	51.3	18.9
Yes, some words only	%	35.1	28.3	34.5	33.0	35.5	22.6	27.5	31.7
No	%	57.1	66.8	52.7	58.6	35.7	12.5	21.3	49.4
Learning an Indigenous language (a)									
No	%	90.7	91.6	84.8	89.2	67.6	34.7	47.1	78.9
Yes	%	8.9	7.8	11.9	9.5	15.3	13.3	14.1	10.6
Learning Indigenous language from (b)									
Parent	%	3.2	1.9	3.7	3.0	5.4	5.0	5.2	3.5
Other relative (c)	%	2.6	2.1	4.7	3.0	5.7	7.6	6.9	4.0
Person from the community (d)	%	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.7	3.2	2.6	2.1
Learning institution (e)	%	2.6	2.9	3.1	2.9	6.3	3.0	4.2	3.2
Other	%	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.7

Table A.6

Table A.6 Use of Indigenous languages, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by remoteness areas, 2008

	Unit	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Total non-remote	Remote	Very remote	Total remote	Aust
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Estimate									
Main language spoken at home									
English	'000	152.7	101.7	102.8	357.2	36.2	30.4	66.5	423.8
Australian Aboriginal language	'000	0.6	0.4	1.5	2.5	7.6	32.1	39.7	42.2
Torres Strait Islander language	'000	np	np	np	2.0	np	6.0	6.0	7.9
Other language	'000	np	np	np	0.6	0.9	4.8	5.6	6.2
Doesn't speak yet (3 to 5 years old)	'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	0.0
Speaks an Indigenous language									
Yes	'000	9.6	3.7	11.0	24.4	12.0	46.1	58.1	82.4
Yes, some words only	'000	36.9	16.6	23.9	77.4	11.5	12.2	23.6	101.0
No	'000	107.4	81.8	71.3	260.4	21.2	15.0	36.2	296.7
Understands spoken Indigenous language									
Yes	'000	11.9	4.8	13.5	30.1	12.9	47.6	60.4	90.6
Yes, some words only	'000	54.1	28.9	36.7	119.7	15.9	16.5	32.4	152.1
No	'000	87.9	68.4	56.0	212.3	16.0	9.1	25.1	237.4
Learning an Indigenous language (a)									
No	'000	139.5	93.8	90.2	323.5	30.2	25.4	55.6	379.1
Yes	'000	13.7	8.0	12.7	34.3	6.9	9.7	16.6	50.9
Learning Indigenous language from (b)									
Parent	'000	4.9	1.9	4.0	10.7	2.4	3.7	6.1	16.8
Other relative (c)	'000	4.0	2.1	4.9	11.0	2.6	5.6	8.1	19.1
Person from the community (d)	'000	2.8	2.0	2.3	7.1	0.8	2.3	3.1	10.2

Table A.6

Table A.6 Use of Indigenous languages, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by remoteness areas, 2008

	Unit	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Total non-remote	Remote	Very remote	Total remote	Aust
Learning institution (e)	'000	4.1	3.0	3.3	10.4	2.8	2.2	5.0	15.4
Other	'000	1.3	0.6	0.6	2.5	0.4	0.5	0.9	3.5
Total	'000	153.9	102.4	106.3	362.5	44.7	73.3	117.9	480.5
RSE									
Main language spoken at home									
English	%	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.3	6.4	10.4	4.1	0.7
Australian Aboriginal language	%	43.6	50.8	21.5	18.5	27.4	10.5	7.8	7.5
Torres Strait Islander language	%	np	np	np	44.7	np	12.7	12.6	14.2
Other language	%	np	np	np	46.7	82.5	38.1	34.2	31.4
Doesn't speak yet (3 to 5 years old)	%	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	44.2
Speaks an Indigenous language									
Yes	%	12.5	16.2	14.8	8.5	18.8	6.8	4.9	3.9
Yes, some words only	%	6.6	11.0	9.8	5.2	12.6	12.8	8.3	4.3
No	%	2.4	2.3	3.7	1.6	10.3	14.9	6.7	1.5
Understands spoken Indigenous language									
Yes	%	11.8	14.9	11.4	7.0	17.1	6.4	4.6	3.7
Yes, some words only	%	5.1	7.4	7.9	3.9	11.1	11.4	6.9	3.3
No	%	3.2	3.4	5.4	2.2	12.2	18.7	8.0	2.1
Learning an Indigenous language (a)									
No	%	1.3	1.3	2.1	0.9	6.7	10.9	4.8	1.0
Yes	%	13.0	14.2	12.4	7.8	13.7	11.9	8.2	5.7
Learning Indigenous language from (b)									
Parent	%	22.5	23.6	15.6	12.7	21.2	16.5	13.0	9.4
Other relative (c)	%	31.4	25.5	17.0	14.5	20.4	15.2	12.0	10.0

