

Main Features
Indigenous population

	1996	2001	Qld share
Queensland	95,518	112,772	(27.5%)
Australia	352,970	410,003	

Indigenous as a proportion of total population

	1991	1996	2001
Queensland	2.4%	2.9%	3.1%
Australia	1.6%	2.0%	2.2%

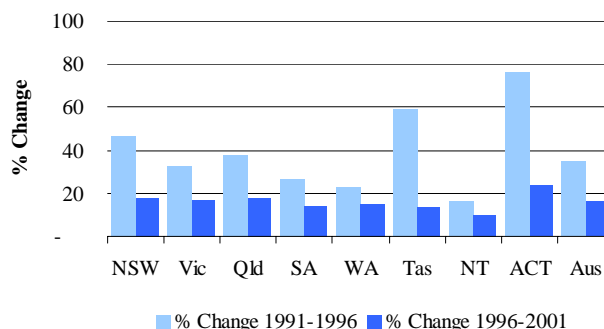
Indigenous peoples in Statistical Divisions

Statistical Division	Number	% of SD	% Share
Brisbane	26,967	1.7	23.9
Moreton	8,353	1.1	7.4
Wide Bay Burnett	7,070	3.0	6.3
Darling Downs	5,524	2.7	4.9
South West	2,597	9.6	2.3
Fitzroy	7,836	4.3	6.9
Central West	709	5.2	0.6
Mackay	4,698	3.3	4.2
Northern	11,597	6.1	10.3
Far North	28,909	11.8	25.6
North West	8,492	21.8	7.5
Undefined Qld	18	1.0	0.0
Total Queensland	112,772	3.1	100.0

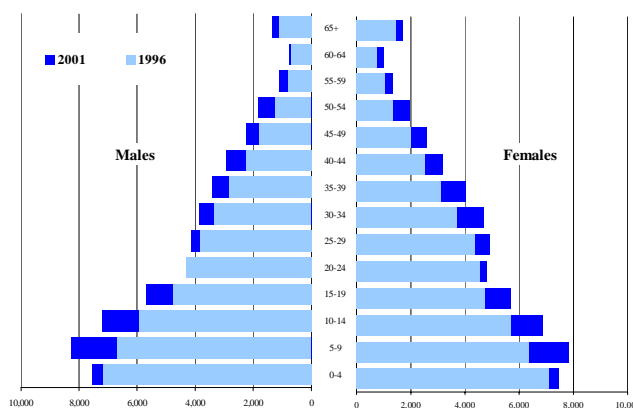
Commentary

- These counts are based on the results of the September 2001 Census of Population and Housing conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Data presented are based on the place of enumeration counts, not place of usual residence. Place of usual residence data will be available in April 2003.
- An estimated 112,772 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (thereafter referred to as Indigenous people) identified as Indigenous in Queensland on Census night.
- Of the 3,585,369 people (excluding overseas visitors), 3.1% identified as Indigenous. This increased from 95,518 (2.9%) in 1996. Across Australia, 410,003 (2.2%) identified as Indigenous in the 2001 Census, an increase from 352,970 (2.0%) in 1996.
- Of the 18.1% increase in the number of persons who identified as Indigenous in Queensland between 1996 and 2001, about 13.3% can be explained by natural population increase and interstate migration. The remaining 4.8% is most probably the result of increasing propensity to identify based on ABS estimates.¹

- The percentage change from 1996 to 2001 was lower in all states compared with 1991 to 1996. The greatest change was in the Australian Capital Territory (+23%) and the smallest change occurred in the Northern Territory (+10%).

Percentage change in the number of Indigenous people enumerated 1991 to 1996 and 1996 to 2001


- Queensland's Indigenous population was significantly younger in composition compared with Queensland's population overall with 40.1% of the Indigenous population being under 15 years of age compared with 20.7% of Queensland's non-Indigenous population. Only 2.7% of the Indigenous population were aged over 65 years of age compared with 12.7% of the non-Indigenous population.

Indigenous population, Queensland 1996 and 2001 by age and sex


- Growth in the number of people who identified as Indigenous between 1996 and 2001 was unevenly distributed across age groups with the greatest increase occurring in the 5-19 age groups and the 50 to 59 age groups.

¹ ABS experimental projections Cat no 3231.0