

# 1.14 Community functioning

## Analysis of factors associated with community functioning for Indigenous Australians

### Data sources

Data for this measure come from the 2006 Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey, and the 2002 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey.

#### Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey (CHINS)

The CHINS collects data from all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing organisations and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Australia. The ABS conducted the CHINS on behalf of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) in 1999 and 2001. The most recent CHINS was conducted by the ABS in 2006 on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) through funding from FaHCSIA. Results from this survey were published in August 2007. Data from the CHINS are held by FaHCSIA and the ABS. The 2006 information was collected on 496 Indigenous housing organisations which managed a total of 21,854 permanent dwellings. Information was also collected on 1,187 discrete Indigenous communities with a combined population of 92,960. Most of these communities were in Very Remote regions of Australia, with 73% (865) having a population of fewer than 50 people.

In the 2006 CHINS, a community questionnaire collected detailed infrastructure information from all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, as well as for communities which had a reported usual population of fewer than 50 persons but which were not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or Resource Agency (375 communities). The 812 other communities had reported usual populations of fewer than 50 persons and were asked a subset of questions from the community questionnaire form, the short community questionnaire (ABS 2007).

#### National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS)

The 2002 NATSISS collected information from 9,400 Indigenous Australians across all states and territories of Australia. The sample covered persons aged 15 years and over who were usual residents of private dwellings. It collected information on a wide range of subjects including family and culture, health, education, employment, income, financial stress, housing, and law and justice. The 2002 NATSISS is the second national social survey of Indigenous Australians conducted by the ABS. Selected non-Indigenous comparisons are available through the 2002 General Social Survey (GSS). The ABS plans to conduct the NATSISS every 6 years. The next survey is planned for 2008.

### Analyses

Community functioning is defined as the ability and freedom of community members and communities to determine the context of their lives (e.g. social, cultural, spiritual,

organisational) and to translate their capability (knowledge, skills, understanding) into action (to make things happen and achieve a life they value).

Community functioning is related to concepts of wellbeing, capability and human functioning in the context of the economic, political and social infrastructure.

## **Community functioning scores**

A workshop was held in June 2008 involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples drawn from a variety of roles across the country to discuss the factors contributing to family and community functioning in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Key themes related to community functioning, and weights for each theme were agreed on at the workshop. Workshop participants ranked themes in order of importance, which then contributed to the themes receiving a weighting. Data items from the 2002 NATSISS were then allocated to each theme. Workshop participants later ranked the data items in order of importance and a weight was applied to each in order to produce a score out of 100. Community functioning scores were calculated for each Indigenous person aged 15 years or over based on these weightings.

## **Community and individual aspects contributing to community functioning scores**

Table 1.14.1 presents the themes and related data items that were used to calculate the community functioning scores.

### **Power to control choices and options**

- In 2002, over two-thirds (82%) of Indigenous Australians reported no stressors related to discrimination or racism and 46% could visit their homelands.
- Over one quarter (26%) of Indigenous persons reported involvement with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation and 90% had support in a time of crisis.

### **Connectedness to family land and history**

- Approximately 70% of Indigenous persons reported recognition of their homeland.
- Around 87% of Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over reported they were not removed from their natural family and 44% reported that their relatives were not removed from their natural family.

### **Health, chronic disease and substance use**

- Around 44% of Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over reported excellent or very good health.
- Around 84% of Indigenous persons had not drunk alcohol at risky/high-risk levels in the 12 months before the survey and 71% had not used illicit substances in the previous 12 months.

### **Culture**

- The majority (68%) of Indigenous Australians participated in at least one cultural event in the previous 12 months and 21% reported they spoke an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language.

### **Identity**

- Just over half (54%) of Indigenous Australians reported identifying with a tribal group or clan.

### **Continuing employment**

- In 2002, approximately 12% of Indigenous persons were employed in the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme and a further 34% were employed but not in CDEP.

### **Education**

- Around 18% of Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over completed Year 12 and 32% of Indigenous persons aged 25–64 years had a non-school qualification.

### **Infrastructure and community**

- Around 60% of Indigenous persons were living in a dwelling that had no major structural problems and three-quarters (74%) were living in a dwelling that was not overcrowded.
- Approximately 71% of Indigenous Australians reported having a working telephone, 56% had used a computer in the previous 12 months and 41% had used the internet in the previous 12 months.
- Over half (55%) of Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over reported having access to a motor vehicle.

### **Coping within the internal world and external world**

- Around 25% of Indigenous Australians reported no community problems and 18% reported experiencing no stressors in the 12 months before the survey.
- Around three-quarters of Indigenous persons reported they were not a victim of physical violence in the previous 12 months and did not need legal services in the previous 12 months.

### **Structure and routine**

- Approximately 69% of Indigenous persons reported living in only one dwelling in the previous 12 months.
- Almost half (46%) of Indigenous persons reported they did not have a cash flow problem.

### **Income**

- One quarter of Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over were in the third quintile or above of equivalised household income.
- Approximately 40% of Indigenous persons reported that government support was not the main source of income during the previous 2 years and 41% could raise \$2,000 within a week.

### **Other**

- Approximately 91% of Indigenous persons who were unemployed reported experiencing difficulties with finding work. The most common difficulty reported was insufficient education, training and skills (26%).

- Just over two-thirds (68%) of Indigenous persons who were unemployed reported using employment support services in the previous 12 months.
- Around 60% of Indigenous persons reported they went out to cafes, restaurants or bars, and took part in or attended sport or physical activities.

**Table 1.14.1: Variables contributing to community functioning and associated scores, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, Australia, 2002**

<b>Themes and community infrastructure</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Power to control choices and options</b>			
No stressors reported for discrimination/racism	232,201	82.0	2.99
Can visit homelands	130,287	46.2	2.43
Has support in a time of crisis	255,065	90.4	2.52
Involvement with Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander organisation	73,605	26.1	1.40
Work allows for cultural responsibilities—can meet responsibilities	62,956	22.3	2.43
Used strategies to meet living expenses	137,002	48.5	2.24
<b>Connectedness to family land and history</b>			
<b>Access to traditional lands</b>			
Recognition of homelands	196,326	69.6	2.96
Lives in homelands	61,700	21.9	1.90
<b>Removal</b>			
Respondent not removed from natural family	245,997	87.2	3.38
Relatives not removed from natural family	125,243	44.4	2.75
<b>Health, chronic disease and substance use</b>			
Self-assessed health status excellent or very good	124,360	44.1	1.95
Has no disability or long term-health condition	179,274	63.5	2.57
Not a regular smoker <sup>(a)</sup>	143,070	50.7	2.31
Has not drunk alcohol in last 12 months at risky/high-risk levels <sup>(b)</sup>	237,320	84.1	2.13
Has not used substances illicitly in last 12 months <sup>(c)</sup>	199,639	71.0	2.04
<b>Culture</b>			
<b>Protection and maintenance of culture</b>			
Main language spoken at home is Aboriginal language/ Torres Strait Islander language	34,003	12.0	1.57
Speaks an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander language	59,470	21.1	1.64
<b>Participation in cultural events</b>			
Attended Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural event in last 12 months			
Attended funeral	131,621	46.6	1.50
Attended ceremony	66,392	23.5	1.71
Attended sports carnival	84,149	29.8	1.07
Attended festival/carnival involving arts, crafts, music or dance	100,823	35.7	1.50
<i>Total events attended in last 12 months</i>	<i>192,126</i>	<i>68.1</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<b>Identity</b>			
Identification with tribal group or language group/clan	152,806	54.1	9.00
<b>Continuing employment</b>			
Employed in CDEP	34,230	12.1	3.64
Employed, not in CDEP	96,165	34.1	4.36

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**Table 1.14.1 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning and associated scores, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, Australia, 2002**

<b>Themes and community infrastructure</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Education</b>			
Year 12 highest year of school completed	47,006	17.9	3.83
<i>Total persons 15 years and over not at school<sup>(d)</sup></i>	262,958	100.0	..
Has a non-school qualification	59,869	32.1	3.17
<i>Total persons aged 25–64 years<sup>(e)</sup></i>	186,574	100.0	..
<b>Having a role</b>			
Has done volunteer work for an organisation in the last 12 months	77,939	27.6	2.57
Expected to have the same employment in 12 months	114,625	40.6	4.43
<b>Infrastructure of community</b>			
<b>Housing</b>			
Living in a dwelling that has no major structural problems	170,547	60.0	0.49
Living in a dwelling that is not overcrowded (Canadian National Occupancy Standard)	209,651	74.0	0.48
<i>Working household facilities for:</i>			
Washing people	278,203	99.0	0.45
Washing clothes and bedding	276,807	98.0	0.41
Storing/preparing foods	260,380	92.0	0.43
Sewerage facilities	276,939	98.0	0.45
<b>Communication services</b>			
Has working telephone	201,239	71.3	0.36
Used computer in last 12 months	156,677	56.0	0.26
Used internet in last 12 months	115,712	41.0	0.26
<b>Transport</b>			
Access to motor vehicles	154,160	55.0	0.33
Can easily get to places needed	197,862	70.0	0.45
<i>Main reasons for not using public transport:</i>			
Prefer to use own transport	82,411	29.0	0.30
No service available	82,205	29.0	0.43
No service available/convenient time	12,070	4.0	0.35
Cost considerations	3,402	1.0	0.38
Other <sup>(f)</sup>	19,471	7.0	0.18

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<b>Themes and community infrastructure</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Coping within the internal world and external world/role models</b>			
<b>Community problems</b>			
No community problems reported	19,243	25.3	0.55
Community problems reported, but less than three types	81,172	28.8	0.42
No problems reported for theft	160,788	57.0	0.35
No problems reported for alcohol	187,571	66.5	0.41
No problems reported for illicit drugs	191,165	67.7	0.41
No problems reported for family violence	222,474	78.8	0.44
No problems reported for assault	226,159	80.1	0.41
No problems reported for sexual assault	259,356	91.9	0.50
<i>Total persons who reported a community problem</i>	<i>207,607</i>	<i>73.6</i>	<i>0.09</i>
<b>Stressors</b>			
No stressors reported in last 12 months	50,004	17.7	0.57
Less than three types of stressors reported in the last 12 months <sup>(g)</sup>	156,671	55.5	0.37
No stressors reported for death of a family member or close friend	153,176	54.3	0.44
No stressors reported for serious illness or disability	195,195	69.2	0.39
No stressors reported for not able to get a job	206,059	73.0	0.42
No stressors reported for witness to violence	237,974	84.3	0.41
No stressors reported for member of family sent to jail/currently in jail	227,178	80.5	0.30
<i>Total persons who reported a stressor</i>	<i>232,122</i>	<i>82.3</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Crime and justice</b>			
Not a victim of physical or threatened violence in the last 12 months	213,514	75.7	0.55
Did not need legal services in the last 12 months	217,664	77.1	0.39
Did not use legal services in the last 12 months	226,312	80.2	0.35
Not arrested by police in the last 5 years	235,937	83.6	0.37
Not incarcerated in the last 5 years	262,125	92.9	0.42
<b>Structure and routine</b>			
Has no difficulties communicating with service providers in English <sup>(h)</sup>	245,244	86.9	0.44
In the last 12 months, has lived in only one dwelling	195,105	69.0	1.17
No days without money for basic living expenses in the last 12 months <sup>(i)</sup>	158,788	56.3	1.22
No days without money for basic living expenses in the last 2 weeks <sup>(i)</sup>	192,474	68.2	1.28
Did not have a cash flow problem <sup>(i)</sup>	129,627	45.9	1.33
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Equivalised gross household income</b>			
3rd quintile or above	69,310	25.0	0.62

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**Table 1.14.1 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning and associated scores, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, Australia, 2002**

<b>Themes and community infrastructure</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b><i>Main current source of personal income</i></b>			
CDEP	29,166	10.3	0.53
Other wages/salaries	81,970	29.0	0.60
Government pensions and allowances	141,799	50.2	0.48
Total in labour force	169,200	60.0	0.53
Other sources <sup>(i)</sup>	8,723	3.0	0.40
Government support was not the main source of income during the last 2 years	112,828	40.0	0.60
<b>Household financial stress and cash flow problems</b>			
Has a bank account	265,830	94.2	0.48
Could raise \$2,000 within a week	114,578	41.0	0.50
<b>Total persons aged 15 years and over</b>	<b>282,205</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Other</b>			
<b><i>Unemployed and main difficulty finding work</i></b>			
Transport problems/distance	5,830	15.0	..
No jobs at all	4,157	10.7	..
No jobs in locality or line of work	4,442	11.4	..
Insufficient education, training, skills	10,189	26.3	..
Own ill health or disability	2,242	5.8	..
Racial discrimination	862	2.2	..
Age	2,479	6.4	..
Other	4,921	12.7	..
<b>Total with difficulties</b>	<b>35,123</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total difficulties reported</b>	<b>2,483</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>..</b>
<b><i>Unemployed and use of employment support services in last 12 months</i></b>			
Used services	26,417	68.1	..
Did not use services			
Needed services	3,370	8.7	..
Did not need services	8,990	23.2	..
<i>Total did not use services in last 12 months</i>	<i>12,360</i>	<i>31.9</i>	<i>..</i>
<b><i>Involved in social activities in the last 3 months</i></b>			
Church or religious activities	66,892	23.7	..
Went out to a café, restaurant or bar	161,166	57.1	..
Took part or attended sport or physical activities	169,188	60.0	..
Attended movies, theatre, concert, museum, library or art gallery	122,931	43.6	..
Other	170,601	60.5	..
Transport used in the last 2 weeks (private or public)	267,366	95.0	..
<b>Total persons aged 15 years and over</b>	<b>282,205</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>

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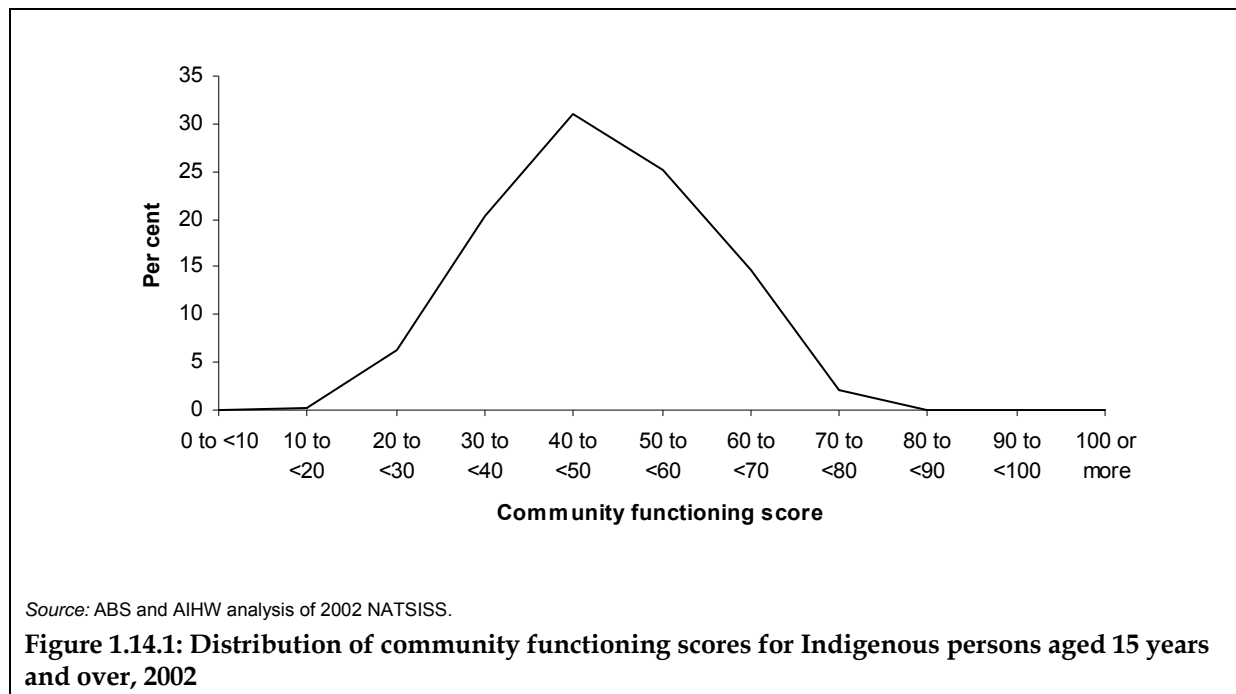
- (a) Excludes regular smoker and not stated.
- (b) Excludes high-risk, medium-risk and not stated.
- (c) Excludes no response, not stated and has used substance in the last 12 months.
- (d) Proportion of total persons aged 15 years and over, but not at school.
- (e) Proportion of total persons aged 25–64 years.
- (f) Includes takes too long, concerned about own personal safety, racial discrimination and other.
- (g) Includes values of zero to less than three.
- (h) Excludes with assistance.
- (i) Non-community responses only.
- (j) Excludes not stated.

