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# A Population characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their language use

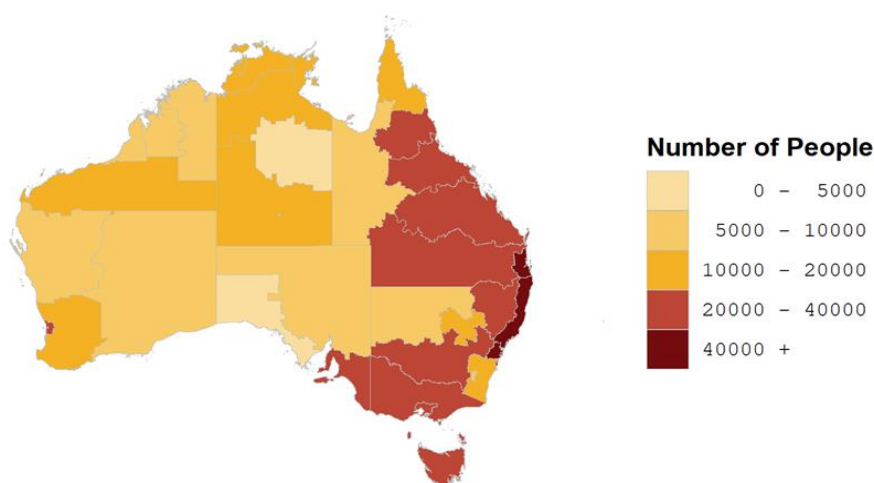
This appendix provides contextual data on the population characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people from the 2016 Census, to aid interpretation of data elsewhere in the Report. Also provided are 2016 Census data on the use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people account for about three per cent of the Australian population

There were an estimated 798 400 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia at June 2016, accounting for 3.3 per cent of the total Australian population at that time (ABS 2018). The majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people lived on the Eastern seaboard of Australia in 2016 (figure A.1).

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Figure A.1 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by Indigenous region, June 2016<sup>a,b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> The estimated number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in the 37 ABS Indigenous regions as at June 2016. <sup>b</sup> See table A.2 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: ABS (2019) *Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2006 to 2031*, Cat. no. 3238.0, Canberra; table A.2.

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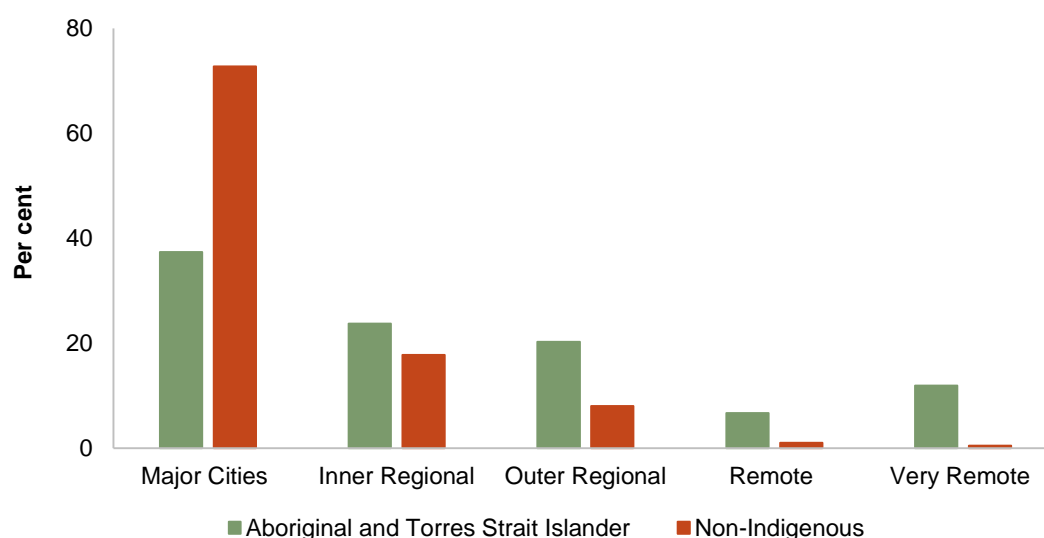
Nationally as at June 2016, around three in five Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people lived in either NSW (33 per cent) or Queensland (28 per cent). The proportions across other jurisdictions ranged from 1 per cent in the ACT to 13 per cent in WA (table A.3).

### The majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live in major cities and regional areas — but a much higher proportion live in remote and very remote areas compared with non-Indigenous people

Like all Australians, the majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live in major cities and regional areas (figure A.2). Even so, a much higher proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people lived in remote and very remote areas (19 per cent, compared with 2 per cent of non-Indigenous people), and were spread more evenly across all remoteness areas than non-Indigenous people (figure A.2).

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Figure A.2 **Proportion of the population, by remoteness area and Indigenous status, June 2016<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See table A.3 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: ABS (2018) *Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, June 2016*, Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001; table A.3.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as a proportion of the population differed across states and territories. The NT had the highest proportion (30 per cent) while Victoria had the lowest (1 per cent) (figure A.3).

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Figure A.3 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as a proportion of the population in each State and Territory, June 2016<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See table A.3 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: ABS (2019) *Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians*, Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001; table A.3.

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## **The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population is younger than the non-Indigenous population**

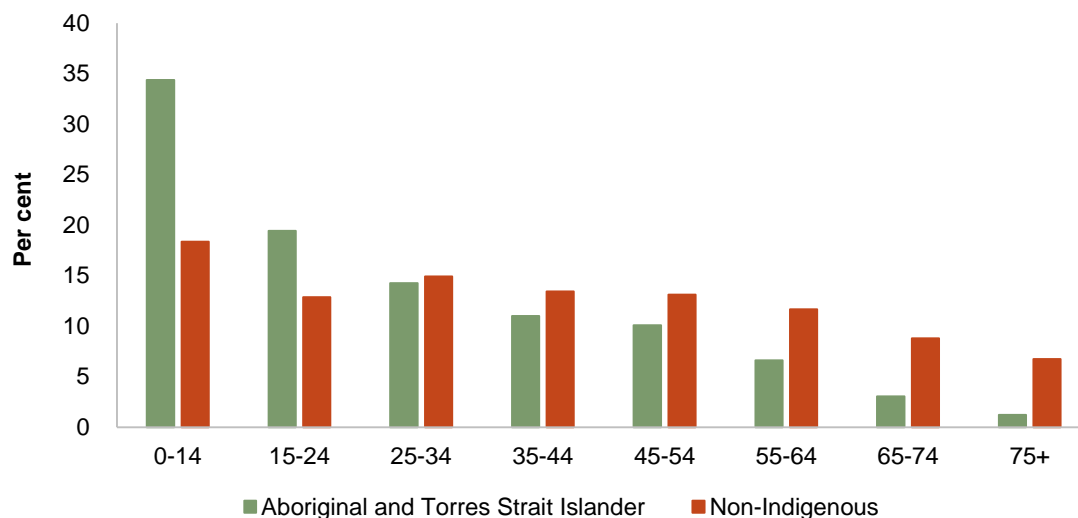
The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population has a younger age structure than the non-Indigenous population in Australia.<sup>1</sup> As at June 2016:

- 34 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were under 15 years old, compared with 18 per cent of non-Indigenous people (figure A.4)
- about 1 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were aged 75 years or over, compared with 7 per cent of non-Indigenous people (figure A.4)
- the median age (midpoint) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was 23 years, compared with 38 years for non-Indigenous people (table A.1).

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<sup>1</sup> Population estimates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in this Report are based on 2016 Census of Population and Housing counts, adjusted for net undercount as measured by the ABS Post Enumeration Survey (ABS 2018).

Figure A.4 **Proportion of the population, by age group and Indigenous status, June 2016<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See table A.1 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: ABS (2018) *Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, June 2016*, Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001; table A.1.

### **At the time of the 2016 Census, one in ten Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people spoke an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language at home**

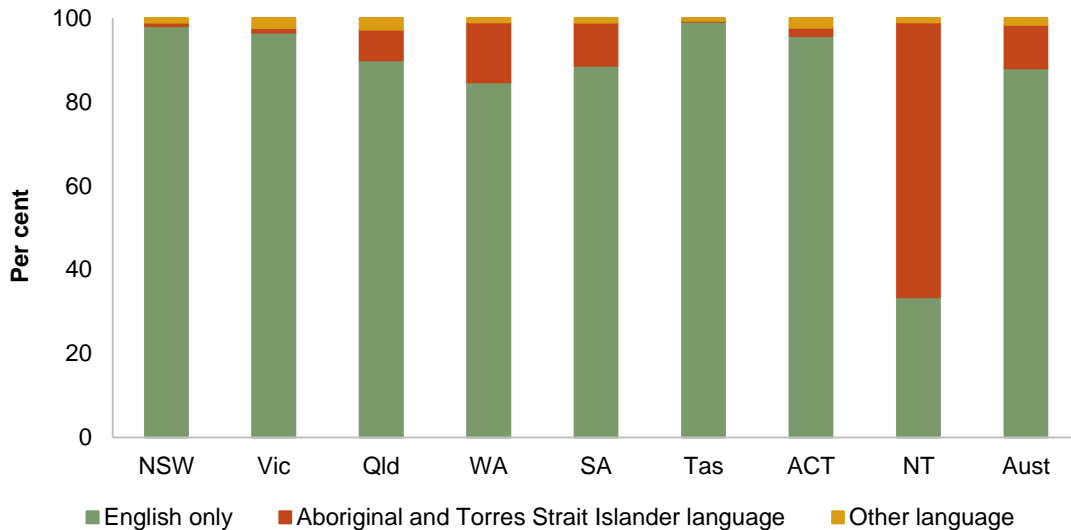
More than 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, including 800 dialects, existed at the time of European settlement — but today only about 120 languages are still spoken (AIATSIS nd; DITRDC, AIATSIS and ANU 2020, 2020; Marmion, Obata and Troy 2014).