Table A.6

Table A.6 Use of Indigenous languages, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by remoteness areas, 2008

	Unit	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Total non-remote	Remote	Very remote	Total remote	Aust
Person from the community (d)	%	23.7	24.7	29.7	16.0	22.5	22.5	17.6	12.2
Learning institution (e)	%	15.9	21.4	28.6	12.4	22.0	20.6	14.9	9.4
Other	%	32.0	34.8	37.8	20.6	56.7	27.8	29.6	16.5
Total	%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(a) People whose main language spoken at home was an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language were not asked whether they were learning an Indigenous language.

(b) Components may not add to total as people may have provided more than one response.

(c) Includes brother; sister; partner; husband; wife; and other relative.

(d) Includes community elder; neighbour; friend; other community member; volunteer organisation; and community group.

(e) Includes school; TAFE; university; adult learning centre; community centre; and library.

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Table A.7

Table A.7 Learning an Indigenous language, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by remoteness areas, 2008

	Unit	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Total non-remote	Remote	Very remote	Total remote	Aust
Proportion									
Learning an Indigenous language (a)									
Learning Indigenous language from (b)									
Parent	%	35.5	23.9	31.4	31.3	35.5	37.7	36.8	33.1
Other relative (c)	%	28.9	26.4	39.1	32.1	37.4	57.3	49.1	37.6
Person from the community (d)	%	20.6	24.9	18.5	20.8	11.1	23.9	18.6	20.1
Learning institution (e)	%	29.7	37.5	26.1	30.2	41.0	22.6	30.2	30.2
Other	%	9.9	7.6	4.7	7.4	6.4	5.2	5.7	6.8
Total learning an Indigenous language	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Estimate									
Learning an Indigenous language (a)									
Learning Indigenous language from (b)									
Parent	'000	4.9	1.9	4.0	10.7	2.4	3.7	6.1	16.8
Other relative (c)	'000	4.0	2.1	4.9	11.0	2.6	5.6	8.1	19.1
Person from the community (d)	'000	2.8	2.0	2.3	7.1	0.8	2.3	3.1	10.2
Learning institution (e)	'000	4.1	3.0	3.3	10.4	2.8	2.2	5.0	15.4
Other	'000	1.3	0.6	0.6	2.5	0.4	0.5	0.9	3.5
Total learning an Indigenous language	'000	13.7	8.0	12.7	34.3	6.9	9.7	16.6	50.9
RSE									
Learning an Indigenous language (a)									
Learning Indigenous language from (b)									
Parent	%	14.3	21.0	15.3	9.6	15.1	11.1	9.2	7.0

Table A.7

Table A.7 Learning an Indigenous language, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by remoteness areas, 2008

	Unit	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Total non-remote	Remote	Very remote	Total remote	Aust
Other relative (c)	%	25.5	18.5	13.8	11.0	16.9	8.5	8.3	7.3
Person from the community (d)	%	21.9	21.4	27.4	14.3	22.6	19.5	16.2	11.3
Learning institution (e)	%	14.4	17.1	21.5	9.7	15.8	16.6	12.0	7.5
Other	%	30.7	30.0	38.3	19.8	56.0	26.8	29.3	16.1
Total learning an Indigenous language	%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(a) People whose main language spoken at home was an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language were not asked whether they were learning an Indigenous language.