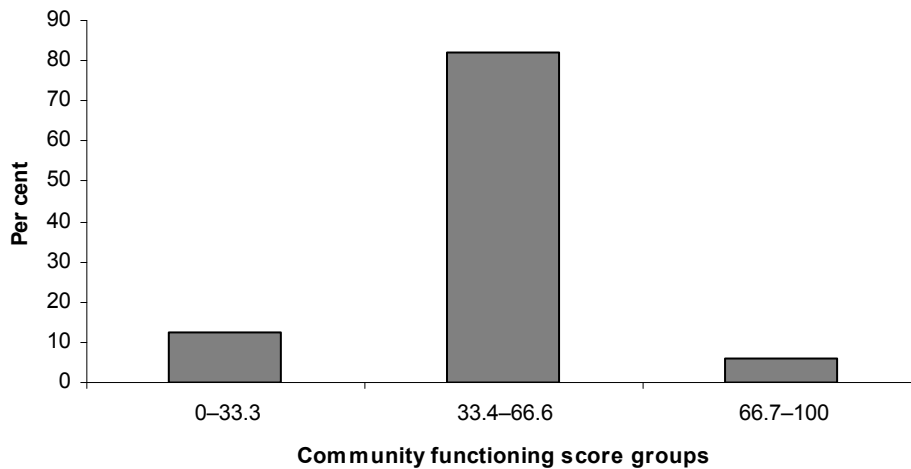
Source: AIHW and ABS analysis of 2002 NATSISS.

### Score distribution

Figures 1.14.1 and 1.14.2 show the distribution of the calculated community functioning scores for Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over. The higher the score, the better the community functioning.

- In 2002, almost one-third (31%) of Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had community functioning scores between 40 and 50, and over three-quarters had scores between 30 and 60 (Figure 1.14.1).
- Less than one-eighth (12%) of Indigenous persons had community functioning scores below 33, over three-quarters (82%) had scores between 33 and 67 and less than one-tenth (6%) had scores above 67 (Figure 1.14.2).





Source: ABS and AIHW analysis of 2002 NATSISS.

**Figure 1.14.2: Distribution of community functioning scores for Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, 2002**

### Indigenous and non-Indigenous comparisons

Table 1.14.2 presents data for Indigenous Australians from the 2002 NATSISS and for non-Indigenous Australians from the 2002 GSS on community and individual aspects that contribute to community functioning, which are comparable across the two surveys.

- In 2002, after adjusting for differences in age structure, a smaller proportion of Indigenous than non-Indigenous Australians aged 15 years and over were home owners (28% and 73% respectively), reported using a computer in the previous 12 months (44% and 55% respectively) or reported having access to motor vehicles (57% and 85% respectively).
- A higher proportion of Indigenous than non-Indigenous Australians were in the lowest (1st) household equivalised income quintile (38% compared with 18%), and a lower proportion reported that government income was not their main source of income at any point in the previous 2 years (34% compared with 67%).
- Less than half (40%) of Indigenous Australians aged 15 years and over reported that they could raise \$2,000 in a week for an emergency compared with 84% of non-Indigenous Australians.
- Around 14% of Indigenous Australians reported completing year 12 compared with 43% of non-Indigenous Australians.
- Approximately 35% of Indigenous Australians reported their health status as excellent/very good compared with 59% of non-Indigenous Australians.

**Table 1.14.2: Persons aged 15 years and over living in communities with access to community infrastructure by Indigenous status, Australia, 2002**

	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Rate ratio
	No.	Indigenous age-standardised %	No.	Non-Indigenous age-standardised %	
<b>Community infrastructure</b>					
<i><b>Housing</b></i>					
Home owner	66,703	28.1	10,498,555	73.2	0.4
<i><b>Communication services</b></i>					
Whether used computer in last 12 months	130,253	43.5	7,972,955	55.0	0.8
Whether used internet in last 12 months	92,749	30.4	6,193,160	42.6	0.7
<i><b>Transport</b></i>					
Access to motor vehicles	150,140	57.3	12,226,014	85.0	0.7
Can easily get to the places needed	179,089	71.4	12,117,472	84.4	0.8
<b>Individual aspects</b>					
<i><b>Community and social capital</b></i>					
Has done volunteer work for an organisation in the last 12 months	69,266	26.8	4,937,330	34.3	0.8
<i><b>Crime and justice</b></i>					
Not a victim of physical or threatened violence in the last 12 months	192,777	80.5	13,065,117	91.1	0.9
<i><b>Employment status</b></i>					
Labour force participation	154,019	52.1	9,760,388	67.2	0.8
Expected to have same employment in 12 months	109,759	38.4	8,168,524	56.3	0.7

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**Table 1.14.2 (continued): Persons aged 15 years and over living in communities with access to community infrastructure by Indigenous status, Australia, 2002**

	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Rate ratio
	No.	Indigenous age-standardised %	No.	Non-Indigenous age-standardised %	
<b>Income</b>					
Household equivalised weekly income:					
1st quintile	87,941	37.9	2,554,627	18.1	2.1
5th quintile	13,469	5.0	3,057,455	21.2	0.2
Government support not main source of income at any point in the last 2 years	96,107	34.3	9,734,589	67.3	0.5
<b>Household financial stress and cash flow problems</b>					
Ability to raise money in an emergency—could raise \$2,000 within a week	102,285	39.7	12,031,326	83.9	0.5
<b>Health</b>					
Self-assessed health status excellent/very good	105,396	35.2	8,510,044	58.9	0.6
Has no disability or long-term health condition	107,083	36.4	8,656,484	59.9	0.6
<b>Education</b>					
Completed Year 12	46,164	14.1	6,222,919	43.1	0.3
Has a non-school qualification	59,869	31.2	5,836,908	56.9	0.5

Source: AIHW and ABS analysis of 2002 NATSISS.

## Community functioning by sex, age, remoteness, state/territory, and time series

Tables 1.14.3, 1.14.4, 1.14.5, 1.14.6 and 1.14.7 present the proportion of Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over with each of the characteristics recognised as contributing to community functioning by sex, age, remoteness, state/territory and time series.

**Table 1.14.3: Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by sex, Australia, 2002**

Themes and community infrastructure	Males		Females	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Power to control choices and options</b>				
No stressors reported for discrimination/racism	112,268	83.0	119,933	81.6
Can visit homelands	60,123	44.5	70,165	47.7
Has support in a time of crisis	120,345	89.0	134,720	91.6
Involvement with Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander organisation	33,996	25.1	39,609	26.9
Work allows for cultural responsibilities—can meet responsibilities	33,981	25.1	28,975	19.7
Used strategies to meet living expenses	63,570	47.0	73,433	50.0
<b>Connectedness to family land and history</b>				
<i>Access to traditional lands</i>				
Recognition of homelands	94,053	69.6	102,273	69.6
Lives in homelands	31,958	23.6	29,742	20.2
<i>Removal</i>				
Respondent not removed from natural family	118,683	87.8	127,314	86.6
Relatives not removed from natural family	60,965	45.1	64,279	43.7
<b>Health, chronic disease and substance use</b>				
Self-assessed health status excellent or very good	63,705	47.1	60,656	41.3
Has no disability or long-term health condition	85,368	63.0	93,905	64.0
Not a regular smoker <sup>(a)</sup>	66,143	49.0	76,927	52.0
Has not drunk alcohol in last 12 months at risky/high-risk levels <sup>(b)</sup>	111,076	82.2	126,244	85.9
Has not used substances illicitly in last 12 months <sup>(c)</sup>	90,906	67.2	108,734	74.0
<b>Culture</b>				
<i>Protection and maintenance of culture</i>				
Main language spoken at home is Aboriginal language/ Torres Strait Islander language	15,819	11.7	18,184	12.4
Speaks an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander language	29,336	21.7	30,134	20.5
<i>Participation in cultural events</i>				
Attended Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural event in last 12 months				
Attended funeral	61,531	45.5	70,090	47.7
Attended ceremony	30,719	22.7	35,673	24.3
Attended sports carnival	40,902	30.3	43,247	29.4
Attended festival/carnival involving arts, crafts, music or dance	42,408	31.4	58,415	39.7
<i>Total events attended in last 12 months</i>	<i>87,410</i>	<i>64.7</i>	<i>104,716</i>	<i>71.2</i>

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**Table 1.14.3 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by sex, Australia, 2002**

	Males		Females	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Themes and community infrastructure</b>				
<b>Identity</b>				
Identification with tribal group or language group/clan	76,861	56.9	75,945	51.7
<b>Continuing employment</b>				
Employed in CDEP	21,392	15.8	12,838	8.7
Employed, not in CDEP	51,317	38.0	44,848	30.5
<b>Education</b>				
Year 12 highest year of school completed <sup>(d)</sup>	21,975	18	25,031	18
<i>Total persons 15 years and over not at school</i>	<i>125,533</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>137,425</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Has a non-school qualification <sup>(e)</sup>	29,274	33	30,594	31
<i>Total persons aged 25–64 years</i>	<i>88,122</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>98,453</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Having a role</b>				
Has done volunteer work for an organisation in the last 12 months	36,025	26.6	41,913	28.5
Expected to have the same employment in 12 months	63,935	47.3	50,690	34.5
<b>Infrastructure of community</b>				
<b>Housing</b>				
Living in a dwelling that has no major structural problems	83,700	61.9	86,848	59.1
Living in a dwelling that is not overcrowded (Canadian National Occupancy Standard)	101,683	75.0	107,969	73.0
<i>Working household facilities for:</i>				
Washing people	133,260	98.6	144,943	98.6
Washing clothes and bedding	132,657	98.1	144,151	98.1
Storing/preparing foods	124,088	91.8	136,292	92.7
Sewerage facilities	132,745	98.2	144,194	98.1
<b>Communication services</b>				
Has working telephone	94,933	70.2	106,306	72.3
Used computer in last 12 months	71,123	52.6	85,554	58.2
Used internet in last 12 months	53,376	39.5	62,336	42.4
<b>Transport</b>				
Access to motor vehicles	79,757	59.0	74,403	50.6
Can easily get to places needed	96,393	71.3	101,468	69.0
<i>Main reasons for not using public transport:</i>				
Prefer to use own transport	40,218	29.7	42,193	28.7
No service available	42,522	31.5	39,683	27.0
No service available/convenient time	6,323	4.7	5,747	3.9
Cost considerations	1,638	1.2	1,765	*1
Other <sup>(f)</sup>	9,373	6.9	10,099	6.9

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**Table 1.14.3 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by sex, Australia, 2002**

	Males		Females	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Themes and community infrastructure</b>				
<b>Coping within the internal world and external world/role models</b>				
<i>Community problems</i>				
No community problems reported	35,140	26.0	36,397	24.8
Community problems reported, but less than three types	38,872	28.8	42,300	28.8
No problems reported for theft	77,022	57.0	83,766	57.0
No problems reported for alcohol	90,415	66.9	97,156	66.1
No problems reported for illicit drugs	91,659	67.8	99,506	67.7
No problems reported for family violence	108,763	80.4	113,711	77.4
No problems reported for assault	107,269	79.3	118,890	80.9
No problems reported for sexual assault	124,966	92.4	134,391	91.4
<i>Total persons who reported a community problem</i>	<i>98,620</i>	<i>73.0</i>	<i>108,987</i>	<i>74.0</i>
<i>Stressors</i>				
No stressors reported in last 12 months	27,419	20.3	22,664	15.4
Less than three types of stressors reported in the last 12 months <sup>(g)</sup>	79,059	59.0	77,612	53.0
No stressors reported for death of a family member or close friend	76,853	56.8	76,323	51.9
No stressors reported for serious illness or disability	94,850	70.2	100,344	68.3
No stressors reported for not able to get a job	97,007	71.8	109,052	74.2
No stressors reported for witness to violence	116,441	86.1	121,533	82.7
No stressors reported for member of family sent to jail/currently in jail	109,435	80.9	117,743	80.1
<i>Total persons who reported a stressor</i>	<i>107,780</i>	<i>80.0</i>	<i>124,342</i>	<i>85.0</i>
<i>Crime and justice</i>				
Not a victim of physical or threatened violence in the last 12 months	100,472	74.3	113,042	76.9
Did not need legal services in the last 12 months	102,713	76.0	114,951	78.2
Did not use legal services in the last 12 months	106,697	78.9	119,615	81.4
Not arrested by police in the last 5 years	102,524	75.8	133,413	90.8
Not incarcerated in the last 5 years	119,723	88.6	142,402	96.9
<b>Structure and routine</b>				
Has no difficulties communicating with service providers in English <sup>(h)</sup>	118,540	87.7	126,704	86.2
In the last 12 months, has lived in only one dwelling	93,976	69.5	101,130	68.8
No days without money for basic living expenses in the last 12 months <sup>(i)</sup>	77,664	57.4	81,124	55.2
No days without money for basic living expenses in the last 2 weeks <sup>(i)</sup>	93,639	69.3	98,835	67.2
Did not have a cash flow problem <sup>(i)</sup>	62,399	46.2	67,227	45.7
<b>Income</b>				
<i>Equivalised gross household income</i>				
3rd quintile or above	35,446	26.2	33,864	23.0

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**Table 1.14.3 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by sex, Australia 2002**

	Males		Females	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Themes and community infrastructure</b>				
<i><b>Main current source of personal income</b></i>				
CDEP	19,539	14.5	9,627	6.5
Other wages/salaries	44,369	32.8	37,601	25.6
Government pensions and allowances	54,346	40.2	87,453	59.5
Total in labour force	94,987	70.3	74,213	50.5
Other sources <sup>(i)</sup>	5,772	4.3	2,950	2.0
Government support was not the main source of income during the last 2 years	64,844	48.0	47,984	32.6
<b>Household financial stress and cash flow problems</b>				
Has a bank account	126,151	93.3	139,679	95.0
Could raise \$2,000 within a week	56,410	41.7	58,167	39.6
<b>Total persons aged 15 years and over</b>	<b>135,199</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>147,006</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Excludes regular smoker and not stated.

(b) Excludes high-risk, medium-risk and not stated.

(c) Excludes no response, not stated and has used substance in the last 12 months.

(d) Proportion of total persons aged 15 years and over, but not at school.

(e) Proportion of total persons aged 25–64 years.

(f) Includes takes too long, concerned about own personal safety, racial discrimination and other.

(g) Includes values of zero to less than three.

(h) Excludes with assistance.

(i) Non-community responses only.

(j) Excludes not stated.

Source: AIHW and ABS analysis of 2002 NATSISS.