Languages are much more than a communication tool and are integral to maintaining the identity and strength of people and culture. When a language is no longer spoken it disconnects people from their past, and knowledge, traditions and cultures become harder to express and pass on (DITRDC, AIATSIS and ANU 2020). Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are no exception. The revitalisation and maintenance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages is crucial to preserving and strengthening Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, which is ultimately linked to the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (see section 5.5 *Indigenous language revitalisation and maintenance*).

According to the 2016 Census of Population and Housing, 10 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people spoke an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language at home (figure A.5). This proportion varied across states and territories. The NT had the

highest proportion (66 per cent), while Tasmania had the lowest (less than 1 per cent) (figure A.5).

**Figure A.5 Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, 2016<sup>a</sup>**



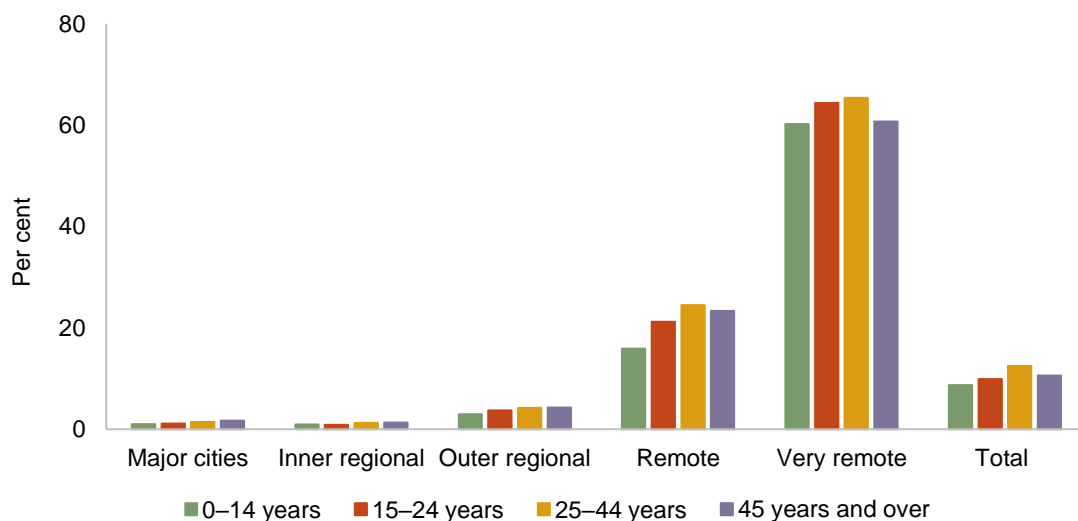
<sup>a</sup> See table A.5 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: ABS (unpublished) Census of Population and Housing 2016; table A.5.

The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who spoke an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language at home also differed across remoteness areas and age groups. Very remote areas had the highest proportion of Indigenous language speakers (63 per cent), followed by remote areas (21 per cent), while less than 2 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in major cities or regional areas spoke an Indigenous language at home (figure A.6).

The majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who spoke an Indigenous language at home also spoke English well or very well (85 per cent). However, 11 per cent of Indigenous language speakers said they did not speak English well or at all — ranging from about 3–4 per cent in major cities and inner regional areas, to 13 per cent in very remote areas (figure A.7).

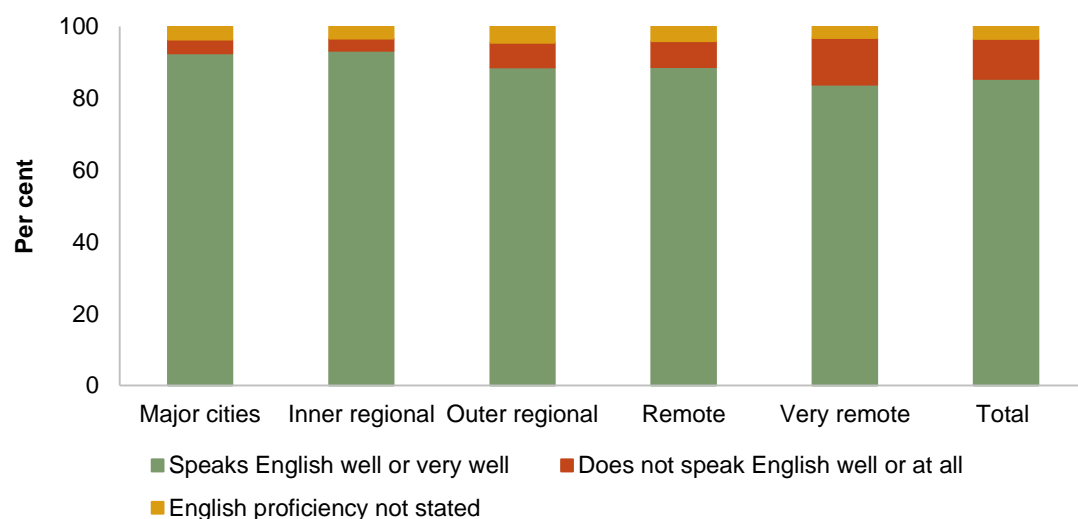
**Figure A.6 Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who spoke an Indigenous language at home, by remoteness area and age, 2016<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See table A.8 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: ABS (unpublished) 2016 Census of Population and Housing; table A.8.

**Figure A.7 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who spoke an Indigenous language at home, by remoteness area and English proficiency, 2016<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See table A.8 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: ABS (unpublished) 2016 Census of Population and Housing; table A.8.

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## **Improving quality of, and access to, data for assessing local needs and planning local solutions is a key future development for data on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people**

Like all Australians, the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are diverse, differing across communities and regions. Access to reliable data is vital for shared decision-making. Reliable data that are easily accessed and understood empower communities to advocate for their needs, and assist governments and others to make more informed decisions and improve efficiency and accountability (PC 2017, p. 61).

Initiatives to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with improved access to, use of and oversight of, databases containing information about themselves and their ancestors contribute to addressing this need (section 5.4 *Case studies in governance*).

However, existing data sets are limited in their effectiveness for smaller regions in several ways. For example, large data sets can:

- under-identify Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and capture only relatively homogenous information
- provide information that is reliable only at higher levels of aggregation and not necessarily relevant for particular communities or regions, even where the data are specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Furthermore, large data sets are not always easily accessible in formats that can be readily understood, while data for small areas are often subject to confidentiality requirements which limits the available data<sup>2</sup>.

Shared access to data and information at a regional level is one of the priority reform areas in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. This includes shared access to location-specific data and information, recognising that disaggregated data and information is most useful to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities for local decision-making (Australian Government and Coalition of Peaks 2020).

### **Attachment tables**

Attachment tables are identified in references throughout this appendix by an ‘A’ prefix (for example, ‘table A.2’). These tables can be found on the web page ([www.pc.gov.au/oid2020](http://www.pc.gov.au/oid2020)).

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<sup>2</sup> Measures to confidentialise data, such as perturbation or not publishing small cells, can lead to data that is difficult to understand or use at the local level.

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# Appendix A Indigenous population and language use — attachment

The tables in this file accompany the report, *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators 2020*, prepared by the Productivity Commission for the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision. The report is available on the Review website ([www.pc.gov.au/oid2020](http://www.pc.gov.au/oid2020)).

This file is available in both Microsoft Excel and Adobe PDF formats on the Review website ([www.pc.gov.au/oid2020](http://www.pc.gov.au/oid2020)).

