

Indigenous Portrait:

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

A profile of the Indigenous community of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, compared with Queensland, from the 2016 and earlier Censuses.

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Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is the Local Government Area in the 2016 Census.

Preface

This report uses data from the Census, held every five years by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), to paint a profile of the Indigenous population of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council as it was in August 2016, and show how it had changed over the previous decade.

Language in this report	In this Portrait, the term 'Indigenous' is used to describe the 'first nations' peoples living in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, including Aboriginal nations and people from the Torres Strait. This recognises that Aboriginal people were the original inhabitants of Queensland.
Who is included?	The people described in this Portrait were the usual residents of Blackall-Tambo in 2016. They had lived there for more than half the year. They are counted as 'usual residents' even if they completed the Census away from home. People who were visiting Blackall-Tambo on Census night, but did not live there, are not included.
Who are Indigenous?	Indigenous people, in this Portrait, means all people who, in completing the Census, responded that they had Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origins, or both. Non-Indigenous people are those who said they did not have these origins. Note: the Census question asks people about their origins; it does not ask how they identify in their daily lives.
Are all Indigenous people counted?	Not all Indigenous people completed the Census and identified their origins: 5.6% of the Council's Census respondents said they had Indigenous origins, but another 5.3% did not answer this question. The ABS estimates that the net undercount rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples was 17.5% in 2016 (equivalent to 137,750 persons nationally). This is slightly higher than 2011 (17.2%). This means that, on average, the Indigenous population was about a fifth larger than counted. However, despite such omissions, the Census is a vital source of information about Indigenous Australians.
National trends	Nationally, the number of people with Indigenous origins counted in the Census rose by a fifth (21%) between 2011 and 2016. Almost three-quarters of the increase was from births; the rest was caused by more people identifying Indigenous origins than previously.
Sources of data	The data for this report are drawn from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (Indigenous) Profiles and Community Profiles published by the ABS from the 2006, 2011 and 2016 Censuses. Data in this portrait for 2011 and 2006 censuses have been produced using the 2016 boundary regardless of changes to previous LGA or other geographical classifications over time.
A warning about accuracy	Small Census numbers are not precise – they are randomised by the ABS to protect privacy. In this Portrait, numbers less than 5 are reported as 'a few'. Note: difference and changes shown in this Portrait are rounded to the nearest significant figure but are calculated from the unrounded data, so small anomalies are possible in the text.

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Snapshot: Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, 2016

⌘ In the 2016 Census, 106 of the 1,903 residents (5.6%) counted in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council said that they had Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origins, or both. Of these, 87% were Aboriginal.

- Between 2011 and 2016, the counted Indigenous population rose by 15%, from 92; the overall population of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council fell by 14%.
- About 5% of the Indigenous population were under 5 in 2016. This growth from births since 2011 was larger than the population growth, so other age groups had declined in number.

⌘ The Indigenous community in Blackall-Tambo is significantly younger than the non-Indigenous population, with a median age of 28 vs 47

- The proportion under 18 years old was higher: 29% compared with 19% for non-Indigenous.
- The proportion aged 65+ was lower: 5% compared with 23% for non-Indigenous.

⌘ Indigenous households had an average of 2.5 residents, which was similar to non-Indigenous households (2.3) in the Council.

- One in three Indigenous households were couples with children.
- One in four Indigenous households were couples without children.
- 27% of the Indigenous households were single persons (vs 34% of non-Indigenous households).

⌘ Indigenous households most commonly lived in rented dwellings (44%), with 25% in fully owned and 21% in mortgaged dwellings.

- In all, 46% of Indigenous households in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council were home-owners (with or without a mortgage), which was down by 4% since 2011.

⌘ The median income of Indigenous adults was about \$491 a week, which was 89% that of all adult residents (\$554).

- The median income gap had decreased by 9% since 2011, after having decreased by 18% over the previous five years.

⌘ 53% of Indigenous adults were in the labour force, compared with 65% of non-Indigenous adults.

- 18% of the Indigenous workforce were unemployed, compared with 3% of the non-Indigenous workforce.

⌘ One in three Indigenous residents (35 people) was attending an educational institution.

- 26 Indigenous people had completed Year 12, which was 63% more than in 2011 and 767% more than in 2006.
- Compared with non-Indigenous residents of the same age, there were:
 - 22% more Indigenous people aged 15–19 year olds in education;
 - 20% fewer Indigenous people aged 0–4 year olds in education.
- 36% of Indigenous adults had some type of post-school qualification, compared with 57% of non-Indigenous adults in the Council (none had a degree or higher, compared with 20%).

⌘ 11 Indigenous people (10.4% of the Indigenous population) reported that they had a severe or profound disability.

- Among non-Indigenous residents, the disability rate was 4%. The numbers with disabilities was very small and so not precise.
- 26% of Indigenous adults (aged 15+) gave assistance to a person with a severe disability.

⌘ 65% of the Council's Indigenous households had an internet connection, which was unchanged from 2011.

Tracking changes in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

In the table below, some indicators of community structure and well-being are calculated for Indigenous people in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council. The difference or gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Blackall-Tambo is shown for 2016. Changes in the Indigenous rates are tracked over the past five years and decade.

Indicator	Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, 2016			Change in Indigenous rate	
	Indigenous	non-Indigenous	Gap in 2016	last 5 years 2011–2016	last decade 2006–2016
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home ownership % of households owning/buying their home	46%	64%	-18%	dn 4%	up 5%
personal income* median weekly income of adults (15+)	\$491	\$554	-11%	up 20%	up 94%
household income median weekly income of households	\$1,021	\$974	+5%	up 9%	up 50%
workforce participation % of adults 15+ in labour force	53%	65%	-13%	up 1%	dn 7%
unemployment % of unemployed in workforce	18%	3%	+15%	up 18%	up 2%
employment employed adults as % of population	35%	53%	-18%	up 1%	up 9%
pre-school % of infants under 5 in education	0%	20%	-20%	same	-
teenage education % of 15–19 year-olds in education	75%	53%	+22%	up 8%	-
children at school % of 5–14 year olds in education	100%	96%	+4%	up 23%	same
Year 12 completion % of adults (15+) who have left school	39%	37%	+3%	up 10%	up 31%
average schooling average school Year completed	9.9 yrs	10.3 yrs	-30%	-0.2 yrs	2.5 yrs
tertiary qualifications % of adults 15+ with a post-school qualification	36%	42%	-5%	up 1%	up 16%
degree % of adults 15+ with a degree or higher qualification	0%	8%	-8%	dn 5%	same
postgrad % of adults 15+ with a postgraduate qualification	0%	2%	-2%	same	same
disability* % of people with a severe, long-term disability	10.4%	5.9%	+4.5%	up 3%	up 5%

* Personal income and disability data compare Indigenous rates with those of the whole population in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

Indigenous population and growth

In the 2016 Census, the Council's Indigenous population was counted as 106 people, of whom 92 identified as Aboriginal and a few as Torres Strait Islander; a few identified as both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

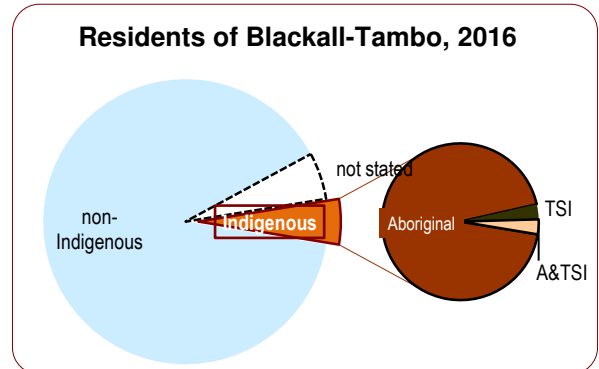
- ⌘ Indigenous people comprised 5.6% of the Council's population, compared with 4.0% in Queensland.

5.3% of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council people did not say whether they had Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origins.

- ⌘ Among the Indigenous people here, there were 116 males per 100 females.

There were 101 females per 100 males among non-Indigenous people.

- ⌘ The ABS estimates that the net Census undercount rate nationally for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples was 17.5% in 2016, meaning one in six was not counted.



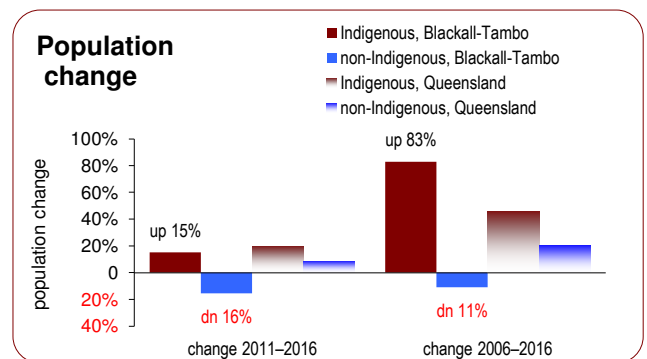
Between 2011 and 2016, the counted Indigenous population in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council rose by 15% (by 14) from 92; in total, the Council's population fell by 14%.

The number of infants born over the last five years was larger than the population growth, so other age groups had declined in number.

- ⌘ Between 2006 and 2016, the Council's Indigenous population rose by 83% (from 58 in 2006).

The Council's non-Indigenous population fell by 11% over the decade.

The Indigenous population counted in Queensland rose by 46% over the decade.



On Census night 2016, 91 Indigenous residents of Blackall-Tambo were at home (86%), and 10 were staying away from home (9%). Offsetting those away were 9 Indigenous visitors staying in the Council that night, equivalent to 8% of the Indigenous resident population.

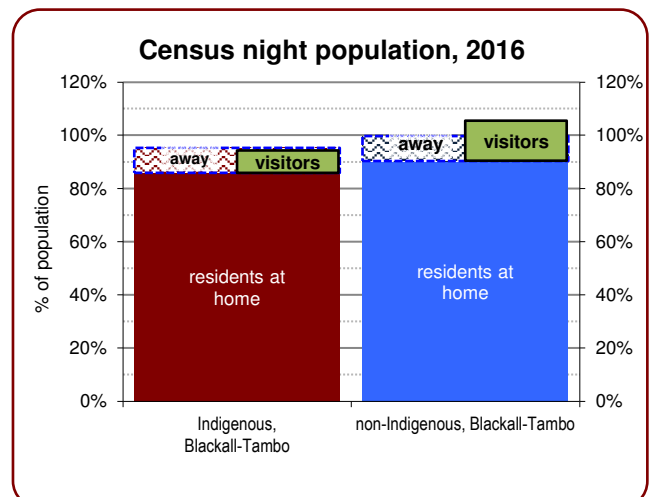
- ⌘ There were no visitors from the same locality (eg. overnighting with neighbours).

33% of the visitors were from Queensland.

- ⌘ The proportion of Indigenous residents away from home on Census night was 6% lower than in 2011.

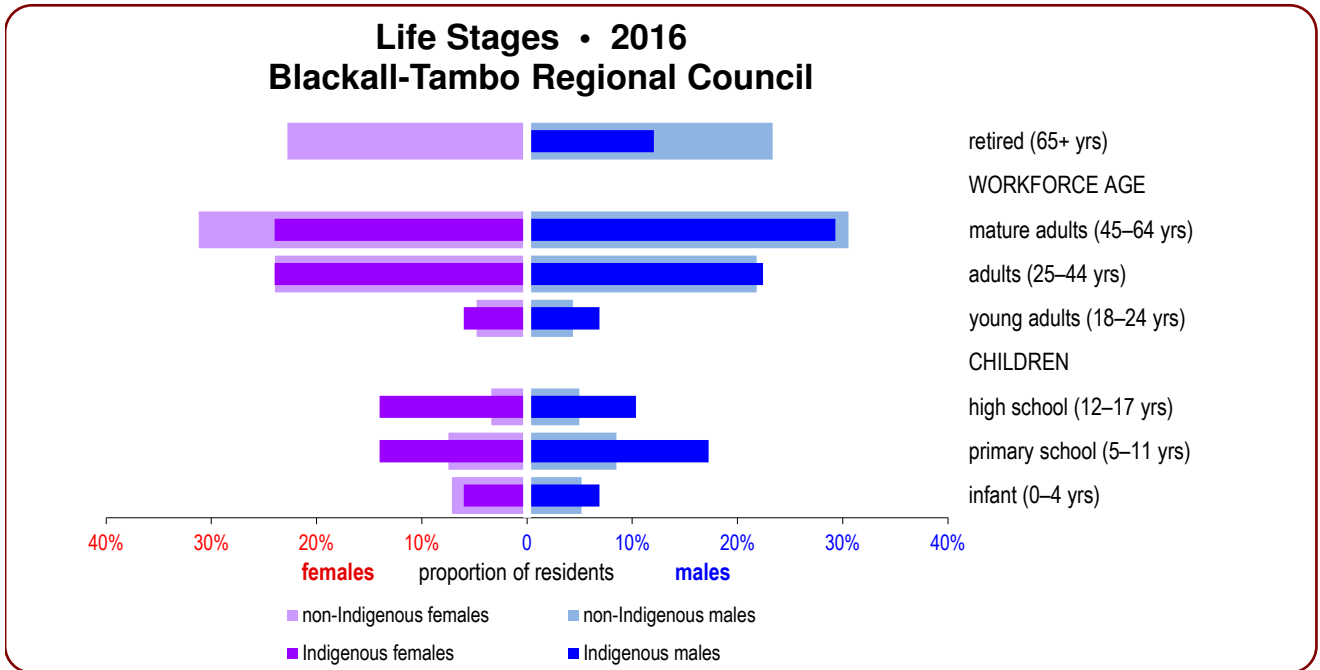
The proportion away from home was similar to non-Indigenous residents here; it was 3% higher than for Indigenous residents of Queensland.