**Table 1.14.4: Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by age group, Australia, 2002**

Themes and community infrastructure	15–34		35–54		55 years and over	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Power to control choices and options</b>						
No stressors reported for discrimination/racism	127,902	83.1	76,439	79.5	27,860	86.5
Can visit homelands	68,358	44.4	45,955	47.8	15,974	49.6
Has support in a time of crisis	140,192	91.1	85,798	89.2	29,076	90.3
Involvement with Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander organisation	34,072	22.1	30,984	32.2	8,549	26.5
Work allows for cultural responsibilities—can meet responsibilities	33,836	22.0	25,268	26.3	3,853	12.0
Used strategies to meet living expenses	82,080	53.3	44,057	45.8	10,865	33.7
<b>Connectedness to family land and history</b>						
<i>Access to traditional lands</i>						
Recognition of homelands	101,365	65.9	70,199	73.0	24,762	76.9
Lives in homelands	30,979	20.1	22,454	23.4	8,267	25.7
<i>Removal</i>						
Respondent not removed from natural family	136,662	88.8	82,512	85.8	26,823	83.3
Relatives not removed from natural family	67,737	44.0	41,328	43.0	16,179	50.2
<b>Health, chronic disease and substance use</b>						
Self-assessed health status excellent or very good	83,875	54.5	35,047	36.4	5,439	16.9
Has no disability or long-term health condition	114,447	74.4	55,084	57.3	9,743	30.3
Not a regular smoker <sup>(a)</sup>	76,709	49.9	45,201	47.0	21,159	65.7
Has not drunk alcohol in last 12 months at risky/high-risk levels <sup>(b)</sup>	131,862	85.7	77,365	80.5	28,094	87.2
Has not used substances illicitly in last 12 months <sup>(c)</sup>	99,914	64.9	72,616	75.5	27,109	84.2

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**Table 1.14.4 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by age group, Australia, 2002**

	15–34		35–54		55 years and over	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Themes and community infrastructure</b>						
<b>Culture</b>						
<i>Protection and maintenance of culture</i>						
Main language spoken at home is Aboriginal language/ Torres Strait Islander language	18,409	12.0	10,864	11.3	4,730	14.7
Speaks an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander language	30,964	20.1	20,090	20.9	8,416	26.1
<i>Participation in cultural events</i>						
Attended Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural event in last 12 months						
Attended funeral	66,099	43.0	47,820	49.7	17,701	55.0
Attended ceremony	34,255	22.3	23,949	24.9	8,188	25.4
Attended sports carnival	49,941	32.5	26,990	28.1	7,218	22.4
Attended festival/carnival involving arts, crafts, music or dance	57,975	37.7	33,631	35.0	9,217	28.6
<i>Total events attended in last 12 months</i>	103,315	67.2	66,942	69.6	21,868	67.9
<b>Identity</b>						
Identification with tribal group or language group/clan	77,422	50.3	56,076	58.3	19,308	60.0
<b>Continuing employment</b>						
Employed in CDEP	21,578	14.0	11,124	11.6	1,528	*5
Employed, not in CDEP	48,302	31.4	42,010	43.7	5,852	18.2
<b>Education</b>						
Year 12 highest year of school completed <sup>(d)</sup>	33,269	25	12,823	13	915	*3
<i>Total persons 15 years and over not at school</i>	134,672	100	96,085	100	32,201	100
Has a non school qualification <sup>(e)</sup>	23,398	33	31,956	33	4,514	23
<i>Total persons aged 25–64 years</i>	71,104	100.0	96,151	100.0	19,319	100.0

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**Table 1.14.4 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by age group, Australia, 2002**

Themes and community infrastructure	15-34		35-54		55 years and over	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Having a role</b>						
Has done volunteer work for an organisation in the last 12 months	38,216	24.8	31,414	32.7	8,308	25.8
Expected to have the same employment in 12 months	59,025	38.4	48,476	50.4	7,124	22.1
<b>Infrastructure of community</b>						
<i>Housing</i>						
Living in a dwelling that has no major structural problems	90,540	58.8	58,356	60.7	21,651	67.2
Living in a dwelling that is not overcrowded (Canadian National Occupancy Standard)	109,519	71.0	73,921	77.0	26,212	81.0
<i>Working household facilities for:</i>						
Washing people	151,961	98.8	94,786	98.6	31,455	97.7
Washing clothes and bedding	150,827	98.0	94,613	98.4	31,367	97.4
Storing/preparing foods	142,191	92.4	88,278	91.8	29,911	92.9
Sewerage facilities	151,080	98.2	94,449	98.2	31,410	97.5
<b>Communication services</b>						
Has working telephone	107,142	69.6	70,317	73.1	23,780	73.8
Used computer in last 12 months	101,610	66.0	48,872	50.8	6,196	19.2
Used internet in last 12 months	77,973	50.7	34,006	35.4	3,732	11.6
<b>Transport</b>						
Access to motor vehicles	74,096	48.2	64,081	66.6	15,983	49.6
Can easily get to places needed	104,724	68.1	70,528	73.4	22,609	70.2

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**Table 1.14.4 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by age group, Australia, 2002**

Themes and community infrastructure	15–34		35–54		55 years and over	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<i>Main reasons for not using public transport:</i>						
Prefer to use own transport	43,907	28.5	30,312	31.5	8,192	25.4
No service available	41,970	27.3	29,744	30.9	10,491	32.6
No service available/convenient time	5,475	3.6	5,007	5.2	1,588	*5
Cost considerations	2,270	*2	916	*1	216	*1
Other <sup>(f)</sup>	9,469	6.2	6,390	6.6	3,613	11.2
<b>Coping within the internal world and external world/ role models</b>						
<b>Community problems</b>						
No community problems reported	38,307	24.9	23,751	24.7	9,480	29.4
Community problems reported, but less than three types	43,656	28.4	26,441	27.5	11,075	34.4
No problems reported for theft	88,868	57.8	51,756	53.8	20,164	62.6
No problems reported for alcohol	100,734	65.5	63,116	65.6	23,721	73.7
No problems reported for illicit drugs	102,051	66.3	64,548	67.1	24,566	76.3
No problems reported for family violence	120,780	78.5	74,438	77.4	27,256	84.6
No problems reported for assault	122,276	79.5	76,267	79.3	27,616	85.8
No problems reported for sexual assault	140,822	91.5	88,015	91.5	30,519	94.8
<i>Total persons who reported a community problem</i>	<i>113,724</i>	<i>74.0</i>	<i>71,766</i>	<i>75.0</i>	<i>22,118</i>	<i>69.0</i>
<b>Stressors</b>						
No stressors reported in last 12 months	25,642	16.7	17,105	17.8	7,337	22.8
Less than three types of stressors reported in the last 12 months <sup>(g)</sup>	83,701	54	52,285	54	20,685	64
No stressors reported for death of a family member or close friend	85,534	55.6	51,430	53.5	16,212	50.3

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**Table 1.14.4 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by age group, Australia, 2002**

	15–34		35–54		55 years and over	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Themes and community infrastructure</b>						
No stressors reported for serious illness or disability	110,929	72.1	63,870	66.4	20,396	63.3
No stressors reported for not able to get a job	107,873	70.1	71,100	73.9	27,086	84.1
No stressors reported for witness to violence	127,758	83.0	81,849	85.1	28,367	88.1
No stressors reported for member of family sent to jail/currently in jail	121,352	78.9	78,192	81.3	27,634	85.8
<i>Total persons who reported a stressor</i>	<i>128,211</i>	<i>83.3</i>	<i>79,046</i>	<i>82.2</i>	<i>24,864</i>	<i>77.2</i>
<b>Crime and justice</b>						
Not a victim of physical or threatened violence in the last 12 months	107,731	70.0	77,174	80.3	28,609	88.8
Did not need legal services in the last 12 months	117,946	76.7	72,986	75.9	26,732	83.0
Did not use legal services in the last 12 months	122,099	79.4	76,412	79.5	27,801	86.3
Not arrested by police in the last 5 years	121,539	79.0	83,282	86.6	31,116	96.6
Not incarcerated in the last 5 years	140,475	91.3	89,731	93.3	31,919	99.1
<b>Structure and routine</b>						
Has no difficulties communicating with service providers in English <sup>(h)</sup>	133,501	86.8	85,364	88.8	26,380	81.9
In the last 12 months, has lived in only one dwelling	93,651	60.9	73,690	76.6	27,764	86.2
No days without money for basic living expenses in the last 12 months <sup>(i)</sup>	80,874	52.6	55,414	57.6	22,500	69.9
No days without money for basic living expenses in the last 2 weeks <sup>(i)</sup>	101,811	66.2	65,464	68.1	25,198	78.3
Did not have a cash flow problem <sup>(i)</sup>	65,385	42.5	46,076	47.9	18,166	56.4
<b>Income</b>						
<b><i>Equivalised gross household income</i></b>						
3rd quintile or above	37,782	24.6	26,646	27.7	4,882	15.2

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**Table 1.14.4 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by age group, Australia, 2002**

	15–34		35–54		55 years and over	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Themes and community infrastructure</b>						
<i>Main current source of personal income</i>						
CDEP	18,627	12.1	9,376	9.8	1,163	*4
Other wages/salaries	41,838	27.2	35,381	36.8	4,750	14.8
Government pensions and allowances	75,090	48.8	42,718	44.4	23,991	74.5
Total in labour force	98,348	63.9	63,065	65.6	7,787	24.2
Other sources <sup>(i)</sup>	2,091	1.4	5,583	5.8	1,048	3*
Government support was not the main source of income during the last 2 years	60,787	39.5	45,127	46.9	6,914	21.5
<b>Household financial stress and cash flow problems</b>						
Has a bank account	142,227	92.4	93,334	97.1	30,269	94.0
Could raise \$2,000 within a week	62,561	40.7	39,735	41.3	12,282	38.1
<b>Total persons aged 15 years and over</b>	<b>153,853</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>96,151</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>32,201</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

- (a) Excludes regular smoker and not stated.
- (b) Excludes high-risk, medium-risk and not stated.
- (c) Excludes no response, not stated and has used substance in the last 12 months.
- (d) Proportion of total persons aged 15 years and over, but not at school.
- (e) Proportion of total persons aged 25–64 years.
- (f) Includes takes too long, concerned about own personal safety, racial discrimination and other.
- (g) Includes values of zero to less than three.
- (h) Excludes with assistance.
- (i) Non-community responses only.
- (j) Excludes not stated.

Source: AIHW and ABS analysis of 2002 NATSISS.

**Table 1.14.5: Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by remoteness, Australia, 2002**

Themes and community infrastructure	Remote		Non-remote	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Power to control choices and options</b>				
No stressors reported for discrimination/racism	64,548	83.7	167,652	81.8
Can visit homelands	36,201	46.9	94,087	45.9
Has support in a time of crisis	67,069	86.9	187,996	91.7
Involvement with Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander organisation	19,239	24.9	54,366	26.5
Work allows for cultural responsibilities—can meet responsibilities	27,602	35.8	35,354	17.2
Used strategies to meet living expenses	38,277	49.6	98,726	48.1
<b>Connectedness to family land and history</b>				
<i>Access to traditional lands</i>				
Recognition of homelands	66,221	85.8	130,105	63.4
Lives in homelands	29,319	38.0	32,382	15.8
<i>Removal</i>				
Respondent not removed from natural family	65,551	85.0	180,446	88.0
Relatives not removed from natural family	40,707	52.8	84,537	41.2
<b>Health, chronic disease and substance use</b>				
Self-assessed health status excellent or very good	34,119	44.2	90,242	44.0
Has no disability or long-term health condition	49,803	64.6	129,470	63.1
Not a regular smoker <sup>(a)</sup>	36,344	47.1	106,726	52.0
Has not drunk alcohol in last 12 months at risky/high-risk levels <sup>(b)</sup>	63,697	82.6	173,623	84.7
Has not used substances illicitly in last 12 months <sup>(c)</sup>	61,291	79.4	138,348	67.5
<b>Culture</b>				
<i>Protection and maintenance of culture</i>				
Main language spoken at home is Aboriginal language/ Torres Strait Islander language	29,879	38.7	4,124	2.0
Speaks an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander language	41,820	54.2	17,650	8.6
<i>Participation in cultural events</i>				
Attended Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural event in last 12 months				
Attended funeral	57,196	74.1	74,425	36.3
Attended ceremony	34,677	45.0	31,715	15.5
Attended sports carnival	40,730	52.8	43,419	21.2
Attended festival/carnival involving arts, crafts, music or dance	32,160	41.7	68,663	33.5
<i>Total events attended in last 12 months</i>	67,213	87.1	124,913	60.9
<b>Identity</b>				
Identification with tribal group or language group/clan	59,079	76.6	93,727	45.7

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**Table 1.14.5 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by remoteness, Australia 2002**

Themes and community infrastructure	Remote		Non-remote	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Continuing employment</b>				
Employed in CDEP	25,037	32.5	9,193	4.5
Employed not in CDEP	14,832	19.2	81,332	39.7
<b>Education</b>				
Year 12 highest year of school completed <sup>(d)</sup>	9,718	13	37,288	20
<i>Total persons 15 years and over not at school</i>	<i>73,098</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>189,860</i>	<i>100</i>
Has a non school qualification <sup>(e)</sup>	11,521	23	48,347	36
<i>Total persons aged 25–64 years</i>	<i>50,674</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>135,900</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Having a role</b>				
Has done volunteer work for an organisation in the last 12 months	12,174	15.8	65,765	32.1
Expected to have the same employment in 12 months	36,523	47.3	78,102	38.1
<b>Infrastructure of community</b>				
<b>Housing</b>				
Living in a dwelling that has no major structural problems	32,118	41.6	138,430	67.5
Living in a dwelling that is not overcrowded (Canadian National Occupancy Standard)	37,047	48.0	172,605	84.2
<i>Working household facilities for:</i>				
Washing people	74,064	96.0	204,139	99.6
Washing clothes and bedding	74,366	96.4	202,442	98.7
Storing/preparing foods	60,055	77.8	200,325	97.7
Sewerage facilities	72,556	94.1	204,383	99.7
<b>Communication services</b>				
Has working telephone	33,317	43.2	167,922	81.9
Used computer in last 12 months	26,545	34.4	130,133	63.5
Used internet in last 12 months	16,678	21.6	99,034	48.3
<b>Transport</b>				
Access to motor vehicles	33,689	43.7	120,470	58.7
Can easily get to places needed	50,579	65.6	147,282	71.8
<i>Main reasons for not using public transport:</i>				
Prefer to use own transport	13,534	17.5	68,877	33.6
No service available	48,838	63.3	33,367	16.3
No service available/convenient time	1,796	*2	10,274	5.0
Cost considerations	276	*—	3,127	1.5
Other <sup>(f)</sup>	1,589	*2.1	17,882	8.7

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**Table 1.14.5 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by remoteness, Australia 2002**

Themes and community infrastructure	Remote		Non-remote	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Coping within the internal world and external world/ role models</b>				
<b>Community problems</b>				
No community problems reported	19,243	24.9	52,295	25.5
Community problems reported, but less than three types	13,375	17.3	67,797	33.1
No problems reported for theft	45,094	58.5	115,694	56.4
No problems reported for alcohol	35,393	45.9	152,178	74.2
No problems reported for illicit drugs	41,582	53.9	149,583	72.9
No problems reported for family violence	45,610	59.1	176,864	86.2
No problems reported for assault	45,406	58.9	180,754	88.1
No problems reported for sexual assault	64,234	83.3	195,122	95.2
<i>Total persons who reported a community problem</i>	<i>57,244</i>	<i>74.2</i>	<i>150,364</i>	<i>73.3</i>
<b>Stressors</b>				
No stressors reported in last 12 months	11,194	14.5	38,889	19.0
Less than three types of stressors reported in the last 12 months <sup>(g)</sup>	34,940	45	121,731	59
No stressors reported for death of a family member or close friend	34,507	44.7	118,669	57.9
No stressors reported for serious illness or disability	50,844	65.9	144,351	70.4
No stressors reported for not able to get a job	58,050	75.2	148,009	72.2
No stressors reported for witness to violence	54,001	70.0	183,974	89.7
No stressors reported for member of family sent to jail/currently in jail	57,848	75.0	169,331	82.6
<i>Total persons who reported a stressor</i>	<i>65,951</i>	<i>85.5</i>	<i>166,171</i>	<i>81.0</i>
<b>Crime and justice</b>				
Not a victim of physical or threatened violence in the last 12 months	59,649	77.3	153,865	75.0
Did not need legal services in the last 12 months	61,071	79.2	156,593	76.4
Did not use legal services in the last 12 months	63,320	82.1	162,991	79.5
Not arrested by police in the last 5 years	64,132	83.1	171,805	83.8
Not incarcerated in the last 5 years	70,567	91.5	191,557	93.4
<b>Structure and routine</b>				
Has no difficulties communicating with service providers in English <sup>(h)</sup>	60,694	78.7	184,550	90.0
In the last 12 months, has lived in only one dwelling	56,167	72.8	138,938	67.8
No days without money for basic living expenses in the last 12 months <sup>(i)</sup>	45,117	58.5	113,671	55.4
No days without money for basic living expenses in the last 2 weeks <sup>(i)</sup>	51,985	67.4	140,489	68.5
Did not have a cash flow problem <sup>(i)</sup>	17,865	23.2	111,761	54.5
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Equivalised gross household income</b>				
3rd quintile or above	13,023	16.9	56,287	27.4

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**Table 1.14.5 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by remoteness, Australia, 2002**

Themes and community infrastructure	Remote		Non-remote	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Main current source of personal income</b>				
CDEP	21,722	28.2	7,444	3.6
Other wages/salaries	13,932	18.1	68,038	33.2
Government pensions and allowances	34,104	44.2	107,695	52.5
Total in labour force	44,389	57.5	124,811	60.9
Other sources <sup>(i)</sup>	998	1.3	7,724	3.8
Government support was not the main source of income during the last 2 years	34,561	44.8	78,268	38.2
<b>Household financial stress and cash flow problems</b>				
Has a bank account	67,125	87.0	198,705	96.9
Could raise \$2,000 within a week	17,755	23.0	96,822	47.2
<b>Total persons aged 15 years and over</b>	<b>77,145</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,060</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

- (a) Excludes regular smoker and not stated.
- (b) Excludes high-risk, medium-risk and not stated.
- (c) Excludes no response, not stated and has used substance in the last 12 months.
- (d) Proportion of total persons aged 15 years and over, but not at school.
- (e) Proportion of total persons aged 25–64 years.
- (f) Includes takes too long, concerned about own personal safety, racial discrimination and other.
- (g) Includes values of zero to less than three.
- (h) Excludes with assistance.
- (i) Non-community responses only.
- (j) Excludes not stated.