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Table A.1 **Estimated resident population, by Indigenous status, by sex, by age, 2016**

	<i>Unit</i>	<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</i>
<b>Number</b>										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males										
0–4 years	no.	16 675	3 579	13 753	5 883	2 576	1 581	481	3 759	48 295
5–9 years	no.	16 042	3 442	13 933	5 722	2 535	1 780	435	3 918	47 816
10–14 years	no.	15 043	3 086	12 761	5 356	2 277	1 608	351	3 844	44 344
15–19 years	no.	14 063	2 939	11 671	5 006	2 254	1 553	385	3 547	41 426
20–24 years	no.	12 664	2 874	10 487	4 792	1 969	1 275	460	3 633	38 165
25–29 years	no.	9 961	2 327	8 331	4 591	1 738	986	344	3 555	31 839
30–34 years	no.	7 689	1 779	6 696	3 657	1 401	798	236	3 125	25 390
35–39 years	no.	6 456	1 433	5 775	2 906	1 023	637	198	2 549	20 984
40–44 years	no.	6 828	1 536	6 001	2 941	1 103	688	201	2 455	21 762
45–49 years	no.	6 549	1 522	5 452	2 576	1 049	756	213	2 198	20 325
50–54 years	no.	5 981	1 223	4 793	2 196	940	615	176	1 734	17 666
55–59 years	no.	5 094	1 037	3 770	1 744	741	608	123	1 304	14 433
60–64 years	no.	3 765	810	2 716	1 244	554	504	104	945	10 649
65–69 years	no.	2 750	578	1 919	803	342	363	48	530	7 335
70–74 years	no.	1 578	302	1 012	441	206	199	28	303	4 071
75–79 years	no.	896	166	518	206	120	106	13	134	2 164
80–84 years	no.	475	72	259	104	54	np	np	84	1 119
85 years or over	no.	199	100	144	49	45	np	np	51	630
<b>Total</b>	no.	<b>132 708</b>	<b>28 805</b>	<b>109 991</b>	<b>50 217</b>	<b>20 927</b>	<b>14 164</b>	<b>3 802</b>	<b>37 668</b>	<b>398 413</b>
Median age		21.8	22.4	21.4	23.3	22.1	22.2	22.7	25.2	22.3
Non-Indigenous males										
0–4 years	no.	240 871	202 766	148 849	82 704	50 198	13 905	14 075	6 085	759 598
5–9 years	no.	239 720	195 488	155 594	81 277	50 661	15 061	12 969	5 487	756 403
10–14 years	no.	218 550	177 419	144 642	73 038	47 646	14 266	11 033	4 404	691 104
15–19 years	no.	224 996	187 182	145 054	74 385	50 871	14 971	12 225	4 365	714 149

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20–24 years	no.	257 975	226 820	162 169	84 632	57 528	15 226	16 080	6 240	826 809
25–29 years	no.	277 160	239 507	165 016	97 548	56 489	14 358	16 623	9 029	875 896
30–34 years	no.	275 522	233 479	162 053	99 817	55 891	14 111	16 848	8 788	866 671
35–39 years	no.	250 583	207 686	148 603	86 930	51 254	13 263	15 040	7 354	780 884
40–44 years	no.	249 875	203 737	157 288	85 960	53 281	14 839	13 971	6 762	785 878
45–49 years	no.	237 082	198 125	154 059	84 925	55 371	15 998	12 892	6 733	765 343
50–54 years	no.	237 215	188 440	148 526	80 449	55 365	16 829	11 716	6 386	745 122
55–59 years	no.	228 118	177 538	141 170	73 917	54 243	17 675	10 770	5 693	709 305
60–64 years	no.	202 092	156 366	125 062	64 260	48 668	16 473	9 067	4 792	626 937
65–69 years	no.	188 290	143 003	118 295	58 017	46 269	15 793	8 280	3 664	581 775
70–74 years	no.	142 397	106 985	88 264	41 049	34 406	11 696	5 735	2 149	432 770
75–79 years	no.	101 459	77 770	59 934	28 852	24 665	8 130	3 892	1 230	305 991
80–84 years	no.	68 061	52 491	37 152	18 411	17 046	np	np	503	201 383
85 years or over	no.	61 133	47 449	31 452	15 580	16 098	np	np	344	178 608
<b>Total</b>	no.	<b>3 701 099</b>	<b>3 022 251</b>	<b>2 293 182</b>	<b>1 231 751</b>	<b>825 950</b>	<b>242 049</b>	<b>195 978</b>	<b>90 008</b>	<b>11 604 626</b>
Median age		37.3	36.2	37.1	36.3	39.3	42.0	34.5	35.4	37.0
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females										
0–4 years	no.	15 393	3 527	13 208	5 594	2 381	1 536	418	3 470	45 535
5–9 years	no.	15 384	3 347	13 439	5 661	2 482	1 695	361	3 662	46 042
10–14 years	no.	14 078	2 939	12 316	5 367	2 255	1 521	343	3 474	42 301
15–19 years	no.	13 465	2 954	11 329	4 714	2 187	1 369	404	3 251	39 691
20–24 years	no.	11 885	2 673	10 034	4 451	1 988	1 175	374	3 314	35 897
25–29 years	no.	9 739	2 350	8 262	4 128	1 687	1 026	359	3 238	30 794
30–34 years	no.	8 037	1 743	6 875	3 534	1 378	974	272	2 967	25 789
35–39 years	no.	6 817	1 517	6 043	2 907	1 115	765	222	2 509	21 907
40–44 years	no.	7 657	1 561	6 366	2 846	1 212	788	220	2 463	23 129
45–49 years	no.	7 574	1 579	6 103	2 971	1 245	864	187	2 385	22 922

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50–54 years	no.	6 652	1 360	5 154	2 480	1 020	742	194	1 943	19 549
55–59 years	no.	5 515	1 089	4 176	2 005	850	665	145	1 473	15 928
60–64 years	no.	4 040	865	3 090	1 492	603	454	91	1 137	11 775
65–69 years	no.	2 873	609	2 155	966	396	348	48	678	8 081
70–74 years	no.	1 741	361	1 285	538	243	184	32	419	4 806
75–79 years	no.	1 088	221	725	308	143	130	21	223	2 859
80–84 years	no.	629	149	401	193	79	np	np	177	1 706
85 years or over	no.	410	118	324	140	74	np	np	95	1 241
<b>Total</b>	no.	<b>132 977</b>	<b>28 962</b>	<b>111 285</b>	<b>50 295</b>	<b>21 338</b>	<b>14 373</b>	<b>3 711</b>	<b>36 878</b>	<b>399 952</b>
Median age		23.4	23.2	22.7	24.3	23.4	24.5	24.4	27.0	23.7
Non-Indigenous females										
0–4 years	no.	228 192	191 454	141 519	78 817	47 917	13 054	13 080	6 042	720 198
5–9 years	no.	227 309	184 938	147 560	77 490	48 484	13 943	12 002	5 171	717 020
10–14 years	no.	206 074	168 079	136 845	69 619	45 177	13 296	10 443	4 282	653 941
15–19 years	no.	212 968	178 722	139 220	70 728	48 571	13 942	11 892	3 758	679 888
20–24 years	no.	247 523	217 931	158 814	79 625	54 289	13 933	15 701	5 319	793 203
25–29 years	no.	277 868	240 528	166 305	95 436	55 905	14 167	16 917	8 545	875 767
30–34 years	no.	278 878	238 046	166 035	96 917	56 259	14 362	17 218	8 382	876 235
35–39 years	no.	251 203	208 267	152 801	84 445	51 201	14 008	14 880	6 756	783 687
40–44 years	no.	252 878	208 961	161 317	84 214	52 909	15 614	13 995	5 978	796 007
45–49 years	no.	248 448	209 538	161 390	84 252	56 618	16 868	13 139	5 933	796 340
50–54 years	no.	243 339	196 264	154 352	79 967	56 635	17 524	12 324	5 566	766 139
55–59 years	no.	237 317	186 458	145 968	74 991	56 365	18 468	11 401	5 108	736 249
60–64 years	no.	211 716	165 867	129 182	66 329	51 367	17 069	9 934	3 912	655 530
65–69 years	no.	191 999	150 883	118 767	57 902	48 459	16 049	8 944	2 769	595 882
70–74 years	no.	147 691	113 209	89 030	41 541	37 003	12 062	6 292	1 639	448 549
75–79 years	no.	113 512	87 915	63 832	32 039	28 353	8 949	4 539	994	340 186

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80–84 years	no.	84 904	66 431	44 747	23 242	21 411	np	np	512	250 895
85 years or over	no.	104 255	79 663	53 010	26 161	27 705	np	np	458	302 200
<b>Total</b>	no.	<b>3 766 074</b>	<b>3 093 154</b>	<b>2 330 694</b>	<b>1 223 715</b>	<b>844 628</b>	<b>246 928</b>	<b>199 613</b>	<b>81 124</b>	<b>11 787 916</b>
Median age		39.1	38.1	38.6	37.6	41.4	44.1	35.9	34.4	38.7
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons										
0–4 years	no.	32 068	7 106	26 961	11 477	4 957	3 117	899	7 229	93 830
5–9 years	no.	31 426	6 789	27 372	11 383	5 017	3 475	796	7 580	93 858
10–14 years	no.	29 121	6 025	25 077	10 723	4 532	3 129	694	7 318	86 645
15–19 years	no.	27 528	5 893	23 000	9 720	4 441	2 922	789	6 798	81 117
20–24 years	no.	24 549	5 547	20 521	9 243	3 957	2 450	834	6 947	74 062
25–29 years	no.	19 700	4 677	16 593	8 719	3 425	2 012	703	6 793	62 633
30–34 years	no.	15 726	3 522	13 571	7 191	2 779	1 772	508	6 092	51 179
35–39 years	no.	13 273	2 950	11 818	5 813	2 138	1 402	420	5 058	42 891
40–44 years	no.	14 485	3 097	12 367	5 787	2 315	1 476	421	4 918	44 891
45–49 years	no.	14 123	3 101	11 555	5 547	2 294	1 620	400	4 583	43 247
50–54 years	no.	12 633	2 583	9 947	4 676	1 960	1 357	370	3 677	37 215
55–59 years	no.	10 609	2 126	7 946	3 749	1 591	1 273	268	2 777	30 361
60–64 years	no.	7 805	1 675	5 806	2 736	1 157	958	195	2 082	22 424
65–69 years	no.	5 623	1 187	4 074	1 769	738	711	96	1 208	15 416
70–74 years	no.	3 319	663	2 297	979	449	383	60	722	8 877
75–79 years	no.	1 984	387	1 243	514	263	236	34	357	5 023
80–84 years	no.	1 104	221	660	297	133	136	12	261	2 825
85 years or over	no.	609	218	468	189	119	108	14	146	1 871
<b>Total</b>	no.	<b>265 685</b>	<b>57 767</b>	<b>221 276</b>	<b>100 512</b>	<b>42 265</b>	<b>28 537</b>	<b>7 513</b>	<b>74 546</b>	<b>798 365</b>
Median age		22.6	22.8	22.0	23.8	22.8	23.3	23.5	26.0	23.0
Non-Indigenous persons										
0–4 years	no.	469 063	394 220	290 368	161 521	98 115	26 959	27 155	12 127	1 479 796