- ⌘ There were no more Indigenous visitors than in 2011, when there were a few, equal to 7% of the Indigenous population.



Life stages

The Indigenous population of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council had a smaller proportion in the working stage of life (15–64 years) than the non-Indigenous population, with a much higher proportion of children under 15 and a much smaller proportion of people aged 65 or older.



In the Council's Indigenous population in 2016:

⌘ 56 people (53% or over five in ten) were adults aged 18–64.

- 14 (or 13%) were aged 18–24
- 17 (or 16%) were aged 25–44
- 25 (or 24%) were aged 45–64

The number of adults aged 18–64 was up 24% from 2011; and up 107% from 2006.

⌘ 31 Indigenous residents (29% or three in ten) were children under 18.

- a few (or 5%) were under five
- 16 (or 15%) were aged 5–11
- 10 (or 9%) were aged 12–17

The number of children was down 31% since 2011; and up 11% since 2006.

⌘ A few of Indigenous residents were aged 65+ years (5% of the total).

The number aged 65+ had risen by 67% since 2011; there were none in 2006.

The proportion aged 18–64 among Indigenous people was 6% lower than for non-Indigenous (59%).

8% more of the Indigenous population were young adults (18–24 yrs), and 7% fewer were mature adults (45–64 yrs), compared with the non-Indigenous population of the Council.

Those aged 18–64 made up 54% of the Indigenous community in Queensland; their number had risen by 23% from 2011.

The proportion of Indigenous children in Blackall-Tambo was 10% higher than the average for non-Indigenous people.

In Queensland, 42% of the Indigenous community were children under 18; the number was up 13% since 2011.

23% of non-Indigenous people in Blackall-Tambo were aged 65+.

Across Queensland, 4% of Indigenous people were aged 65+; their number had risen by 54% since 2011, and by 114% since 2006.

Age profile

The Indigenous population of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council has an age profile that is significantly younger than the non-Indigenous population, with a much lower median age (28 vs 47 years).

For the Council's Indigenous population in 2016:

- ⌘ The average age was 31 years in 2016, with half the population aged under 28 years (the median age).
The largest 5-year age groups were 5–9 years (12%), 15–19 years (11%) and 10–14 years (10%).
- ⌘ The median age was 9 years higher than in 2011 and one year higher than in 2006.

Proportionally, the biggest increases since 2011 were of 45–49 year olds (167% more), 65+ year olds (67% more) and 15–19 year olds (33% more).

- ⌘ A few Indigenous people (5%) were aged 65+ years, compared with 23% of non-Indigenous residents.
- ⌘ There were only males among those aged 30–34 years, 60–64 years, 65+ years.

The average age was 14 years younger than for the non-Indigenous residents; the median age was 19 years younger.

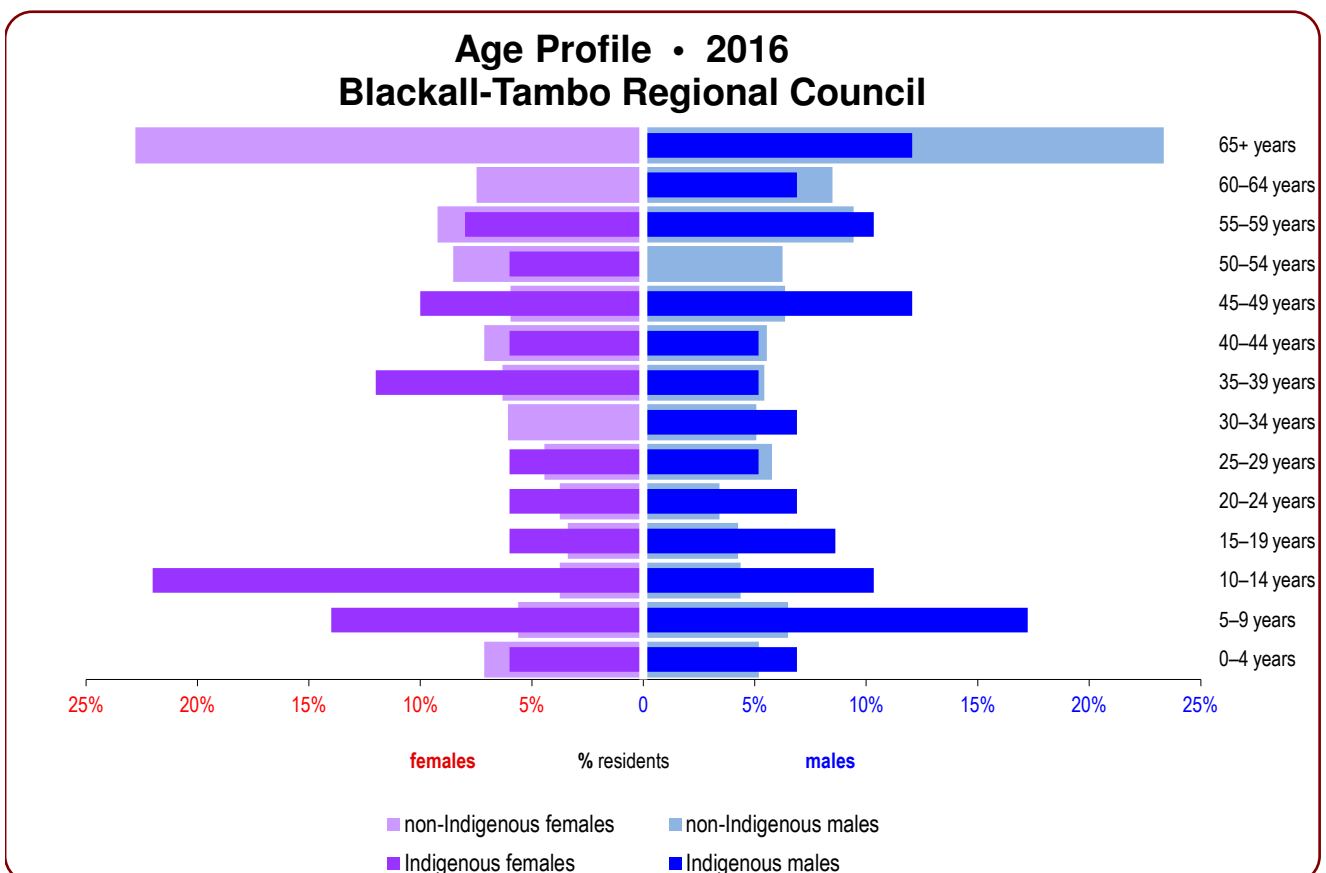
Non-Indigenous population: about 6% were 5–9 years, 4% were 15–19 years and 10–14 years.

The median age of Indigenous people in Queensland had risen by 2 years since 2011, but had changed little since 2006.

Among the State's Indigenous population, the increases since 2011 were: 45–49 year olds (26%); 65+ year olds (54%); and 15–19 year olds (15%).

The number aged 65+ was 67% higher than in 2011; the percentage of people this age was up by 1% since 2011, when it was 3%.

There were many more females than males among those aged 35–39 years, and those aged 10–14 years and 50–54 years.



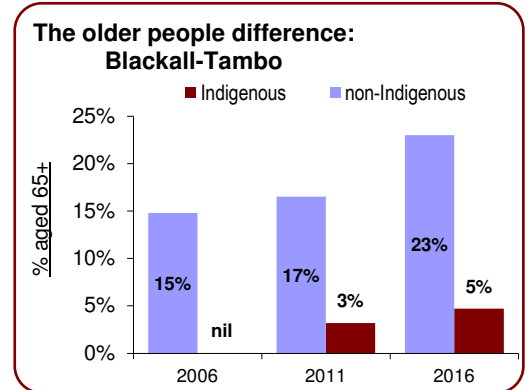
Population Indicators

% aged 65+ in population

The older people difference

Commonly, Indigenous communities have a lower proportion of people aged over 65, due to a shorter average life-span and higher birth rates.

- ⌘ In 2016, 4.7% of the Council's Indigenous residents were aged 65 or over, compared with 23.0% of non-Indigenous residents. The older people difference was -18%.
- ⌘ The older people difference had increased by 5% since 2011, after having decreased by 2% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The older people difference in Queensland was -11%. It had widened by 1% since 2011 and widened by 1% over the previous five years.

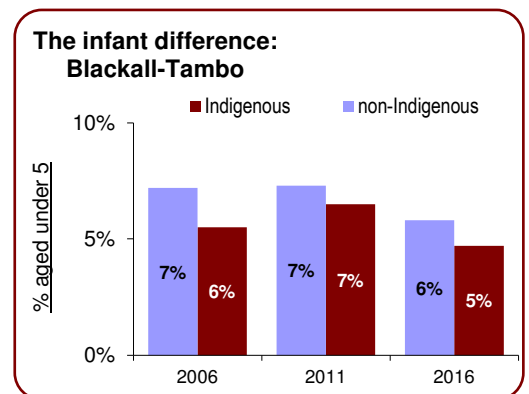


The infant difference

% aged under 5 in population

Indigenous communities generally have a higher proportion of young people due to larger families and fewer older people.

- ⌘ In 2016, 4.7% of the Council's Indigenous residents were infants, compared with 6% of non-Indigenous residents. The infant difference was -1%.
- ⌘ The infant difference had changed little since 2011, after having closed by 1% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The infant difference in Queensland was +6%. It had closed by 1% since 2011 and changed little over 2006 to 2011.

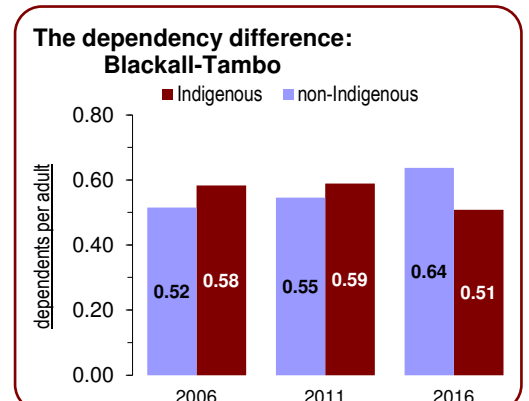


The dependency difference

ratio of dependents to working age adults

The dependency ratio is the average number of people of dependent age (under 15 or 65+) for each person of working age. The national average is 0.5 dependents per adult. A higher ratio means each person of working age has more dependents to support, on average.

- ⌘ In 2016, the Council's Indigenous community had a dependency ratio of 0.51, compared with 0.64 for the non-Indigenous community. The Indigenous dependency ratio was 0.13 lower.
- ⌘ The dependency difference had reversed since 2011, after having narrowed by 0.03 over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The dependency difference in Queensland was 0.14 and had closed by 0.06 since 2011. It had closed by 0.04 over 2006 to 2011.