Source: AIHW and ABS analysis of 2002 NATSISS.

**Table 1.14.6: Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by state/territory, Australia, 2002**

Themes and community infrastructure	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
	Per cent								
<b>Power to control choices and options</b>									
No stressors reported for discrimination/racism	80.5	81.6	81.9	80.2	77.4	93.3	60.1	90.2	82.3
Can visit homelands	35.0	46.6	57.8	43.4	52.0	19.3	71.0	54.1	46.2
Has support in a time of crisis	91.5	88.0	91.0	88.0	90.4	94.1	95.5	88.6	90.4
Involvement with Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander organisation	26.1	30.5	26.3	25.6	33.6	19.0	46.4	21.4	26.1
Work allows for cultural responsibilities—can meet responsibilities	17.4	16.8	20.5	27.9	22.2	10.3	29.0	37.3	22.3
Used strategies to meet living expenses	45.4	49.4	47.2	61.5	54.5	37.9	47.1	44.9	48.5
<b>Connectedness to family land and history</b>									
<b>Access to traditional lands</b>									
Recognition of homelands	60.1	63.3	72.7	72.2	70.6	41.3	80.7	92.3	69.6
Lives in homelands	23.3	14.5	13.6	27.6	16.4	20.1	9.2	37.1	21.9
<b>Removal</b>									
Respondent not removed from natural family	86.7	82.8	91.9	88.3	85.0	95.1	85.5	77.8	87.2
Relatives not removed from natural family	48.3	32.7	44.6	34.4	41.8	56.9	27.3	50.0	44.4
<b>Health, chronic disease and substance use</b>									
Self-assessed health status excellent or very good	42.8	41.8	43.2	35.2	48.2	46.8	46.7	56.8	44.1
Has no disability or long-term health condition	62.2	55.7	65.0	60.8	61.4	56.0	62.5	73.3	63.5
Not a regular smoker <sup>(a)</sup>	49.3	48.2	50.8	56.0	56.0	58.3	56.9	44.1	50.7
Has not drunk alcohol in last 12 months at risky/high-risk levels <sup>(b)</sup>	81.0	82.6	84.4	83.3	83.5	91.2	85.2	90.4	84.1
Has not used substances illicitly in last 12 months <sup>(c)</sup>	64.9	62.2	73.7	73.2	62.6	74.6	65.0	82.3	70.7

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Table 1.14.6 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by state/territory, Australia, 2002

Themes and community infrastructure	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
	Per cent								
<b>Culture</b>									
<i>Protection and maintenance of culture</i>									
Main language spoken at home is Aboriginal language/ Torres Strait Islander language	**—	*1	5.6	11.5	**12	—	**1	63.2	12.0
Speaks an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander language	*3	7.8	15.2	27.3	31.4	*1	10.7	76.6	21.1
<i>Participation in cultural events</i>									
Attended Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural event in last 12 months									
Attended funeral	36.8	28.8	46.9	62.3	45.0	7.8	39.2	73.3	46.6
Attended ceremony	12.4	15.6	27.9	18.8	15.8	4.1	31.5	57.6	23.5
Attended sports carnival	21.0	16.3	35.2	33.9	31.5	*2	40.3	47.9	29.8
Attended festival/carnival involving arts, crafts, music or dance	29.0	26.3	44.6	37.6	35.8	11.4	50.3	41.3	35.7
<i>Total events attended in last 12 months</i>	<i>58.6</i>	<i>53.2</i>	<i>74.5</i>	<i>75.7</i>	<i>69.3</i>	<i>27.8</i>	<i>73.3</i>	<i>86.6</i>	<i>68.1</i>
<b>Identity</b>									
Identification with tribal group or language group/clan	41.7	47.9	56.2	53.8	63.3	16.4	69.9	88.4	54.1
<b>Continuing employment</b>									
Employed in CDEP	5.0	3.5	11.8	21.1	12.9	**1	*3	27.5	12.1
Employed, not in CDEP	39.3	42.4	33.9	28.5	34.7	49.5	60.2	17.6	34.1
<b>Education</b>									
Year 12 highest year of school completed <sup>(d)</sup>	17	19	24	11	16	16	38	14	18
<i>Total persons 15 years and over not at school</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>

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**Table 1.14.6 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by state/territory, Australia, 2002**

Themes and community infrastructure	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
	<b>Per cent</b>								
Has a non school qualification <sup>(e)</sup>	33	45	31	30	41	34	57	23	32
<i>Total persons aged 25–64 years</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Having a role</b>									
Has done volunteer work for an organisation in the last 12 months	31.6	37.2	28.7	23.6	31.6	37.0	47.4	9.8	27.6
Expected to have the same employment in 12 months	38.6	38.7	39.8	42.4	42.7	44.5	51.2	43.0	40.6
<b>Infrastructure of community</b>									
<b><i>Housing</i></b>									
Living in a dwelling that has no major structural problems	64.3	62.3	64.3	59.2	59.9	73.5	69.5	39.5	60.4
Living in a dwelling that is not overcrowded (Canadian National Occupancy Standard)	86.0	85.0	74.0	75.0	76.0	89.0	86.0	38.0	74.0
<i>Working household facilities for:</i>									
Washing people	99.4	100.0	99.0	98.6	99.1	99.8	99.7	94.4	98.6
Washing clothes and bedding	98.9	98.0	99.1	98.0	98.8	99.0	98.0	93.9	98.1
Storing/preparing foods	97.1	97.2	97.1	89.7	93.4	98.5	98.7	68.5	92.3
Sewerage facilities	99.7	98.8	97.9	99.0	99.3	99.8	99.7	92.7	98.1
<b><i>Communication services</i></b>									
Has working telephone	81.3	87.6	74.3	62.1	72.2	89.1	90.8	36.9	71.3
Used computer in last 12 months	60.9	65.8	57.8	50.0	60.0	69.6	83.3	31.2	55.5
Used internet in last 12 months	48.4	52.6	41.4	32.6	43.5	53.7	76.2	19.3	41.0
<b><i>Transport</i></b>									
Access to motor vehicles	56.7	61.2	53.8	54.0	56.9	73.9	71.1	41.0	54.6
Can easily get to places needed	73.4	71.6	68.5	66.0	67.4	78.0	80.3	67.6	70.1

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**Table 1.14.6 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by state/territory, Australia, 2002**

Themes and community infrastructure	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
	Per cent								
<i>Main reasons for not using public transport:</i>									
Prefer to use own transport	33.6	34.6	27.7	26.1	25.2	42.2	38.4	20.4	29.2
No service available	21.3	11.4	26.7	33.1	28.9	19.6	**1	61.6	29.1
No service available/convenient time	3.9	6.9	*5	4.2	*2	7.9	*5	*2	4.3
Cost considerations	*2	*1	*1	*1	**—	*1	**—	**—	1.2
Other <sup>(f)</sup>	8.5	8.4	7.6	6.8	5.2	5.1	10.8	*2	6.9
<b>Coping within the internal world and external world/ role models</b>									
<b>Community problems</b>									
No community problems reported	24.8	23.9	24.5	26.5	24.5	26.1	20.1	28.4	25.3
Community problems reported, but less than three types	32.7	34.2	27.9	26.5	27.9	33.1	36.2	19.8	28.8
No problems reported for theft	54.2	56.1	56.9	60.6	55.3	53.2	46.6	62.5	57.0
No problems reported for alcohol	69.7	77.5	63.4	65.0	67.9	77.8	84.3	56.6	66.5
No problems reported for illicit drugs	68.7	72.3	63.6	70.3	67.0	76.4	77.2	66.3	67.7
No problems reported for family violence	85.1	87.1	73.6	78.5	78.8	91.4	92.5	67.1	78.8
No problems reported for assault	85.6	86.9	79.0	80.7	78.9	90.4	90.9	62.8	80.1
No problems reported for sexual assault	93.9	94.9	87.2	92.7	94.9	97.3	97.4	91.6	91.9
<i>Total persons who reported a community problem</i>	<i>74.9</i>	<i>72.5</i>	<i>74.4</i>	<i>72.4</i>	<i>74.5</i>	<i>72.6</i>	<i>77.6</i>	<i>70.2</i>	<i>73.6</i>
<b>Stressors</b>									
No stressors reported in last 12 months	20.3	18.3	14.0	20.9	21.5	26.1	12.7	12.2	17.7
Less than three types of stressors reported in the last 12 months <sup>(g)</sup>	60	57	51	58	54	72	41	46	56
No stressors reported for death of a family member or close friend	57.7	60.0	51.3	54.6	54.2	65.9	50.4	46.5	54.3

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**Table 1.14.6 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by state/territory, Australia, 2002**

<b>Themes and community infrastructure</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Tas</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Aust</b>
	<b>Per cent</b>								
No stressors reported for serious illness or disability	71.9	67.2	65.6	74.9	68.7	71.1	58.7	65.3	69.2
No stressors reported for not able to get a job	72.5	74.7	68.7	78.2	76.9	76.5	69.7	74.2	73.0
No stressors reported for witness to violence	90.6	87.7	81.3	86.0	83.9	93.1	82.8	70.4	84.3
No stressors reported for member of family sent to jail/currently in jail	83.4	84.6	79.4	74.0	81.2	92.8	79.0	77.2	80.5
<i>Total persons who reported a stressor</i>	<i>79.7</i>	<i>81.7</i>	<i>86.0</i>	<i>79.1</i>	<i>78.5</i>	<i>73.9</i>	<i>87.3</i>	<i>87.8</i>	<i>82.3</i>
<b>Crime and justice</b>									
Not a victim of physical or threatened violence in the last 12 months	77.6	69.7	73.5	74.0	70.4	77.9	66.7	82.6	75.7
Did not need legal services in the last 12 months	77.0	75.9	75.9	74.2	74.6	76.7	73.1	85.4	77.1
Did not use legal services in the last 12 months	79.2	80.1	79.5	78.7	76.6	80.9	80.1	86.9	80.2
Not arrested by police in the last 5 years	82.6	83.0	85.7	77.9	80.5	91.1	85.5	87.1	83.6
Not incarcerated in the last 5 years	93.5	93.3	93.8	89.4	91.8	97.1	94.9	92.2	92.9
<b>Structure and routine</b>									
Has no difficulties communicating with service providers in English <sup>(h)</sup>	89.8	87.8	88.7	81.0	80.1	91.8	95.1	83.3	86.9
In the last 12 months, has lived in only one dwelling	67.7	66.3	65.2	66.4	70.9	78.3	67.4	81.7	69.1
No days without money for basic living expenses in the last 12 months <sup>(i)</sup>	57.2	52.8	55.7	48.9	47.3	63.8	58.8	66.4	56.3
No days without money for basic living expenses in the last 2 weeks <sup>(i)</sup>	70.2	64.5	68.3	63.8	60.1	76.8	71.6	70.7	68.2
Did not have a cash flow problem <sup>(i)</sup>	61.7	51.5	40.8	39.6	48.0	65.4	55.4	17.1	45.9
<b>Income</b>									
<b><i>Equivalised gross household income</i></b>									
3rd quintile or above	26.6	28.7	27.1	21.8	22.9	33.1	52.1	11.9	24.6

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**Table 1.14.6 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, by state/territory, Australia, 2002**

Themes and community infrastructure	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
	Per cent								
<b><i>Main current source of personal income</i></b>									
CDEP	4.1	*3	9.6	18.0	11.1	*1	*2	24.8	10.3
Other wages/salaries	34.0	33.1	28.8	24.5	30.9	37.6	52.4	16.2	29.0
Government pensions and allowances	52.1	52.1	49.2	49.9	50.3	48.1	34.8	49.5	50.2
Total in labour force	61.4	57.5	61.4	61.5	59.8	63.0	68.5	51.6	60.0
Other sources <sup>(i)</sup>	3.4	5.4	3.9	*1	*1	6.3	*4	**1	3.1
Government support was not the main source of income during the last 2 years	38.2	33.9	44.1	35.4	39.0	42.5	56.3	41.7	40.0
<b>Household financial stress and cash flow problems</b>									
Has a bank account	97.5	97.0	95.3	90.5	93.6	96.0	95.5	86.7	94.2
Could raise \$2,000 within a week	44.4	48.0	42.4	38.8	37.0	61.8	71.0	19.6	40.6
<b>Total persons aged 15 years and over</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>

\* Estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution.

\*\* Estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use.

- (a) Excludes regular smoker and not stated.
- (b) Excludes high-risk, medium-risk and not stated.
- (c) Excludes no response, not stated and has used substance in the last 12 months.
- (d) Proportion of total persons aged 15 years and over, but not at school.
- (e) Proportion of total persons aged 25–64 years.
- (f) Includes takes too long, concerned about own personal safety, racial discrimination and other.
- (g) Includes values of zero to less than three.
- (h) Excludes with assistance.
- (i) Non-community responses only.
- (j) Excludes not stated.

Source: AIHW and ABS analysis of 2002 NATSISS.