TABLE A.1

Table A.1 **Estimated resident population, by Indigenous status, by sex, by age, 2016**

	<i>Unit</i>	<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</i>
5–9 years	no.	467 029	380 426	303 154	158 767	99 145	29 004	24 971	10 658	1 473 423
10–14 years	no.	424 624	345 498	281 487	142 657	92 823	27 562	21 476	8 686	1 345 045
15–19 years	no.	437 964	365 904	284 274	145 113	99 442	28 913	24 117	8 123	1 394 037
20–24 years	no.	505 498	444 751	320 983	164 257	111 817	29 159	31 781	11 559	1 620 012
25–29 years	no.	555 028	480 035	331 321	192 984	112 394	28 525	33 540	17 574	1 751 663
30–34 years	no.	554 400	471 525	328 088	196 734	112 150	28 473	34 066	17 170	1 742 906
35–39 years	no.	501 786	415 953	301 404	171 375	102 455	27 271	29 920	14 110	1 564 571
40–44 years	no.	502 753	412 698	318 605	170 174	106 190	30 453	27 966	12 740	1 581 885
45–49 years	no.	485 530	407 663	315 449	169 177	111 989	32 866	26 031	12 666	1 561 683
50–54 years	no.	480 554	384 704	302 878	160 416	112 000	34 353	24 040	11 952	1 511 261
55–59 years	no.	465 435	363 996	287 138	148 908	110 608	36 143	22 171	10 801	1 445 554
60–64 years	no.	413 808	322 233	254 244	130 589	100 035	33 542	19 001	8 704	1 282 467
65–69 years	no.	380 289	293 886	237 062	115 919	94 728	31 842	17 224	6 433	1 177 657
70–74 years	no.	290 088	220 194	177 294	82 590	71 409	23 758	12 027	3 788	881 319
75–79 years	no.	214 971	165 685	123 766	60 891	53 018	17 079	8 431	2 224	646 177
80–84 years	no.	152 965	118 922	81 899	41 653	38 457	11 600	5 703	1 015	452 278
85 years or over	no.	165 388	127 112	84 462	41 741	43 803	11 475	5 971	802	480 808
<b>Total</b>	no.	<b>7 467 173</b>	<b>6 115 405</b>	<b>4 623 876</b>	<b>2 455 466</b>	<b>1 670 578</b>	<b>488 977</b>	<b>395 591</b>	<b>171 132</b>	<b>23 392 542</b>
Median age		38.2	37.1	37.9	36.9	40.3	43.1	35.1	34.9	37.8
<b>Proportion</b>										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons										
0–4 years	%	12.1	12.3	12.2	11.4	11.7	10.9	12.0	9.7	11.8
5–9 years	%	11.8	11.8	12.4	11.3	11.9	12.2	10.6	10.2	11.8
10–14 years	%	11.0	10.4	11.3	10.7	10.7	11.0	9.2	9.8	10.9
15–19 years	%	10.4	10.2	10.4	9.7	10.5	10.2	10.5	9.1	10.2
20–24 years	%	9.2	9.6	9.3	9.2	9.4	8.6	11.1	9.3	9.3
25–29 years	%	7.4	8.1	7.5	8.7	8.1	7.1	9.4	9.1	7.8



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Table A.1 Estimated resident population, by Indigenous status, by sex, by age, 2016

	<i>Unit</i>	<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</i>
30–34 years	%	5.9	6.1	6.1	7.2	6.6	6.2	6.8	8.2	6.4
35–39 years	%	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.8	5.1	4.9	5.6	6.8	5.4
40–44 years	%	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.5	5.2	5.6	6.6	5.6
45–49 years	%	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.7	5.3	6.1	5.4
50–54 years	%	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.7
55–59 years	%	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.5	3.6	3.7	3.8
60–64 years	%	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.4	2.6	2.8	2.8
65–69 years	%	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.7	2.5	1.3	1.6	1.9
70–74 years	%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.0	1.1
75–79 years	%	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.6
80–84 years	%	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4
85 years or over	%	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous persons										
0–4 years	%	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.6	5.9	5.5	6.9	7.1	6.3
5–9 years	%	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.5	5.9	5.9	6.3	6.2	6.3
10–14 years	%	5.7	5.6	6.1	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.1	5.7
15–19 years	%	5.9	6.0	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.1	4.7	6.0
20–24 years	%	6.8	7.3	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.0	8.0	6.8	6.9
25–29 years	%	7.4	7.8	7.2	7.9	6.7	5.8	8.5	10.3	7.5
30–34 years	%	7.4	7.7	7.1	8.0	6.7	5.8	8.6	10.0	7.5
35–39 years	%	6.7	6.8	6.5	7.0	6.1	5.6	7.6	8.2	6.7
40–44 years	%	6.7	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.4	6.2	7.1	7.4	6.8
45–49 years	%	6.5	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.6	7.4	6.7
50–54 years	%	6.4	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.7	7.0	6.1	7.0	6.5
55–59 years	%	6.2	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.6	7.4	5.6	6.3	6.2
60–64 years	%	5.5	5.3	5.5	5.3	6.0	6.9	4.8	5.1	5.5

TABLE A.1

Table A.1 **Estimated resident population, by Indigenous status, by sex, by age, 2016**

	<i>Unit</i>	<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</i>
65–69 years	%	5.1	4.8	5.1	4.7	5.7	6.5	4.4	3.8	5.0
70–74 years	%	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.4	4.3	4.9	3.0	2.2	3.8
75–79 years	%	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.2	3.5	2.1	1.3	2.8
80–84 years	%	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.4	1.4	0.6	1.9
85 years or over	%	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.7	2.6	2.3	1.5	0.5	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Source: ABS (2018) *Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, June 2016*, Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001.

TABLE A.2

Table A.2 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander estimated population, by Indigenous region, 2016**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons</i>
Indigenous region		
Dubbo	no.	15 962
North-Eastern NSW	no.	25 475
North-Western NSW	no.	9 848
NSW Central and North Coast	no.	85 169
Riverina - Orange	no.	30 830
South-Eastern NSW	no.	16 716
Sydney - Wollongong	no.	81 685
Melbourne	no.	28 584
Victoria exc. Melbourne	no.	29 183
Brisbane	no.	84 454
Cairns - Atherton	no.	30 050
Cape York	no.	10 579
Mount Isa	no.	9 003
Rockhampton	no.	26 941
Toowoomba - Roma	no.	21 350
Torres Strait	no.	7 403
Townsville - Mackay	no.	31 496
Broome	no.	6 057
Geraldton	no.	8 502
Kalgoorlie	no.	7 510
Kununurra	no.	6 040
Perth	no.	38 919
South Hedland	no.	11 800
South-Western WA	no.	15 631
West Kimberley	no.	6 053
Adelaide	no.	30 124
Port Augusta	no.	9 403
Port Lincoln - Ceduna	no.	2 738
Tasmania	no.	28 537
ACT	no.	7 513
Alice Springs	no.	6 807
Apatula	no.	10 191
Darwin	no.	18 309
Jabiru - Tiwi	no.	12 425
Katherine	no.	11 063
Nhulunbuy	no.	11 377
Tennant Creek	no.	4 374

Source: ABS (2019), *Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2006 to 2031*, Cat. no. 3238.0, Canberra.

TABLE A.3

Table A.3 **Estimated resident population, by Indigenous status, by remoteness, 2016 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>New South Wales</b>				
Major cities	no.	123 099	5 677 317	5 800 416
Inner regional	no.	91 618	1 362 319	1 453 937
Outer regional	no.	41 229	401 230	442 459
Remote	no.	7 311	22 848	30 159
Very remote	no.	2 428	3 459	5 887
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>265 685</b>	<b>7 467 173</b>	<b>7 732 858</b>
Share of jurisdiction population	%	3.4	96.6	100.0
Share of total population	%	33.3	31.9	32.0
<b>Victoria (b)</b>				
Major Cities	no.	30 312	4 756 007	4 786 319
Inner Regional	no.	20 062	1 116 843	1 136 905
Balance of Vic.	no.	7 393	242 555	249 948
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>57 767</b>	<b>6 115 405</b>	<b>6 173 172</b>
Share of jurisdiction population	%	0.9	99.1	100.0
Share of total population	%	7.2	26.1	25.5
<b>Queensland</b>				
Major cities	no.	75 148	2 998 195	3 073 343
Inner regional	no.	49 149	911 650	960 799
Outer regional	no.	60 402	622 781	683 183
Remote	no.	13 281	60 143	73 424
Very remote	no.	23 296	31 107	54 403
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>221 276</b>	<b>4 623 876</b>	<b>4 845 152</b>
Share of jurisdiction population	%	4.6	95.4	100.0
Share of total population	%	27.7	19.8	20.0
<b>Western Australia</b>				
Major cities	no.	40 433	1 951 121	1 991 554
Inner regional	no.	7 722	213 582	221 304
Outer regional	no.	14 172	172 562	186 734
Remote	no.	13 634	72 465	86 099
Very remote	no.	24 551	45 736	70 287
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>100 512</b>	<b>2 455 466</b>	<b>2 555 978</b>
Share of jurisdiction population	%	3.9	96.1	100.0
Share of total population	%	12.6	10.5	10.6
<b>South Australia</b>				
Major cities	no.	21 940	1 235 765	1 257 705
Inner regional	no.	4 582	214 918	219 500
Outer regional	no.	9 520	167 600	177 120
Remote	no.	1 687	42 925	44 612
Very remote	no.	4 536	9 370	13 906
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>42 265</b>	<b>1 670 578</b>	<b>1 712 843</b>
Share of jurisdiction population	%	2.5	97.5	100.0

