

Indigenous Portrait:

Paroo Shire

A profile of the Indigenous community of Paroo Shire, compared with Queensland, from the 2016 and earlier Censuses.

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Paroo Shire 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 Paroo Shire 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 Paroo Shire, 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 Paroo 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 Paroo 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?	<p>Not all Indigenous people completed the Census and identified their origins: 27.9% of Paroo's Census respondents said they had Indigenous origins, but another 6.8% did not answer this question.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	<p>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'.</p> <p>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.</p>

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Snapshot: Paroo Shire, 2016

- ⌘ In the 2016 Census, 458 of the 1,640 residents (27.9%) counted in Paroo Shire said that they had Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origins, or both. Of these, 98% were Aboriginal.
 - ⌘ Between 2011 and 2016, the counted Indigenous population fell by 20%, from 571; the overall population of Paroo Shire fell by 12%.
 - ⌘ About 13% of the Indigenous population were under 5 in 2016. This growth from births since 2011 was not enough to offset the population decline in other age groups.
- ⌘ The Indigenous community in Paroo is significantly younger than the non-Indigenous population, with a median age of 24 vs 52 years.
 - ⌘ The proportion under 18 years old was higher: 43% compared with 13% for non-Indigenous.
 - ⌘ The proportion aged 65+ was lower: 6% compared with 24% for non-Indigenous.
- ⌘ Indigenous households had an average of 2.9 residents, which was larger than non-Indigenous households (1.9) in the Shire.
 - ⌘ One in three Indigenous households were one parent families.
 - ⌘ Almost two in ten Indigenous households were couples with children.
 - ⌘ 32% of the Indigenous households were single persons (vs 39% of non-Indigenous households).
- ⌘ Indigenous households most commonly lived in rented dwellings (61%), with 23% in fully owned and 10% in mortgaged dwellings.
 - ⌘ In all, 33% of Indigenous households in Paroo Shire were home-owners (with or without a mortgage), which was up by 1% since 2011.
- ⌘ The median income of Indigenous adults in Paroo Shire was about \$393 a week, which was 67% that of all adult residents (\$584).
 - ⌘ The median income gap had increased by 9% since 2011, after having decreased by 2% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ 45% of Indigenous adults were in the labour force, compared with 66% of non-Indigenous adults.
 - ⌘ 15% of the Indigenous workforce were unemployed, compared with 3% of the non-Indigenous workforce.
- ⌘ Almost three in ten Indigenous residents (131 people) were attending an educational institution.
 - ⌘ 64 Indigenous people had completed Year 12, which was 17% less than in 2011 and 14% more than in 2006.
 - ⌘ Compared with non-Indigenous residents of the same age, there were:
 - 5% more Indigenous people aged 0–4 year olds in education;
 - 31% fewer Indigenous people aged 20–24 year olds in education.
 - ⌘ 31% of Indigenous adults had some type of post-school qualification, compared with 57% of non-Indigenous adults in the Shire (1% had a degree or higher, compared with 20%).
- ⌘ 22 Indigenous people (4.8% of the Indigenous population) reported that they had a severe or profound disability.
 - ⌘ Indigenous people had higher disability rates than average in many age groups.
 - the disability rate for Indigenous people aged 35–44 year olds was 3 times the average for this age group in Paroo.
 - for 55–64 year olds, the Indigenous rate was 2.1 times the average in the Shire.
 - ⌘ 12% of Indigenous adults (aged 15+) gave assistance to a person with a severe disability.
- ⌘ 37% of Paroo's Indigenous households had an internet connection, which was unchanged from 2011.

Tracking changes in Paroo Shire

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

Indicator	this colour indicates the rate was improving			this colour indicates the rate was fairly stable		this colour indicates the rate was worsening	
	Paroo Shire, 2016					Change in Indigenous rate	
	Indigenous	non-Indigenous	Gap in 2016			last 5 years 2011–2016	last decade 2006–2016
home ownership % of households owning/buying their home	33%	71%	-39%	up 1%		up 2%	
personal income* median weekly income of adults (15+)	\$393	\$584	-33%	dn 2%		up 44%	
household income median weekly income of households	\$730	\$941	-22%	dn 16%		up 28%	
workforce participation % of adults 15+ in labour force	45%	66%	-22%	dn 6%		dn 5%	
unemployment % of unemployed in workforce	15%	3%	+12%	dn 2%		dn 6%	
employment employed adults as % of population	23%	57%	-34%	dn 3%		dn 2%	
pre-school % of infants under 5 in education	10%	6%	+5%	up 7%		up 10%	
teenage education % of 15–19 year-olds in education	45%	54%	-10%	up 2%		dn 1%	
children at school % of 5–14 year olds in education	87%	89%	-2%	up 16%		up 3%	
Year 12 completion % of adults (15+) who have left school	24%	39%	-15%	up 1%		up 7%	
average schooling average school Year completed	9.8 yrs	10.4 yrs	-60%	0.0 yrs		0.4 yrs	
tertiary qualifications % of adults 15+ with a post-school qualification	31%	46%	-15%	up 2%		up 7%	
degree % of adults 15+ with a degree or higher qualification	1%	10%	-8%	same		same	
postgrad % of adults 15+ with a postgraduate qualification	0%	3%	-3%	same		same	
disability* % of people with a severe, long-term disability	4.8%	5.6%	-0.8%	up 1%		up 2%	

* Personal income and disability data compare Indigenous rates with those of the whole population in Paroo Shire.

Indigenous population and growth

In the 2016 Census, Paroo's Indigenous population was counted as 458 people, of whom 450 identified as Aboriginal and a few as both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

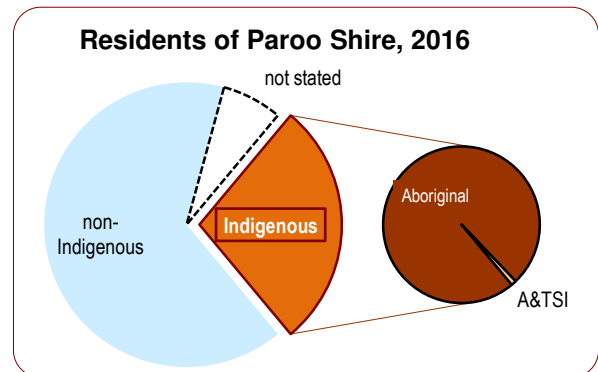
- ⌘ Indigenous people comprised 27.9% of Paroo's population, compared with 4.0% in Queensland.

6.8% of Paroo Shire people did not say whether they had Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origins.

- ⌘ Among the Indigenous people here, there were 131 females per 100 males.

There were 111 males per 100 females 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.



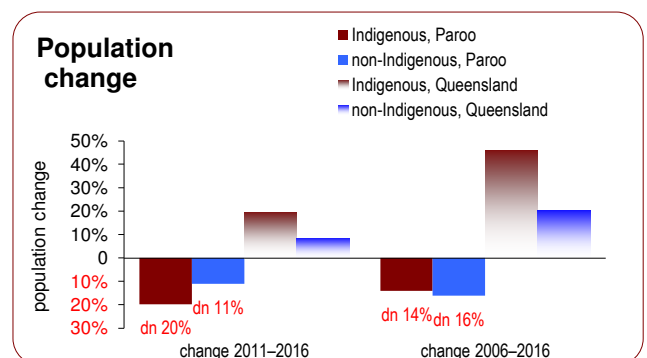
Between 2011 and 2016, the counted Indigenous population in Paroo Shire fell by 20% (by 113) from 571; in total, Paroo's population fell by 12%.

The number of infants born over the last five years was not enough to offset the population decline in other age groups.

- ⌘ Between 2006 and 2016, Paroo's Indigenous population fell by 14% (from 533 in 2006).

Paroo's non-Indigenous population fell by 16% over the decade.

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



On Census night 2016, 419 Indigenous residents of Paroo were at home (91%), and 38 were staying away from home (8%). Offsetting those away were 37 Indigenous visitors staying in Paroo Shire that night, equivalent to 8% of the Indigenous resident population.

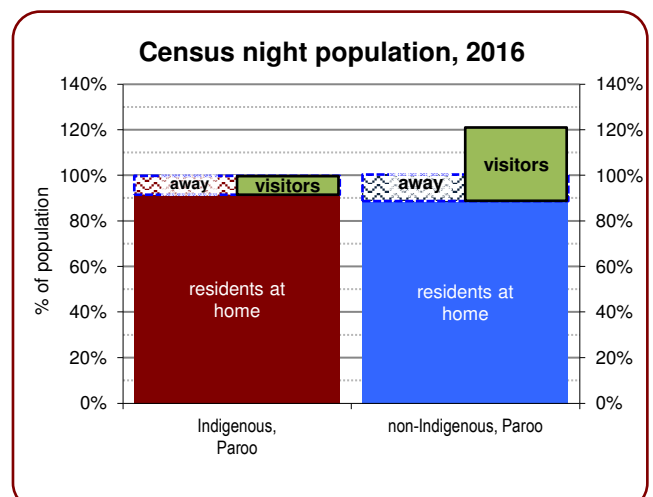
- ⌘ There were no visitors from the same locality (eg. overnighing with neighbours).

73% of the visitors were from Queensland.

- ⌘ The proportion of Indigenous residents away from home on Census night was 4% lower than in 2011.

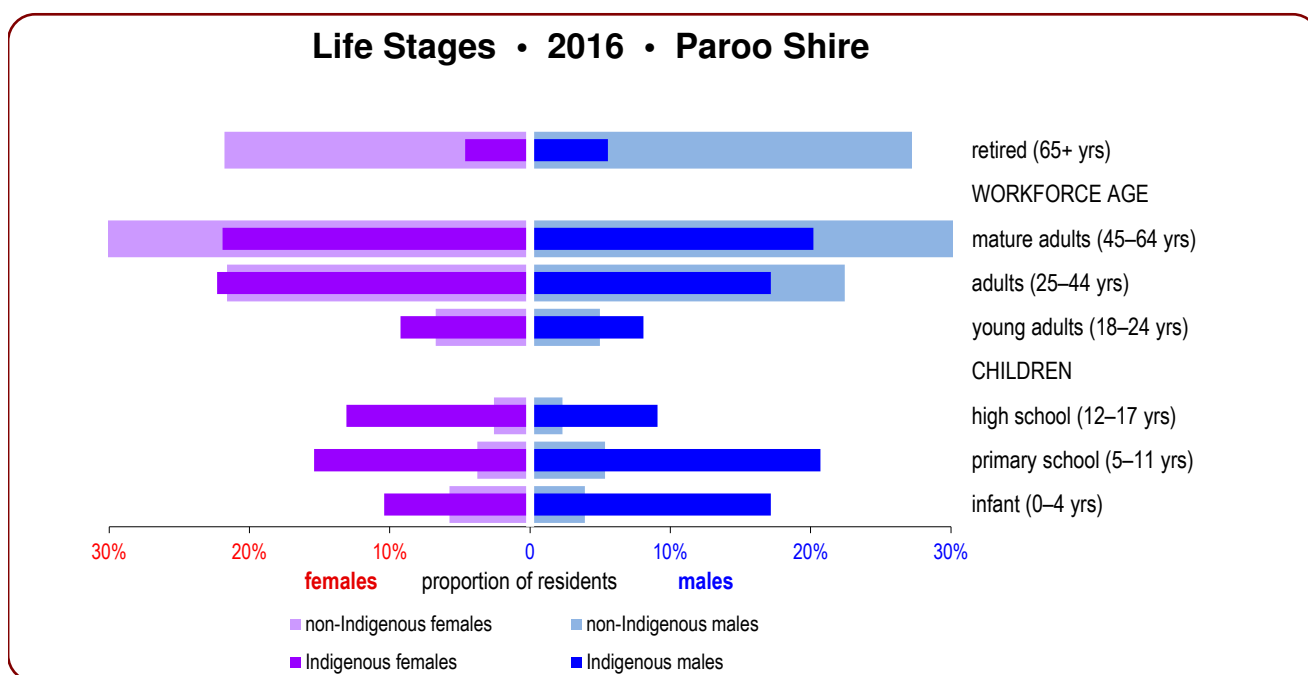
The proportion away from home was 3% lower than for non-Indigenous residents here; it was 2% higher than for Indigenous residents of Queensland.