**Table 1.14.7: Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, 1994 and 2002<sup>(a)</sup>**

Themes and community infrastructure	1994		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Power to control choices and options</b>				
Involvement with Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander organisation	50,888	24 <sup>(b)</sup>	73,605	26 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Connectedness to family land and history</b>				
<b>Access to traditional lands</b>				
Lives in homelands	62,675	29	61,700	22
<b>Health, chronic disease and substance use</b>				
Self-assessed health status excellent or very good	97,265	45 <sup>(b)</sup>	124,361	44 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Culture</b>				
<b>Protection and maintenance of culture:</b>				
Main language spoken at home is Aboriginal language/ Torres Strait Islander language	25,468	12 <sup>(b)</sup>	34,003	12 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Participating in cultural events</b>				
Attended Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural event in last 12 months				
Attended funeral	114,115	53	131,621	47
Attended ceremony	41,350	19	66,392	24
Total events attended in last 12 months <sup>(c)(d)</sup>	<b>151,758</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>192,126</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Identity</b>				
Identification with tribal group or language group/clan	124,706	58 <sup>(b)</sup>	152,806	54 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Continuing employment</b>				
Employed in CDEP	17,658	8	34,230	12
Employed not in CDEP	60,236 <sup>(e)</sup>	28	96,165	34
<b>Education</b>				
Year 12 highest year of school completed	18,590	9 <sup>(f)</sup>	47,006	18 <sup>(f)</sup>
Total persons 15 years and over not at school	200,022	100	262,958	100
Has a non school qualification	27,366 <sup>(g)</sup>	20	59869 <sup>(g)</sup>	32
Total persons aged 25–64 years <sup>(h)</sup>	135,899	100	186,574	100
<b>Crime and justice</b>				
Not a victim of physical or threatened violence in the last 12 months	186,619	87	213,514	76
Did not need legal services in the last 12 months	178,766	83	217,664	77
Did not use legal services in the last 12 months	182,323	85	226,312	80
Not arrested by police in the last 5 years	170,874	80	235,937	84
<b>Structure and routine</b>				
Has no difficulties communicating with service providers in English	188,996	88 <sup>(b)</sup>	245,244	87 <sup>(b)</sup>

(continued)

**Table 1.14.7 (continued): Variables contributing to community functioning, Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over, 1994 and 2002<sup>(a)</sup>**

Themes and community infrastructure	1994		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Income</b>				
<i>Main current source of personal income</i>				
CDEP	16,310	8	29,166	10
Other wages/salaries	54,348	25	81,970	29
Government pensions and allowances	117,108	55	141,799	50
Total in labour force	125,842	59 <sup>(b)</sup>	169,200	60 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Total persons aged 15 years and over</b>	<b>214,626</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>282,205</b>	<b>100</b>

(a) The content of this table has been restricted to those items in the 1994 NATSIS and the 2002 NATSISS that are comparable.

(b) Difference between the 1994 NATSIS and the 2002 NATSISS data is not statistically significant.

(c) Respondents may have indicated more than one response category.

(d) Includes carnival involving arts, crafts, music, dance or sport.

(e) Includes did not know and not stated.

(f) Calculated as a proportion of 15 years and over not at school.

(g) Includes level not determined.

(h) Includes only those 25–64 years not at school.

Source: AIHW and ABS analysis of 2002 NATSISS & 1994 NATSIS.

## **Discrete Indigenous communities**

### **Characteristics contributing to community functioning**

Tables 1.14.8, 1.14.9 and 1.14.10 present data on characteristics contributing to community functioning in discrete Indigenous communities as collected in the 2006 CHINS.

#### **Housing**

- In 2006, almost one-quarter (23%) of permanent dwellings managed by Indigenous housing organisations needed major repair.
- Of the 1,187 discrete Indigenous communities surveyed in the 2006 CHINS, the majority (65%) reported that no-one in the community was living in temporary dwellings.
- In 2006, of the 96% of discrete Indigenous communities that reported having an organised water supply, 84% reported having an organised sewerage supply and 97% reported having an organised electricity supply (97%).

#### **Health and medical services**

- Over two-thirds (70%) of discrete Indigenous communities were located 100 kilometres or more from the nearest hospital and over one-third (40%) were located 100 kilometres or more from the nearest Aboriginal primary health care centre.
- In 2006, approximately one-third (32%) of discrete Indigenous communities reported having access to medical emergency air services, representing three-quarters of the total reported usual population of all the discrete Indigenous communities surveyed in CHINS.

#### **Educational services**

- Less than one-quarter (23%) of discrete Indigenous communities, representing 73% of the population, reported having a primary school located in the community; 5% of discrete Indigenous communities, representing 31% of the population, reported having a secondary school up to Year 12 located in the community.

#### **Communication services**

- Over one-third (42%) of discrete Indigenous communities (representing 16% of the population) reported not having access to a public telephone and almost two thirds (63%, representing 42% of the population) reported not having access to the internet.

#### **Transport**

- In 2006, 88% of discrete Indigenous communities reported road, 9% reported air and 3% reported sea as the main mode of transport to the nearest town with major services.

#### **Community services**

- One-third of discrete Indigenous communities reported have visitor accommodation facilities, 12% reported aged care accommodation facilities and 9% reported women's refuge accommodation facilities.
- Around one-third of discrete Indigenous communities reported having an arts/cultural centre (31%, representing 57% of the population), a women's centre (31%, representing 56% of the population) or a child care centre (30%, representing 58% of the population) in the community.

- Over one-third (39%) of discrete Indigenous communities reported having no sporting facilities in the community.

### **Community priority needs plan**

- In 2006, over half (52%) of discrete Indigenous communities reported having a community priority needs plan and one-third (35%) were developing a community priority needs plan.
- Of those communities with a community priority needs plan, 90% identified more housing, 56% identified sports facilities, 46% identified upgrading the water supply and 45% identified rubbish collection/disposal as main planning priorities.

### **Time series comparison**

Table 1.14.11 presents data on characteristics contributing to community functioning in discrete Indigenous communities as collected in the 2001 Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey (CHINS).

#### **Housing**

- In 2006, of those communities surveyed, approximately 37% of people living discrete Indigenous communities who completed the long community questionnaire experienced sewerage system overflows or leakages in the past 12 months, compared to 56% in 2001.
- In 2006, approximately 29% of people living in discrete Indigenous communities who completed the long community questionnaire experienced an electricity interruption greater than 24 hours in the past 12 months, compared to 10% in 2001.

#### **Health and medical services**

- In 2006, approximately 13% of people living in discrete Indigenous communities located ten kilometres or more from a hospital who completed the long community questionnaire did not have a doctor visiting or working in their community, compared to 6% in 2001.

#### **Educational services**

- The proportion of people living in discrete Indigenous communities that had a secondary school up to year 12 increased from 5% in 2001 to 23% in 2006.

**Table 1.14.8: Number and proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, 2006**

<b>Community Infrastructure</b>	<b>Dwellings</b>		<b>Reported usual population</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Housing</b>				
<b>Condition of permanent dwellings managed by Indigenous housing organisations</b>				
Needing minor or no repairs	15,180	69.5	n.a.	n.a.
Needing major repairs	5,111	23.4	n.a.	n.a.
Needing replacement	1,563	7.2	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Total dwellings</b>	<b>21,854</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
	<b>Communities</b>		<b>Reported usual population</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
No-one in community living in temporary dwellings	708	65.3	59,737	64.5
Population living in temporary dwellings	n.a.	n.a.	4,039	4.4
No-one in community requiring permanent dwelling	726	68.2	63,362	68.5
Population requiring permanent housing	n.a.	n.a.	3,886	4.2
<b>Access to clean water</b>				
Organised water supply <sup>(b)</sup>	1,040	96.4	91,527	99.2
No organised water supply	39	3.6	761	0.8
Drinking water failed testing in last 12 months <sup>(c)</sup>	48	29.3	12,059	24.1
Drinking water not sent away for testing <sup>(d)</sup>	45	21.5	4,796	8.7
Experienced 5 or more water interruptions over last 12 months <sup>(d)</sup>	69	18.9	21,291	25.7
Experienced interruptions to water supply longer than 24 hours <sup>(d)</sup>	80	21.9	15,665	18.9
<b>Access to sewerage</b>				
Organised sewerage supply <sup>(e)</sup>	908	83.8	89,925	97.1
No organised system	176	16.2	2,701	2.9
Experienced overflows or leakage <sup>(d)</sup>	142	39.3	30,140	36.5
Over a 12-month period 10 or more overflows <sup>(d)</sup>	31	8.6	5,341	6.5
Overflows or leakages longer than 48 hours <sup>(d)</sup>	81	22.4	14,376	17.4
Not all dwellings connected	200	18.8	4,185	4.5
<b>Access to electricity</b>				
Organised electricity supply	1,049	97.0	92,304	99.7
No organised supply	32	3.0	284	0.3
20 or more interruptions in the last 12 months <sup>(d)</sup>	41	11.2	13,342	16.1
At least one interruption longer than 24 hours in last 12 months <sup>(d)</sup>	96	26.2	23,952	29.0
Not all dwellings connected <sup>(d)</sup>	12	3.3	1,543	1.9
<b>Access to rubbish disposal</b>				
Community has organised rubbish collection <sup>(d)</sup>	337	92.1	80,180	96.9
Community does not have organised rubbish disposal <sup>(d)</sup>	29	7.9	2,550	3.1

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**Table 1.14.8 (continued): Number and proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, 2006**

Community Infrastructure	Communities		Reported usual population	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Health and medical services</b>				
<b><i>Aboriginal primary health care centre</i></b>				
Located within community	107	10.2	41,450	47.0
Located less than 100 km	530	50.3	21,181	24.0
Located 100 km or more	417	39.6	25,486	28.9
Total stated	1,054	100.0	88,117	100.0
<b><i>Hospital</i></b>				
Located within community	10	0.9	14,090	15.3
Located less than 100 km	313	29.0	26,111	28.3
Located 100 km or more	755	70.0	51,992	56.4
Total stated	1,078	100.0	92,193	100.0
<b><i>Other (state-funded) community health centre</i></b>				
Located within community	104	9.9	35,737	42.9
Located less than 100 km	576	54.8	24,342	29.2
Located 100 km or more	372	35.4	23,308	28.0
Total stated	1,052	100.0	83,387	100.0
<b><i>Emergency services<sup>(f)</sup></i></b>				
Access to medical emergency air services	316	32.3	52,936	75.2
No access to medical emergency air services	663	67.7	17,424	24.8
<b><i>Whether health professionals visiting or working in the community<sup>(f)</sup></i></b>				
Male Indigenous health worker daily, weekly, fortnightly	122	42.4	39,291	64.2
Male Indigenous health worker monthly or longer	26	9.0	3,685	6.0
No male Indigenous health worker	140	48.6	18,272	29.8
Female Indigenous health worker daily, weekly, fortnightly	159	55.2	48,843	79.7
Female Indigenous health worker monthly or longer	21	7.3	2,294	3.7
No female Indigenous health worker	108	37.5	10,111	16.5
Doctor daily, weekly, fortnightly	118	41.0	37,313	60.9
Doctor monthly or longer	74	25.7	15,888	25.9
No doctor	96	33.3	8,047	13.1
Registered nurse daily, weekly, fortnightly	184	63.9	52,977	86.5
Registered nurse monthly or longer	27	9.4	2,746	4.5
No registered nurse	77	26.7	5,525	9.0

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**Table 1.14.8 (continued): Number and proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, 2006**

Community Infrastructure	Communities		Reported usual population	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Educational services</b>				
<i>Primary</i>				
Located within community	245	22.6	67,405	72.8
Located less than 50 km	533	49.2	20,849	22.5
Located 50 km or more	306	28.2	4,372	4.7
Total stated	1,084	100.0	92,626	100.0
<i>Secondary school up to Year 10</i>				
Located within community	49	4.7	21,909	30.8
Located less than 50 km	409	39.4	24,631	34.7
Located 50 km or more	581	55.9	24,535	34.5
Total stated	1,039	100.0	71,075	100.0
<i>Secondary school up to Year 12</i>				
Located within community	40	3.7	21,213	23.0
Located less than 50 km	295	27.3	25,957	28.1
Located 50 km or more	744	69.0	45,118	48.9
Total stated	1,079	100.0	92,288	100.0
<i>Access to educational services other than school</i>				
Pre-primary	126	34.4	46,426	56.1
Homework centre	29	7.9	8,366	10.1
TAFE courses	70	19.1	30,978	37.4
Other adult education	50	13.7	17,678	21.4
Other educational services	18	4.9	5,757	7.0
No other educational services	198	54.1	23,555	28.5
<b>Communication services</b>				
<i>Public access to community telecommunication facilities</i>				
Public telephones	630	58.1	77,779	84.0
Satellite dish	180	49.2	56,083	67.8
Radio	337	92.1	79,621	96.2
Television	349	95.4	81,540	98.6
Internet	136	37.2	47,848	57.8
Community has no access to a public telephone	454	41.9	14,847	16.0
Community has no access to internet	230	62.8	34,882	42.2

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**Table 1.14.8 (continued): Number and proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, 2006**

Community Infrastructure	Communities		Reported usual population	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Transport</b>				
<b>Access to nearest town</b>				
<b>Main mode of transport</b>				
Road	894	88.0	63,529	78.0
Air	95	9.4	15,363	18.9
Sea	27	2.7	2,520	3.1
<b>Usual method of transport<sup>(d)</sup></b>				
Private	260	85.8	56,558	78.7
Public	26	8.6	12,708	17.7
Community-owned vehicle	13	4.3	1,588	2.2
Other	4	1.3	1,000	1.4
<b>Whether transport services available to/from community<sup>(d)</sup></b>				
Public	54	17.8	23,407	32.6
Community	72	23.8	18,011	25.1
<b>Road access<sup>(d)</sup></b>				
Road access not cut	129	42.6	21,376	29.7
Road access cut 5 or more times	42	13.9	12,074	16.8
Inaccessible by road	35	11.5	16,572	23.1
<b>Airstrip<sup>(d)</sup></b>				
Airstrip located in community	147	48.5	49,655	69.1
Airstrip open all year round	109	74.1	37,702	75.9
Airstrip not open all year round	38	25.9	11,953	24.1
<b>Community services<sup>(d)</sup></b>				
<b>Accommodation facilities</b>				
Visitor	119	32.5	46,974	56.8
Camping	52	14.2	10,757	13.0
Single men's	48	13.1	16,337	19.7
Single women's	25	6.8	10,724	13.0
Hostel	8	2.2	2,150	2.6
Contract workers	85	23.2	44,468	53.8
Disability	23	6.3	11,315	13.7
Aged	44	12.0	28,447	34.4
Women's refuge	32	8.7	28,835	34.9
Other	4	1.1	2,675	3.2
No accommodation facilities	178	48.6	16,882	20.4

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**Table 1.14.8 (continued): Number and proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, 2006**

<b>Community Infrastructure</b>	<b>Communities</b>		<b>Reported usual population</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Public facilities</b>				
Hall/meeting area	208	56.8	62,740	75.8
Administration building	224	61.2	70,721	85.5
Store	175	47.8	66,153	80.0
Library	44	12.0	31,143	37.6
Arts/cultural centre	114	31.1	46,736	56.5
Women's centre	113	30.9	46,027	55.6
Child care centre	108	29.5	48,257	58.3
Youth centre	71	19.4	36,321	43.9
Canteen	47	12.8	28,893	34.9
Broadcasting facilities	113	30.9	52,291	63.2
Other	39	10.7	13,634	16.5
No public facilities	89	24.3	5,583	6.7
<b>Recreation facilities</b>				
Sports grounds	169	46.2	65,265	78.9
Outdoor basketball/netball courts	177	48.4	59,865	72.4
Indoor or covered sporting facilities	46	12.6	32,437	39.2
Swimming pools	27	7.4	19,328	23.4
Other buildings used for sport	57	15.6	30,406	36.8
Other community sporting facilities	22	6.0	8,443	10.2
No sporting facilities	141	38.5	10,050	12.1
<b>Community priority needs plan<sup>(d)</sup></b>				
Communities with a community priority needs plan	189	51.6	48,688	58.9
<b>Of those with plan, needs identified include:</b>				
More housing	170	89.9	45,716	93.9
Upgrade water supply	86	45.5	22,775	46.8
Upgrade electricity supply	71	37.6	15,676	32.2
Upgrade sewerage	82	43.4	22,480	46.2
Rubbish collection/disposal	85	45.0	19,524	40.1
Transport	77	40.7	19,635	40.3
Communication facilities	51	27.0	16,060	33.0
Education facilities	59	31.2	18,155	37.3
Sports facilities	105	55.6	30,620	62.9
Health care facilities	79	41.8	23,025	47.3
Animal control	73	38.6	24,725	50.8
Broadcasting capabilities	51	27.0	17,222	35.4

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**Table 1.14.8 (continued): Number and proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, 2006**

Community Infrastructure	Communities		Reported usual population	
	No.	%	No.	%
Other	48	25.4	13,082	26.9
Communities developing a community priority needs plan	129	35.2	28,348	34.3
No community priority needs plan being developed	48	13.1	5,694	6.9
<b>Total no. of communities</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>92,960</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) All proportions were calculated excluding 'not stated' from denominator.