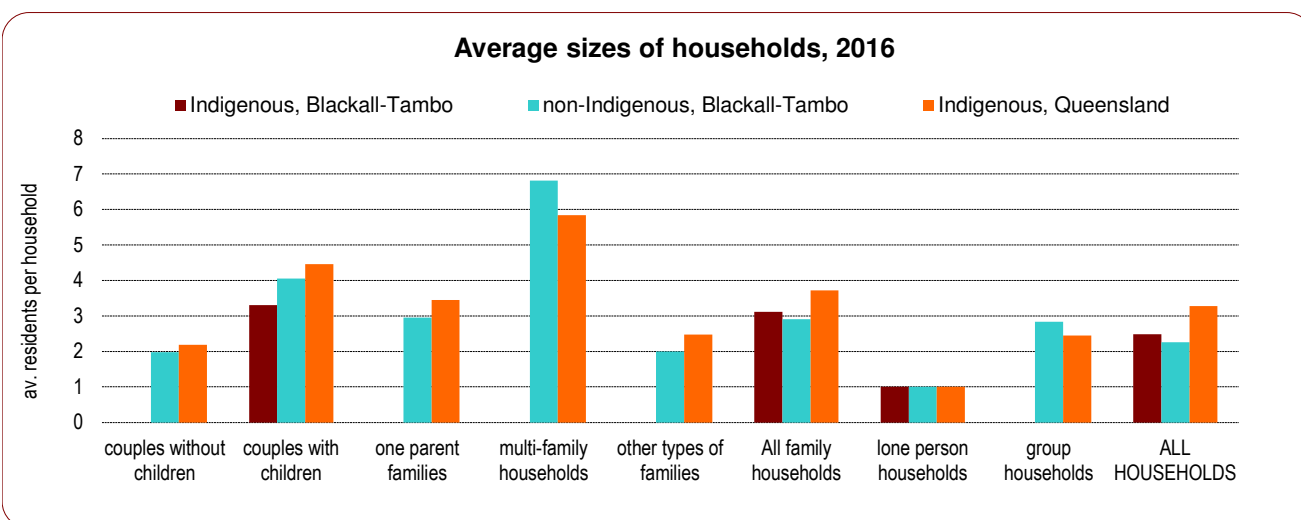
Household types and sizes

In 2016, the 106 Indigenous residents of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council were living in 48 households, 23% more than in 2011

The main types of Indigenous households* in the Council in 2016 were:

- ⌘ One in three were couples with children (16 households, or 33%). 9% higher than non-Indigenous here
- ⌘ One in four were couples without children (11 households, or 23%). 11% less than non-Indigenous
- ⌘ One in five were one parent families (10 households, or 21%). 16% more than non-Indigenous
- ⌘ Almost three in ten were one-person households (13 households, or 27%). 7% less than non-Indigenous
- ⌘ There were no multi-family households, and no other types of households.

* Indigenous households are those with at least one Indigenous resident.



The Council's Indigenous households had an average of 2.5 residents in 2016, which was 0.5 lower than in 2011, and 1.3 lower than in 2006.

- ⌘ Indigenous households here were 0.8 persons smaller than in Queensland, which averaged 3.3 residents. The average size of the State's Indigenous households was down by 0.1 since 2011.
- ⌘ The average size of non-Indigenous households in the Council was 2.3 residents; Indigenous households were 10% larger, on average. The average size of non-Indigenous households changed little from 2011.
- ⌘ The larger average size of Indigenous households was partly due to lower proportions of people living alone. Indigenous households: 27% lone person; Other households: 34%.
- ⌘ Indigenous couple families here had an average of 1.3 children, compared with 2.0 for non-Indigenous families. Indigenous families in Queensland averaged 2.5 children. The average size of Indigenous nuclear families was down by 0.6 since 2011.
- ⌘ There were too few Indigenous single-parent families here to comment on their average size. There were no one-parent families in 2011. There were no one-parent families in 2006.
- ⌘ At an average size of 2.5 persons, the 48 Indigenous households had some 120 members, but only 89 Indigenous people were counted in these households. This suggests that some 30 people in the Council's Indigenous households (one in four) did not identify as Indigenous in the Census.

Household Indicators

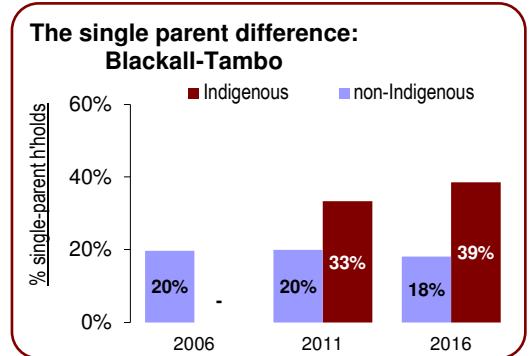
Note: these indicators are based on a small number of households so are not precise.

The single parent difference

% of families with children having one parent

Single parent families often have low incomes because it is difficult for the parent to work without adequate child care and support. High proportions of one-parent families can indicate a higher need for support services.

- ⌘ In 2016, 39% of the Council's Indigenous family households with children had one parent, compared with 18% of non-Indigenous families. The difference was +20%.
- ⌘ The single parent difference had increased by 7% since 2011, after having reversed over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The single parent difference in Queensland was +19%. It had changed little since 2011 after having increased by 1% over 2006 to 2011.

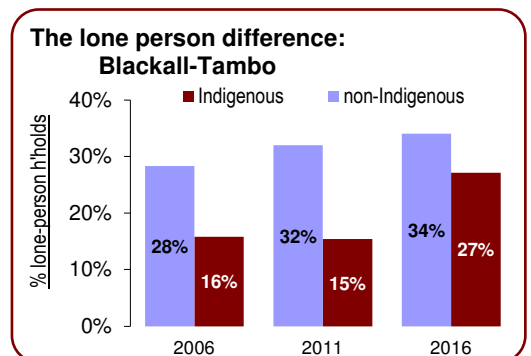


The lone person difference

% of households with one person

Living alone is less common for Indigenous people than for others, so most communities have a large lone person difference. The difference is influenced locally by the availability of small dwellings.

- ⌘ In 2016, 27% of the Council's Indigenous households were lone persons, compared with 34% of non-Indigenous households. The lone person difference was -7%.
- ⌘ The lone person difference had reduced by 10% since 2011, after having widened by 4% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The lone person difference in Queensland was -10% and had closed by 1% since 2011. It had changed little between 2006 and 2011.

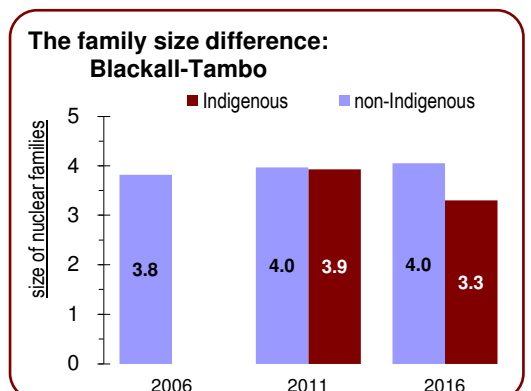


The family size difference

average size of two-parent families

The family size difference is the gap between the average sizes of Indigenous and non-Indigenous 'nuclear families' (couples with children). Larger families have to spread their income among more members, so living standards tend to be lower.

- ⌘ In 2016, the average size of the Council's Indigenous nuclear families was 3.3 persons (i.e. 1.3 children), compared with 4.0 persons (2.0 children) for non-Indigenous families, a difference of -0.7 children per family.
- ⌘ The family size difference had widened by 0.7 since 2011; there were no Indigenous nuclear families in 2006.
- ⌘ The family size difference in Queensland was 0.5 children per family, and had decreased by 0.1 since 2011. It had increased by 0.1 from 2006 to 2011.



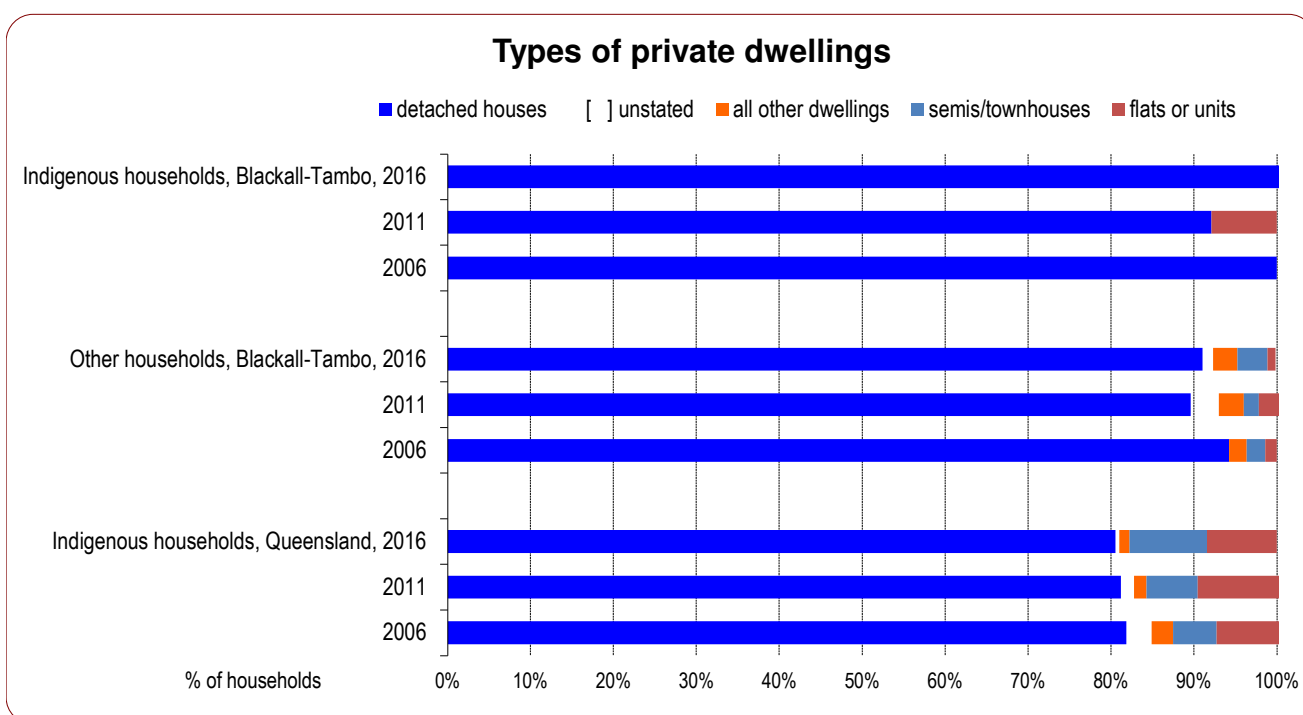
Types of housing

In 2016, virtually all Indigenous households in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council were living in detached houses, but numbers here were too small for accuracy.

- ⌘ Compared with other households in Blackall-Tambo, 11% more Indigenous households lived in detached houses, and 4% fewer lived in semis/townhouses.
- ⌘ The proportion of Indigenous households living in detached houses in Blackall-Tambo was up by 10% since 2011, and was 2% higher than in 2006.

The proportion in detached houses was 22% more than that of Indigenous households in Queensland; the proportion in semis/townhouses was 9% lower.

The proportion of non-Indigenous households in detached houses in Blackall-Tambo was up by 1% since 2011 and down by 3% since 2006.



No Indigenous people in the Council were counted living in institutional accommodation on Census night (eg. nursing homes, hospitals, boarding houses, correctional centres, barracks or boarding schools).

- ⌘ There were no Indigenous people living in institutional accommodation in Blackall-Tambo in 2011, and a few in 2006.
- ⌘ Note: very small numbers are randomly altered by the ABS to protect privacy, so are not precise.

In 2016, there were 24 people living in institutional accommodation in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council; 2% of the non-Indigenous population lived in institutions.

No Indigenous people were reported living in improvised accommodation (eg. shacks, tents or sleeping out) in the Council on Census night.

- ⌘ This was virtually unchanged since 2011.

There were no non-Indigenous people reported in improvised accommodation in Blackall-Tambo in 2016.

Housing costs and tenure

In 2016, Indigenous households in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council most commonly lived in dwellings that were rented (44% of the households). Another 25% lived in dwellings that were fully owned, and 21% in homes that were being purchased.

⌘ The proportion of Indigenous households that rented, 44%, was 14% higher than the rate for other households here.

The proportion living in rented dwellings was down by 6% since 2011, and was 3% higher than in 2006.

The median weekly rent paid by Indigenous households was \$145. It was \$95 in 2011 and \$105 in 2006.

⌘ The proportion living in dwellings that were being bought (21%) was almost the same as for Other households.

The proportion living in mortgaged dwellings was down by 3% since 2011; and 6% lower than in 2006.

The median monthly mortgage paid by Indigenous households in the Council in 2016 was \$820. It was \$433 in 2011 and nil for 2006.

⌘ The proportion of Indigenous households in fully owned dwellings (25%) was 18% lower than for non-Indigenous households.

The proportion in fully owned dwellings was down by 1% since 2011; and 11% higher than in 2006.

Among Indigenous households, the proportion renting in Blackall-Tambo was 18% lower than the rate in Queensland.

30% of Other households in Blackall-Tambo were renting, similar to 2011, and similar to 2006.

The median weekly rent paid by Other households in Blackall-Tambo was \$115. It was \$100 in 2011 and \$74 in 2006.