- ⌘ There were 7 fewer Indigenous visitors than in 2011, when there were 44, equal to 8% of the Indigenous population.



Life stages

The Indigenous population of Paroo Shire had a much 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 Paroo's Indigenous population in 2016:

⌘ 238 people (52% or five in ten) were adults aged 18–64.

- 40 (or 9%) were aged 18–24
- 89 (or 19%) were aged 25–44
- 109 (or 24%) were aged 45–64

The number of adults aged 18–64 was down 15% from 2011; and down 13% from 2006.

⌘ 196 Indigenous residents (43% or over four in ten) were children under 18.

- 60 (or 13%) were under five
- 87 (or 19%) were aged 5–11
- 49 (or 11%) were aged 12–17

The number of children was down 26% since 2011; and down 18% since 2006.

⌘ 26 of Indigenous residents were aged 65+ years (6% of the total).

The number aged 65+ had risen by 13% since 2011; it was 13% higher than in 2006.

The proportion aged 18–64 among Indigenous people was 11% lower than for non-Indigenous (63%).

3% more of the Indigenous population were young adults (18–24 yrs), and 12% fewer were mature adults (45–64 yrs), compared with the non-Indigenous population of the Shire.

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 Paroo was 30% 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.

24% of non-Indigenous people in Paroo 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 Paroo Shire has an age profile that is significantly younger than the non-Indigenous population, with a much lower median age (24 vs 52 years).

For Paroo's Indigenous population in 2016:

- ⌘ The average age was 29 years in 2016, with half the population aged under 24 years (the median age).

The largest 5-year age groups were 10–14 years (13%), 0–4 years (13%) and 5–9 years (12%).
- ⌘ The median age was 3 years higher than in 2011 and similar to in 2006.

Proportionally, the biggest increases since 2011 were of 50–54 year olds (71% more), 55–59 year olds (35% more) and 60–64 year olds (27% more).

- ⌘ 26 Indigenous people (6%) were aged 65+ years, compared with 24% of non-Indigenous residents.
- ⌘ There were noticeably more males than females aged 0–4 years, 35–39 years and 55–59 years.

The average age was 19 years younger than for the non-Indigenous residents; the median age was 28 years younger.

Non-Indigenous population: about 2% were 10–14 years, 5% were 0–4 years and 4% were 5–9 years.

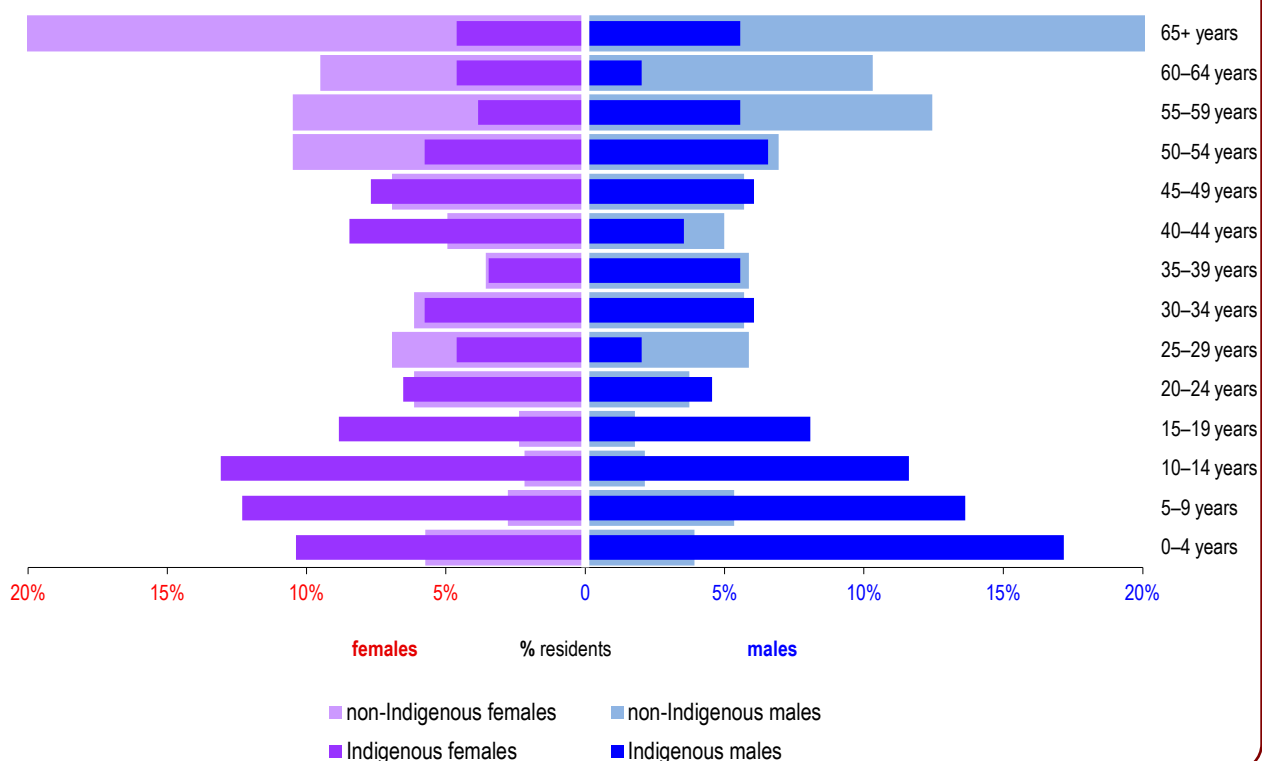
The median age of Indigenous people in Queensland had risen by 2 years since 2011, but had changed little since 2006.

Among the State's Indigenous population, the increases since 2011 were: 50–54 year olds (33%); 55–59 year olds (41%); and 60–64 year olds (45%).

The number aged 65+ was 13% higher than in 2011; the percentage of people this age was up by 2% since 2011, when it was 4%.

There were many more females than males among those aged 40–44 years, and those aged 25–29 years and 60–64 years.

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Population Indicators

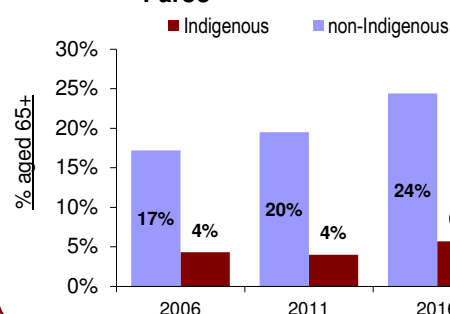
The older people difference

% aged 65+ in population

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, 5.7% of Paroo's Indigenous residents were aged 65 or over, compared with 24.4% of non-Indigenous residents. The older people difference was -19%.
- ⌘ The older people difference had increased by 3% since 2011, after having increased by 3% 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 older people difference: Paroo



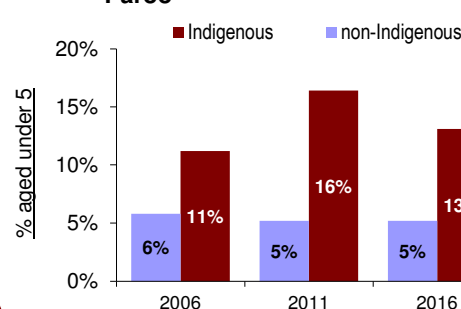
The infant difference

% 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, 13.1% of Paroo's Indigenous residents were infants, compared with 5% of non-Indigenous residents. The infant difference was +8%.
- ⌘ The infant difference had closed by 3% since 2011, after having widened by 6% 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 infant difference: Paroo



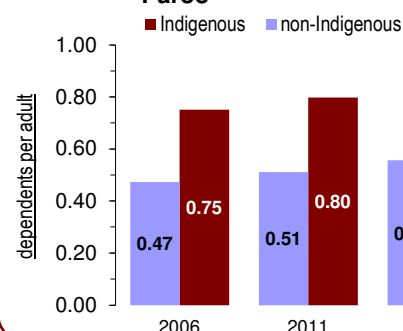
The dependency difference

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, Paroo's Indigenous community had a dependency ratio of 0.77, compared with 0.56 for the non-Indigenous community. The Indigenous dependency ratio was 0.21 higher.
- ⌘ The dependency difference had decreased by 0.08 since 2011, after having changed little 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.

The dependency difference: Paroo



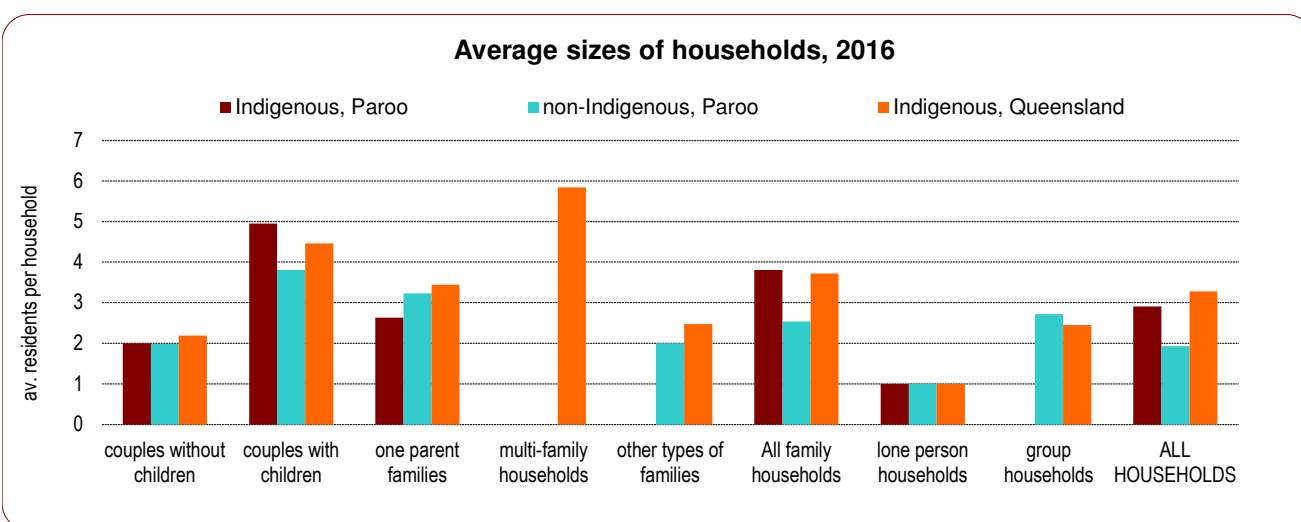
Household types and sizes

In 2016, the 458 Indigenous residents of Paroo Shire were living in 174 households, 5% less than in 2011

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

- ⌘ One in three were one parent families (59 households, or 34%). 28% higher than non-Indigenous here
- ⌘ Almost two in ten were couples with children (32 households, or 18%). 2% more than non-Indigenous
- ⌘ One in ten were couples without children (17 households, or 10%). 26% less than non-Indigenous
- ⌘ Three in ten were one-person households (55 households, or 32%). 7% less than non-Indigenous
- ⌘ There were a few multi-family households, and a few other types of households.