(b) Excluding communities with carted and other organised water supply.

(c) Percentage calculated as a proportion of all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, and communities which have a reported usual population of fewer than 50 persons but which are not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or resource agency, excluding communities where water was not sent away for testing and communities connected to town supply.

(d) Percentage calculated as a proportion of all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, and communities which have a reported usual population of fewer than 50 persons but which are not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or resource agency.

(e) Excluding communities which reported pit and pan toilets as the main sewerage system type.

(f) Percentage calculated as a proportion of all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, and communities which have a reported usual population of fewer than 50 persons but which are not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or resource agency, and which are located 10 kilometres or more from a hospital.

Source: AIHW analysis of 2006 CHINS.

Table 1.14.9: Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by state/territory, 2006

Community Infrastructure	NSW		Qld		WA		SA		NT	
	Dwellings	Reported usual population	Dwellings	Reported usual population	Dwellings	Reported usual population	Dwellings	Reported usual population	Dwellings	Reported usual population
<b>Per cent</b>										
<b>Housing</b>										
<b>Condition of permanent dwellings managed by Indigenous housing organisations</b>										
Needing minor or no repairs	78.6	n.a.	67.8	n.a.	62.0	n.a.	71.9	n.a.	68.7	n.a.
Needing major repairs	18.8	n.a.	26.3	n.a.	27.9	n.a.	22.4	n.a.	21.0	n.a.
Needing replacement	2.7	n.a.	5.9	n.a.	10.1	n.a.	5.8	n.a.	10.2	n.a.
<b>Total dwellings</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
No-one in community living in temporary dwellings	78.9	78.2	48.7	55.4	55.5	68.7	67.9	46.1	71.6	69.6
Population living in temporary dwellings	n.a.	1.2	n.a.	4.3	n.a.	5.8	n.a.	5.7	n.a.	4.2
No-one in community requiring permanent dwelling	86.0	87.1	49.6	56.6	60.6	75.8	72.4	47.6	73.1	74.3
Population requiring permanent housing	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.	4.3	n.a.	5.4	n.a.	5.6	n.a.	4.0
<b>Access to clean water</b>										
Organised water supply <sup>(b)</sup>	100.0	100.0	95.6	99.9	98.4	99.0	97.4	99.7	95.1	98.6
No organised water supply	0.0	0.0	4.4	n.p.	1.6	1.0	2.6	n.p.	4.9	1.4
Drinking water failed testing in last 12 months <sup>(c)</sup>	80.0	93.7	16.7	11.1	37.3	38.4	30.8	19.6	21.3	27.0
Drinking water not sent away for testing <sup>(d)</sup>	16.7	0.0	30.8	12.1	5.6	1.3	48.0	20.1	21.9	7.4
Experienced 5 or more water interruptions over last 12 months <sup>(d)</sup>	3.8	4.5	21.1	11.1	19.8	30.7	14.3	18.5	24.5	39.1

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Table 1.14.9 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by state/territory, 2006

Community Infrastructure	NSW		Qld		WA		SA		NT	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
	Per cent									
Experienced interruptions to water supply longer than 24 hours <sup>(d)</sup>	18.9	27.2	23.7	13.6	15.4	18.0	35.7	37.4	23.0	20.1
<b>Access to sewerage</b>										
Organised sewerage supply <sup>(e)</sup>	96.5	99.1	75.2	99.3	94.3	98.2	97.4	99.8	77.4	94.7
No organised system	3.5	n.p.	24.8	0.7	5.7	1.8	2.6	n.p.	22.6	5.3
Experienced overflows or leakage <sup>(d)</sup>	23.5	28.3	47.4	30.2	40.9	46.2	33.3	39.6	43.2	38.6
Over a 12-month period 10 or more overflows <sup>(d)</sup>	5.9	8.2	7.9	2.8	8.0	11.8	9.5	12.1	9.4	6.4
Overflows or leakages longer than 48 hours <sup>(d)</sup>	19.6	25.2	28.9	18.4	26.1	29.9	26.2	28.3	17.3	9.8
Not all dwellings connected	5.3	1.7	47.7	6.9	28.9	4.9	13.2	4.4	11.0	3.3
<b>Access to electricity</b>										
Organised electricity supply	100.0	100.0	95.5	100.0	98.1	99.6	97.4	97.3	96.5	99.8
No organised supply	0.0	0.0	4.5	n.p.	1.9	0.4	2.6	2.7	3.5	0.2
20 or more interruptions in the last 12 months <sup>(d)</sup>	1.9	3.6	10.5	7.1	20.9	28.0	4.8	3.8	10.8	22.6
At least one interruption longer than 24 hours in last 12 months <sup>(d)</sup>	13.2	26.3	36.8	32.4	29.7	33.9	35.7	32.3	23.0	24.8
Not all dwellings connected <sup>(d)</sup>	1.9	n.p.	5.3	3.3	2.2	0.5	9.5	8.6	2.2	0.6
<b>Access to rubbish disposal</b>										
Community has organised rubbish collection <sup>(d)</sup>	92.5	89.9	100.0	100.0	89.0	90.9	95.2	97.0	90.6	97.4
Community does not have organised rubbish disposal <sup>(d)</sup>	7.5	10.1	0.0	0.0	11.0	9.1	4.8	3.0	9.4	2.6

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Table 1.14.9 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by state/territory, 2006

Community Infrastructure	NSW		Qld		WA		SA		NT	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
Per cent										
<b>Health and medical services</b>										
<b>Aboriginal primary health care centre</b>										
Located within community	27.8	37.1	14.7	64.4	8.0	22.3	9.0	20.8	8.2	48.1
Located less than 100 km	66.7	57.8	56.0	11.0	32.9	28.6	34.6	23.1	57.8	26.6
Located 100 km or more	5.6	5.1	29.4	24.6	59.0	49.1	56.4	56.1	34.0	25.3
Total stated	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hospital</b>										
Located within community	1.8	3.2	6.2	48.6	0.8	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Located less than 100 km	90.9	87.8	38.1	27.8	32.8	29.2	41.0	39.3	17.7	19.7
Located 100 km or more	7.3	9.0	55.8	23.6	66.4	66.1	59.0	60.7	82.3	80.3
Total stated	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Other (state funded) community health centre</b>										
Located within community	13.0	20.1	19.8	67.7	12.0	41.7	14.1	44.9	6.1	34.1
Located less than 100 km	85.2	78.3	51.9	14.4	60.8	31.6	78.2	43.2	46.3	27.6
Located 100 km or more	1.9	1.6	28.3	17.9	27.2	26.7	7.7	11.8	47.6	38.3
Total stated	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Emergency services<sup>(f)</sup></b>										
Access to medical emergency air services	18.2	19.6	40.2	96.7	37.7	70.7	22.9	61.1	30.3	75.7
No access to medical emergency air services	81.8	80.4	59.8	3.3	62.3	29.3	77.1	38.9	69.7	24.3

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Table 1.14.9 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by state/territory, 2006

Community Infrastructure	NSW		Qld		WA		SA		NT	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
<b>Per cent</b>										
<i>Whether health professionals visiting or working in the community<sup>(b)</sup></i>										
Male Indigenous health worker daily, weekly, fortnightly	63.3	65.0	64.0	82.1	19.4	25.3	50.0	75.9	44.7	66.8
Male Indigenous health worker monthly or longer	3.3	n.p.	24.0	11.7	13.9	10.9	5.9	6.3	4.9	2.8
No male Indigenous health worker	33.3	33.7	12.0	6.2	66.7	63.8	44.1	17.8	50.4	30.4
Female Indigenous health worker daily, weekly, fortnightly	73.3	76.5	96.0	99.6	90.0	60.3	52.9	78.2	54.5	78.7
Female Indigenous health worker monthly or longer	3.3	n.p.	0.0	0.0	23.3	6.2	11.8	6.4	6.5	4.0
No female Indigenous health worker	23.3	22.3	4.0	0.4	126.7	33.6	35.3	15.4	39.0	17.3
Doctor daily, weekly, fortnightly	53.3	64.7	60.0	74.7	44.4	59.4	14.7	19.1	39.0	60.6
Doctor monthly or longer	6.7	3.0	36.0	24.8	20.8	23.0	38.2	59.1	27.6	25.6
No doctor	40.0	32.3	4.0	0.4	34.7	17.7	47.1	21.8	33.3	13.8
Registered nurse daily, weekly, fortnightly	50.0	55.2	88.0	96.5	56.9	73.5	44.1	70.9	71.5	90.9
Registered nurse monthly or longer	13.3	14.5	8.0	3.0	6.9	7.1	5.9	4.3	11.4	3.4
No registered nurse	36.7	30.2	4.0	0.4	36.1	19.3	50.0	24.8	17.1	5.7
<b>Educational services</b>										
<i>Primary</i>										
Located within community	24.6	29.7	28.3	87.1	25.1	62.3	17.9	57.3	20.7	74.3
Located less than 50 km	75.4	70.3	43.4	12.0	40.3	29.8	74.4	39.8	48.2	18.8
Located 50 km or more	0.0	0.0	28.3	0.9	34.6	7.9	7.7	2.9	31.1	7.0

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Table 1.14.9 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by state/territory, 2006

Community Infrastructure	NSW		Qld		WA		SA		NT	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
	Per cent									
Total stated	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Secondary school up to Year 10</b>										
Located within community	0.0	0.0	4.5	36.9	8.3	36.8	2.8	18.7	3.8	30.8
Located less than 50 km	92.6	94.6	39.1	28.8	44.6	41.3	41.7	51.6	31.5	24.9
Located 50 km or more	7.4	5.4	56.4	34.3	47.1	21.9	55.6	29.7	64.7	44.2
Total stated	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Secondary school up to Year 12</b>										
Located within community	5.3	5.7	2.7	22.7	6.2	23.0	7.7	28.1	2.1	24.9
Located less than 50 km	87.7	89.2	13.3	34.4	26.4	23.0	37.2	32.7	22.8	17.1
Located 50 km or more	7.0	5.1	84.1	43.0	67.4	54.0	55.1	39.2	75.1	58.0
Total stated	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Access to educational services other than school</b>										
Pre-primary	28.3	44.2	57.9	61.0	38.5	59.1	28.6	61.8	29.5	52.6
Homework centre	11.3	22.1	7.9	3.3	13.2	20.2	2.4	4.7	5.0	11.2
TAFE courses	26.4	38.5	31.6	53.9	13.2	21.2	38.1	63.8	10.8	26.7
Other adult education	13.2	20.2	5.3	5.2	11.0	25.6	7.1	19.8	19.4	32.5
Other educational services	1.9	1.5	7.9	8.1	4.4	8.1	2.4	2.8	6.5	7.0
No other educational services	58.5	44.4	34.2	29.2	56.0	32.2	57.1	29.0	55.4	24.2

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Table 1.14.9 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by state/territory, 2006

Community Infrastructure	NSW		Qld		WA		SA		NT	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
<b>Per cent</b>										
<b>Communication services</b>										
<b>Public access to community telecommunication facilities</b>										
Public telephones	24.6	37.1	45.1	76.7	63.9	90.6	62.8	88.5	60.7	91.9
Satellite dish	7.5	5.3	76.3	67.2	60.4	73.4	42.9	57.8	52.5	76.8
Radio	98.1	98.5	100.0	100.0	90.1	94.4	95.2	96.1	87.8	93.6
Television	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.6	98.4	97.6	98.5	90.6	97.1
Internet	26.4	24.0	52.6	62.4	39.6	44.8	42.9	60.2	33.1	62.8
Community has no access to a public telephone	75.4	62.9	54.9	23.3	36.1	9.4	37.2	11.5	39.3	8.1
Community has no access to internet	73.6	76.0	47.4	37.6	60.4	55.2	57.1	39.8	66.9	37.2
<b>Transport</b>										
<b>Access to nearest town</b>										
<b>Main mode of transport</b>										
Road	100.0	100.0	78.9	69.7	96.2	94.6	98.7	99.9	83.9	73.1
Air	0.0	0.0	9.2	20.8	2.5	5.2	0.0	0.0	14.3	25.9
Sea	0.0	0.0	11.9	9.5	1.3	n.p.	1.3	n.p.	1.8	1.0
<b>Usual method of transport<sup>(d)</sup></b>										
Private	82.1	79.0	61.8	67.2	87.5	84.8	97.6	95.1	89.5	82.7
Public	10.3	13.6	32.4	30.5	0.0	0.0	2.4	4.9	8.8	16.5
Community-owned vehicle	5.1	3.3	5.9	2.2	8.3	6.2	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.8
Other	2.6	4.1	0.0	0.0	4.2	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Table 1.14.9 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by state/territory, 2006

Community Infrastructure	NSW		Qld		WA		SA		NT	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
	Per cent									
<b>Whether transport services available to/from community<sup>(d)</sup></b>										
Public	35.9	32.6	50.0	56.9	8.3	19.5	7.3	20.9	12.3	22.0
Community	48.7	55.9	35.3	41.1	29.2	32.0	17.1	26.6	9.6	8.2
<b>Road access<sup>(d)</sup></b>										
Road access not cut	82.1	90.1	44.4	32.4	31.9	22.6	65.9	52.5	35.6	31.0
Road access cut 5 or more times	0.0	0.0	27.8	36.3	29.2	35.5	7.3	6.6	12.5	10.1
Inaccessible by road	0.0	0.0	51.4	30.9	2.8	6.2	0.0	0.0	12.3	28.3
<b>Airstrip<sup>(d)</sup></b>										
Airstrip located in community	7.7	6.7	58.8	61.8	55.6	72.4	31.7	53.7	61.4	82.4
Airstrip open all year round	100.0	100.0	70.0	61.8	77.5	86.9	76.9	84.3	71.4	81.0
Airstrip not open all year round	0.0	0.0	30.0	41.8	22.5	13.1	23.1	15.7	28.6	19.0
<b>Community services<sup>(d)</sup></b>										
<b>Accommodation facilities</b>										
Visitor	9.4	10.3	68.4	66.8	37.4	53.9	26.2	41.1	30.9	59.1
Camping	7.5	6.3	23.7	16.0	24.2	29.3	9.5	9.3	8.6	6.7
Single men's	1.9	1.0	21.1	24.5	19.8	24.6	2.4	8.9	13.7	18.3
Single women's	1.9	1.0	10.5	18.5	9.9	13.1	0.0	0.0	7.2	11.7
Hostel	3.8	3.2	2.6	0.7	2.2	1.9	0.0	0.0	2.2	4.5
Contract workers	1.9	1.0	68.4	70.9	17.6	31.9	9.5	15.4	26.6	59.9
Disability	0.0	0.0	15.8	21.5	7.7	8.4	2.4	8.9	5.8	11.6

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Table 1.14.9 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by state/territory, 2006

Community Infrastructure	NSW		Qld		WA		SA		NT	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
	Per cent									
Aged	0.0	0.0	28.9	62.8	13.2	21.7	11.9	21.0	10.8	23.2
Women's refuge	0.0	0.0	34.2	66.8	4.4	10.0	0.0	0.0	10.8	27.8
Other	1.9	1.5	2.6	5.6	0.0	0.0	2.4	7.1	0.7	2.3
No accommodation facilities	84.9	83.9	5.3	1.8	37.4	24.2	69.0	53.0	48.2	20.4
<b>Public facilities</b>										
Hall/meeting area	49.1	58.3	86.8	91.9	64.8	72.8	42.9	61.4	49.6	68.5
Administration building	39.6	47.6	92.1	95.1	74.7	88.6	52.4	67.6	54.0	84.5
Store	11.3	21.2	80.0	91.7	51.6	72.8	31.0	53.6	54.7	85.3
Library	7.5	12.5	47.4	58.7	4.4	6.0	0.0	0.0	12.9	40.0
Arts/cultural centre	28.3	34.4	60.5	74.9	26.4	34.3	31.0	51.7	27.3	53.5
Women's centre	13.2	22.3	31.6	49.6	36.3	55.6	23.8	25.4	36.7	69.1
Child care centre	22.6	37.8	60.5	73.0	28.6	49.6	16.7	28.1	28.1	56.6
Youth centre	17.0	28.0	34.2	59.3	16.5	30.3	26.2	46.7	16.5	38.8
Canteen	5.7	11.3	36.8	51.1	5.5	7.2	4.8	5.1	16.5	38.6
Broadcasting facilities	3.8	5.9	73.7	73.1	26.4	47.5	16.7	31.5	37.4	73.1
Other	17.0	15.5	13.2	24.9	11.0	20.0	2.4	7.1	10.1	10.4
No public facilities	41.5	32.1	2.6	0.2	19.8	7.4	40.5	24.3	22.3	5.9
<b>Recreation facilities</b>										
Sports grounds	17.0	29.2	68.4	86.7	50.5	72.9	40.5	67.3	49.6	83.3
Outdoor basketball/netball courts	24.5	36.6	65.8	77.3	58.2	75.0	35.7	60.3	50.4	74.6

