

1.5 Indigenous arts participation

The following four tables were derived from a recent (2006) publication by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. We hope to compile more data in due course.

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Table 1.5.1.1: Estimated resident Indigenous population aged 15+, 2001

	Indigenous*		Non-indigenous		Indig. ratio
Total resident population	279,828	100.0%	15,146,214	100.0%	1.8%
Male	135,758	48.5%	7,450,522	49.2%	1.8%
Female	144,070	51.5%	7,695,692	50.8%	1.8%
15-34 years	156,268	55.8%	5,372,585	35.5%	2.8%
35-54 years	92,249	33.0%	5,538,583	36.6%	1.6%
55 years and over	31,311	11.2%	4,235,046	28.0%	0.7%
Non-remote areas	202,862	72.5%	14,849,358	98.0%	1.3%
Remote areas	76,966	27.5%	296,856	2.0%	20.6%

* Source notes that estimates are experimental.

Note: The total resident Indigenous population including children was 458,520, 2.4% of the total resident population of 18,954,720. The number of Indigenous children under 15 was 178,692, 4.4% of total Australian children (3,987,198). Source: ABS, *Population characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Populations 2001* (Cat 4713.0, 2003).

Source: ABS, *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians: Involvement in Arts and Culture 2001 and 2002* (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 (Cat 4721.0))

Table 1.5.1.2: Indigenous participation in creative arts activities by whether living in remote areas, 2002

Activities in last 12 months	Remote	Non-remote	Total
Thousand Indigenous persons 15+	77.1	205.1	282.2
Made Indigenous arts or crafts	19.1%	15.1%	16.2%
Performed Indigenous music, dance or theatre	10.4%	7.5%	8.3%
Wrote or told Indigenous stories	13.0%	12.4%	12.6%
Participated in at least one creative arts activity	30.2%	26.3%	27.4%
PAID for:			
making Indigenous arts or crafts	9.9%	3.1%	5.0%
performing Indigenous music, dance or theatre	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%
writing or telling Indigenous stories	3.1%	2.6%	2.7%
at least one creative arts activity last 12 months	12.1%	6.0%	7.7%
Proportion of persons being paid for:			
making Indigenous arts or crafts	52%	21%	31%
performing Indigenous music, dance or theatre	26%	35%	33%
writing or telling Indigenous stories	24%	21%	21%
at least one creative arts activity last 12 months	40%	23%	28%

Source: See Table 1.5.1.1

Table 1.5.1.3: Indigenous participation in creative arts activities by sex and age, 2002						
Activities in last 12 months	Male	Female	15-34	35-54	55+	Total
Thousand Indigenous persons 15+	135.2	147.0	153.9	96.2	32.2	282.2
Made Indigenous arts or crafts	13.0%	19.2%	16.6%	15.5%	16.3%	16.2%
Performed Indigenous music, dance or theatre	9.4%	7.3%	9.2%	7.3%	7.1%	8.3%
Wrote or told Indigenous stories	11.0%	14.0%	9.8%	14.5%	20.1%	12.6%
Participated in at least one creative arts activity	24.5%	30.0%	26.6%	27.3%	31.3%	27.4%
PAID for:						
making Indigenous arts or crafts	3.8%	6.0%	4.3%	5.7%	5.7%	5.0%
performing Indigenous music, dance or theatre	3.1%	2.3%	2.8%	2.6%	2.2%	2.7%
writing or telling Indigenous stories	2.3%	3.1%	1.8%	4.1%	3.3%	2.7%
at least one creative arts activity last 12 months	7.0%	8.4%	6.7%	9.3%	7.5%	7.7%
Proportion of persons being paid for:						
making Indigenous arts or crafts	29%	31%	26%	37%	35%	31%
performing Indigenous music, dance or theatre	33%	32%	30%	36%	31%	33%
writing or telling Indigenous stories	21%	22%	18%	28%	16%	21%
at least one creative arts activity last 12 months	29%	28%	25%	34%	24%	28%

Source: See Table 1.5.1.1

Table 1.5.1.4: Individual gross weekly income, persons employed full-time in creative arts occupations						
2001 Census	Median weekly income		Ratio Indig to non-indig	Earning \$700+ per week		Indigenous persons
	Indigenous	Non-indig		Indigenous	Non-indig	
Architects and planners	\$ 561	\$ 647	87%	63%	74%	51
Journalists	\$ 535	\$ 674	79%	55%	74%	83
Authors	\$ 504	\$ 552	91%	50%	56%	30
Directors	\$ 484	\$ 636	76%	47%	67%	41
Photographers, designers and illustrators	\$ 413	\$ 514	80%	34%	52%	160
Visual arts and crafts	\$ 337	\$ 399	84%	14%	30%	786
Actors and dancers	\$ 319	\$ 487	66%	21%	48%	144
Musicians	\$ 238	\$ 471	50%	13%	47%	63

Source: See Table 1.5.1.