(b) Components may not add to total as people may have provided more than one response.

(c) Includes brother; sister; partner; husband; wife; and other relative.

(d) Includes community elder; neighbour; friend; other community member; volunteer organisation; and community group.

(e) Includes school; TAFE; university; adult learning centre; community centre; and library.

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Table A.8

Table A.8 Learning an Indigenous language, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by age, 2008

	Unit	3 to 14 years	15 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 years and over	Total
Proportion								
Learning an Indigenous language (a)								
Learning Indigenous language from (b)								
Parent	%	39.9	34.6	16.1	24.7	n.p.	n.p.	33.1
Other relative (c)	%	35.8	46.5	46.9	35.2	23.1	27.9	37.6
Total relative	%	61.0	62.1	57.8	53.2	34.8	27.9	58.1
Community elder	%	8.6	15.3	20.9	21.6	17.4	26.7	13.0
Other person in the community	%	4.7	15.4	8.4	15.2	26.2	20.2	9.1
Total person in the community	%	12.1	26.5	28.2	32.5	41.7	44.7	20.1
School	%	41.4	17.2	2.6	n.p.	5.4	n.p.	27.2
Other learning institution (e)	%	0.9	4.6	4.9	7.9	5.6	10.2	3.0
Total learning institution	%	42.3	21.8	7.5	10.9	11.0	10.2	30.2
Other	%	1.9	3.8	22.4	14.1	19.6	21.7	6.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Estimate								
Learning an Indigenous language (a)								
Learning Indigenous language from (b)								
Parent	'000	11.7	2.5	0.8	1.4	n.p.	n.p.	16.8
Other relative (c)	'000	10.5	3.3	2.4	2.1	0.6	0.2	19.1
Total relative	'000	17.9	4.4	3.0	3.1	0.9	0.2	29.6
Community elder	'000	2.5	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.4	0.2	6.6
Other person in the community	'000	1.4	1.1	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.2	4.6
Total person in the community	'000	3.6	1.9	1.5	1.9	1.1	0.4	10.2
School	'000	12.2	1.2	0.1	n.p.	0.1	n.p.	13.9

Table A.8

Table A.8 Learning an Indigenous language, Indigenous people aged 3 years and over, by age, 2008

	Unit	3 to 14 years	15 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 years and over	Total
Other learning institution (e)	'000	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.5
Total learning institution	'000	12.4	1.6	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.1	15.4
Other	'000	0.6	0.3	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.2	3.5
Total	'000	29.4	7.1	5.2	5.8	2.6	0.8	50.9
RSE								
Learning an Indigenous language (a)								
Learning Indigenous language from (b)								
Parent	%	7.9	15.4	23.8	23.0	n.p.	n.p.	7.0
Other relative (c)	%	8.7	13.1	14.4	22.6	29.7	40.1	7.3
Total relative	%	5.4	9.0	12.7	14.6	23.1	40.1	4.5
Community elder	%	19.9	23.9	33.6	28.7	49.0	51.4	14.8
Other person in the community	%	26.0	22.4	29.5	26.8	32.2	67.2	14.4
Total person in the community	%	16.6	16.8	24.9	22.3	22.6	33.2	11.3
School	%	8.1	28.6	47.6	n.p.	47.9	n.p.	8.7
Other learning institution (e)	%	65.8	48.5	54.5	45.9	65.0	65.0	22.7
Total learning institution	%	7.9	23.9	37.9	35.8	40.5	65.0	7.5
Other	%	46.4	39.6	27.4	38.3	31.6	46.4	16.1
Total	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) People whose main language spoken at home was an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language were not asked whether they were learning an Indigenous language.

(b) Components may not add to total as people may have provided more than one response.

(c) Includes brother; sister; partner; wife; husband; other relative.

(d) Includes neighbour; friend; other community member; volunteer organisation; community group.

(e) Includes TAFE; university; adult learning centre; library.

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