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Table 1.14.9 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by state/territory, 2006

Community Infrastructure	NSW		Qld		WA		SA		NT	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
	Per cent									
Indoor or covered sporting facilities	3.8	9.3	44.7	66.2	5.5	11.0	2.4	3.7	15.1	36.5
Swimming pools	1.9	3.2	18.4	37.3	7.7	16.4	7.1	9.2	6.5	19.7
Other buildings used for sport	7.5	14.1	28.9	40.3	11.0	16.9	14.3	23.5	18.0	45.2
Other community sporting facilities	1.9	3.1	5.3	8.8	8.8	9.7	11.9	24.7	4.3	10.8
No sporting facilities	66.0	48.6	7.9	3.2	29.7	13.2	47.6	25.3	40.3	12.1
<b>Community priority needs plan<sup>(d)</sup></b>										
Communities with a community priority needs plan	49.1	45.9	55.3	48.5	51.6	62.2	26.2	41.4	59.0	69.5
<b>Of those with plan, needs identified include:</b>										
More housing	68.0	66.6	95.2	98.4	97.9	99.4	90.9	90.8	92.6	97.9
Upgrade water supply	24.0	23.8	57.1	61.4	44.7	44.8	9.1	3.1	55.6	47.2
Upgrade electricity supply	16.0	15.4	28.6	20.3	51.1	53.1	18.2	21.2	40.7	36.2
Upgrade sewerage	24.0	23.8	66.7	75.5	36.2	44.1	36.4	15.7	49.4	37.3
Rubbish collection/disposal	32.0	43.6	42.9	27.3	53.2	63.1	54.5	64.0	44.4	40.4
Transport	60.0	64.3	42.9	21.2	36.2	39.6	36.4	35.4	37.0	51.1
Communication facilities	24.0	24.4	38.1	27.4	23.4	35.9	27.3	15.9	27.2	38.9
Education facilities	32.0	41.9	42.9	46.5	14.9	26.9	36.4	19.1	37.0	38.1
Sports facilities	40.0	46.8	71.4	53.0	57.4	65.3	72.7	68.8	54.3	72.4
Health care facilities	56.0	61.1	47.6	48.7	34.0	45.0	27.3	12.9	43.2	51.1
Animal control	24.0	35.5	47.6	47.8	36.2	41.6	27.3	30.6	44.4	60.9
Broadcasting capabilities	16.0	18.1	38.1	35.7	21.3	42.1	36.4	16.3	30.9	38.6

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**Table 1.14.9 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by state/territory, 2006**

Community Infrastructure	NSW		Qld		WA		SA		NT	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
	<b>Per cent</b>									
Other	24.0	40.6	19.0	8.7	36.2	36.0	18.2	15.3	22.2	35.3
Communities developing a community priority needs plan	35.8	45.2	36.8	46.0	35.2	31.5	57.1	51.2	28.1	22.7
No community priority needs plan being developed	15.1	9.0	7.9	5.5	13.2	6.3	16.7	7.4	12.9	7.8
<b>Total no. of communities</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>5,082</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>27,349</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>14,023</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>4,607</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>41,553</b>

n.p. Not published where number in population is less than 5.

(a) All proportions were calculated excluding 'not stated' from denominator.

(b) Excluding communities with carted and other organised water supply.

(c) Percentage calculated as a proportion of all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, and communities which have a reported usual population of fewer than 50 persons but which are not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or resource agency, excluding communities where water was not sent away for testing and communities connected to town supply.

(d) Percentage calculated as a proportion of all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, and communities which have a reported usual population of fewer than 50 persons but which are not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or resource agency.

(e) Excluding communities which reported pit and pan toilets as the main sewerage system type.

(f) Percentage calculated as a proportion of all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, and communities which have a reported usual population of fewer than 50 persons but which are not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or resource agency, and which are located 10 kilometres or more from a hospital.

Source: AIHW analysis of 2006 CHINS.

Table 1.14.10: Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by remoteness, 2006

Community infrastructure	Non-remote		Remote		Very remote	
	Dwellings	Reported usual population	Dwellings	Reported usual population	Dwellings	Reported usual population
<b>Per cent</b>						
<b>Housing</b>						
<b>Condition of permanent dwellings managed by Indigenous housing organisations</b>						
Needing minor or no repairs	73.2	n.a.	66.8	n.a.	67.5	n.a.
Needing major repairs	23.0	n.a.	24.1	n.a.	23.5	n.a.
Needing replacement	3.8	n.a.	9.1	n.a.	9.0	n.a.
<b>Total dwellings</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
No-one in community living in temporary dwellings	76.0	60.2	61.0	45.6	64.9	68.2
Population living in temporary dwellings	n.a.	5.4	n.a.	4.9	n.a.	4.1
No-one in community requiring permanent dwelling	81.3	63.0	64.1	52.1	76.4	72.4
Population requiring permanent housing	n.a.	5.3	n.a.	4.8	n.a.	4.5
<b>Access to clean water</b>						
Organised water supply <sup>(b)</sup>	100.0	100.0	87.5	97.5	97.1	99.3
No organised water supply	0.0	0.0	12.5	2.5	2.9	0.7
Drinking water failed testing in last 12 months <sup>(c)</sup>	54.5	26.4	16.7	1.4	27.9	26.0
Drinking water not sent away for testing <sup>(d)</sup>	15.4	n.p.	40.0	12.4	21.0	9.7
Experienced 5 or more water interruptions over last 12 months <sup>(d)</sup>	6.1	4.1	38.6	28.7	18.8	29.6
Experienced interruptions to water supply longer than 24 hours <sup>(d)</sup>	18.2	11.2	29.5	34.3	21.5	18.1
<b>Access to sewerage</b>						
Organised sewerage supply <sup>(e)</sup>	97.3	99.6	98.1	99.7	81.5	96.2

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**Table 1.14.10 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by remoteness, 2006**

Community infrastructure	Non-remote		Remote		Very Remote	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
				Per cent		
No organised system	2.7	n.p.	1.9	n.p.	19.0	3.8
Experienced overflows or leakage <sup>(d)</sup>	25.0	15.6	54.5	33.2	40.3	41.2
Over a 12-month period 10 or more overflows <sup>(d)</sup>	6.3	4.3	2.3	2.0	10.3	7.6
Overflows or leakages longer than 48 hours <sup>(d)</sup>	21.9	14.3	22.7	10.0	22.5	19.2
Not all dwellings connected	8.0	14.3	10.7	4.1	20.7	3.4
<b>Access to electricity</b>						
Organised electricity supply	100.0	100.0	99.0	100.0	96.6	99.6
No organised supply	0.0	0.0	1.0	n.p.	3.4	0.4
20 or more interruptions in the last 12 months <sup>(d)</sup>	1.5	1.5	11.4	15.8	13.7	19.1
At least one interruption longer than 24 hours in last 12 months <sup>(d)</sup>	16.7	41.2	36.4	19.2	27.0	28.0
Not all dwellings connected	4.5	2.9	0.0	0.0	3.5	2.0
<b>Access to rubbish disposal</b>						
Community has organised rubbish collection <sup>(d)</sup>	90.9	94.8	97.7	99.9	91.4	96.9
Community does not have organised rubbish disposal <sup>(d)</sup>	9.1	5.2	2.3	n.p.	8.6	3.1
<b>Health and medical services</b>						
<b>Aboriginal primary health care centre</b>						
Located within community	28.8	67.0	10.4	52.7	8.6	42.8
Located less than 100 km	65.8	30.4	78.1	45.4	46.0	20.6
Located 100 km or more	5.5	2.6	11.5	2.0	45.4	36.6

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Table 1.14.10 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by remoteness, 2006

Community infrastructure	Non-remote		Remote		Very Remote	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
				<b>Per cent</b>		
Total stated	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hospital</b>						
Located within community	5.4	49.3	1.0	28.5	0.6	7.1
Located less than 100 km	91.9	49.2	85.4	69.4	17.4	18.3
Located 100 km or more	2.7	1.5	13.6	2.1	82.0	74.6
Total stated	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Other (state funded) community health centre</b>						
Located within community	15.3	41.9	4.1	31.6	10.1	44.8
Located less than 100 km	84.7	58.1	87.6	52.8	48.7	21.3
Located 100 km or more	0.0	0.0	8.2	15.6	41.2	33.9
Total stated	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Emergency services<sup>(f)</sup></b>						
Access to medical emergency air services	6.3	10.0	14.7	60.5	35.3	81.2
No access to medical emergency air services	93.8	90.0	85.3	39.5	64.7	18.8
<b>Whether health professionals visiting or working in the community<sup>(f)</sup></b>						
Male Indigenous health worker daily, weekly, fortnightly	52.5	58.3	57.1	92.7	39.2	62.2
Male Indigenous health worker monthly or longer	10.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	9.7	6.6
No male Indigenous health worker	37.5	36.2	42.9	7.3	51.1	31.2
Female Indigenous health worker daily, weekly, fortnightly	52.5	61.6	57.1	92.7	55.5	80.0
Female Indigenous health worker monthly or longer	12.5	8.2	0.0	0.0	7.0	3.7
No female Indigenous health worker	35.0	30.3	42.9	7.3	37.4	16.2

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**Table 1.14.10 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by remoteness, 2006**

Community infrastructure	Non-remote		Remote		Very Remote	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
				Per cent		
Doctor daily, weekly, fortnightly	45.0	57.5	47.6	88.6	39.6	58.9
Doctor monthly or longer	7.5	6.5	0.0	0.0	31.3	29.6
No doctor	47.5	36.0	52.4	11.4	29.1	11.5
Registered nurse daily, weekly, fortnightly	45.0	54.9	52.4	88.4	68.3	88.8
Registered nurse monthly or longer	7.5	10.2	0.0	0.0	10.6	4.4
No registered nurse	47.5	35.0	47.6	11.6	21.1	6.8
<b>Educational services</b>						
<i>Primary</i>						
Located within community	25.3	61.6	12.4	59.4	23.6	76.9
Located less than 50 km	73.3	38.3	72.4	38.0	44.5	17.3
Located 50 km or more	1.3	n.p.	15.2	2.6	32.0	5.9
Total stated	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Secondary school up to Year 10</i>						
Located within community	2.8	36.9	1.0	0.8	5.3	33.7
Located less than 50 km	91.5	61.8	70.6	78.0	31.4	22.0
Located 50 km or more	5.6	1.3	28.4	21.2	63.3	44.3
Total stated	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Secondary school up to Year 12</i>						
Located within community	5.3	2.9	1.9	30.6	3.8	25.5
Located less than 50 km	88.0	87.9	67.3	54.2	17.7	13.3
Located 50 km or more	6.7	9.3	30.8	15.2	78.6	61.3
Total stated	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 1.14.10 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by remoteness, 2006

Community infrastructure	Non-remote		Remote		Very Remote	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
				Per cent		
<b>Access to educational services other than school</b>						
Pre-primary	33.3	70.1	20.5	43.9	37.1	55.2
Homework centre	10.6	8.5	11.4	8.9	6.6	10.6
TAFE courses	30.3	68.2	9.1	36.5	18.0	31.4
Other adult education	13.6	17.5	9.1	10.5	14.5	23.8
Other educational services	1.5	0.6	4.5	8.0	5.9	8.1
No other educational services	56.1	25.3	70.5	44.1	50.8	26.7
<b>Communication services</b>						
<b>Public access to community telecommunication facilities</b>						
Public telephones	46.7	77.0	48.6	74.5	60.2	86.7
Satellite dish	6.1	9.8	15.9	28.9	66.0	85.5
Radio	98.5	99.4	100.0	100.0	89.1	95.0
Television	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.0	97.9
Internet	30.3	35.8	13.6	60.8	43.0	61.8
Community has no access to a public telephone	53.3	23.0	51.4	25.5	39.8	13.3
Community has no access to internet	69.7	64.2	86.4	39.2	57.0	38.2
<b>Transport</b>						
<b>Access to community not located in town</b>						
<b>Main mode of transport</b>						
Road	100.0	100.0	97.6	96.6	86.3	72.8
Air	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.8	23.7
Sea	0.0	0.0	2.4	3.4	2.8	3.6

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Table 1.14.10 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by remoteness, 2006

Community Infrastructure	Non-remote		Remote		Very Remote	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
				Per cent		
<b>Usual method of transport<sup>(d)</sup></b>						
Private	80.4	89.3	87.0	87.8	86.8	76.0
Public	8.7	4.8	13.0	12.2	8.1	20.5
Community-owned vehicle	8.7	4.4	0.0	0.0	3.8	2.0
Other	2.2	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.5
<b>Whether transport services available to/from community<sup>(d)</sup></b>						
Public	34.8	47.5	13.0	12.2	15.0	31.6
Community	52.2	59.9	30.4	33.0	17.5	18.1
<b>Road access<sup>(d)</sup></b>						
Road access not cut	82.6	61.4	78.3	52.0	35.3	27.8
Road access cut 5 or more times	4.3	35.7	13.0	45.0	17.9	13.8
Inaccessible by road	0.0	0.0	4.3	4.2	14.5	28.8
<b>Airstrip<sup>(d)</sup></b>						
Airstrip located in community	2.2	9.8	26.1	52.8	59.8	81.2
Airstrip open all year round	100.0	100.0	50.0	32.3	75.0	77.8
Airstrip not open all year round	0.0	0.0	50.0	67.7	25.0	22.2
<b>Community services<sup>(d)</sup></b>						
<b>Accommodation facilities</b>						
Visitor	9.1	11.1	9.1	11.1	41.8	65.2
Camping	10.6	5.0	10.6	5.0	15.2	15.1
Single men's	10.6	12.5	10.6	12.5	14.5	23.1

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Table 1.14.10 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by remoteness, 2006

Community infrastructure	Non-remote		Remote		Very Remote	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
				Per cent		
Single women's	7.6	10.8	7.6	10.8	7.8	15.4
Hostel	3.0	1.3	3.0	1.3	2.0	2.9
Contract workers	4.5	9.1	4.5	9.1	30.1	61.5
Disability	4.5	9.9	4.5	9.9	7.0	11.2
Aged	10.6	51.4	10.6	51.4	12.1	27.7
Women's refuge	4.5	48.9	4.5	48.9	10.2	29.6
Other	3.0	12.8	3.0	12.8	0.8	1.8
No accommodation facilities	74.2	41.1	74.2	41.1	39.8	16.4
<b>Public facilities</b>						
Hall/meeting area	56.1	80.5	56.1	80.5	55.5	72.4
Administration building	50.0	76.1	50.0	76.1	68.4	88.4
Store	13.6	59.0	25.0	75.0	60.5	84.9
Library	9.1	45.8	9.1	29.7	13.3	37.2
Arts/cultural centre	28.8	65.5	15.9	63.5	34.4	53.6
Women's centre	13.6	45.4	18.2	37.4	37.5	60.5
Child care centre	25.8	67.8	22.7	39.7	31.6	59.3
Youth centre	15.2	47.5	15.9	61.4	21.1	40.5
Canteen	6.1	5.1	9.1	40.9	15.2	40.0
Broadcasting facilities	6.1	22.7	11.4	61.5	40.6	71.6
Other	12.1	32.7	11.4	11.8	10.2	13.9
No public facilities	33.3	14.8	34.1	7.8	20.3	5.0