TABLE A.3

Table A.3 **Estimated resident population, by Indigenous status, by remoteness, 2016 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>
Share of total population	%	5.3	7.1	7.1
Tasmania (c)				
Inner regional	no.	16 032	333 728	349 760
Outer regional		11 653	145 785	157 438
Balance of Tas.	no.	852	9 464	10 316
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>28 537</b>	<b>488 977</b>	<b>517 514</b>
Share of jurisdiction population	%	5.5	94.5	100.0
Share of total population	%	3.6	2.1	2.1
Australian Capital Territory (d)				
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7 513</b>	<b>395 591</b>	<b>403 104</b>
Share of jurisdiction population	%	1.9	98.1	100.0
Share of total population	%	0.9	1.7	1.7
Northern Territory (e)				
Outer regional	no.	17 465	129 637	147 102
Remote	no.	16 932	31 315	48 247
Very remote	no.	40 149	10 180	50 329
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>74 546</b>	<b>171 132</b>	<b>245 678</b>
Share of jurisdiction population	%	30.3	69.7	100.0
Share of total population	%	9.3	0.7	1.0
Australia (f)				
Major cities	no.	298 430	17 013 352	17 311 782
Inner regional	no.	189 414	4 153 852	4 343 266
Outer regional	no.	161 792	1 879 114	2 040 906
Remote	no.	53 507	239 895	293 402
Very remote	no.	95 222	106 329	201 551
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>798 365</b>	<b>23 392 542</b>	<b>24 190 907</b>
Share of Australian population	%	3.3	96.7	100.0
Share of total population	%	100.0	100.0	100.0
Australia				
Major Cities	%	37.4	72.7	71.6
Inner Regional	%	23.7	17.8	18.0
Outer Regional	%	20.3	8.0	8.4
Remote	%	6.7	1.0	1.2
Very Remote	%	11.9	0.5	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(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) Tasmania does not have major cities areas. For confidentiality purposes, the 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.

**Table A.3 Estimated resident population, by Indigenous status, by remoteness, 2016 (a)**

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>Total</i>
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(f) Includes other territories.

Source: ABS (2018) *Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, June 2016*, Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001.

TABLE A.4

**Table A.4 Estimates and projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, 2005 to 2020 (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>
<b>Male</b>									
2020	143 530	32 180	119 716	54 863	22 697	15 314	4 377	40 121	432 936
2019	140 705	31 296	117 207	53 681	22 241	15 019	4 227	39 516	424 028
2018	137 959	30 440	114 746	52 513	21 794	14 729	4 082	38 908	415 305
2017	135 293	29 608	112 344	51 357	21 354	14 444	3 940	38 290	406 762
2016	132 708	28 805	109 991	50 217	20 927	14 164	3 802	37 668	398 413
2015	129 665	28 355	107 664	49 368	20 575	13 892	3 754	37 073	390 477
2014	126 674	27 916	105 315	48 560	20 171	13 648	3 717	36 408	382 539
2013	123 721	27 484	102 995	47 714	19 800	13 434	3 684	35 786	374 746
2012	120 658	26 991	100 640	46 827	19 413	13 213	3 625	35 140	366 634
2011	117 693	26 564	98 296	46 030	19 021	12 960	3 596	34 470	358 753
2010	114 886	26 126	96 018	45 151	18 624	12 690	3 538	33 758	350 912
2009	112 045	25 654	93 680	44 274	18 233	12 394	3 463	33 049	342 911
2008	109 238	25 184	91 285	43 317	17 867	12 079	3 390	32 352	334 830
2007	106 408	24 692	88 886	42 411	17 476	11 766	3 317	31 684	326 756
2006	103 553	24 207	86 536	41 515	17 101	11 460	3 234	31 027	318 747
2005	100 778	23 734	84 405	40 518	16 702	11 181	3 138	30 421	310 987
<b>Female</b>									
2020	143 023	31 435	121 366	54 275	23 229	15 290	4 037	38 475	431 270
2019	140 402	30 778	118 755	53 258	22 740	15 051	3 951	38 089	423 162
2018	137 851	30 144	116 208	52 257	22 263	14 820	3 867	37 691	415 237
2017	135 373	29 541	113 711	51 269	21 797	14 594	3 788	37 287	407 494
2016	132 977	28 962	111 285	50 295	21 338	14 373	3 711	36 878	399 952
2015	130 046	28 363	109 305	49 457	20 979	14 063	3 632	36 292	392 268
2014	127 217	27 855	107 121	48 580	20 665	13 751	3 544	35 692	384 557
2013	124 539	27 304	104 984	47 704	20 317	13 436	3 454	35 065	376 934
2012	121 784	26 758	102 765	46 904	19 931	13 134	3 376	34 416	369 199
2011	118 944	26 284	100 480	46 067	19 584	12 792	3 298	33 761	361 340
2010	115 979	25 815	98 153	45 216	19 181	12 542	3 234	33 136	353 384
2009	113 084	25 340	95 808	44 356	18 762	12 283	3 172	32 495	345 429
2008	110 156	24 849	93 472	43 475	18 367	11 983	3 121	31 873	337 424
2007	107 241	24 356	91 107	42 527	17 964	11 700	3 079	31 278	329 377
2006	104 233	23 886	88 731	41 615	17 580	11 421	3 040	30 659	321 289
2005	101 359	23 390	86 453	40 605	17 177	11 120	2 985	30 144	313 354
<b>Persons</b>									
2020	286 553	63 615	241 082	109 138	45 926	30 604	8 414	78 596	864 206
2019	281 107	62 074	235 962	106 939	44 981	30 070	8 178	77 605	847 190
2018	275 810	60 584	230 954	104 770	44 057	29 549	7 949	76 599	830 542
2017	270 666	59 149	226 055	102 626	43 151	29 038	7 728	75 577	814 256
2016	265 685	57 767	221 276	100 512	42 265	28 537	7 513	74 546	798 365
2015	259 711	56 718	216 969	98 825	41 554	27 955	7 386	73 365	782 745
2014	253 891	55 771	212 436	97 140	40 836	27 399	7 261	72 100	767 096

**Table A.4 Estimates and projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, 2005 to 2020 (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>
2013	248 260	54 788	207 979	95 418	40 117	26 870	7 138	70 851	751 680
2012	242 442	53 749	203 405	93 731	39 344	26 347	7 001	69 556	735 833
2011	236 637	52 848	198 776	92 097	38 605	25 752	6 894	68 231	720 093
2010	230 865	51 941	194 171	90 367	37 805	25 232	6 772	66 894	704 296
2009	225 129	50 994	189 488	88 630	36 995	24 677	6 635	65 544	688 340
2008	219 394	50 033	184 757	86 792	36 234	24 062	6 511	64 225	672 254
2007	213 649	49 048	179 993	84 938	35 440	23 466	6 396	62 962	656 133
2006	207 786	48 093	175 267	83 130	34 681	22 881	6 274	61 686	640 036
2005	202 137	47 124	170 858	81 123	33 879	22 301	6 123	60 565	624 341

(a) At 30 June.

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

(c) Projections based on Series B.

(d) Includes other territories.

Source: ABS (2019) *Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2006 to 2031*, Cat. no 3238.0.