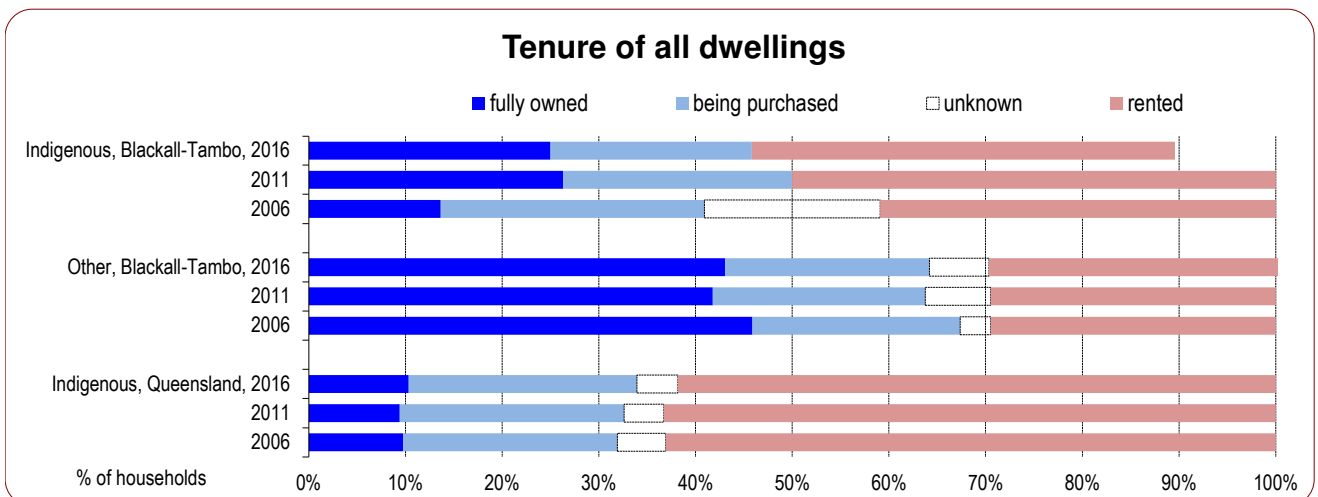
In Queensland, 24% of Indigenous households were home-buyers with a mortgage.

21% of the Other households in Blackall-Tambo had a mortgage, down by 1% since 2011, and steady since 2006.

The median mortgage paid by Other households in Blackall-Tambo was \$854. It was \$986 in 2011 and \$481 in 2006.

The proportion of Indigenous households in fully owned dwellings in Blackall-Tambo was 15% higher than the average in Queensland.

The proportion of Other households in fully owned dwellings in Blackall-Tambo was up by 1% since 2011, and down by 3% since 2006.



Of 21 Indigenous rental households, 48% were managed by real estate agents and 38% were managed by absentee landlords.

⌘ No Indigenous households lived in public housing.

This number was unchanged since 2011.

Only 5% of the Other households lived in public housing.

The number of Other households in public housing in Blackall-Tambo was little changed.

Housing Indicators

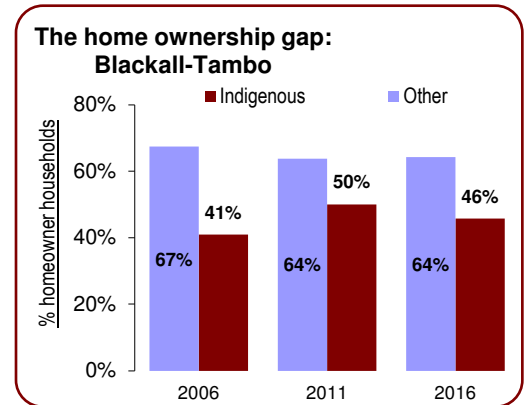
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The home ownership gap

% of households owning/buying their home

Ownership of a home is the main way that most Australians accumulate wealth and ensure secure accommodation.

- ⌘ In 2016, 46% of Indigenous households in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council were either buying or owned their home, compared with 64% of Other households, a home ownership gap of -18%.
- ⌘ The gap had widened by 4% since 2011, after having closed by 13% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The home ownership gap in Queensland was -30% and had closed by 2% since 2011. It had closed by 3% between 2006 and 2011.

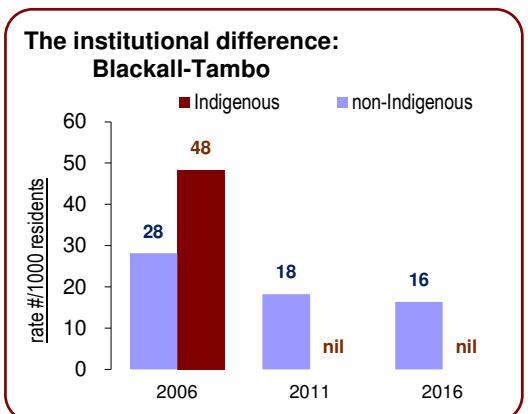


The institutional difference

rate per 1000 of residents in non-private dwellings

Differences in proportion of people in institutional accommodation will reflect the nature and extent of these institutions in the area – they might include hotels, boarding houses, nursing homes, correctional centres, barracks or hospitals.

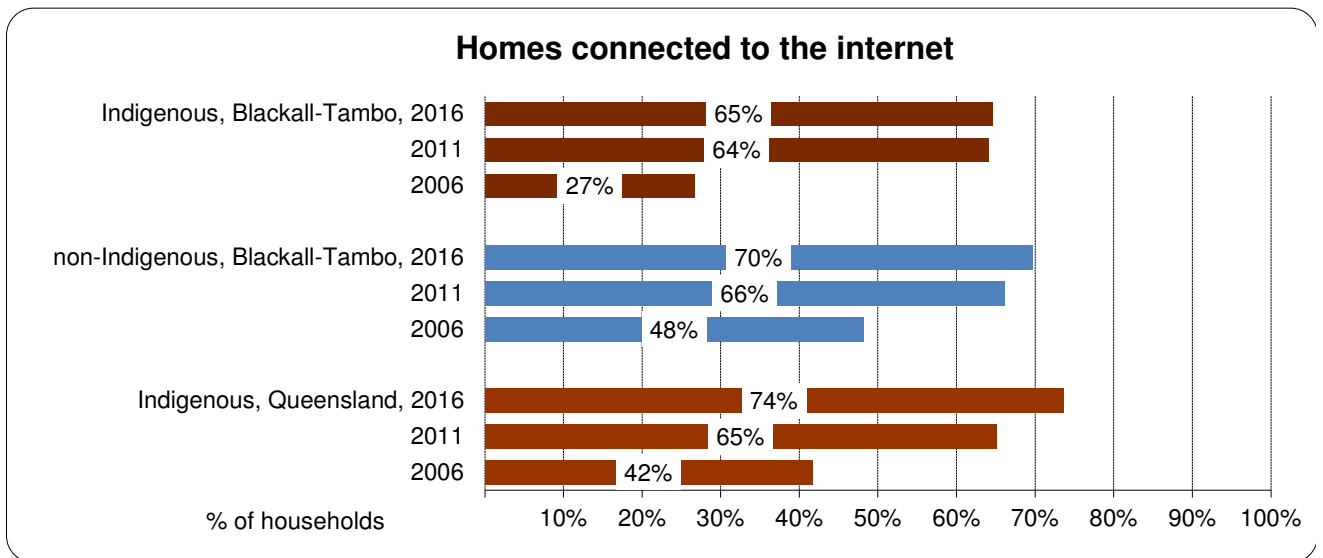
- ⌘ In 2016, there were no Indigenous residents in Blackall-Tambo living in institutional housing, compared with 16 per 1000 non-Indigenous residents. The institutional difference was -16 per 1000.
- ⌘ The institutional gap had decreased by 2 per 1000 since 2011, after having reversed over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The institutional difference in Queensland was 15 per 1000 and had increased by 1 per 1000 since 2011. It had fallen by 1 per 1000 between 2006 and 2011.



Internet @ home

In 2016, 65% of Indigenous households in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council had an internet connection while 29% did not (14 households).

- ⌘ The proportion of Indigenous households connected to the internet was 9% lower than in Queensland (74% connected), ... and 5% lower than non-Indigenous households in Blackall-Tambo (where 70% of homes were connected).
- ⌘ The proportion of Indigenous households with internet was unchanged from 64% in 2011. The proportion was up by 8% for Indigenous households in Queensland. It was up by 4% for non-Indigenous households in this Council (from 66% in 2011).
- ⌘ In 2006, 27% of the Council's Indigenous people had the internet at home. This compared with 42% of Indigenous people in Queensland and 48% of non-Indigenous people in this Council.

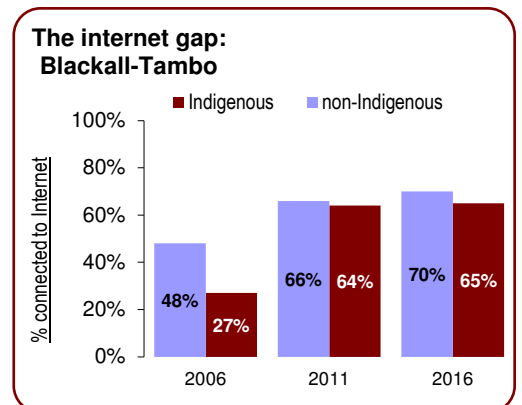


The internet gap

% of households with an internet connection

The internet is increasingly important as a source of communication and exchange, and is becoming an essential service.

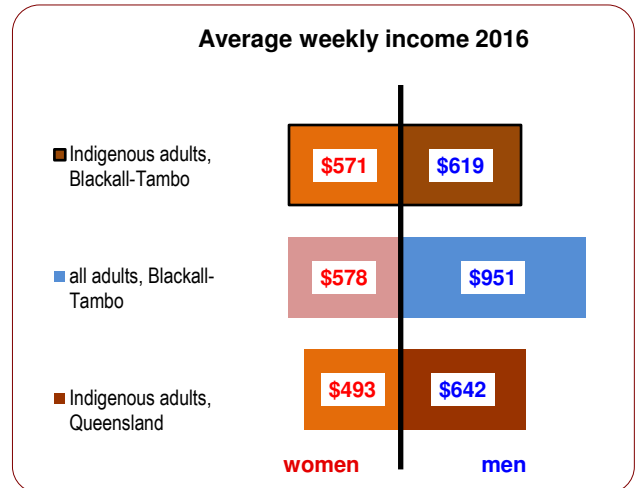
- ⌘ In 2016, 65% of the Council's Indigenous households had an internet connection, compared with 70% of other households, an internet gap of -5%.
 - ⌘ The internet gap had widened by 3% since 2011, after having closed by 19% over the previous five years.
 - ⌘ The internet gap in Queensland was 10% and had narrowed by 4% since 2011. It narrowed by 7% between 2006 and 2011.
- The 2006, 2011 and 2016 Censuses had different questions about the internet.



Personal income

In 2016, the average weekly income of Indigenous adults (aged 15+) in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council was about \$482, which was 19% less than that of Indigenous adults in Queensland (\$597), but 42% less than the average of all adults in the Council (\$832).

- ⌘ Indigenous men in Blackall-Tambo averaged \$619 a week (65% of the overall male average here). Indigenous women averaged \$571 a week (99% of the overall female average).
- ⌘ The average weekly income of Indigenous men was \$23 lower in the Council than in Queensland. The average weekly income of Indigenous women here was \$78 higher than in Queensland.
- ⌘ Half of the Indigenous adults received under \$491 a week (the median income).



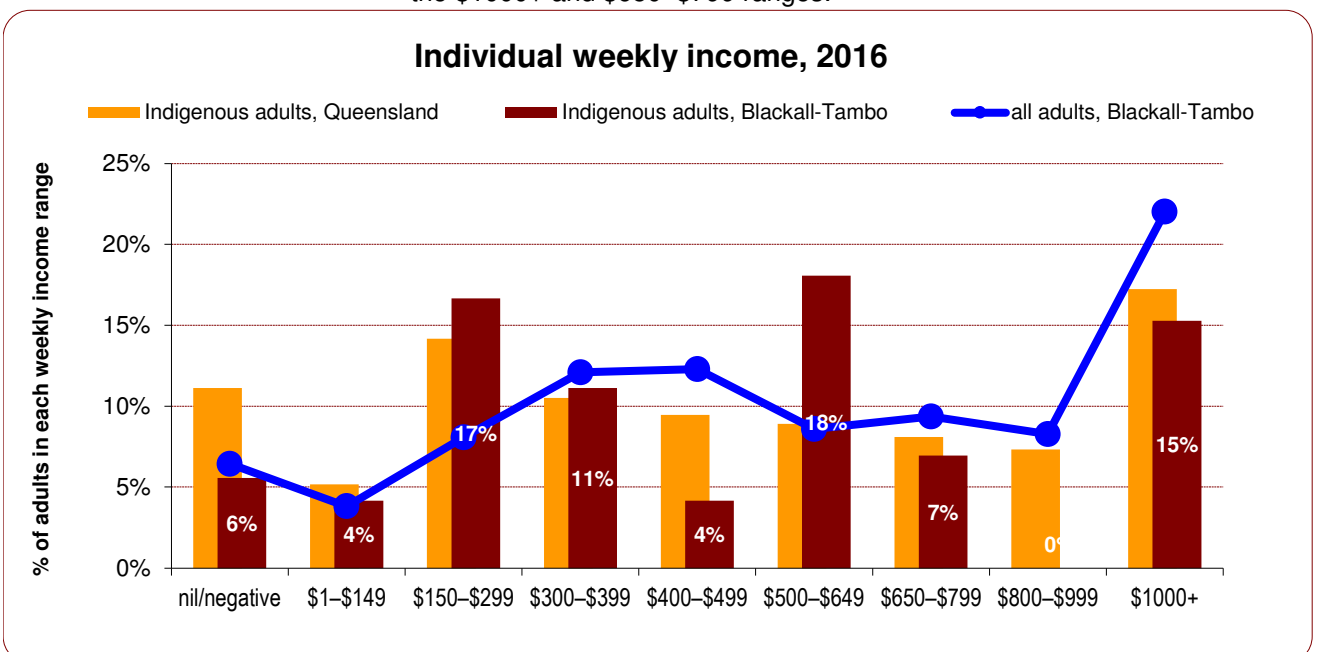
The income distribution pattern among Indigenous adults in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council was slightly different from Indigenous adults in Queensland; it was different from all adults in the Council.