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Table 1.14.10 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by remoteness, 2006

Community infrastructure	Non-remote		Remote		Very Remote	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
				Per cent		
<b>Recreation facilities</b>						
Sports grounds	28.8	68.2	25.0	75.0	54.3	81.6
Outdoor basketball/netball courts	33.3	63.3	31.8	74.8	55.1	73.8
Indoor or covered sporting facilities	10.6	54.6	15.9	66.1	12.5	31.9
Swimming pools	4.5	38.0	2.3	5.8	9.0	23.1
Other buildings used for sport	13.6	45.9	9.1	42.4	17.2	34.0
Other community sporting facilities	1.5	0.7	11.4	13.4	6.3	11.6
No sporting facilities	51.5	19.1	63.6	19.4	30.9	9.6
<b>Community priority needs plan<sup>(d)</sup></b>						
Communities with a community priority needs plan	45.5	43.0	72.7	70.5	49.6	60.2
<b>Of those with plan, needs identified include:</b>						
More housing	86.2	121.5	90.3	96.1	92.9	97.2
Upgrade water supply	37.9	50.4	67.7	79.5	42.9	43.8
Upgrade electricity supply	20.7	14.2	61.3	32.0	36.5	36.6
Upgrade sewerage	37.9	79.5	61.3	76.3	41.3	40.2
Rubbish collection/disposal	51.7	62.6	29.0	22.5	48.4	43.7
Transport	58.6	40.7	19.4	19.2	42.9	47.1
Communication facilities	34.5	44.3	9.7	7.1	30.2	38.9
Education facilities	41.4	88.8	9.7	8.9	34.9	39.4
Sports facilities	62.1	107.3	25.8	23.7	62.7	69.7
Health care facilities	58.6	96.8	16.1	16.9	45.2	50.7
Animal control	55.2	106.4	19.4	10.3	40.5	55.7

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**Table 1.14.10 (continued): Proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, by remoteness, 2006**

Community Infrastructure	Non-remote		Remote		Very Remote	
	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population	Communities	Reported usual population
				<b>Per cent</b>		
Broadcasting capabilities	24.1	73.3	3.2	3.8	34.1	39.5
Other	17.2	19.3	12.9	12.4	31.0	32.4
Communities developing a community priority needs plan	43.9	53.9	25.0	29.2	34.8	31.1
No community priority needs plan being developed	10.6	3.0	2.3	n.p.	15.6	8.7
<b>Total no. of communities</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>12,560</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>10,775</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>69,625</b>

(a) All proportions were calculated excluding 'not stated' from denominator.

(b) Excluding communities with carted and other organised water supply.

(c) Percentage calculated as a proportion of all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, and communities which have a reported usual population of fewer than 50 persons but which are not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or resource agency, excluding communities where water was not sent away for testing and communities connected to town supply.

(d) Percentage calculated as a proportion of all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, and communities which have a reported usual population of fewer than 50 persons but which are not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or resource agency.

(e) Excluding communities which reported pit and pan toilets as the main sewerage system type.

(f) Percentage calculated as a proportion of all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, and communities which have a reported usual population of fewer than 50 persons but which are not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or resource agency, and which are located 10 kilometres or more from a hospital.

Source: AIHW analysis of 2006 CHINS.

**Table 1.14.11: Number and proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, 2001**

Community Infrastructure	Dwellings		Reported usual population	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Housing</b>				
<b>Condition of permanent dwellings managed by Indigenous Housing Organisations</b>				
needing minor or no repairs	14,990	72.1	n.a.	n.a.
needing major repairs	4,024	19.3	n.a.	n.a.
needing replacement	1,790	8.6	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Total dwellings<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>21,287</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
	Communities		Reported usual population	
	No.	%	No.	%
No-one in community living in temporary dwellings	745	61.3	56,759	52.5
Population living in temporary dwellings	n.a.	n.a.	5,602	5.2
No-one in community requiring permanent dwelling	776	63.9	59,868	55.4
Population requiring permanent housing	n.a.	n.a.	5,120	5.3
<b>Access to clean water</b>				
Organised water supply <sup>(c)</sup>	1,173	96.5	107,797	99.7
No organised water supply	43	3.5	288	0.3
Drinking water failed testing in last 12 months <sup>(d)</sup>	61	32.6	17,206	24.7
Drinking water not sent away for testing <sup>(e)</sup>	56	22.8	6,561	8.4
Experienced 5 or more water interruptions over last 12 months <sup>(e)(f)</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Experienced interruptions to water supply greater than 24 hours <sup>(e)(f)</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Access to sewerage</b>				
Organised sewerage supply <sup>(g)</sup>	898	73.8	103,402	95.7
No organised system	318	26.2	4,683	4.3
Experienced overflows or leakage <sup>(e)</sup>	171	43.8	54,123	56.0
Over a 12 month period 10 or more overflows <sup>(e)</sup>	42	10.8	10,341	10.7
Overflows or leakages longer than 48 hours <sup>(e)</sup>	104	26.9	30,378	31.7
Not all dwellings connected	62	6.1	3,171	3.0
<b>Access to electricity</b>				
Organised electricity supply	1,136	93.4	107,404	99.4
no organised supply	80	6.6	681	0.6
20 or more interruptions in the last 12 months <sup>(e)</sup>	60	15.5	17,301	18.0
At least one interruption greater than 24 hours in last 12 months <sup>(e)</sup>	57	14.8	9,682	10.1
Not all dwellings connected <sup>(e)</sup>	11	2.8	2,072	1.9
<b>Access to rubbish disposal</b>				
Community has organised rubbish collection <sup>(e)</sup>	363	92.8	94,481	97.8
Community does not have organised rubbish disposal <sup>(e)</sup>	28	7.2	2,089	2.2

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**Table 1.14.11 (continued): Number and proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, 2001**

Community Infrastructure	Communities		Reported usual population	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Health and medical services</b>				
<b><i>Aboriginal primary health care centre<sup>(f)</sup></i></b>				
Located within community	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Located less than 100km	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Located 100km or more	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total stated	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b><i>Hospital</i></b>				
Located within community	9	0.7	15,800	14.6
Located less than 100km	364	30.0	35,054	32.4
Located 100km or more	841	69.3	57,222	52.9
Total stated	1,214	100.0	108,076	100.0
<b><i>Other (state funded) community health centre<sup>(f)</sup></i></b>				
Located within community	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Located less than 100km	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Located 100km or more	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total stated	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b><i>Emergency services<sup>(h)</sup></i></b>				
Access to medical emergency air services	525	48.3	64,721	82.6
No access to medical emergency air services	562	51.7	13,661	17.4
<b><i>Whether health professionals visiting or working in the community<sup>(h)</sup></i></b>				
Male Indigenous health worker daily, weekly, fortnightly	89	31.6	34,697	53.4
Male Indigenous health worker monthly or longer	43	15.2	7,526	11.6
No male Indigenous health worker	150	53.2	22,746	35.0
Female Indigenous health worker daily, weekly, fortnightly	166	58.7	53,105	80.4
Female Indigenous health worker monthly or longer	36	12.7	3,905	5.9
No female Indigenous health worker	81	28.6	9,069	13.7
Doctor daily, weekly, fortnightly	167	57.8	57,063	84.7
Doctor monthly or longer	57	19.7	6,167	9.2
No doctor	65	22.5	4,145	6.2
Registered nurse daily, weekly, fortnightly	189	65.4	58,243	86.4
Registered nurse monthly or longer	43	14.9	4,665	6.9
No registered nurse	57	19.7	4,467	6.6

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**Table 1.14.11 (continued): Number and proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, 2001**

Community Infrastructure	Communities		Reported usual population	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Educational services</b>				
<b>Primary</b>				
Located within community	249	20.7	77,039	71.5
Located less than 50km	602	50.1	25,481	23.6
Located 50km or more	351	29.2	5,283	4.9
Total stated	1,202	100.0	107,803	100.0
<b>Secondary school up to Year 10</b>				
Located within community	67	5.6	34,992	32.5
Located less than 50km	435	36.3	30,522	28.4
Located 50km or more	698	58.2	42,128	39.1
Total stated	1,200	100.0	107,642	100.0
<b>Secondary school up to Year 12</b>				
Located within community	17	1.4	5,905	5.5
Located less than 50km	280	23.2	31,002	28.8
Located 50km or more	909	75.4	70,846	65.7
Total stated	1,206	100.0	107,753	100.0
<b>Access to educational services other than school</b>				
Pre-primary	153	39.8	68,474	71.6
Homework centre	40	10.4	14,466	15.1
TAFE courses	77	20.1	41,594	43.5
Other adult education	21	5.5	14,104	14.8
Other educational services	27	7.0	13,362	14.0
No other educational services	194	50.5	20,943	21.9
<b>Communication services</b>				
<b>Public access to community telecommunication facilities</b>				
Public telephones	597	50.8	84,480	78.7
Satellite dish <sup>(f)</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Radio	357	93.5	93,118	97.3
Television	363	95.0	94,299	98.5
Internet <sup>(f)</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Community has no access to a public telephone	579	49.2	22,877	21.3
Community has no access to internet <sup>(f)</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

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**Table 1.14.11 (continued): Number and proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, 2001**

Community Infrastructure	Communities		Reported usual population	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Transport</b>				
<i>Access to community not located in town</i>				
<i>Main mode of transport</i>				
Road	1,025	89.4	72,062	72.4
Air	86	7.5	21,312	21.4
Sea	36	3.1	6,092	6.1
<i>Usual method of transport<sup>(f)</sup></i>				
Private	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Public	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Community owned vehicle	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Other	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Whether transport services available to/from community<sup>(f)</sup></i>				
Public	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Community	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Road access<sup>(e)</sup></i>				
Road access not cut	114	37.3	20,122	27.9
Road access cut 5 or more times	37	12.2	17,302	24.1
Inaccessible by road	27	8.1	16,534	18.7
<i>Airstrip<sup>(e)</sup></i>				
airstrip located in community	167	50.2	61,371	69.3
airstrip open all year round	111	66.5	46,675	76.1
airstrip not open all year round	56	33.5	14,696	23.9
<b>Community services<sup>(e)</sup></b>				
<i>Accommodation facilities</i>				
Visitor	135	35.2	56,226	58.8
Camping	85	22.2	26,730	28.0
Single men's	90	23.5	30,411	31.8
Single women's	40	10.4	16,291	17.0
Hostel	15	3.9	9,362	9.8
Contract workers	83	21.7	41,068	42.9
Disability	40	10.4	19,144	20.0
Aged	65	17.0	37,067	38.8
Women's refuge	29	7.6	29,045	30.4
Other	4	1.0	1,357	1.4
No accommodation facilities	149	38.8	17,435	18.2

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**Table 1.14.11 (continued): Number and proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, 2001**

Community Infrastructure	Communities		Reported usual population	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Public facilities</b>				
Hall/meeting area	228	59.2	72,691	75.6
Administration building	146	37.9	83,150	86.5
Store	181	47.0	75,636	78.6
Library	49	12.7	32,965	34.3
Arts/cultural centre	91	23.6	40,305	41.9
Women's centre	123	31.9	56,713	59.0
Child care centre	111	28.8	51,116	53.1
Youth centre	60	15.6	35,738	37.2
Canteen	53	13.8	36,624	38.1
Broadcasting facilities <sup>(f)</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Other	51	13.2	25,122	26.1
No public facilities	79	20.5	5,239	5.4
<b>Recreation facilities</b>				
Sports grounds	168	43.8	72,820	76.5
Outdoor basketball/netball courts	183	47.7	69,563	73.1
Indoor or covered sporting facilities	29	7.6	19,316	20.3
Swimming pools	23	6.0	13,749	14.4
Other buildings used for sport	56	14.6	27,821	29.2
Other community sporting facilities	10	2.6	6,820	7.2
No sporting facilities	161	41.9	14,087	14.8
<b>Community priority needs plan<sup>(f)</sup></b>				
Communities with a community priority needs plan	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Of those with plan needs identified include:</b>				
More housing	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Upgrade water supply	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Upgrade electricity supply	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Upgrade sewerage	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Rubbish collection/disposal	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Transport	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Communication facilities	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Education facilities	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Sports facilities	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Health care facilities	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Animal control	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Broadcasting capabilities	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

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**Table 1.14.11 (continued): Number and proportion<sup>(a)</sup> of discrete Indigenous communities by characteristics contributing to community functioning, 2001**

Community Infrastructure	Communities		Reported usual population	
	No.	%	No.	%
Other	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Communities developing a community priority needs plan	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
No community priority needs plan being developed	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Total no. of communities</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>108,085</b>	<b>100.0</b>

n.a. Not available

- (a) All proportions were calculated excluding not stated from denominator.
- (b) Includes condition of permanent dwellings not stated.
- (c) Excluding communities with carted and other organised water supply.
- (d) Percentage calculated as a proportion of all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, and communities which have a reported usual population of less than 50 persons but which are not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or Resource Agency, excluding communities where water not sent away for testing and communities connected to town supply.
- (e) Percentage calculated as a proportion of all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, and communities which have a reported usual population of less than 50 persons but which are not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or Resource Agency.
- (f) Data not collected in 2001 CHINS.
- (g) Excluding communities who reported pit and pan toilets as the main sewerage system type.
- (h) Percentage calculated as a proportion of all discrete Indigenous communities with a reported usual population of 50 persons or more, and communities which have a reported usual population of less than 50 persons but which are not administered by a larger discrete Indigenous community or Resource Agency, and are located 10 kilometres or more from a hospital.

Source: AIHW analysis of 2001 CHINS.

## **Data quality issues**

*Community functioning should be measured at the community level, but many of the data items currently collected are based only on individuals. This will affect how community functioning data can be interpreted.*

### **Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey (CHINS)**

*The 2006 CHINS collected information on a variety of topics from discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities throughout Australia and on Indigenous organisations that provide rental housing to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In 2006 CHINS information was collected on 496 Indigenous organisations which managed a total of 21,854 permanent dwellings. The majority of those dwellings were located in the Northern Territory (6,448), Queensland (6,230), New South Wales (4,176) and Western Australia (3,462) (ABS 2007).*

*The CHINS covers only discrete Indigenous communities. In 2006 the survey collected information from 1,187 discrete Indigenous communities which included approximately 92,960 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples or 18% of the total Indigenous population. CHINS data are collected every 5 years. The data are collected from key personnel in Indigenous communities and housing organisations knowledgeable about housing and infrastructure issues.*

*The estimates are not subject to sampling error, as the CHINS was designed as a complete enumeration of discrete Indigenous communities. However, data could not be obtained from a small number of communities. In addition, the community population was often estimated by community representatives without reference to records.*

*Further information on the CHINS can be found in the 2006 CHINS summary publication (ABS 2007).*

### **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS)**

*The NATSISS uses the standard Indigenous status question. The NATSISS sample was specifically designed to select a representative sample of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and thus overcome the problems inherent in most national surveys with small and unrepresentative Indigenous samples. As with other surveys, the NATSISS is subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. Calculations of standard errors and significance testing help to identify the accuracy of the estimates and differences.*

*Information recorded in this survey is essentially 'as reported' by respondents. The ABS makes every effort to collect accurate information from respondents, particularly through careful questionnaire design, pre-testing of questionnaires, use of trained interviewers and assistance from Indigenous facilitators. Nevertheless, some responses may be affected by imperfect recall or individual interpretation of survey questions (ABS 2004).*

*Non-Indigenous comparisons are available through the General Social Survey. Time series comparisons are available through the 1994 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey.*

*In remote communities there were some modifications to the NATSISS content in order to accommodate language and cultural appropriateness in traditional communities and help respondents understand the concepts. Some questions were excluded and some reworded. Also, paper forms were used in communities in remote areas and computer-assisted interview (CAI) instruments were used in non-remote areas. The CAI process included built-in edit checks and sequencing.*

*Further information on NATSISS data quality issues can be found in the 2002 NATSISS publication (ABS 2004).*

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