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



Paroo's Indigenous households had an average of 2.9 residents in 2016, which was 0.3 lower than in 2011, and 0.3 lower than in 2006.

- ⌘ Indigenous households here were 0.4 persons smaller than in Queensland, which averaged 3.3 residents.
- ⌘ The average size of non-Indigenous households in the Shire was 1.9 residents; Indigenous households were 51% larger, on average.
- ⌘ The larger average size of Indigenous households was partly due to lower proportions of people living alone.
- ⌘ Indigenous couple families here had an average of 2.9 children, compared with 1.8 for non-Indigenous families. Indigenous families in Queensland averaged 2.5 children.
- ⌘ Indigenous one-parent families here averaged 1.6 children compared with 2.4 in Queensland (non-Indigenous one-parent families here had 2.2).
- ⌘ At an average size of 2.9 persons, the 174 Indigenous households had some 510 members, but only 416 Indigenous people were counted in these households.

The average size of the State's Indigenous households was down by 0.1 since 2011.

The average size of non-Indigenous households fell by 0.1 from 2011.

Indigenous households: 32% lone person; Other households: 39%.

The average size of Indigenous nuclear families was little changed since 2011. It was up by 0.4 from 2006.

The average number of children in one-parent families was down by 0.7 since 2011. It was down by 0.9 since 2006.

This suggests that some 90 people in Paroo's Indigenous households (one in six) did not identify as Indigenous in the Census.

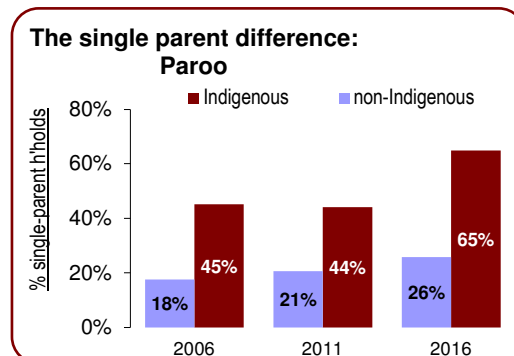
Household Indicators

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, 65% of Paroo's Indigenous family households with children had one parent, compared with 26% of non-Indigenous families. The difference was +39%.
- ⌘ The single parent difference had increased by 16% since 2011, after having decreased by 4% 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.

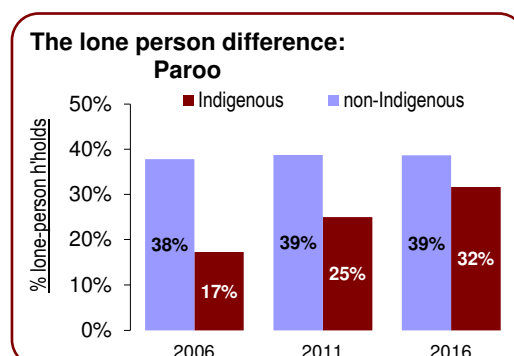


The lone person difference

% 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, 32% of Paroo's Indigenous households were lone persons, compared with 39% of non-Indigenous households. The lone person difference was -7%.
- ⌘ The lone person difference had reduced by 7% since 2011, after having reduced by 7% 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.

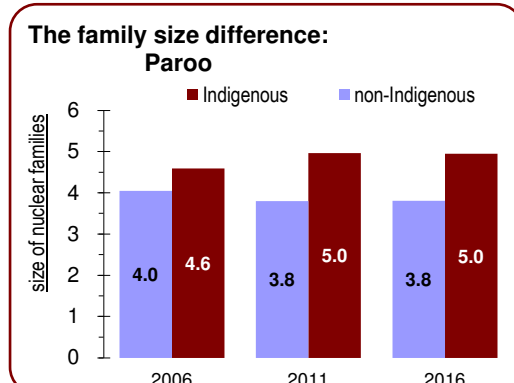


The family size difference

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.

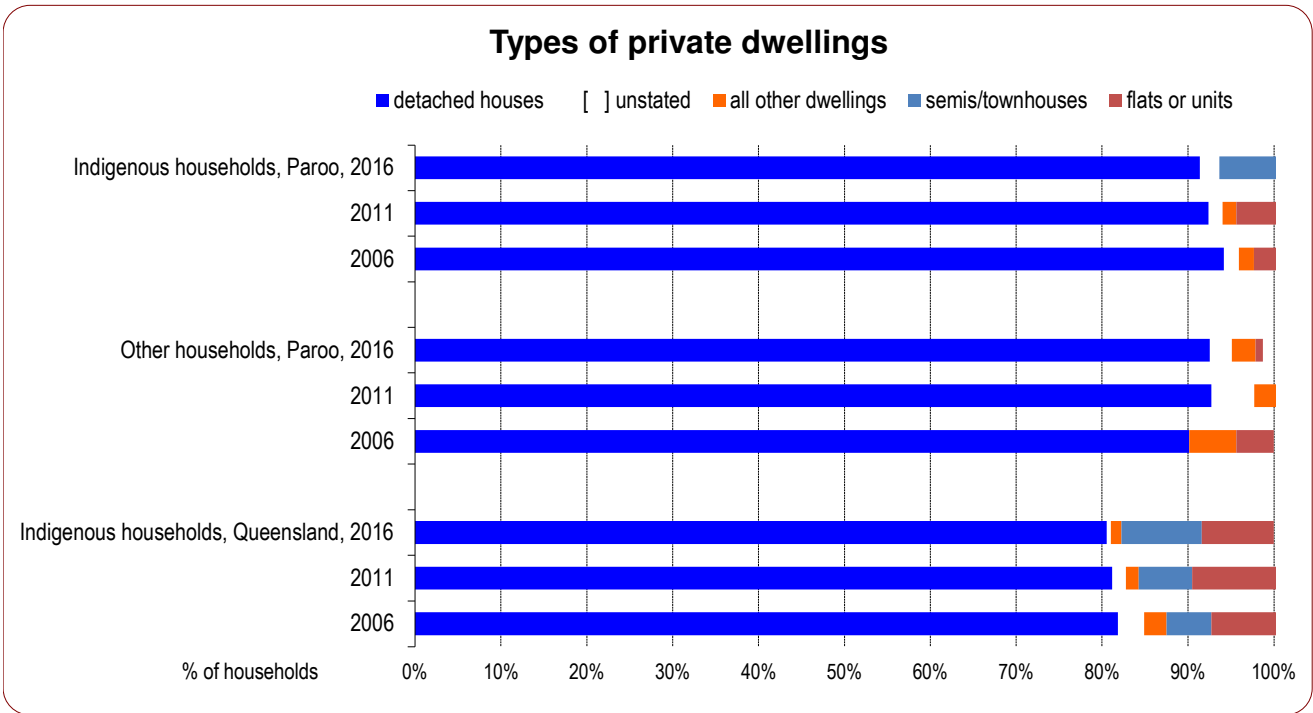
- ⌘ In 2016, the average size of Paroo's Indigenous nuclear families was 5.0 persons (i.e. 3.0 children), compared with 3.8 persons (1.8 children) for non-Indigenous families, a difference of +1.1 children per family.
- ⌘ The family size difference had reduced by 0.1 since 2011, after having widened by 0.7 over the previous five years.
- ⌘ 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, most Indigenous households in Paroo Shire (91%) were living in detached houses, with 7% living in semis/townhouses.

- ⌘ Compared with other households in Paroo, 7% more Indigenous households lived in semis/townhouses.
 - ⌘ The proportion of Indigenous households living in detached houses in Paroo was down by 1% since 2011, and was 3% lower than in 2006.
- The proportion in detached houses was 11% more than that of Indigenous households in Queensland; the proportion in flats or units was 8% lower.
- The proportion of non-Indigenous households in detached houses in Paroo was little changed since 2011 and up by 2% since 2006.



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

- ⌘ There were a few Indigenous people living in institutional accommodation in Paroo in 2011, and 27 in 2006.
 - ⌘ Note: very small numbers are randomly altered by the ABS to protect privacy, so are not precise.
- In 2016, there were 28 people living in institutional accommodation in Paroo Shire; 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 Shire on Census night.

- ⌘ This was virtually unchanged since 2011.
- There were no non-Indigenous people reported in improvised accommodation in Paroo in 2016.

Housing costs and tenure

In 2016, Indigenous households in Paroo Shire most commonly lived in dwellings that were rented (61% of the households). Another 23% lived in dwellings that were fully owned, and 10% in homes that were being purchased.

- ⌘ The proportion of Indigenous households that rented, 61%, was 40% higher than the rate for other households here.

The proportion living in rented dwellings was unchanged since 2011, and was 4% lower than in 2006.

The median weekly rent paid by Indigenous households was \$109. It was \$95 in 2011 and \$80 in 2006.

- ⌘ The proportion living in dwellings that were being bought (10%) was 10% lower than for Other households.

The proportion living in mortgaged dwellings was down by 3% since 2011; and similar to 2006.

The median monthly mortgage paid by Indigenous households in the Shire in 2016 was \$469. It was \$521 in 2011 and \$395 for 2006.

- ⌘ The proportion of Indigenous households in fully owned dwellings (23%) was 28% lower than for non-Indigenous households.

The proportion in fully owned dwellings was up by 4% since 2011; and 1% higher than in 2006.

Among Indigenous households, the proportion renting in Paroo was similar to the rate in Queensland.

22% of Other households in Paroo were renting, 4% lower than in 2011, and 3% lower than in 2006.

The median weekly rent paid by Other households in Paroo was \$60. It was \$50 in 2011 and \$25 in 2006.

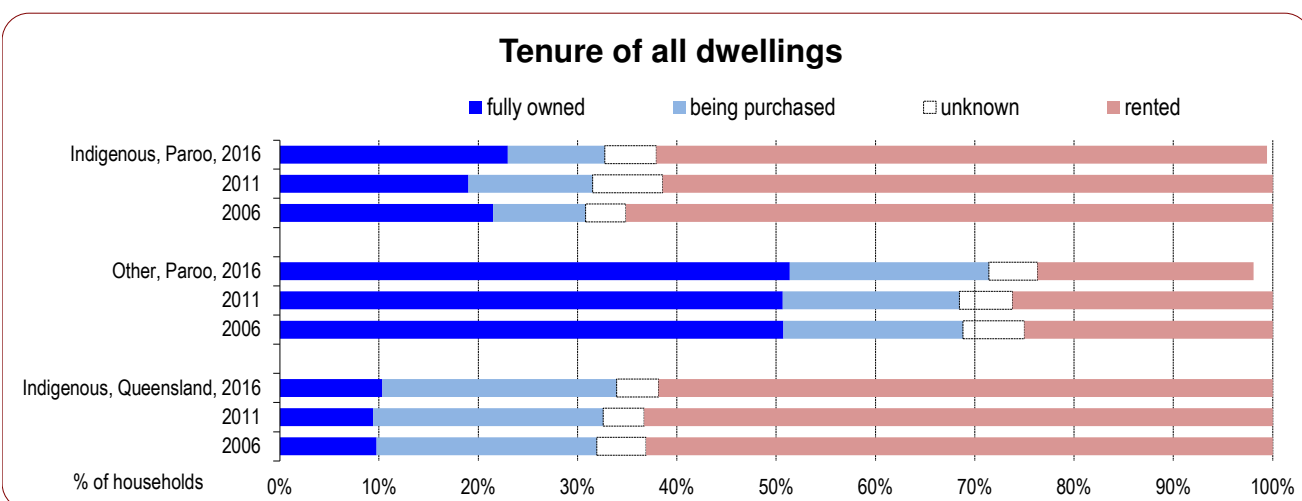
In Queensland, 24% of Indigenous households were home-buyers with a mortgage.