Compared with Indigenous adults across Queensland:

- ⌘ proportionally more Indigenous adults here were in the \$500–\$649 and \$150–\$299 ranges.
- ⌘ fewer were in the \$800–\$999 and nil/negative ranges, and in the \$400–\$499 range.

Compared with all adults in this Council:

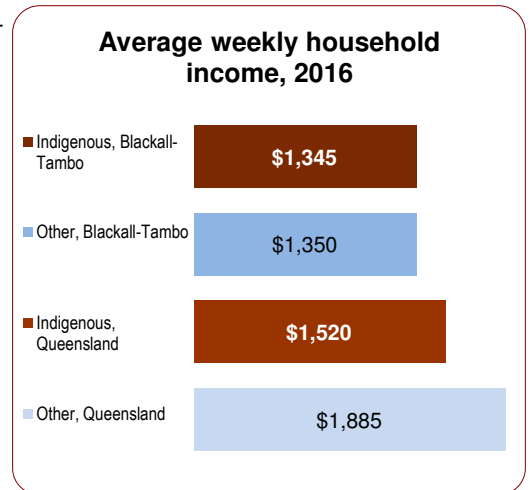
- ⌘ more Indigenous adults were in the \$500–\$649 and \$150–\$299 ranges.
- ⌘ proportionally fewer were in the \$800–\$999 and \$400–\$499 range, and in the \$1000+ and \$650–\$799 ranges.



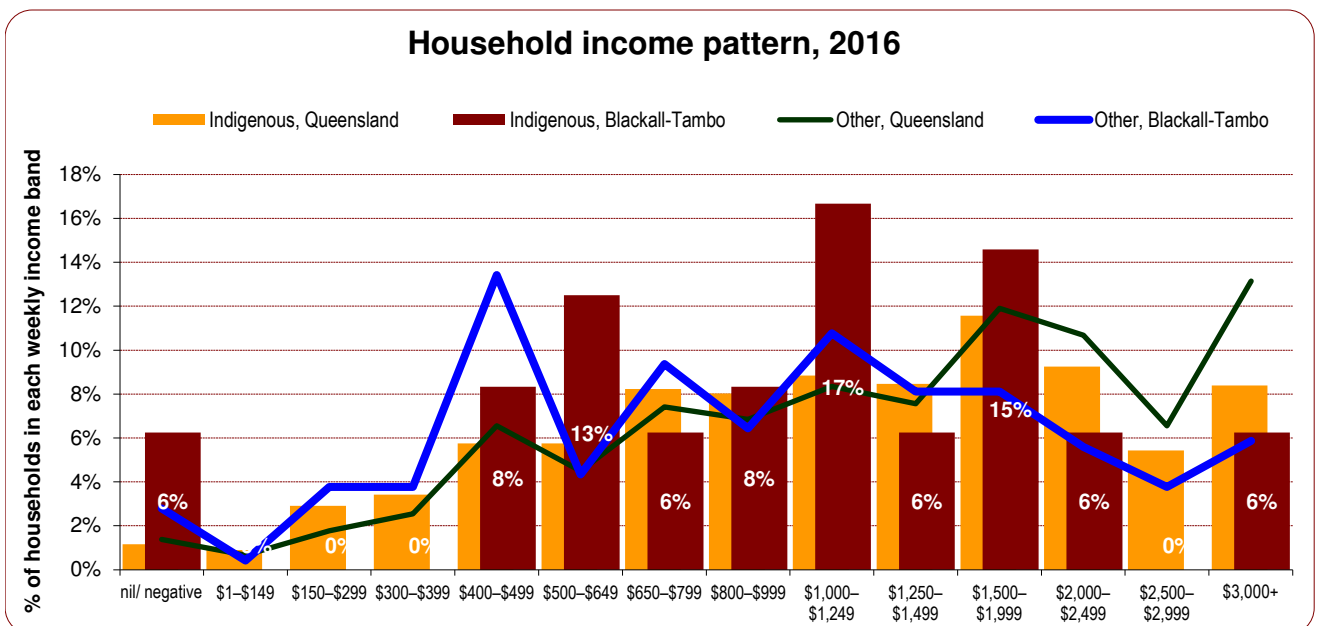
Household income

In 2016, the average income of 44 Indigenous households in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council was about \$1,345 a week. Household income is not a strong indicator of well-being because the benefit the income gives household members is affected by the household's size.

- ⌘ The average Indigenous household income in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council was 12% less than the average of Indigenous households in Queensland (\$1,520 a week).
- ⌘ It was very close to the average of other households in Blackall-Tambo – \$1,350 a week.
- ⌘ Half the Indigenous households received less than \$1,021 a week (the 'median household income').
- ⌘ Indigenous households in the Council had an average size of 2.5 residents, compared with 2.3 for non-Indigenous households. Household incomes thus had to be spread among similar numbers of people, compared to other households.



The income distribution pattern among Indigenous households in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council was different from the State's Indigenous households, but otherwise different from other households in the Council.



Compared with Indigenous households across Queensland:

- ⌘ more Indigenous households here were in the \$1,000–\$1,249 and \$500–\$649 income ranges, and in the nil/ negative and \$1,500–\$1,999
- ⌘ no Indigenous households were in the \$2,500–\$2,999 and \$300–\$399 income ranges, with fewer in the \$2,000–\$2,499 and \$150–\$299 ranges.

Compared with non-Indigenous households in this Council:

- ⌘ more Indigenous households were in the \$500–\$649 and \$1,500–\$1,999 income ranges, and in the \$1,000–\$1,249 and nil/ negative ranges.
- ⌘ fewer Indigenous households were in the \$400–\$499 and \$150–\$299 income ranges, or in the \$300–\$399 and \$2,500–\$2,999 ranges.

Income Indicators

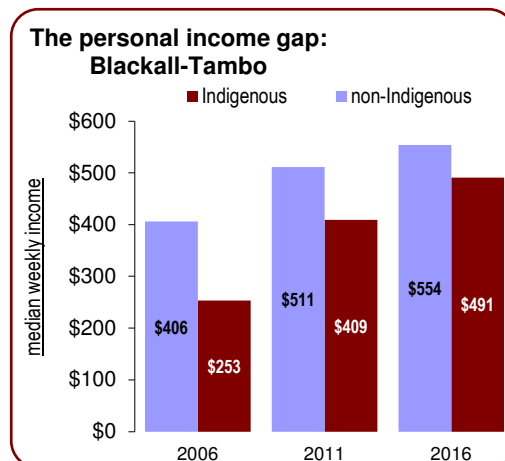
Note: these indicators are based on a small number so are not precise.

The personal income gap

median weekly income of adults (15+)

Income is a major contributor to well-being. One indicator of disadvantage is a low median income – the amount which fewer than half the people earn.

- ⌘ In 2016, the median income of 72 Indigenous adults in Blackall-Tambo was \$491, which was 89% that of non-Indigenous adults here (\$554). The personal income gap was -11%.
- ⌘ The personal income gap had closed by 9% since 2011, after having closed by 18% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The personal income gap in Queensland was -32% and had narrowed by 3% since 2011. It had increased 1% between 2006 and 2011.

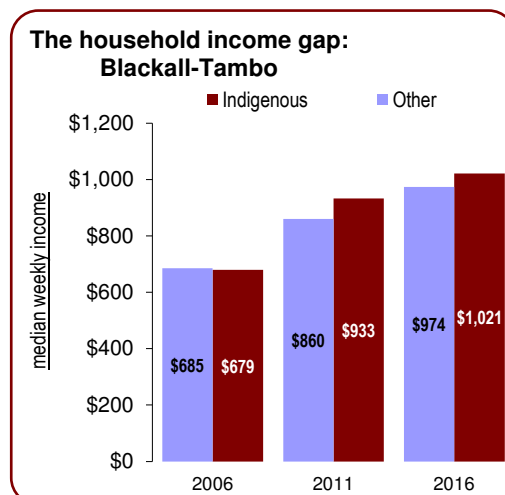


The household income gap

median weekly income of households

Another indicator of disadvantage is a low median household income; half of all households receive less than this amount. However, Indigenous households tend to be larger, with more dependents, so household income does not reflect disadvantage as well as individual income does.

- ⌘ In 2016, the median income of 44 Indigenous households in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council was \$1,021, compared with \$974 for Other households in the Council. This was 5% higher – this is the household income gap.
- ⌘ The household income gap had narrowed by about 3% since 2011, after having reversed over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The household income gap in Queensland was 13% and had closed by 1% since 2011. It had increased by 1% between 2006 and 2011.



[‘Other’ households are those that did not include any Indigenous people AND households that did not say.]

Employment

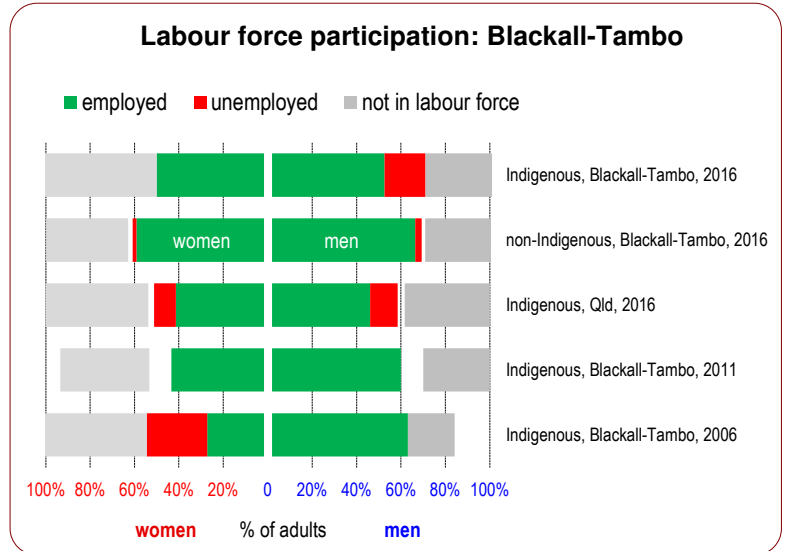
Employment is a prime determinant of a community's income, so it is an important indicator of well-being. In Blackall-Tambo, 37 out of 72 Indigenous adults (15+) were employed in 2016 – 51% of adults.

The workforce participation rate (employed + unemployed) was 53% of all Indigenous adults aged 15+.

Indigenous workforce participation was ...

- ⌘ much lower for women at 50% than for men at 66%.
- ⌘ 13% lower than the average for non-Indigenous adults in the Council.
- ⌘ 2% lower than the average for Indigenous adults in Queensland.

The Indigenous workforce participation rate here was similar to 2011 and 7% lower than in 2006.



In 2016, the Indigenous unemployment rate in Blackall-Tambo was 18%, with 7 people out of work.

- ⌘ This rate was much higher than the 3% rate among non-Indigenous adults here.
- ⌘ The Indigenous unemployment rate was 28% for men and nil for women.
- ⌘ The Indigenous unemployment rate was 18% higher than in 2011, and 2% higher than in 2006.
- ⌘ Unemployment numbers are too small for accurate age-sex comparisons.

Workforce Gap Indicators

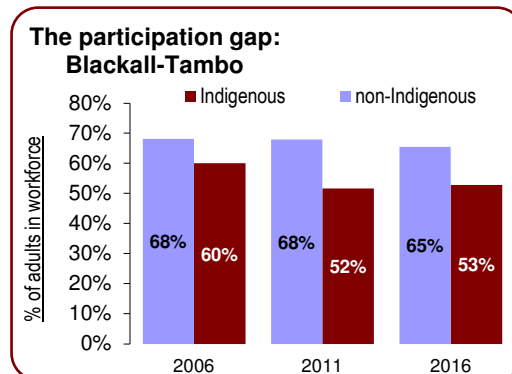
Note: these indicators are based on a small labour force so can fluctuate.

The participation gap

% of adults 15+ in labour force

Workforce participation, measured as the proportion of adults in the workforce, is an important indicator of a community's income and independence. When participation is low, communities become more dependent on income support, and poverty increases.

- ⌘ In 2016 in Blackall-Tambo, there were 38 Indigenous people in the workforce, 53% of the adult residents. The proportion of non-Indigenous adults in the workforce was 65%, so the participation gap was -13%.
- ⌘ The participation gap had closed by 3% since 2011, after having widened by 8% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The participation gap in Queensland was -11% and had changed little since 2011. It had widened by 2% between 2006 and 2011.