TABLE A.5

Table A.5 Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by age, 2016 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<i>People aged 0–14 years</i>										
Speaks English only	no.	71 458	15 045	58 306	21 280	10 028	7 587	1 923	6 053	191 684
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language and speaks English										
Well or very well	no.	420	118	3 150	2 233	696	27	25	7 069	13 726
Not well or at all	no.	44	6	839	442	168	–	–	2 626	4 118
Not stated (b)	no.	24	3	250	143	23	–	–	424	866
Total	no.	491	126	4 234	2 817	888	27	27	10 108	18 712
Speaks other language (c)	no.	881	382	1 949	277	121	52	53	192	3 917
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>72 830</b>	<b>15 553</b>	<b>64 489</b>	<b>24 374</b>	<b>11 037</b>	<b>7 666</b>	<b>2 003</b>	<b>16 353</b>	<b>214 313</b>
Not stated	no.	1 437	323	1 588	1 000	386	124	23	1 131	6 020
<i>People aged 15–24 years</i>										
Speaks English only	no.	39 200	8 544	31 001	11 152	5 544	4 185	1 279	3 260	104 172
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language and speaks English										
Well or very well	no.	211	81	2 061	1 615	576	7	22	6 011	10 580
Not well or at all	no.	11	3	82	96	46	–	–	477	707
Not stated (b)	no.	23	3	101	75	23	–	–	134	356
Total	no.	241	87	2 245	1 783	638	7	21	6 621	11 652
Speaks other language (c)	no.	382	178	968	101	71	17	26	93	1 841
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>39 823</b>	<b>8 809</b>	<b>34 214</b>	<b>13 036</b>	<b>6 253</b>	<b>4 209</b>	<b>1 326</b>	<b>9 974</b>	<b>117 665</b>
Not stated	no.	1 497	261	1 670	1 030	314	81	41	1 136	6 019
<i>People aged 25–44 years</i>										
Speaks English only	no.	46 449	10 725	38 090	14 663	6 745	5 304	1 640	4 583	128 198
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language and speaks English										
Well or very well	no.	472	120	3 267	2 796	863	14	37	9 693	17 254
Not well or at all	no.	6	3	81	128	80	4	–	643	950
Not stated (b)	no.	21	5	129	109	20	–	–	245	525
Total	no.	500	131	3 480	3 032	961	20	37	10 575	18 730

TABLE A.5

Table A.5 Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by age, 2016 (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<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</i>
Speaks other language (c)	no.	604	273	1 218	186	88	35	36	155	2 605
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>47 553</b>	<b>11 129</b>	<b>42 788</b>	<b>17 881</b>	<b>7 794</b>	<b>5 359</b>	<b>1 713</b>	<b>15 313</b>	<b>149 533</b>
Not stated		3 092	645	2 496	2 433	759	131	80	2 028	11 668
<i>People aged 45 years or over</i>										
Speaks English only	no.	46 909	10 059	33 773	12 531	6 223	5 795	1 207	3 783	120 272
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language and speaks English										
Well or very well	no.	525	124	2 844	2 121	700	15	37	6 506	12 859
Not well or at all	no.	14	4	234	226	94	–	–	781	1 355
Not stated (b)	no.	21	6	108	124	16	–	–	147	416
Total	no.	560	124	3 182	2 467	807	16	35	7 430	14 627
Speaks other language (c)	no.	475	286	837	157	93	40	31	121	2 034
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>47 944</b>	<b>10 469</b>	<b>37 792</b>	<b>15 155</b>	<b>7 123</b>	<b>5 851</b>	<b>1 273</b>	<b>11 334</b>	<b>136 933</b>
Not stated		1 990	582	1 458	1 069	511	156	40	986	6 792
<i>Total (number)</i>										
Speaks English only	no.	204 019	44 374	161 166	59 626	28 540	22 866	6 052	17 682	544 325
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language and speaks English										
Well or very well	no.	1 625	441	11 319	8 758	2 826	63	120	29 271	54 426
Not well or at all	no.	77	19	1 230	885	390	4	–	4 516	7 129
Not stated (b)	no.	90	12	582	454	84	–	–	942	2 164
Total	no.	1 791	474	13 135	10 101	3 295	64	123	34 731	63 722
Speaks other language (c)	no.	2 348	1 119	4 976	720	374	149	150	552	10 398
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>208 158</b>	<b>45 967</b>	<b>179 277</b>	<b>70 447</b>	<b>32 209</b>	<b>23 079</b>	<b>6 325</b>	<b>52 965</b>	<b>618 445</b>
Not stated	no.	8 017	1 812	7 209	5 532	1 972	492	184	5 278	30 498
<i>People who stated language at home (proportion)</i>										
Speaks English only	%	<b>98.0</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>99.1</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>88.0</b>
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language and speaks English										
Well or very well	%	90.7	93.0	86.2	86.7	85.8	98.4	97.6	84.3	85.4

TABLE A.5

Table A.5 Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by age, 2016 (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<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</i>
Not well or at all	%	4.3	4.0	9.4	8.8	11.8	6.3	–	13.0	11.2
Not stated (b)	%	5.0	2.5	4.4	4.5	2.5	–	–	2.7	3.4
Total	%	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>10.3</b>
Speaks other language (c)	%	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data. No reliance should be placed on small cells and component cells may not sum to the total.

(b) Includes cases where language spoken at home was stated but proficiency in spoken English was not stated.

(c) Includes persons whose language spoken at home was inadequately described.

(d) Excludes persons whose language spoken at home was not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Note: 2016 Census data are sourced by the Productivity Commission from TableBuilder.

Source: ABS (unpublished) 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

TABLE A.6

Table A.6 Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by age, 2018-19 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<i>People aged 0–14 years</i>										
Speaks English only	no.	91 600	20 900	75 900	31 000	14 000	9 900	2 500	11 400	257 600
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:										
Well or very well (c)	no.	–	–	3 000	2 400	600	–	–	5 600	11 500
Not well or at all (c), (d)	no.	–	–	900	700	200	–	–	3 000	4 500
Total	no.	–	–	4 300	2 900	800	–	–	9 600	17 900
Speaks other language	no.	400	–	1 300	200	–	–	–	500	2 900
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>92 500</b>	<b>21 000</b>	<b>82 100</b>	<b>34 300</b>	<b>14 700</b>	<b>9 900</b>	<b>2 600</b>	<b>21 200</b>	<b>278 100</b>
<i>People aged 15–24 years</i>										
Speaks English only	no.	52 600	11 600	40 800	16 600	8 100	5 800	1 500	5 900	143 600
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:										
Well or very well	no.	–	–	2 400	1 500	200	–	–	6 200	10 600
Not well or at all (d)	no.	–	–	400	100	–	–	–	800	1 200
Total	no.	–	–	2 800	1 600	300	–	–	7 200	11 800
Speaks other language	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	200	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>52 600</b>	<b>11 600</b>	<b>43 700</b>	<b>18 400</b>	<b>8 400</b>	<b>5 800</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>13 000</b>	<b>155 500</b>
<i>People aged 25–44 years</i>										
Speaks English only	no.	64 600	14 500	50 300	22 500	10 200	6 900	2 100	7 700	178 900
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:										
Well or very well	no.	–	–	4 000	2 800	300	–	–	11 700	18 900
Not well or at all (d)	no.	–	–	400	300	300	–	–	2 500	3 300
Total	no.	–	–	4 300	3 400	800	–	–	14 100	22 400
Speaks other language	no.	–	–	700	100	–	–	–	200	800
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>64 500</b>	<b>14 600</b>	<b>55 300</b>	<b>26 000</b>	<b>10 800</b>	<b>6 900</b>	<b>2 100</b>	<b>21 900</b>	<b>201 500</b>
<i>People aged 45 years or over</i>										
Speaks English only	no.	62 400	13 300	42 400	17 800	8 600	7 500	1 500	8 000	161 800

TABLE A.6

Table A.6 Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by age, 2018-19 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:										
Well or very well	no.	–	–	3 500	2 900	400	–	–	6 100	13 500
Not well or at all (d)	no.	–	–	400	400	200	–	–	2 100	2 800
Total	no.	–	–	4 000	3 100	700	–	–	8 000	16 300
Speaks other language	no.	–	–	900	–	–	–	–	100	1 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>63 000</b>	<b>13 200</b>	<b>47 500</b>	<b>21 300</b>	<b>9 300</b>	<b>7 500</b>	<b>1 600</b>	<b>16 200</b>	<b>179 100</b>
<i>Total (number)</i>										
Speaks English only	no.	272 000	60 100	210 400	88 300	40 800	29 800	7 800	33 100	741 600
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:										
Well or very well (c)	no.	300	–	13 000	9 800	1 600	–	–	29 700	54 500
Not well or at all (c), (d)	no.	–	–	2 000	1 200	800	–	–	7 900	11 900
Total	no.	300	–	15 500	11 200	2 500	–	–	38 700	68 100
Speaks other language	no.	400	–	2 800	500	–	–	–	900	4 600
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>271 900</b>	<b>60 200</b>	<b>228 900</b>	<b>99 800</b>	<b>43 000</b>	<b>29 800</b>	<b>7 700</b>	<b>72 700</b>	<b>814 000</b>
<i>People who stated language at home (proportion)</i>										
Speaks English only	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>91.1</b>
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:										
Well or very well (c)	%	100.0	–	83.9	87.5	64.0	–	–	76.7	80.0
Not well or at all (c), (d)	%	–	–	12.9	10.7	32.0	–	–	20.4	17.5
Total	%	<b>0.1</b>	–	<b>6.8</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>5.8</b>	–	–	<b>53.2</b>	<b>8.4</b>
Speaks other language	%	<b>0.1</b>	–	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	–	–	–	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Survey data are reported in units of '000. No reliance should be placed on small cells and component cells may not sum to the total.

(b) See table A.7 for the relative standard error (RSE) for each estimate/proportion. Estimates/proportions with a relative standard error (RSE) of 25 per cent to 50 per cent should be used with caution. Estimates/proportions with an RSE greater than 50 per cent (or where the RSE is reported with an 'np') are considered too unreliable for general use.

(c) Excludes persons aged less than 2 years.

(d) Includes cases where proficiency in English is not known and those persons who do not speak English.

TABLE A.6

Table A.6 **Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by age, 2018-19 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<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</i>
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– Nil or rounded to zero.

Note: 2018-19 NATSIHS data have been sourced by the Productivity Commission from TableBuilder.

Source: ABS (unpublished) National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey, 2018-19.