20% of the Other households in Paroo had a mortgage, up by 2% since 2011, and up by 2% since 2006.

The median mortgage paid by Other households in Paroo was \$517. It was \$520 in 2011 and \$600 in 2006.

The proportion of Indigenous households in fully owned dwellings in Paroo was 13% higher than the average in Queensland.

The proportion of Other households in fully owned dwellings in Paroo was up by 1% since 2011, and up by 1% since 2006.



Of 107 Indigenous rental households, 52% were managed by public housing and 28% were managed by absentee landlords.

- ⌘ 56 Indigenous households lived in public housing (32% of all households).

This number was unchanged since 2011.

Only 3% of the Other households lived in public housing. Indigenous households occupied 79% of public housing.

The number of Other households in public housing in Paroo had risen by 6.

Housing Indicators

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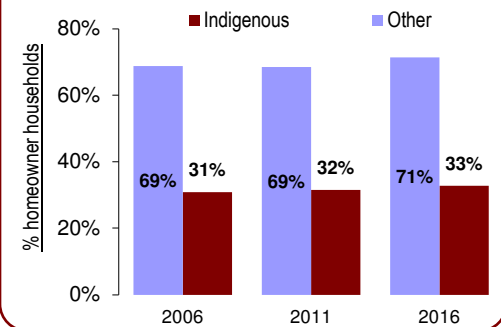
The home ownership gap

% 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, 33% of Indigenous households in Paroo Shire were either buying or owned their home, compared with 71% of Other households, a home ownership gap of -39%.
- ⌘ The gap had widened by 2% since 2011, after having closed by 1% 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 home ownership gap: Paroo



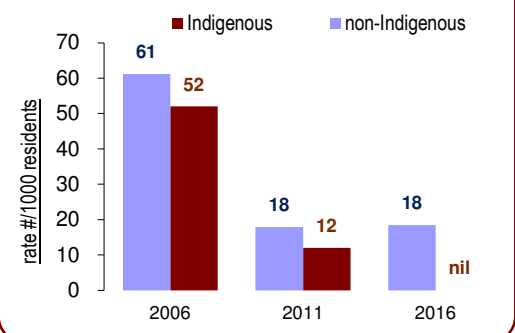
The institutional difference

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 Paroo living in institutional housing, compared with 18 per 1000 non-Indigenous residents. The institutional difference was -18 per 1000.
- ⌘ The institutional gap had increased by 12 per 1000 since 2011, after having decreased by 3 per 1000 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.

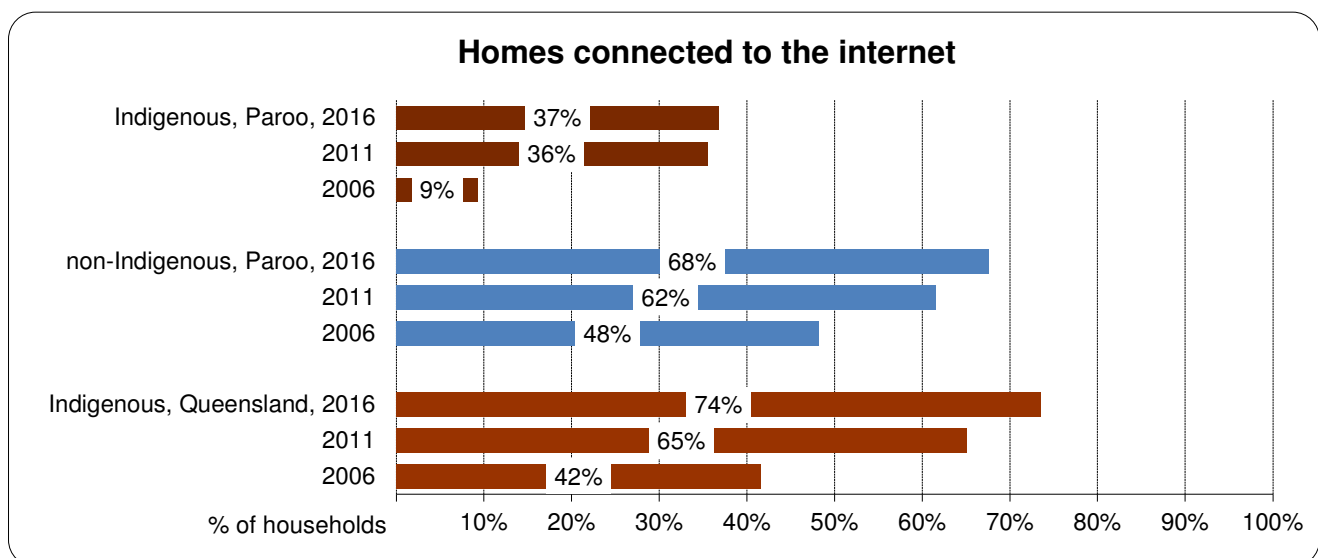
The institutional difference: Paroo



Internet @ home

In 2016, 37% of Indigenous households in Paroo Shire had an internet connection while 59% did not (103 households); 3% did not answer the question.

- ⌘ The proportion of Indigenous households connected to the internet was 37% lower than in Queensland (74% connected), ... and 31% lower than non-Indigenous households in Paroo (where 68% of homes were connected).
- ⌘ The proportion of Indigenous households with internet was unchanged from 36% in 2011. The proportion was up by 8% for Indigenous households in Queensland. It was up by 6% for non-Indigenous households in this Shire (from 62% in 2011).
- ⌘ In 2006, 9% of Paroo'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 Shire.



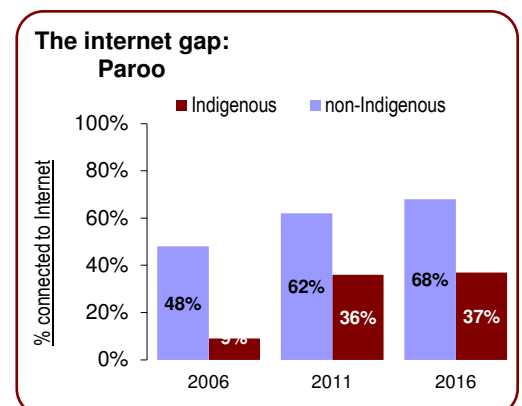
The internet gap

% 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, 37% of Paroo's Indigenous households had an internet connection, compared with 68% of other households, an internet gap of -31%.
- ⌘ The internet gap had widened by 5% since 2011, after having closed by 13% 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.

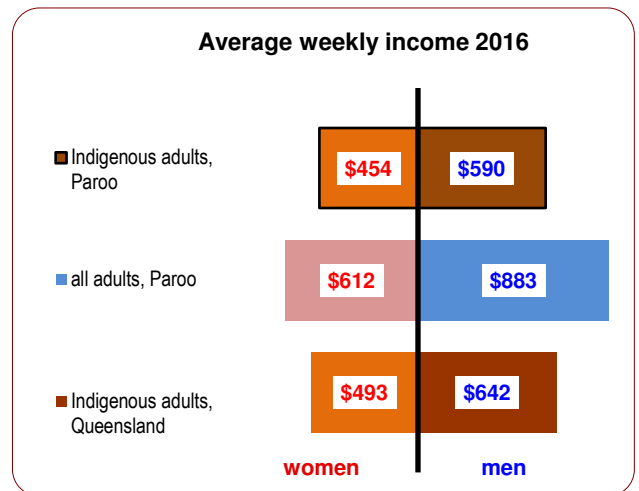
The 2006, 2011 and 2016 Censuses had different questions about the internet.



Personal income

In 2016, the average weekly income of Indigenous adults (aged 15+) in Paroo Shire was about \$556, which was 7% less than that of Indigenous adults in Queensland (\$597), but 31% less than the average of all adults in the Shire (\$806).

- ⌘ Indigenous men in Paroo averaged \$590 a week (67% of the overall male average here).
Indigenous women averaged \$454 a week (74% of the overall female average).
- ⌘ The average weekly income of Indigenous men was \$52 lower in the Shire than in Queensland.
The average weekly income of Indigenous women here was \$39 lower than in Queensland.
- ⌘ Half of the Indigenous adults received under \$393 a week (the median income).



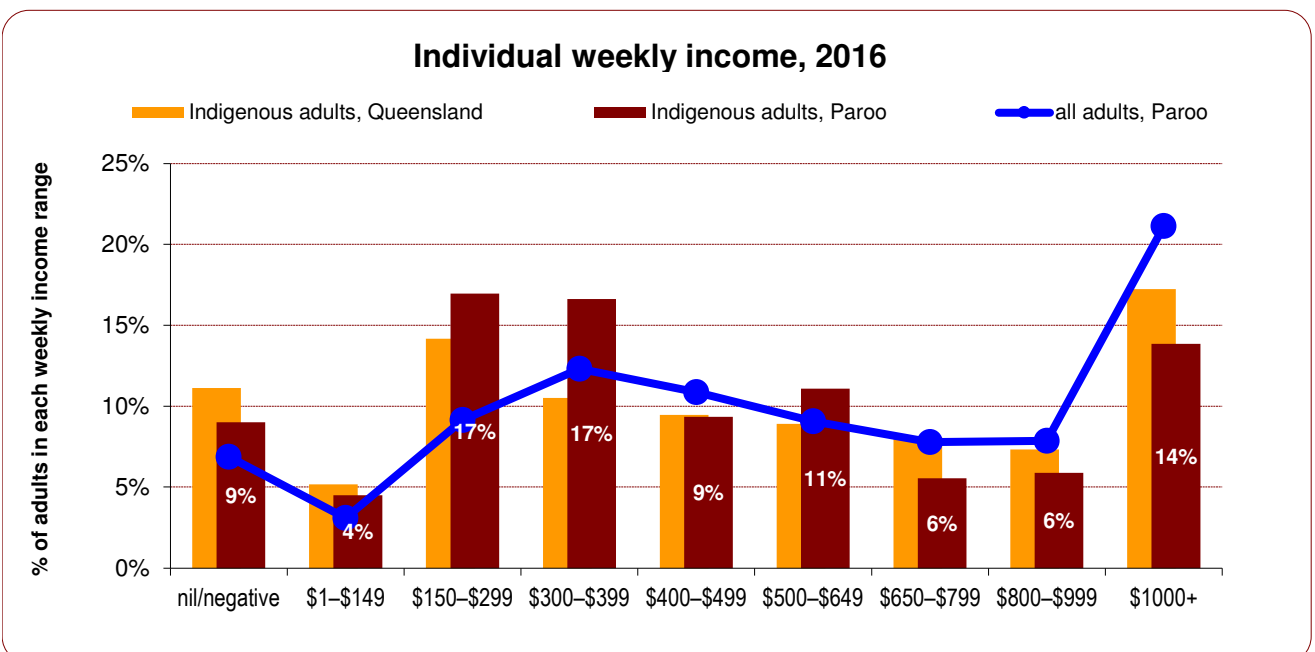
The income distribution pattern among Indigenous adults in Paroo Shire was slightly different from Indigenous adults in Queensland; it was somewhat different from all adults in the Shire.