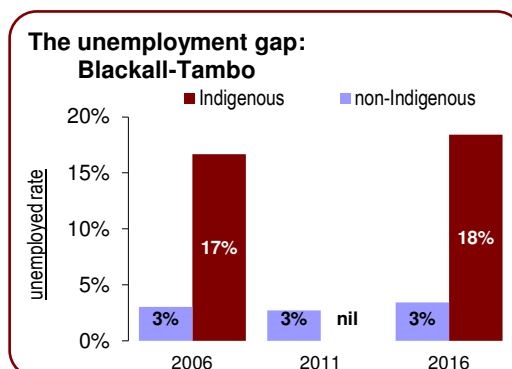


The unemployment gap

% of unemployed in workforce

High unemployment indicates an absence of jobs in occupations for which local people have had training. High unemployment rates have many damaging effects on those unemployed and their community.

- ⌘ In 2016, 18% of the Indigenous workforce in Blackall-Tambo were unemployed (7 people), and 3% of the non-Indigenous workforce were unemployed. The unemployment gap was +15%.
- ⌘ The unemployment gap had reversed since 2011, after having reversed over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The unemployment gap between in Queensland was +13% and had widened by 1% since 2011. It had widened by 3% between 2006 and 2011.

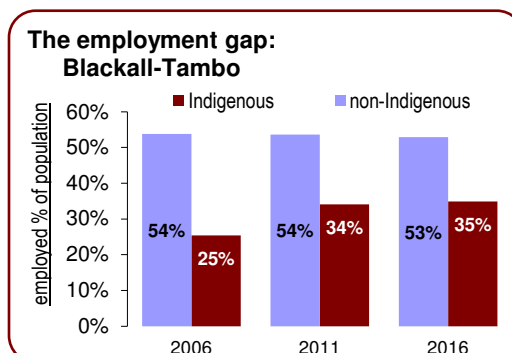


The employment gap

employed adults as % of population

A useful indicator of the financial strength of a community is the proportion of the total population who are employed. A lower proportion means that, on average, each employed person has more people to support.

- ⌘ In 2016, 35% of the Indigenous population of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council were employed (37 people), and 53% of the non-Indigenous workforce were employed. The employment gap was -18%.
- ⌘ The employment gap had closed by 2% since 2011, after having closed by 8% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The employment gap in Queensland was -21% and had closed by 1% since 2011. It had widened by 2% between 2006 and 2011.



Education participation by age

Having high proportions of people in education is a good indicator of positive individual and community development. In Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, one in three Indigenous residents (35 people) was attending an educational institution in 2016. (Note: numbers are very small so are not precise.)

Indigenous participation in education varied with age. In education in Blackall-Tambo were:

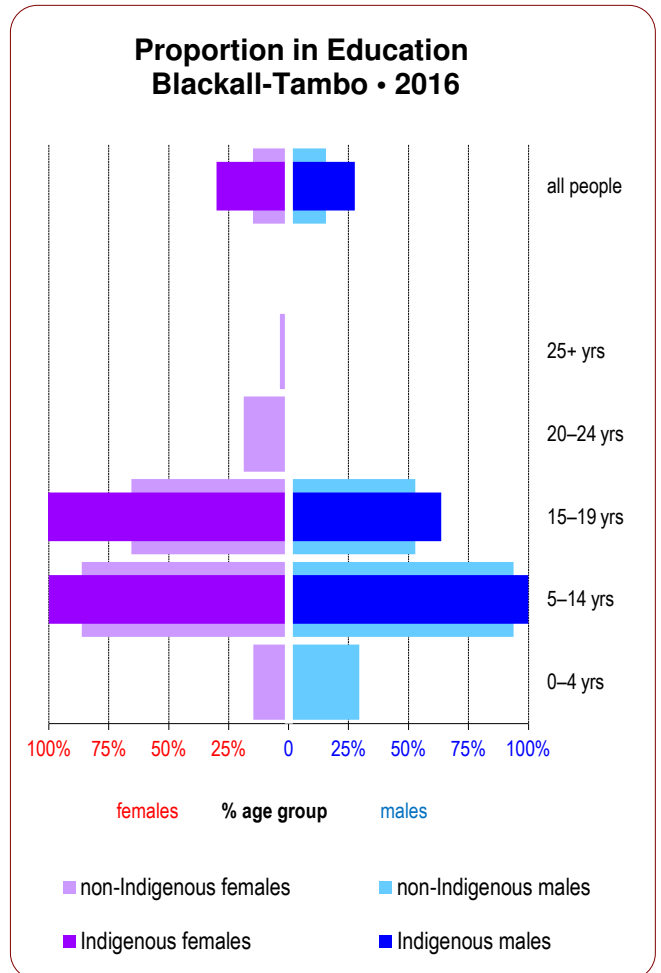
- none of the 0–4 year olds
- all of the 5–14 year olds
- 75% of the 15–19 year olds
- none of the 20–24 year olds
- 6% of those aged 25+.

Overall participation in education by Indigenous residents here, 33%, is much higher than for non-Indigenous, 15%. This is partly because the Indigenous population has a higher proportion of children under 18. Relative to non-Indigenous people of the same age, there were, in education:

- 4% more Indigenous 25+ year olds
- no 20–24 year olds
- 22% more Indigenous 15–19 year olds
- 4% more Indigenous 5–14 year olds
- no 0–4 year olds

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's Indigenous population had 107 males per 100 females in education. This ratio varied with age. Of those in education, there were:

- too few to be sure for 0–4 year olds
- 1.2 females per male among 5–14 year olds
- 1.8 males per female among 15–19 year olds
- too few to be sure for 20–24 year olds
- too few to be sure for 25+ year olds



Since 2011, overall participation in education by Indigenous people in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council had decreased by 2%, but this masks changes among the age groups.

- No 0–4 year olds were in education in 2011, with none in 2006.
- The proportion of 5–14 year olds in education was up by 23% since 2011, and down by 5% since 2006.
- The proportion of 15–19 year olds in education was up by 8% since 2011, with none in 2006.
- The proportion of 20–24 year olds in education was down by 33% since 2011; with none in 2006.
- The proportion of 25+ year olds in education was down by 1% since 2011. The rate was up by 6% from 2006.

Current education

In 2016, some 38 Indigenous children and teenagers in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council were attending school, with none in pre-school, 21 in primary school, and 17 in high school.

The number of Indigenous pre-schoolers was little changed from none in 2011; it was none in 2006

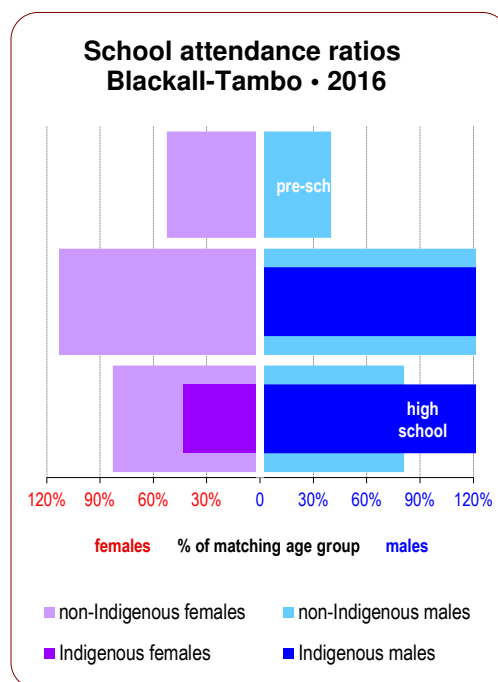
- ⌘ Pre-school numbers are too small for analysis.
- ⌘ In Queensland, Indigenous pre-schoolers equalled 40% of the number aged 4–5 years. Non-Indigenous pre-schoolers in this Council represented 51% of their age group.

The number of Indigenous primary students (21) was up by 7 or 50% since 2011; it was 17% higher than in 2006.

- ⌘ Indigenous primary students were 162% of the number aged 6–11. This can be because very small counts are not accurate.
- ⌘ The Indigenous rate in Queensland was 107%; the non-Indigenous rate in Blackall-Tambo was 107%.

The number of Indigenous secondary students (17) was up by 3 since 2011 and from none in 2006.

- ⌘ Indigenous secondary students were 170% of the Indigenous children aged 12–17.
- ⌘ This rate was 102% higher than the rate for non-Indigenous secondary students here; it was 91% higher than for Indigenous students in Queensland.



A few Indigenous residents of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council were in post-school education in 2016. This was little changed since 2011, and none in 2006.

In 2016, there were no Indigenous 15–24 year olds from the Council enrolled in TAFE.

- ⌘ 4% of Indigenous 15–24 year olds in Queensland attended TAFE, with 50% full-time.
- ⌘ 5% of non-Indigenous 15–24 year olds in this Council attended TAFE, with 50% full-time.

No Indigenous 15–24 year olds from the Council attended university or other tertiary education.

- ⌘ 6% of Indigenous 15–24 year olds in Queensland were at university, with 84% full-time.
- ⌘ 4% of the non-Indigenous 15–24 year olds in this Council were at university, with all full-time.

There were no Indigenous students aged 25+ from Blackall-Tambo attending TAFE in 2016.

- ⌘ 2% of Indigenous 25–64 year olds in Queensland attended TAFE, with 37% full-time.
- ⌘ 1% of the non-Indigenous 25–64 year olds in this Council attended TAFE, with none full-time.

No Indigenous residents aged 25+ from Blackall-Tambo were in university or other tertiary in 2016.

- ⌘ 3% of Indigenous 25–64 year olds in Queensland were at university, with 49% full-time.
- ⌘ 2% of non-Indigenous 25–64 year olds in this Council were at university, with 16% full-time.

Education Attendance Indicators

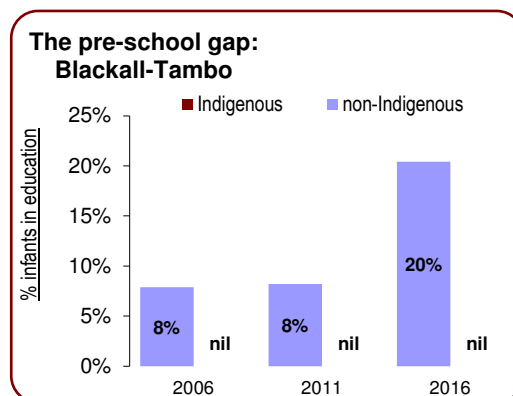
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The pre-school gap

% of infants under 5 in education

Early childhood education is an important contributor to success in school and later education, and makes paid work more feasible for parents.

- ⌘ In 2016, none of Indigenous infants in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council were in education, compared with 20% of non-Indigenous infants. The pre-school gap was -20%.
- ⌘ The pre-school gap had widened by 12% since 2011; there were no Indigenous pre-schoolers in 2006.
- ⌘ The pre-school rates of Indigenous and non-Indigenous infants in Queensland were 15% and 18% in 2016, a gap of -3%. This gap had narrowed by 1% since 2011.

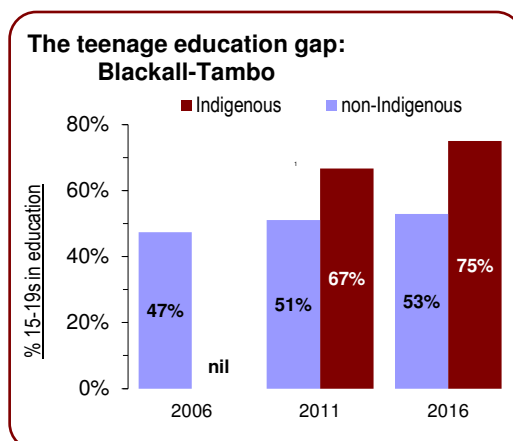


The teenage education gap

% of 15–19 year-olds in education

Education of older teenagers is vital for their future employment, so low levels of participation in education indicates disadvantage.

- ⌘ In 2016, 75% of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Indigenous teenagers aged 15–19 were in education, compared with 53% of non-Indigenous teenagers. The teenage education gap was +22%.
- ⌘ The teenage education gap had widened by 7% since 2011; there were no Indigenous teenagers in education in 2006.
- ⌘ The teenage education gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous in Queensland was -17% and had narrowed by 2% since 2011. It widened by 1% over 2006 to 2011.

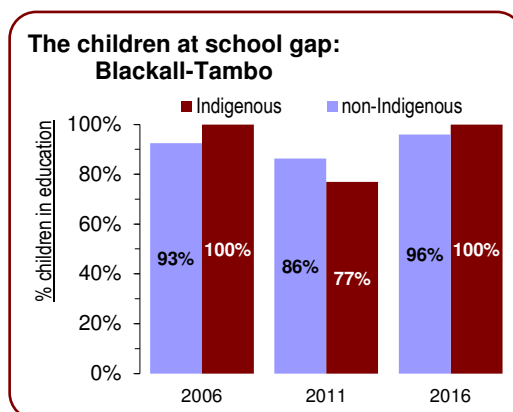


The children at school gap

% of 5–14 year olds in education

School is compulsory for children up to the age of 16. Low schooling rates suggest truancy and/or underage school leavers.