TABLE A.7

Table A.7 Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by age, 2018-19 (RSE) (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<i>People aged 0–14 years</i>										
Speaks English only	%	0.5	0.4	1.6	2.7	1.7	0.7	1.7	8.5	0.7
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:										
Well or very well (b)	%	–	–	20.0	23.4	29.5	–	–	12.5	9.3
Not well or at all (b), (c)	%	–	–	27.3	43.0	np	–	–	21.7	16.5
Total	%	–	–	16.1	27.4	28.9	–	–	10.2	8.0
Speaks other language	%	np	–	np	np	–	–	–	31.3	32.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<i>People aged 15–24 years</i>										
Speaks English only	%	1.0	0.9	2.1	3.8	2.6	1.4	3.6	12.5	0.8
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:										
Well or very well	%	–	–	27.4	40.5	np	–	–	11.6	10.0
Not well or at all (c)	%	–	–	np	np	–	–	–	35.7	31.2
Total	%	–	–	24.5	38.9	np	–	–	10.2	9.1
Speaks other language	%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	np	46.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<i>People aged 25–44 years</i>										
Speaks English only	%	0.6	0.6	1.8	3.3	2.9	1.0	2.4	9.9	0.8
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:										
Well or very well	%	–	–	18.3	23.6	38.2	–	–	6.2	6.3
Not well or at all (c)	%	–	–	40.2	np	np	–	–	22.5	19.1
Total	%	–	–	18.1	22.0	35.7	–	–	5.4	5.6
Speaks other language	%	–	–	np	np	–	–	–	np	np
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<i>People aged 45 years or over</i>										
Speaks English only	%	0.6	0.6	2.4	3.6	2.2	0.7	2.4	9.4	0.8

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Table A.7 Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by age, 2018-19 (RSE) (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:										
Well or very well	%	–	–	24.1	20.5	34.0	–	–	9.7	8.3
Not well or at all (c)	%	–	–	35.5	38.9	np	–	–	16.1	13.9
Total	%	–	–	22.1	20.1	25.6	–	–	9.3	7.4
Speaks other language	%	–	–	np	–	–	–	–	np	np
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<i>Total</i>										
Speaks English only	%	0.2	0.2	1.2	2.4	1.4	0.2	0.6	7.7	0.6
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:										
Well or very well (b)	%	np	–	14.8	17.9	24.9	–	–	6.5	6.0
Not well or at all (b), (c)	%	–	–	19.9	44.7	29.2	–	–	15.6	11.7
Total	%	np	–	13.9	18.7	21.6	–	–	6.6	5.8
Speaks other language	%	np	–	np	42.5	–	–	–	30.7	35.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<i>People who stated language at home</i>										
Speaks English only	%	0.1	0.1	1.2	2.4	1.3	np	0.3	7.7	0.6
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:										
Well or very well (b)	%	np	–	5.1	np	12.3	–	–	np	1.6
Not well or at all (b), (c)	%	–	–	14.3	40.6	19.6	–	–	14.1	10.2
Total	%	np	–	13.9	18.7	21.6	–	–	6.6	5.8
Speaks other language	%	np	–	np	42.5	np	–	–	30.7	35.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

(a) Estimates with a relative standard error (RSE) of 25 per cent to 50 per cent should be used with caution. Estimates with a RSE greater than 50 per cent are considered too unreliable for general use and have not been published.

(b) Excludes persons aged less than 2 years.

(c) Includes cases where proficiency in English is not known and those persons who do not speak English.

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



TABLE A.7

Table A.7 **Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by age, 2018-19 (RSE) (a)**

<i>Unit</i>	<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</i>
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Note: 2018-19 NATSIHS data have been sourced by the Productivity Commission from TableBuilder.

Source: ABS (unpublished) National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey 2018-19.

TABLE A.8

Table A.8 Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by remoteness, by age, 2016 (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Major cities</i>	<i>Inner regional</i>	<i>Outer regional</i>	<i>Remote</i>	<i>Very remote</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
<i>People aged 0–14 years</i>							
Speaks English only	no.	77 470	54 254	41 018	10 220	8 428	191 390
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:							
Well or very well	no.	745	486	1 075	1 570	9 839	13 715
Not well or at all	no.	55	34	152	293	3 581	4 113
English proficiency not stated (c)	no.	33	18	63	99	649	867
Total	no.	832	535	1 295	1 962	14 061	18 695
Speaks other language (d)	no.	1 685	433	805	142	846	3 908
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>79 987</b>	<b>55 222</b>	<b>43 118</b>	<b>12 324</b>	<b>23 335</b>	<b>213 993</b>
Not stated	no.	1 358	986	1 361	518	1 772	5 990
<i>People aged 15–24 years</i>							
Speaks English only	no.	46 200	27 665	20 586	4 964	4 389	103 796
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:							
Well or very well	no.	485	235	734	1 272	7 834	10 559
Not well or at all	no.	14	7	31	38	616	709
English proficiency not stated (c)	no.	28	9	44	46	223	355
Total	no.	529	254	807	1 356	8 675	11 627
Speaks other language (d)	no.	760	197	391	75	401	1 826
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>47 489</b>	<b>28 116</b>	<b>21 784</b>	<b>6 395</b>	<b>13 465</b>	<b>117 249</b>
Not stated	no.	1 555	1 216	1 337	562	1 194	5 866
<i>People aged 25–44 years</i>							
Speaks English only	no.	55 919	32 006	25 783	7 106	6 814	127 624
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:							
Well or very well	no.	823	390	1 068	2 190	12 671	17 139
Not well or at all	no.	18	6	39	64	799	934
English proficiency not stated (c)	no.	21	14	48	90	337	517
Total	no.	862	407	1 156	2 347	13 806	18 590

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Table A.8 Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by remoteness, by age, 2016 (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Major cities</i>	<i>Inner regional</i>	<i>Outer regional</i>	<i>Remote</i>	<i>Very remote</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Speaks other language (d)	no.	1 149	318	522	111	481	2 578
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>57 930</b>	<b>32 731</b>	<b>27 461</b>	<b>9 564</b>	<b>21 101</b>	<b>148 792</b>
Not stated	no.	2 984	2 659	2 741	889	1 663	10 933
<i>People aged 45 years or over</i>							
Speaks English only	no.	47 567	32 302	26 944	7 035	5 991	119 829
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:							
Well or very well	no.	793	432	1 089	1 933	8 467	12 719
Not well or at all	no.	26	10	90	167	1 027	1 318
English proficiency not stated (c)	no.	28	13	46	71	250	409
Total	no.	844	449	1 222	2 175	9 747	14 440
Speaks other language (d)	no.	883	303	426	100	296	2 014
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>49 294</b>	<b>33 054</b>	<b>28 592</b>	<b>9 310</b>	<b>16 034</b>	<b>136 283</b>
Not stated	no.	1 930	1 410	1 492	655	788	6 272
<i>Total</i>							
Speaks English only	no.	227 151	146 222	114 325	29 317	25 621	542 634
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:							
Well or very well	no.	2 849	1 542	3 968	6 957	38 806	54 127
Not well or at all	no.	116	56	308	568	6 025	7 070
English proficiency not stated (c)	no.	112	56	203	315	1 456	2 149
Total	no.	3 074	1 648	4 480	7 850	46 291	63 343
Speaks other language (d)	no.	4 476	1 259	2 144	424	2 028	10 334
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>234 701</b>	<b>149 129</b>	<b>120 949</b>	<b>37 591</b>	<b>73 940</b>	<b>616 311</b>
Not stated	no.	7 824	6 271	6 921	2 624	5 419	29 060
<i>People who stated language at home</i>							
Speaks English only	%	96.8	98.1	94.5	78.0	34.7	88.0
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:							

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Table A.8 Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by remoteness, by age, 2016 (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Major cities</i>	<i>Inner regional</i>	<i>Outer regional</i>	<i>Remote</i>	<i>Very remote</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Well or very well	%	92.6	93.2	88.6	88.7	83.8	85.4
Not well or at all	%	3.8	3.4	6.9	7.2	13.0	11.2
English proficiency not stated (c)	%	3.6	3.4	4.5	4.0	3.1	3.4
Total	%	1.3	1.1	3.7	20.9	62.6	10.3
Speaks other language (d)	%	1.9	0.8	1.8	1.1	2.7	1.7
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Indigenous languages, by age</i>							
0–14 years	%	1.0	1.0	3.0	15.9	60.3	8.7
15–24 years	%	1.1	0.9	3.7	21.2	64.4	9.9
25–44 years	%	1.5	1.2	4.2	24.5	65.4	12.5
45 years or over	%	1.7	1.4	4.3	23.4	60.8	10.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<i>Speakers of an Australian Indigenous language at home, by English proficiency</i>							
Well or very well	%	92.6	93.2	88.6	88.7	83.8	85.4
Not well or at all	%	3.8	3.4	6.9	7.2	13.0	11.2
English proficiency not stated (c)	%	3.6	3.4	4.5	4.0	3.1	3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>English only, by age</i>							
0–14 years	%	96.9	98.2	95.1	82.9	36.1	89.4
15–24 years	%	97.3	98.4	94.5	77.6	32.6	88.5
25–44 years	%	96.5	97.8	93.9	74.3	32.3	85.8
45 years or over	%	96.5	97.7	94.2	75.6	37.4	87.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>88.0</b>

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Table A.8 **Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by remoteness, by age, 2016 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Major cities</i>	<i>Inner regional</i>	<i>Outer regional</i>	<i>Remote</i>	<i>Very remote</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
<i>Speakers of an Australian Indigenous language at home who do not speak English well or at all, by age</i>							
0–14 years	%	6.6	6.4	11.7	14.9	25.5	22.0
15–24 years	%	2.6	2.8	3.8	2.8	7.1	6.1
25–44 years	%	2.1	1.5	3.4	2.7	5.8	5.0
45 years or over	%	3.1	2.2	7.4	7.7	10.5	9.1
<b>All people</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</i>							
0–14 years	no.	81 340	56 209	44 482	12 835	25 116	219 986
15–24 years	no.	49 045	29 330	23 121	6 954	14 661	123 110
25–44 years	no.	60 911	35 394	30 195	10 453	22 768	159 724
45 years or over	no.	51 230	34 466	30 083	9 965	16 812	142 555
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>242 527</b>	<b>155 402</b>	<b>127 874</b>	<b>40 209</b>	<b>79 353</b>	<b>645 371</b>

(a) Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data. No reliance should be placed on small cells and component cells may not sum to the total.