Compared with Indigenous adults across Queensland:

- ⌘ proportionally more Indigenous adults here were in the \$300–\$399 and \$150–\$299 ranges, and in the \$500–\$649 range.
- ⌘ fewer were in the \$1000+ and \$650–\$799 ranges, and in the nil/negative range.

Compared with all adults in this Shire:

- ⌘ more Indigenous adults were in the \$150–\$299 and \$300–\$399 ranges, and in the nil/negative and \$500–\$649 ranges.
- ⌘ proportionally fewer were in the \$1000+ and \$650–\$799 range.

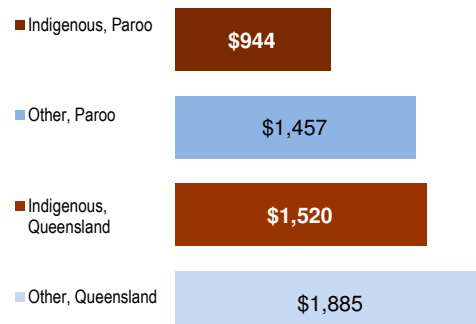


Household income

In 2016, the average income of 174 Indigenous households in Paroo Shire was about \$944 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.

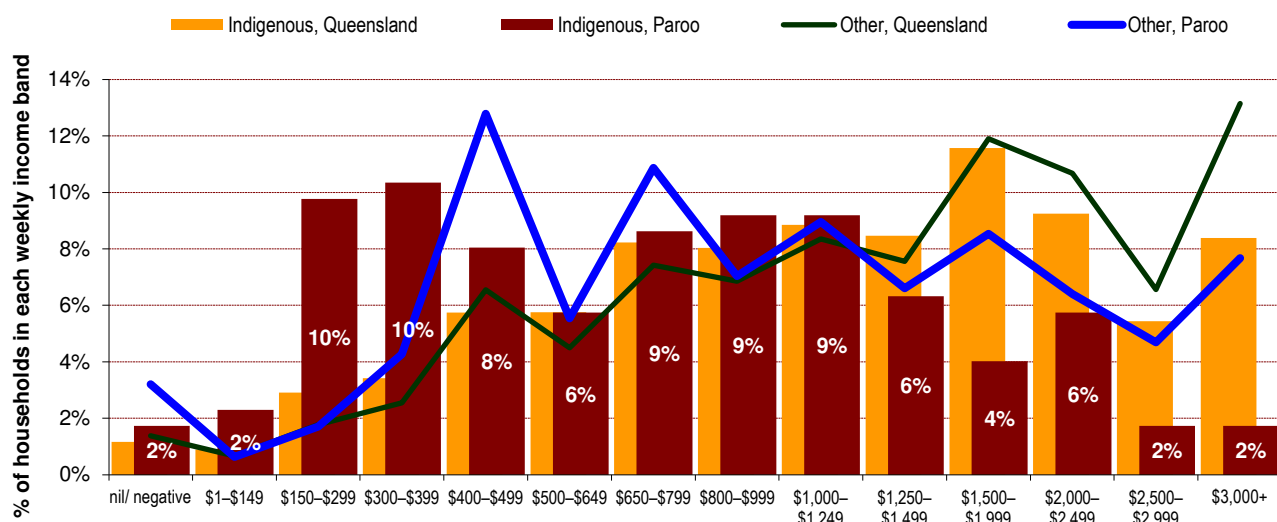
- ⌘ The average Indigenous household income in Paroo Shire was 38% less than the average of Indigenous households in Queensland (\$1,520 a week).
- ⌘ It was 35% less than the average of other households in Paroo – \$1,457 a week.
- ⌘ Half the Indigenous households received less than \$730 a week (the 'median household income').
- ⌘ Indigenous households in the Shire had an average size of 2.9 residents, compared with 1.9 for non-Indigenous households. Household incomes thus had to be spread among many more people, compared to other households.

Average weekly household income, 2016



The income distribution pattern among Indigenous households in Paroo Shire was different from the State's Indigenous households, but otherwise partly different from other households in the Shire.

Household income pattern, 2016



Compared with Indigenous households across Queensland:

- ⌘ more Indigenous households here were in the \$300–\$399 and \$150–\$299 income ranges, and in the \$400–\$499 range.
- ⌘ fewer Indigenous households were in the \$1,500–\$1,999 and \$3,000+ income ranges, with fewer in the \$2,500–\$2,999 and \$2,000–\$2,499 ranges.

Compared with non-Indigenous households in this Shire:

- ⌘ more Indigenous households were in the \$150–\$299 and \$300–\$399 income ranges, and in the \$800–\$999 range.
- ⌘ fewer Indigenous households were in the \$3,000+ and \$400–\$499 income ranges, or in the \$1,500–\$1,999 and \$2,500–\$2,999 ranges.

Income Indicators

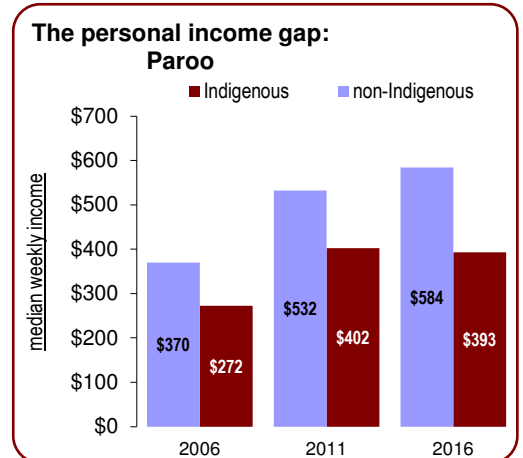
Note: these indicators are based on a small number so are not precise.

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 289 Indigenous adults in Paroo was \$393, which was 67% that of non-Indigenous adults here (\$584). The personal income gap was -33%.
- ⌘ The personal income gap had widened by 9% since 2011, after having closed by 2% 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.

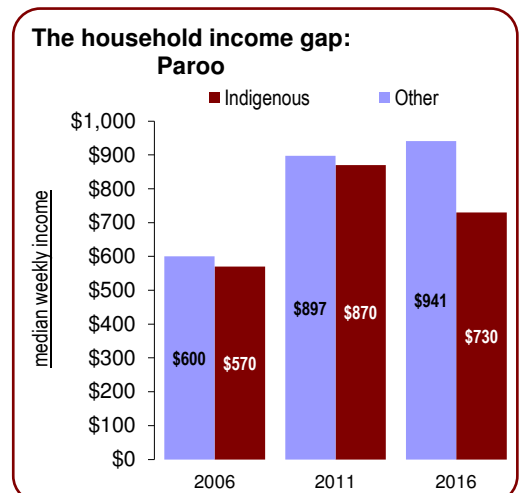


The household income gap

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 174 Indigenous households in Paroo Shire was \$730, compared with \$941 for Other households in the Shire. This was 22% lower – this is the household income gap.
- ⌘ The household income gap had widened by about 19% since 2011, after having narrowed by about 2% 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

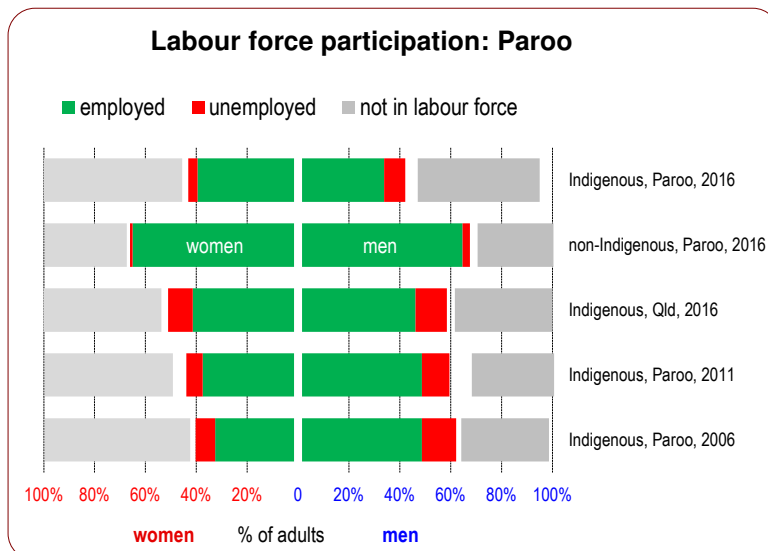
Employment is a prime determinant of a community's income, so it is an important indicator of well-being. In Paroo, 106 out of 289 Indigenous adults (15+) were employed in 2016 – 37% of adults.

The workforce participation rate (employed + unemployed) was 45% of all Indigenous adults aged 15+.

Indigenous workforce participation was ...

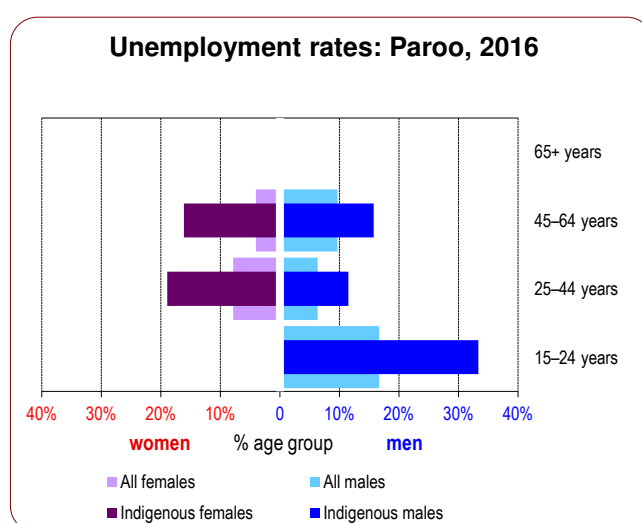
- ⌘ similar for women at 45% and men at 45%.
- ⌘ 22% lower than the average for non-Indigenous adults in the Shire.
- ⌘ 10% lower than the average for Indigenous adults in Queensland.

The Indigenous workforce participation rate here was 6% lower than in 2011 and 5% lower than in 2006.