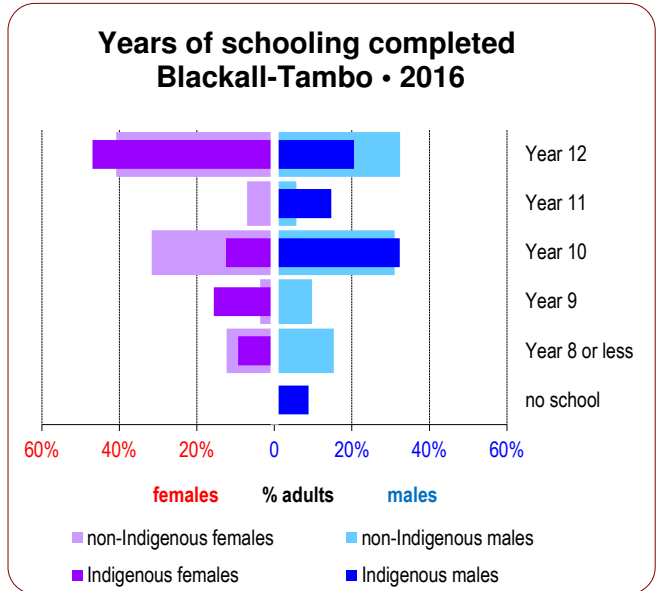
- ⌘ In 2016, 100% of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Indigenous children aged 5–14 were in education, and 96% of non-Indigenous of that age were. The schooling gap was +4%.
- ⌘ The schooling gap had reversed since 2011, after having reversed over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The schooling gap in Queensland was -5% and had narrowed by 3% since 2011. It changed little over 2006 to 2011.



Schooling levels

In 2016, the Indigenous adults (15+) in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council had completed an average of Year 9.9 of school, compared with Year 10.3 for non-Indigenous adults. In Queensland, Indigenous adults averaged Year 10.5.

- ⌘ 26 Indigenous adults in the Council had completed Year 12 which was 63% more than in 2011, and 9 times the number in 2006.
- 39% of Indigenous adults in the Council had completed Year 12, which was close to the rate for non-Indigenous adults.
- 38% of Indigenous adults across Queensland had completed Year 12.
- ⌘ 80% of Indigenous adults in the Council had completed at least Year 10, which was 5% more than for Indigenous adults in Queensland.
- ⌘ Of the others, 5% had completed Year 9 and 15% had completed Year 8 or lower; a few adults did not go to school; 5% did not say.



The average Year of school is calculated by multiplying the number aged 15+ who had finished each Year's school by the Year, assuming those who replied '8 years or less' averaged 7 years schooling and those who responded 'no school' had 0 years. Those who did not respond and those still at school are not included.

The average Year when Indigenous people in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council left school had fallen by 2 months since 2011, and was up by 2 years 6 months since 2006.

Over the decade to 2016, there was an increase of 767% in the number who had finished Year 12, and an increase of 67% in the number who had finished school at Year 11.

For Indigenous adults in this Council, average schooling:

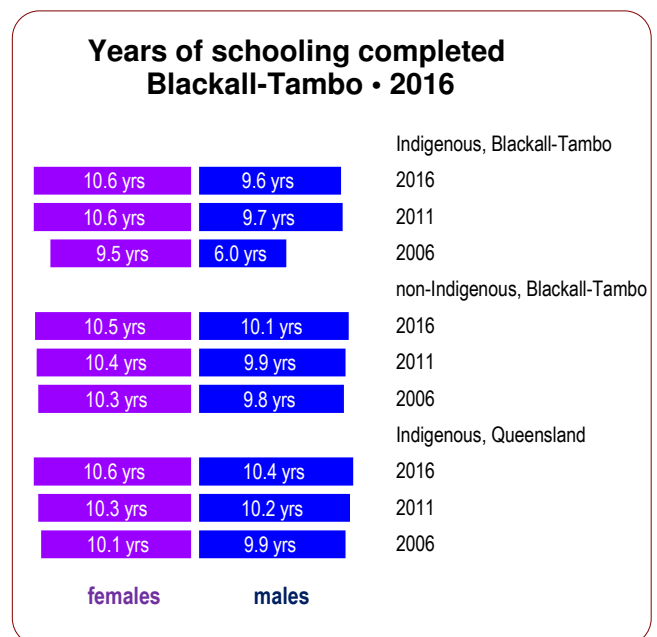
- ⌘ for men, had fallen by one month since 2011, and had risen by 3 years 7 months since 2006.
- ⌘ for women, had changed little since 2011, and had risen by one year 1 month since 2006.

For non-Indigenous adults, average schooling:

- ⌘ for men had risen by 2 months since 2011, and had risen by 4 months since 2006.
- ⌘ for women had risen by one month since 2011, and had risen by 2 months since 2006.

The average schooling of Indigenous adults in Queensland:

- ⌘ for men had risen by 2 months since 2011, and risen by 6 months since 2006.
- ⌘ for women had risen by 4 months since 2011, and risen by 6 months since 2006.



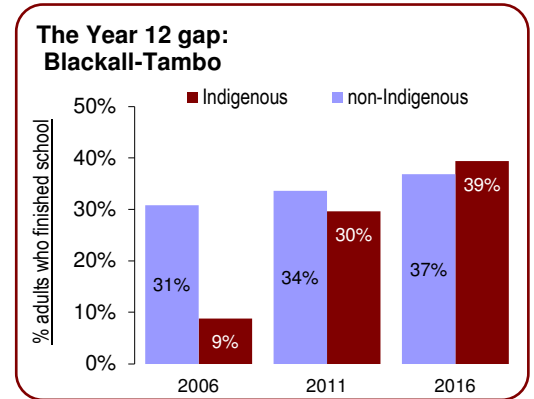
Education Achievement Indicators

The Year 12 gap

% of adults (15+) who have left school

The proportion of adults who have completed Year 12 is an important indicator of a community's educational resources. Nationally, over half of all adults (58%) have completed Year 12.

- ⌘ In 2016, 39% of the Council's 66 Indigenous adults had completed Year 12, compared with 37% of non-Indigenous adults. The Year 12 gap was +3%.
- ⌘ The Year 12 gap had reversed since 2011, after having closed by 18% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The Year 12 gap in Queensland was -19% and had narrowed by 1% since 2011. It widened by 1% between 2006 and 2011.

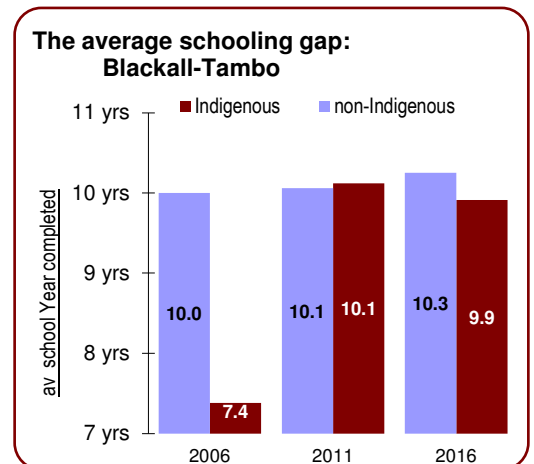


The average schooling gap

average school Year completed

The average Year of schooling completed by adults is an indicator of a community's educational resources. Nationally, the average is Year 11.

- ⌘ In 2016, the 66 Indigenous adults in Blackall-Tambo had completed an average of Year 9.9 at school, compared with Year 10.3 for non-Indigenous adults. The average schooling gap was -0.3 years.
- ⌘ The average schooling gap had reversed since 2011, after having reversed over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The average schooling gap in Queensland was 6 months. It had changed little since 2011, after having changed little between 2006 and 2011.



Tertiary qualifications

The type and extent of post-school qualifications has a major influence on the earning capacities of a community. In the 2016 Census, 28 Indigenous adults in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council reported having tertiary educational qualifications, which was 39% of the number aged 15+.

By comparison, 44% of Indigenous adults in Queensland and 42% of non-Indigenous adults in Blackall-Tambo had a tertiary qualification.

No Indigenous adults in the Council had a degree or higher qualification .

- ⌘ In Queensland, 5% of the Indigenous residents had a degree or higher qualification.
- ⌘ 8% of the non-Indigenous residents of Blackall-Tambo had a degree or more.

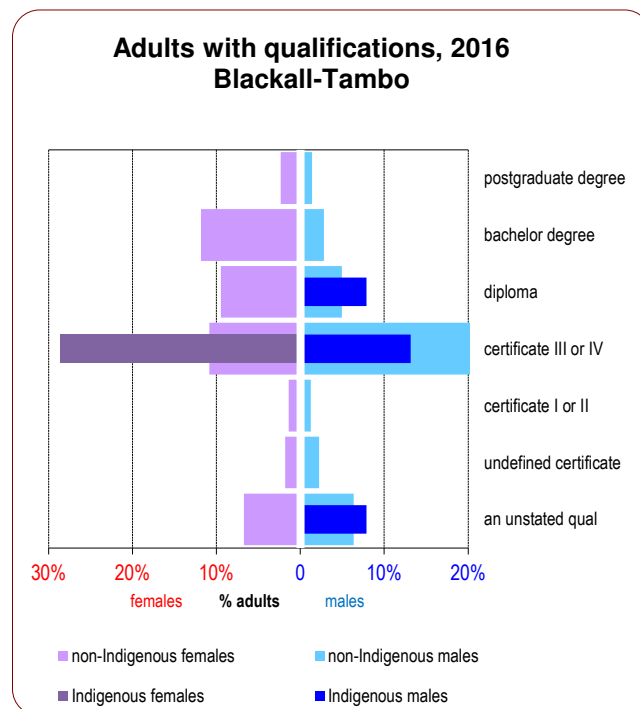
The most common highest qualification held by Indigenous adults here were:

- certificate III or IV, held by 11 people (15%);
- undefined certificate, by 7 people (10%);
- an unstated qual, by 7 people (10%).

While the number of Indigenous adults in Blackall-Tambo rose by 20% from 2011 to 2016, the number with qualifications rose by 33%. There were:

- 7 more with a undefined certificate

In the decade from 2006, the number of Indigenous adults in the Council with qualifications increased by 211%, while the adult population increased by 140%. There were 11 more with a certificate III or IV.



In this decade, the number of Indigenous adults in Queensland with qualifications increased by 93%. There were 198% more with a postgraduate degree and 179% more with a diploma.

Higher Education Indicators

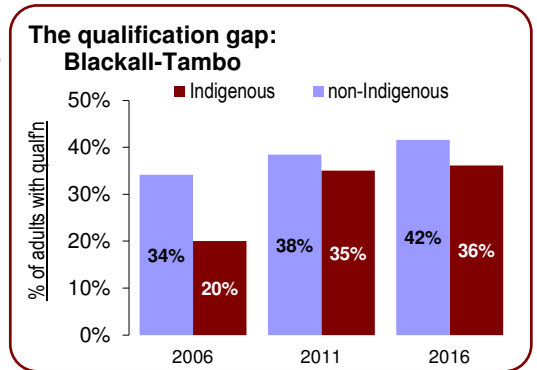
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The qualification gap

% of adults 15+ with a post-school qualification

Tertiary and further education is becoming essential for many occupations, so the proportion of adults with post-school qualifications is a broad indicator of a community's earning capacity.

- ⌘ In 2016, 36% of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Indigenous adults aged 15+ had a post-school qualification, compared with 42% of non-Indigenous adults. The qualification gap was -5%.
- ⌘ The qualification gap had widened by 2% since 2011, after having closed by 11% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The qualification gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous adults in Queensland was -13% and had narrowed by 1% since 2011. It widened by 1% over 2006 to 2011.

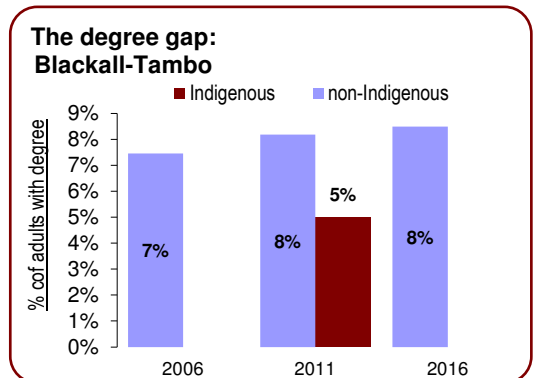


The degree gap

% of adults 15+ with a degree or higher qualification

Most higher skilled and better paid jobs require a university degree or equivalent for entry, so the proportion of adults with a degree or higher indicates the community's capacity to gain these jobs.