(b) Excludes persons with no usual address and those residing in designated 'Migratory - Offshore - Shipping' remoteness areas.

(c) Includes cases where language spoken at home was stated but proficiency in spoken English was not stated.

(d) Includes persons whose language spoken at home was inadequately described.

(e) Excludes persons whose language spoken at home was not stated.

Note: 2016 Census data are sourced by the Productivity Commission from TableBuilder.

Source: ABS (unpublished) 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

TABLE A.9

Table A.9 **Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by remote/non-remote, by age, 2018-19 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Non-Remote</i>	<i>Remote</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>People aged 0–14 years</i>				
Speaks English only	no.	229 000	28 400	257 600
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:				
Well or very well (b)	no.	700	10 700	11 500
Not well or at all (b), (c)	no.	–	4 500	4 500
Total	no.	1 100	16 800	17 900
Speaks other language	no.	2 000	1 000	2 900
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>231 600</b>	<b>46 400</b>	<b>278 100</b>
<i>People aged 15–24 years</i>				
Speaks English only	no.	128 900	14 500	143 600
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:				
Well or very well	no.	300	9 900	10 600
Not well or at all (c)	no.	–	1 200	1 200
Total	no.	300	11 300	11 800
Speaks other language	no.	–	200	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>129 700</b>	<b>26 100</b>	<b>155 500</b>
<i>People aged 25–44 years</i>				
Speaks English only	no.	157 700	21 200	178 900
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:				
Well or very well	no.	1 800	17 500	18 900
Not well or at all (c)	no.	–	3 400	3 300
Total	no.	1 900	20 700	22 400
Speaks other language	no.	300	300	800
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>159 700</b>	<b>42 200</b>	<b>201 500</b>
<i>People aged 45 years or over</i>				
Speaks English only	no.	142 100	19 800	161 800
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:				
Well or very well	no.	1 500	11 700	13 500
Not well or at all (c)	no.	–	2 900	2 800
Total	no.	1 600	14 400	16 300
Speaks other language	no.	600	100	1 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>144 500</b>	<b>34 300</b>	<b>179 100</b>
<i>Total</i>				
Speaks English only	no.	657 000	84 000	741 600
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:				
Well or very well (b)	no.	4 700	49 600	54 500
Not well or at all (b), (c)	no.	100	11 800	11 900
Total	no.	4 900	63 300	68 100
Speaks other language	no.	2 800	1 500	4 600
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>665 200</b>	<b>148 700</b>	<b>814 000</b>
<i>People who stated language at home</i>				
Speaks English only	%	98.8	56.5	91.1
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language. Speaks English:				

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Table A.9 **Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by remote/non-remote, by age, 2018-19 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Non-Remote</i>	<i>Remote</i>	<i>Total</i>
Well or very well (b)	%	97.9	80.8	82.1
Not well or at all (b), (c)	%	2.1	19.2	17.9
Total	%	0.7	42.5	8.4
Speaks other language	%	0.4	1.0	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Indigenous languages, by age</i>				
0–14 years	%	0.5	36.2	6.4
15–24 years	%	0.2	43.3	7.6
25–44 years	%	1.2	49.1	11.1
45 years or over	%	1.1	42.0	9.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<i>Speakers of an Australian Indigenous language at home, by English proficiency</i>				
Well or very well	%	95.9	78.4	80.0
Not well or at all	%	2.0	18.6	17.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>English only, by age</i>				
0–14 years	%	98.9	61.2	92.6
15–24 years	%	99.4	55.6	92.3
25–44 years	%	98.7	50.2	88.8
45 years or over	%	98.3	57.7	90.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>91.1</b>
<i>Speakers of an Australian Indigenous language at home who do not speak English well or at all, by age</i>				
0–14 years	%	–	26.8	25.1
15–24 years	%	–	10.6	10.2
25–44 years	%	–	16.4	14.7
45 years or over	%	–	20.1	17.2
<b>All people</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</i>				
0–14 years	no.	231 600	46 400	278 100
15–24 years	no.	129 700	26 100	155 500
25–44 years	no.	159 700	42 200	201 500
45 years or over	no.	144 500	34 300	179 100
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>665 200</b>	<b>148 700</b>	<b>814 000</b>

(a) Survey data are reported in units of '000. No reliance should be placed on small cells and component cells may not sum to the total.

(b) Excludes persons aged less than 2 years.

(c) Includes cases where proficiency in English is not known and those persons who do not speak English.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Note: 2018-19 NATSIHS data have been sourced by the Productivity Commission from TableBuilder.

Source: ABS (unpublished) National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey 2018-19.

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Table A.10 **Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by remote/non-remote, by age, 2018-19 (RSE) (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Non-Remote</i>	<i>Remote</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>People aged 0–14 years</i>				
Speaks English only	%	0.5	5.0	0.7
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language and speaks English (b)				
Well or very well	%	np	9.1	9.3
Not well or at all (c)	%	–	16.5	16.5
Total	%	38.4	8.2	8.0
Speaks other language	%	44.8	28.4	32.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<i>People aged 15–24 years</i>				
Speaks English only	%	0.4	7.0	0.8
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language and speaks English				
Well or very well	%	np	10.1	10.0
Not well or at all (c)	%	–	31.2	31.2
Total	%	np	9.0	9.1
Speaks other language	%	–	np	46.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<i>People aged 25–44 years</i>				
Speaks English only	%	0.5	5.4	0.8
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language and speaks English				
Well or very well	%	31.3	6.1	6.3
Not well or at all (c)	%	–	18.6	19.1
Total	%	30.4	5.5	5.6
Speaks other language	%	np	np	np
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<i>People aged 45 years or over</i>				
Speaks English only	%	0.6	4.9	0.8
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language and speaks English				
Well or very well	%	42.0	7.3	8.3
Not well or at all (c)	%	–	13.1	13.9
Total	%	39.8	6.6	7.4
Speaks other language	%	np	np	np
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<i>Total</i>				
Speaks English only	%	0.3	4.5	0.6
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language and speaks English (b)				
Well or very well	%	23.8	6.0	6.0
Not well or at all (c)	%	np	11.8	11.7
Total	%	23.5	5.9	5.8
Speaks other language	%	np	25.8	35.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>–</b>
<i>People who stated language at home</i>				
Speaks English only	%	–	–	–
Speaks an Australian Indigenous language and speaks English (b)				



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Table A.10 **Language spoken at home by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by remote/non-remote, by age, 2018-19 (RSE) (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Non-Remote</i>	<i>Remote</i>	<i>Total</i>
Well or very well	%	–	–	–
Not well or at all (c)	%	–	–	–
Total	%	–	–	–
Speaks other language	%	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	–	–	–
<i>Indigenous languages, by age</i>				
0–14 years	%	–	–	–
15–24 years	%	–	–	–
25–44 years	%	–	–	–
45 years or over	%	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	–	–	–
<i>Speakers of an Australian Indigenous language at home, by English proficiency</i>				
Well or very well	%	–	–	–
Not well or at all	%	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	–	–	–
<i>English only, by age</i>				
0–14 years	%	–	–	–
15–24 years	%	–	–	–
25–44 years	%	–	–	–
45 years or over	%	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	–	–	–
<i>Speakers of an Australian Indigenous language at home who do not speak English well or at all, by age</i>				
0–14 years	%	–	–	–
15–24 years	%	–	–	–
25–44 years	%	–	–	–
45 years or over	%	–	–	–
<b>All people</b>	<b>%</b>	–	–	–
<i>All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</i>				
0–14 years	%	0.1	0.2	0.1
15–24 years	%	0.2	0.4	0.1
25–44 years	%	0.1	0.2	0.1
45 years or over	%	0.1	0.2	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	–	<b>0.1</b>	–

(a) Estimates with a relative standard error (RSE) of 25 per cent to 50 per cent should be used with caution. Estimates with a RSE greater than 50 per cent are considered too unreliable for general use and have not been published.

(b) Excludes persons aged less than 2 years.

(c) Includes cases where proficiency in English is not known and those persons who do not speak English.

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

Note: 2018-19 NATSIHS data have been sourced by the Productivity Commission from TableBuilder.

Source: ABS (unpublished) National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey 2018-19.