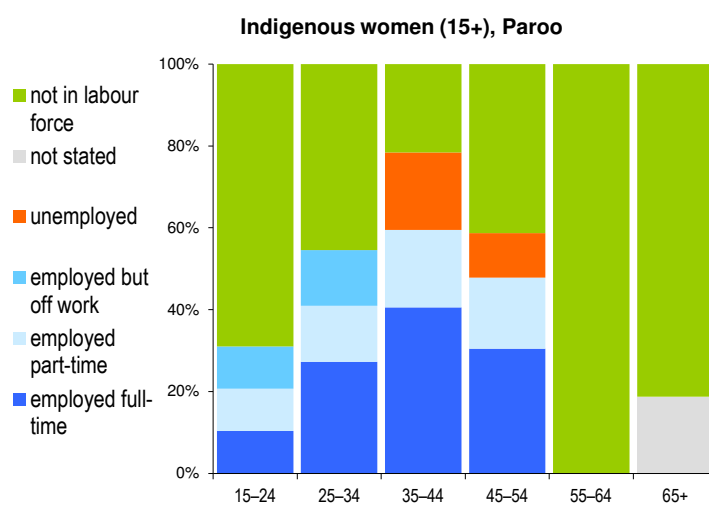
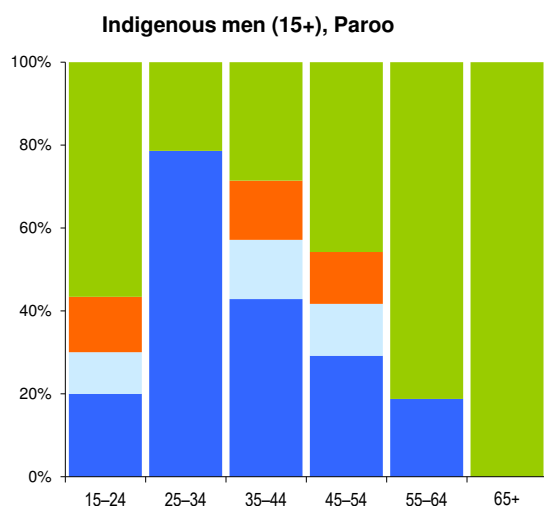


In 2016, the Indigenous unemployment rate in Paroo was 15%, with 19 people out of work.

- ⌘ This rate was much higher than the 3% rate among non-Indigenous adults here.
- ⌘ The Indigenous unemployment rate was 18% for men and 8% for women.
- ⌘ The Indigenous unemployment rate was 2% lower than in 2011, and 6% lower than in 2006.
- ⌘ Unemployment numbers are too small for accurate age-sex comparisons.



These graphs show the employment patterns for men and women, by age, in 2016.



Workforce Gap Indicators

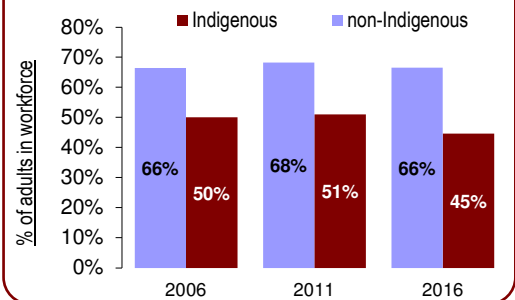
The participation gap

% 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 Paroo, there were 129 Indigenous people in the workforce, 45% of the adult residents. The proportion of non-Indigenous adults in the workforce was 66%, so the participation gap was -22%.
- ⌘ The participation gap had widened by 5% since 2011, after having widened by 1% 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 participation gap: Paroo



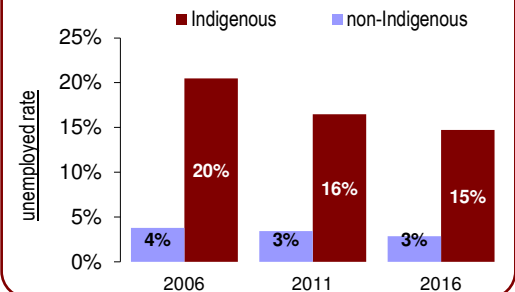
The unemployment gap

% 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, 15% of the Indigenous workforce in Paroo were unemployed (19 people), and 3% of the non-Indigenous workforce were unemployed. The unemployment gap was +12%.
- ⌘ The unemployment gap had closed by 1% since 2011, after having closed by 4% 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 unemployment gap: Paroo



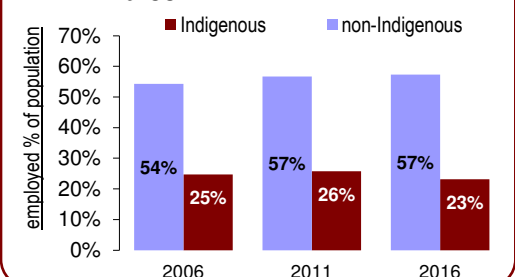
The employment gap

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, 23% of the Indigenous population of Paroo Shire were employed (106 people), and 57% of the non-Indigenous workforce were employed. The employment gap was -34%.
- ⌘ The employment gap had widened by 3% since 2011, after having widened by 1% 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.

The employment gap: Paroo



Education participation by age

Having high proportions of people in education is a good indicator of positive individual and community development. In Paroo Shire, almost three in ten Indigenous residents (131 people) were attending an educational institution in 2016.

Indigenous participation in education varied with age. In education in Paroo were:

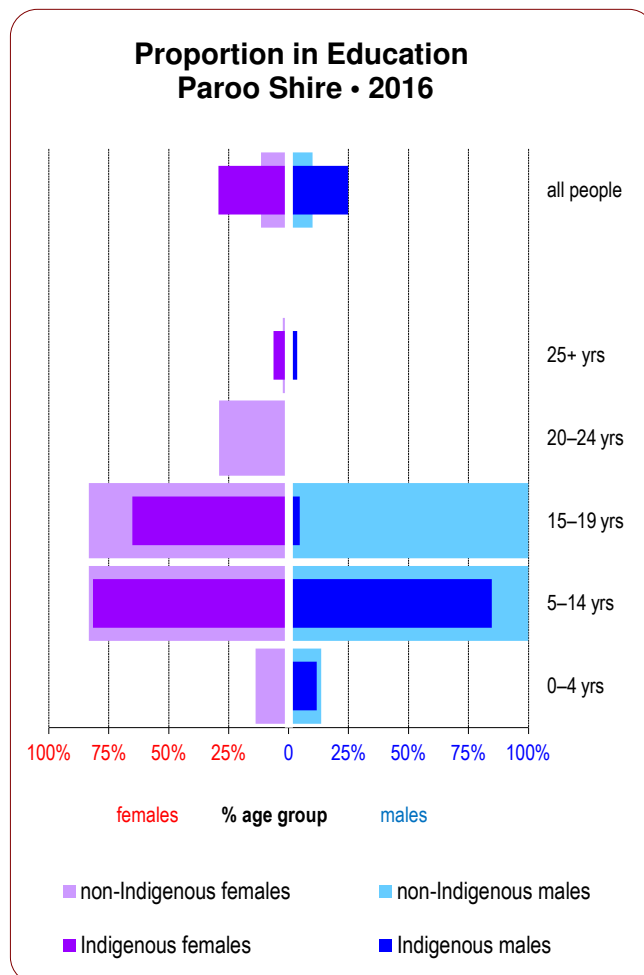
- 10% of the 0–4 year olds
- 87% of the 5–14 year olds
- 45% of the 15–19 year olds
- none of the 20–24 year olds
- 5% of those aged 25+.

Overall participation in education by Indigenous residents here, 29%, is much higher than for non-Indigenous, 10%. This is partly because the Indigenous population has a much higher proportion of children under 18. Relative to non-Indigenous people of the same age, there were, in education:

- 3% more Indigenous 25+ year olds
- no 20–24 year olds
- 9% fewer Indigenous 15–19 year olds
- similar proportions of 5–14 year olds
- 5% more Indigenous 0–4 year olds

Paroo Shire's Indigenous population had 155 females per 100 males in education. This ratio varied with age. Of those in education, there were:

- only males among 0–4 year olds
- 1.4 females per male among 5–14 year olds
- 5.0 females per male among 15–19 year olds
- too few to be sure for 20–24 year olds
- 2.7 females per male among 25+ year olds



Since 2011, overall participation in education by Indigenous people in Paroo Shire had increased by 6%, but this masks changes among the age groups.

- The proportion of 0–4 year olds in education was up by 7% since 2011; the rate was up by 10% since 2006.
- The proportion of 5–14 year olds in education was up by 16% since 2011, and up by 3% since 2006.
- The proportion of 15–19 year olds in education was up by 2% since 2011, and down by 1% since 2006.
- No 20–24 year olds were in education in 2011; the rate was steady over the decade.
- The proportion of 25+ year olds in education was up by 2% since 2011. The rate was up by 2% from 2006.

Current education

In 2016, some 124 Indigenous children and teenagers in Paroo Shire were attending school, with a few in pre-school, 78 in primary school, and 43 in high school.

The number of Indigenous pre-schoolers was down by 5 since 2011; it was down by 70% since 2006.

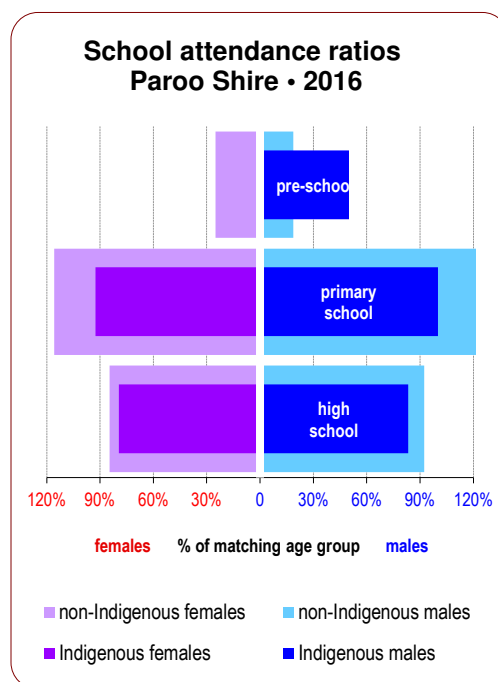
- ⌘ Pre-school numbers are too small for analysis.
- ⌘ In Queensland, Indigenous pre-schoolers equalled 40% of the number aged 4–5 years. Non-Indigenous pre-schoolers in this Shire represented 28% of their age group.

The number of Indigenous primary students (78) was up by 4 since 2011; it was 11% lower than in 2006.

- ⌘ Indigenous primary students were 93% of the number aged 6–11.
- ⌘ The Indigenous rate in Queensland was 107%; the non-Indigenous rate in Paroo was 107%.

The number of Indigenous secondary students (43) was up by 4 since 2011 and 10% higher than 2006.

- ⌘ Indigenous secondary students were 88% of the Indigenous children aged 12–17.
- ⌘ This rate was 6% higher than the rate for non-Indigenous secondary students here; it was 9% higher than for Indigenous students in Queensland.



8 Indigenous residents of Paroo Shire were in post-school education in 2016. This was little changed since 2011, and the same as in 2006.

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

- ⌘ 4% of Indigenous 15–24 year olds in Queensland attended TAFE, with 50% full-time.
- ⌘ No non-Indigenous 15–24 year olds in this Shire attended TAFE.

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

- ⌘ 6% of Indigenous 15–24 year olds in Queensland were at university, with 84% full-time.
- ⌘ 12% of the non-Indigenous 15–24 year olds in this Shire were at university, with all full-time.

There were a few Indigenous students aged 25+ from Paroo 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 Shire attended TAFE, with none full-time.

A few Indigenous residents aged 25+ from Paroo were in university or other tertiary in 2016.

- ⌘ 3% of Indigenous 25–64 year olds in Queensland were at university, with 49% full-time.
- ⌘ 1% of non-Indigenous 25–64 year olds in this Shire were at university, with none full-time.