- ⌘ In 2016, none of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Indigenous adults aged 15+ had a degree or higher qualification, compared with 8% of non-Indigenous adults. The degree education gap was -8%.
- ⌘ The degree gap had widened by 5% since 2011, after having closed by 4% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The degree gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous adults in Queensland was -15% and had widened by 2% since 2011. It widened by 2% over 2006 to 2011.

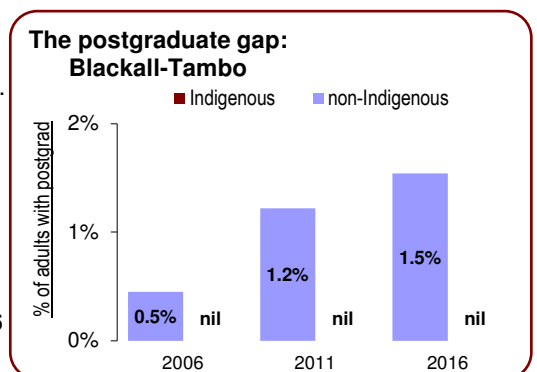


The postgraduate gap

% of adults 15+ with a postgraduate qualification

Increasingly, getting promoted in many industries requires a post-graduate qualification, but the number of Indigenous people with post-graduate degrees has been low.

- ⌘ In 2016, none of Blackall-Tambo Indigenous adults aged 15+ had a post-graduate qualification, compared with 1.5% of non-Indigenous adults. The postgraduate gap was -1.5%.
- ⌘ The postgraduate gap had widened by 0.3% since 2011, after having widened by 0.7% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The postgraduate gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous adults in Queensland was -4.3% and had widened by 0.8% since 2011. It widened by 1.8% over 2006 to 2011.



Disability levels

In 2016 in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, 11 Indigenous residents had a long-term severe disability; 10.4% of the population. Among all the Council's residents, 5.9% reported a disability.

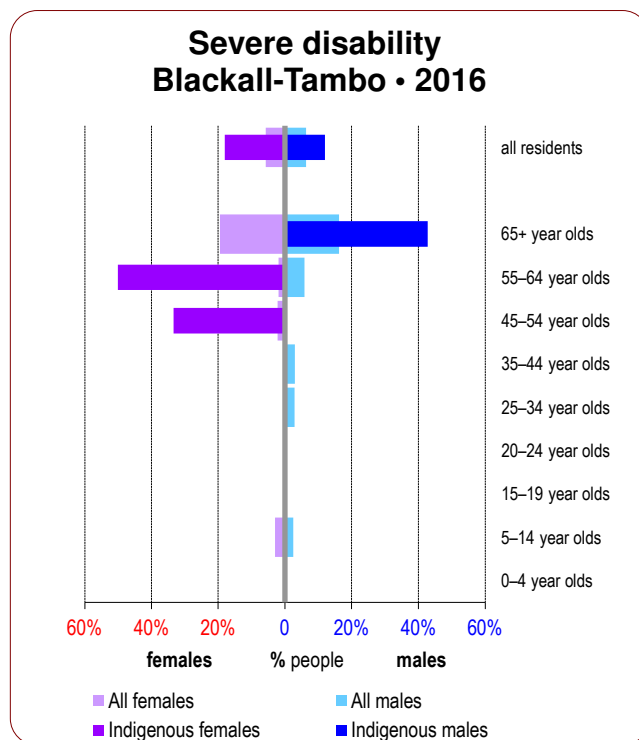
People with a long-term severe disability are those needing help or assistance with self-care, mobility or communication, because of a disability, long-term health condition or old age. This data compares Aboriginal people with the total population.

⌘ Disability rates tend to rise with age. Here, there were too few people with disabilities for this comparison in 2016.

Among younger Indigenous residents, the disability rate was highest among 35–44 year olds.

Because Indigenous communities tend to have fewer people in the oldest age groups where disability rates are much higher, the overall disability rate can be lower than in non-Indigenous communities. This can mask much higher rates in some age groups.

⌘ Here, the number with a disability is too small for more detailed analysis.

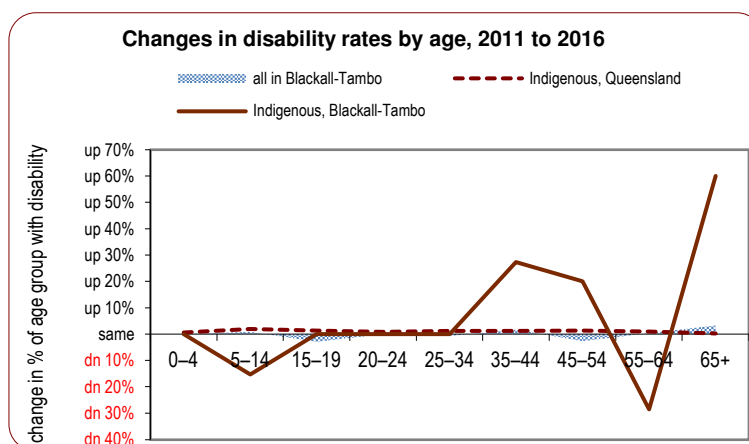


From 2011 to 2016, the overall disability rate among Indigenous residents of the Council rose significantly from 7.9% to 10.4%.

This change is based on very small numbers so trends can be exaggerated.

Among Indigenous people in Queensland, the disability rate rose from 4.8% to 6.4%.

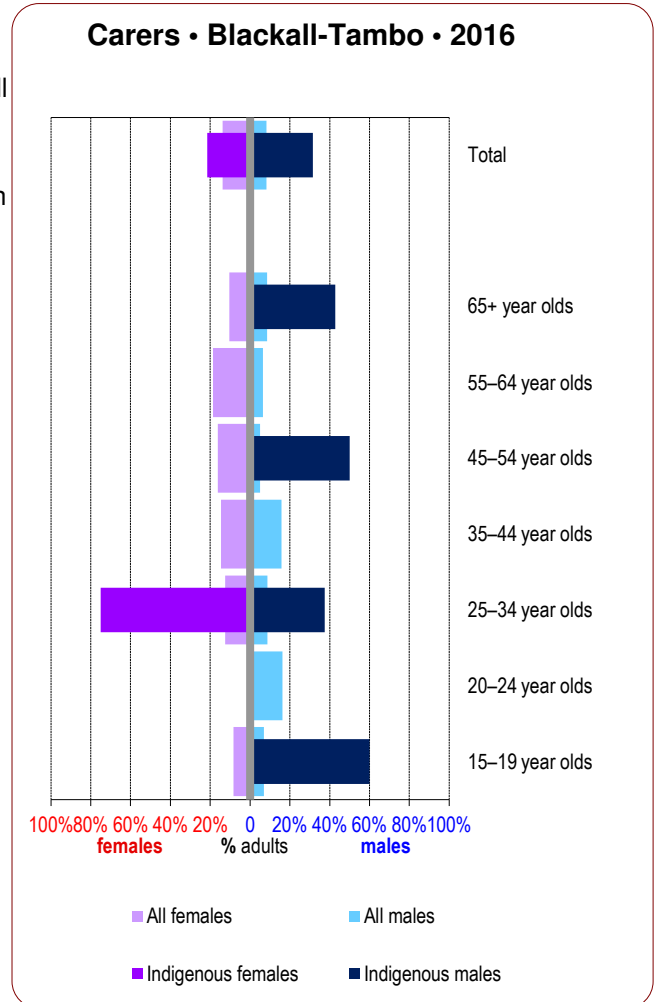
Among all Blackall-Tambo residents, the disability rate rose 1.7%, from 4.3% in 2011.



Disability care given

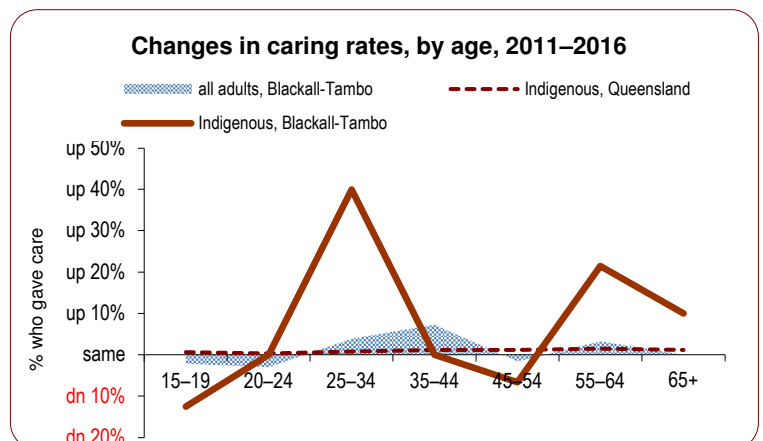
In the 2016 Census, 19 Indigenous adults in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, 26% of the adult population, reported that they gave assistance to a person with a severe or profound disability. There were at that time 11 Indigenous residents who reported a severe or profound disability.

- ⌘ Across the age groups, the proportion of Indigenous people caring for a person with a disability is not accurate due to very small numbers being randomly adjusted..
- ⌘ Carers are more often women than men. In this Indigenous community, there were 2.0 males per female among carers.
- ⌘ The 26% carer rate among Indigenous residents was much higher than the average for all adults in the Council (11%).
- ⌘ In Queensland, 13% of Indigenous adults were caring for a person with a disability.



From 2011 to 2016, overall caring rates among Indigenous adults in Blackall-Tambo rose significantly from 16% to 26%, an increase of 11% (rounded).

- ⌘ Among Indigenous adults in Queensland, caring rates rose by 1%.
Among all the Council's adults, caring rates rose by 2%.



Disability Indicators

Note: these indicators are based on small, randomised numbers so are approximate.

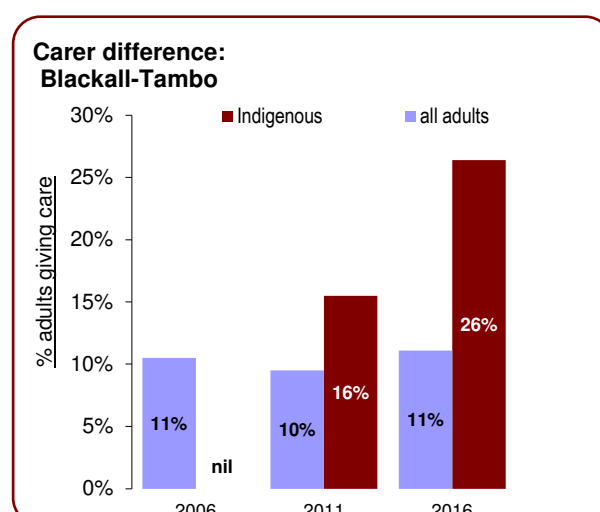
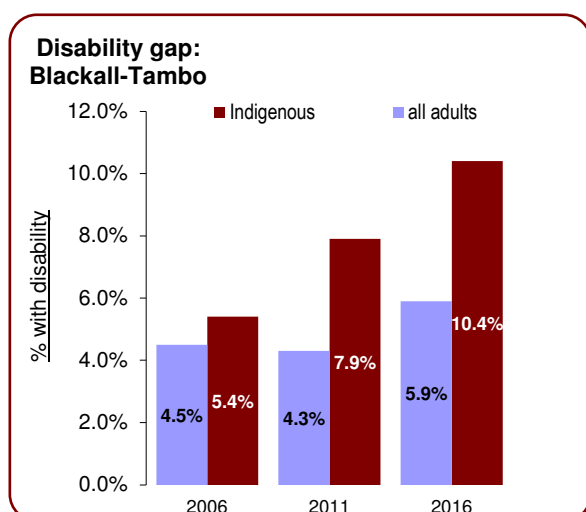
The disability gap

% of people with a severe, long-term disability

Disability rates provide a useful indicator of a community's health and need for support services. Nationally, disability rates among Indigenous people are about 25% higher than overall rates, across most age groups.

- ⌘ In 2016, 10.4% of the Council's Indigenous residents had a severe, long-term disability, compared with 5.9% for all residents. The disability gap was +4.5%. The Indigenous disability rate was 1.8 times the overall rate.
- ⌘ The disability gap in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council had widened by 0.9% since 2011, after having widened by 2.7% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The disability gap in Queensland was +1.2% and had widened by 0.8% since 2011.

In the Census, people with disabilities are those with a severe or profound disability lasting more than six months, who require help with daily activities, self-care or communicating.



The carer difference

% of adults caring for a person with a disability

Indigenous people have higher disability rates and larger families, so often have proportionally more carers than the general population.

- ⌘ In 2016, 26% of the Council's Indigenous adults (aged 15+) provided assistance to a person with a severe disability, compared with 11% of all adults. The carer difference was +15% (rounded).
- ⌘ The carer difference in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council had widened by 9% since 2011, after having reversed over the previous five years.
- ⌘ The carer difference in Queensland was +2% in 2016. This had changed little since 2011.