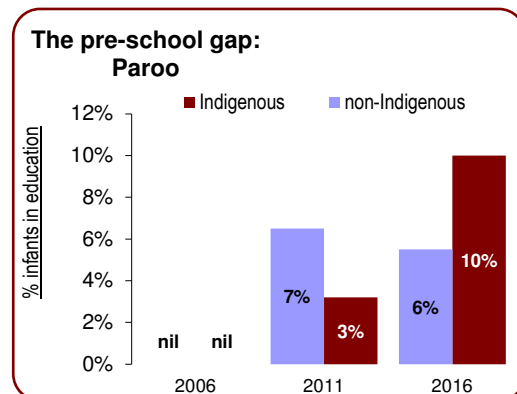
Education Attendance Indicators

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, 10% of Indigenous infants in Paroo Shire were in education, compared with 6% of non-Indigenous infants. The pre-school gap was +5%.
- ⌘ The pre-school gap had reversed since 2011, after having widened by 3% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ 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.

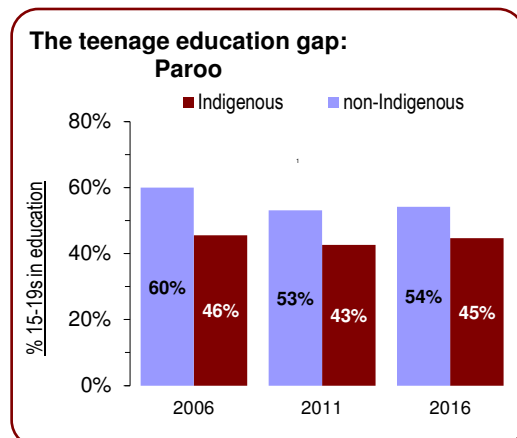


The teenage education gap

% 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, 45% of Paroo Shire Indigenous teenagers aged 15–19 were in education, compared with 54% of non-Indigenous teenagers. The teenage education gap was -10%.
- ⌘ The teenage education gap had closed by 1% since 2011, after having closed by 4% over the previous five years.
- ⌘ 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.

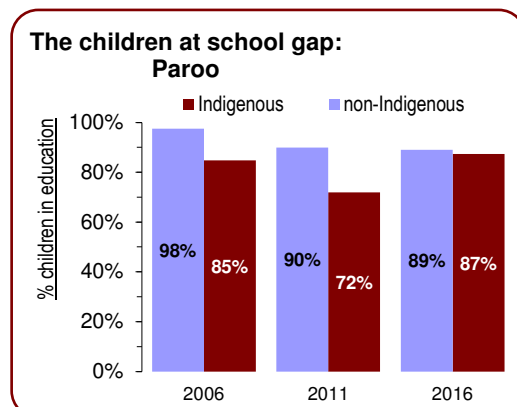


The children at school gap

% 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, 87% of Paroo Shire Indigenous children aged 5–14 were in education, and 89% of non-Indigenous of that age were. The schooling gap was -2%.
- ⌘ The schooling gap had closed by 16% since 2011, after having widened by 5% 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 Paroo Shire had completed an average of Year 9.8 of school, compared with Year 10.4 for non-Indigenous adults. In Queensland, Indigenous adults averaged Year 10.5.

- ⌘ 64 Indigenous adults in the Shire had completed Year 12 which was 17% fewer than in 2011, and 14% more than in 2006.

24% of Indigenous adults in the Shire had completed Year 12, which was 15% lower than the rate for non-Indigenous adults.

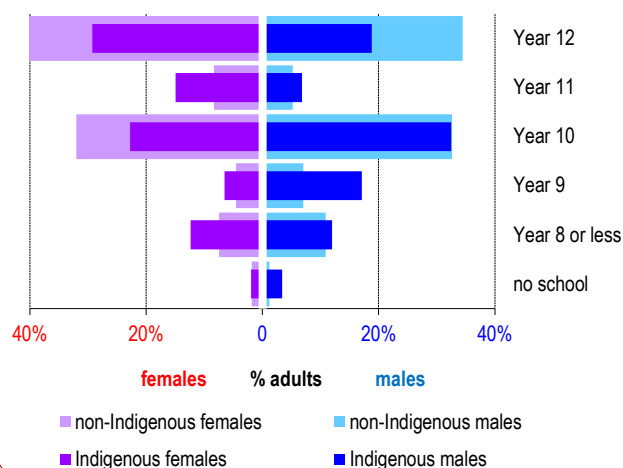
38% of Indigenous adults across Queensland had completed Year 12.

- ⌘ 61% of Indigenous adults in the Shire had completed at least Year 10, which was 15% lower than for Indigenous adults in Queensland.

- ⌘ Of the others, 12% had completed Year 9 and 15% had completed Year 8 or lower; a few adults did not go to school; 9% 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 npt included.

**Years of schooling completed
Paroo Shire • 2016**



The average Year when Indigenous people in Paroo Shire left school had risen by one month since 2011, and was up by 5 months since 2006.

Over the decade to 2016, there was an increase of 14% in the number who had finished Year 12, and a decrease of 17% in the number who had finished school at Year 11.

For Indigenous adults in this Shire, average schooling:

- ⌘ for men, had risen by one month since 2011, and had risen by one month since 2006.
- ⌘ for women, had risen by one month since 2011, and had risen by 10 months since 2006.

For non-Indigenous adults, average schooling:

- ⌘ for men had risen by 2 months since 2011, and had risen by 5 months since 2006.
- ⌘ for women had risen by 2 months since 2011, and had risen by one month 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.

**Years of schooling completed
Paroo Shire • 2016**



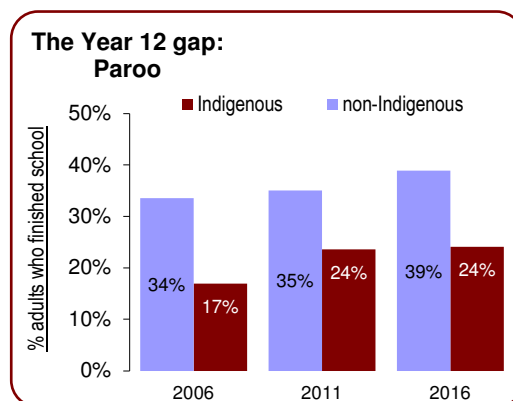
Education Achievement Indicators

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, 24% of Paroo's 266 Indigenous adults had completed Year 12, compared with 39% of non-Indigenous adults. The Year 12 gap was -15%.
- ⌘ The Year 12 gap had widened by 3% since 2011, after having closed by 5% 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.

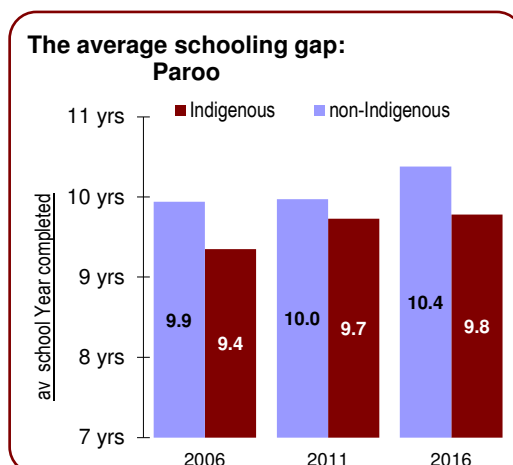


The average schooling gap

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 266 Indigenous adults in Paroo had completed an average of Year 9.8 at school, compared with Year 10.4 for non-Indigenous adults. The average schooling gap was -0.6 years.
- ⌘ The average schooling gap had widened by 5 months since 2011, after having closed by 5 months 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, 88 Indigenous adults in Paroo Shire reported having tertiary educational qualifications, which was 30% of the number aged 15+.

By comparison, 44% of Indigenous adults in Queensland and 45% of non-Indigenous adults in Paroo had a tertiary qualification.

A few Indigenous adults in the Shire had a degree or higher qualification (1%), with none having a postgraduate degree.

- ⌘ In Queensland, 5% of the Indigenous residents had a degree or higher qualification.
- ⌘ 10% of the non-Indigenous residents of Paroo had a degree or more.

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

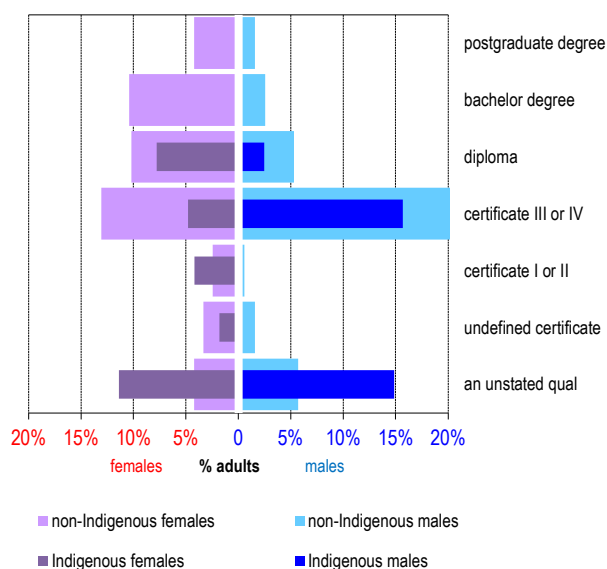
- certificate III or IV, held by 33 people (11%);
- an unstated qual, by 29 people (10%);
- diploma, by 12 people (4%).

While the number of Indigenous adults in Paroo fell by 16% from 2011 to 2016, the number with qualifications fell by 13%. There were:

- 4 fewer with a certificate III or IV

In the decade from 2006, the number of Indigenous adults in the Shire with qualifications decreased by 1%, while the adult population decreased by 13%. There were 9 more with a certificate III or IV.

**Adults with qualifications, 2016
Paroo**



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

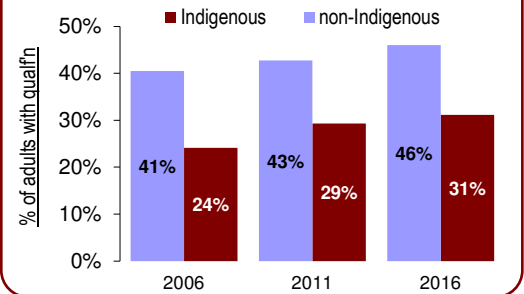
The qualification gap

% 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, 31% of Paroo Shire Indigenous adults aged 15+ had a post-school qualification, compared with 46% of non-Indigenous adults. The qualification gap was -15%.
- ⌘ The qualification gap had widened by 2% since 2011, after having closed by 3% 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 qualification gap:
Paroo**



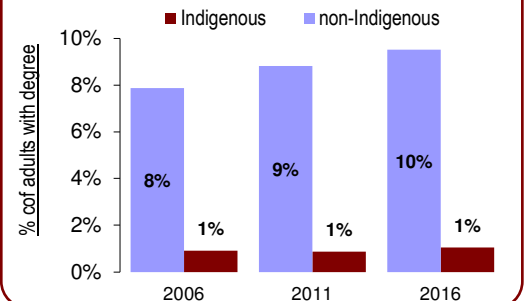
The degree gap

% 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, 1% of Paroo Shire Indigenous adults aged 15+ had a degree or higher qualification, compared with 10% of non-Indigenous adults. The degree education gap was -8%.
- ⌘ The degree gap had changed little since 2011, after having widened by 1% 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 degree gap:
Paroo**



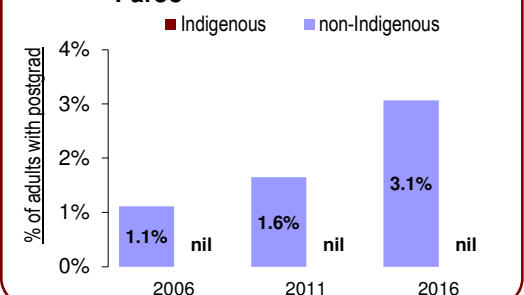
The postgraduate gap

% 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 Paroo Indigenous adults aged 15+ had a post-graduate qualification, compared with 3.1% of non-Indigenous adults. The postgraduate gap was -3.1%.
- ⌘ The postgraduate gap had widened by 1.5% since 2011, after having widened by 0.5% 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.

**The postgraduate gap:
Paroo**



Disability levels

In 2016 in Paroo Shire, 22 Indigenous residents had a long-term severe disability; 4.8% of the population. Among all Paroo's residents, 5.6% 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. In Paroo in 2016, they peaked among Indigenous 65+ year olds (27%) and 55–64 year olds (14%). Among younger Indigenous residents, the disability rate was highest among 35–44 year olds.

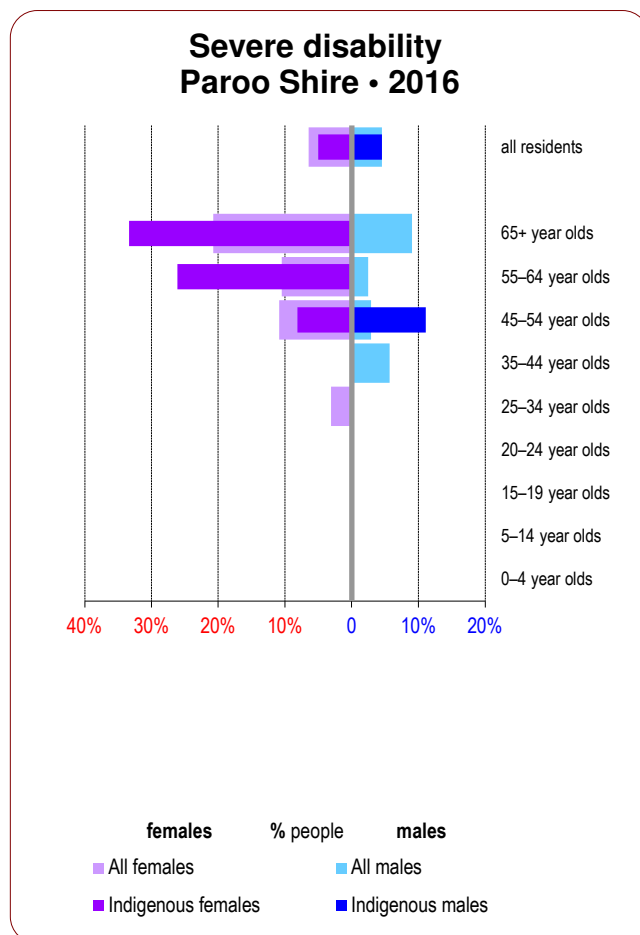
Because Indigenous communities tend to have fewer people in the oldest age groups where disability rates are much higher, the overall disability rate can be lower than in non-Indigenous communities. This can mask much higher rates in some age groups.

- Here, the Indigenous disability rate was 0.9 times that in the overall population: 4.8% compared with 5.6%.

- Indigenous disability rates were similar for men and women (4.5% : 5.0%). Among all residents, they were lower for men than women: 4.5% to 6.4%.

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From 2011 to 2016, the overall disability rate among Indigenous residents of the Shire rose from 4.0% to 4.8%.

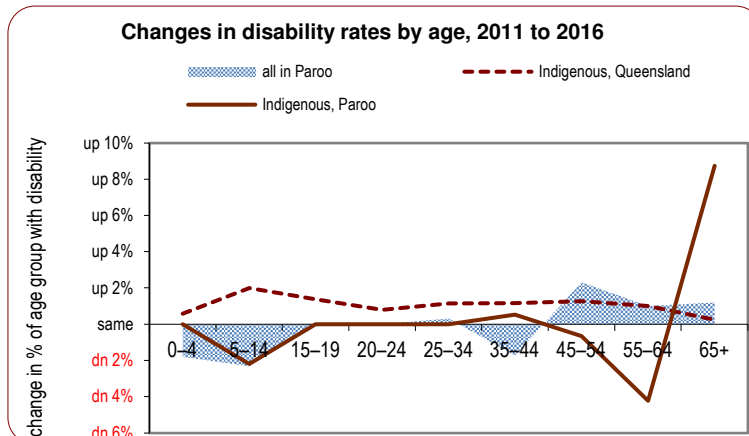
In the Shire, the greatest change in the Indigenous disability rate was the increase among those aged 65+, from 18.2% in 2011 to 26.9% in 2016.

Disability rates also rose among 35–44 year olds.

Disability rates fell most among those aged 55–64 years.

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

Among all Paroo residents, the disability rate rose 1.2%, from 4.4% in 2011.



Disability care given

In the 2016 Census, 34 Indigenous adults in Paroo Shire, 12% of the adult population, reported that they gave assistance to a person with a severe or profound disability. There were at that time 22 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 ranged from 18% of 45–54 year olds and 16% of 35–44 year olds to none of 20–24 year olds.

- ⌘ Carers are more often women than men. In this Indigenous community, there were 1.6 females per male among carers.

Female carers were most common among 35–44 year olds with 2.7 females per male caring.

There were all male carers found among 15–19 year olds, 25–34 year olds, 55–64 year olds. In no age groups were there more male than female carers.

- ⌘ The 12% carer rate among Indigenous residents was similar to the average for all adults in the Shire (10%).

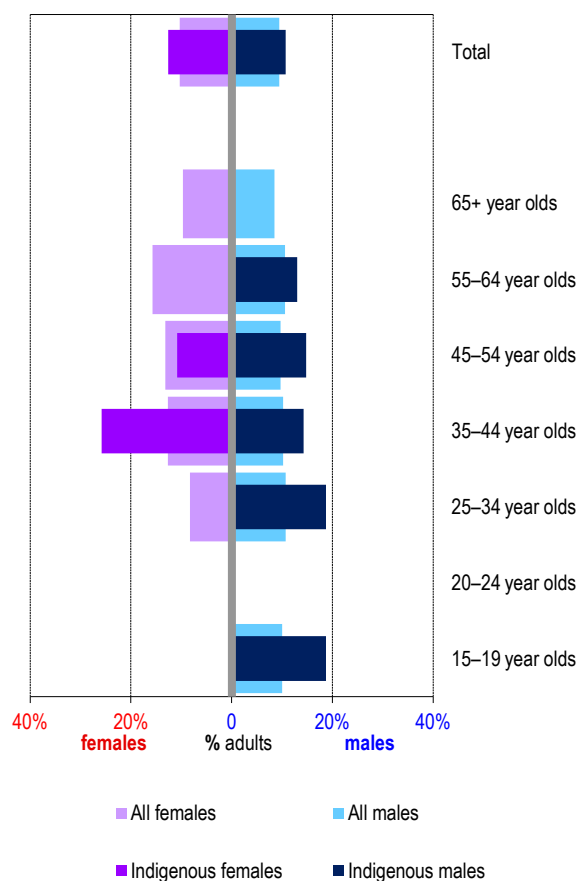
Among 45–54 year olds, the proportion of Indigenous carers was 1.7 times the average.

Among 35–44 year olds, the proportion of Indigenous carers was 1.6 times the average.

- ⌘ In Queensland, 13% of Indigenous adults were caring for a person with a disability.

Relative to the State's Indigenous community, there were 12% fewer carers among Indigenous people aged 65+ here, and 9% fewer carers among those aged 20–24.

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From 2011 to 2016, overall caring rates among Indigenous adults in Paroo changed only slightly from 12%.

- ⌘ Among Indigenous adults in Queensland, caring rates rose by 1%.

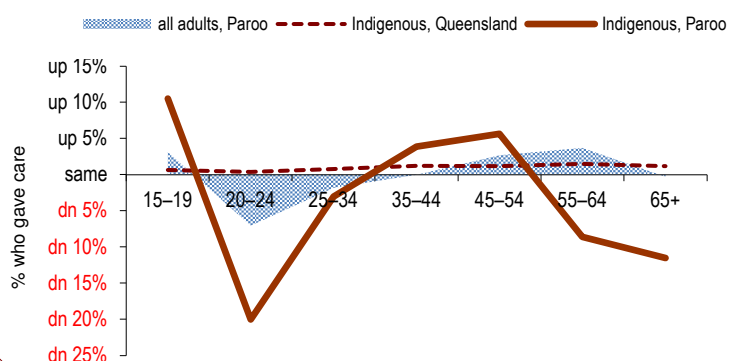
Among all Paroo's adults, caring rates rose by 1%.

- ⌘ In the Shire, Indigenous caring rates increased most among 15–19 year olds, from none in 2011 to 11% in 2016.

Caring rates also rose 6% among 45–54 year olds and 4% among 35–44 year olds.

Caring rates fell most among 20–24 year olds, down by 20%, and among those aged 65+, down by 12%.

Changes in caring rates, by age, 2011–2016



Disability Indicators

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

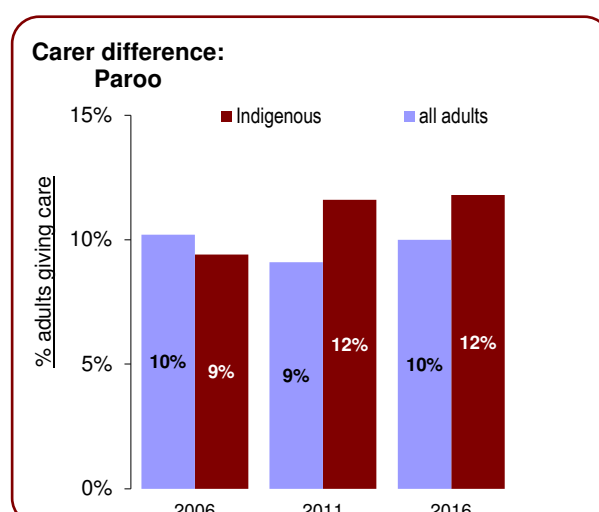
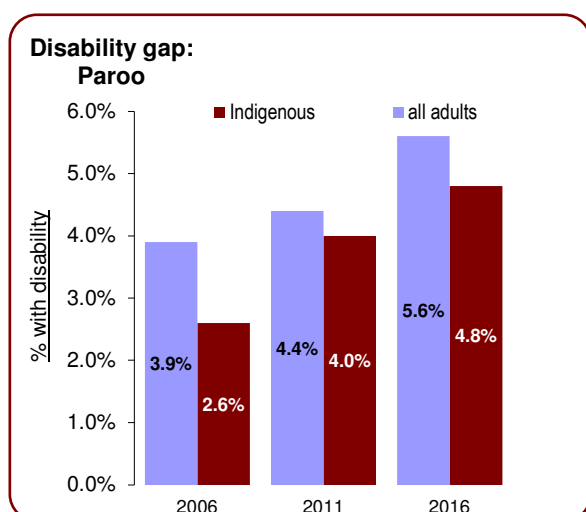
The disability gap

% 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, 4.8% of Paroo's Indigenous residents had a severe, long-term disability, compared with 5.6% for all residents. The disability gap was -0.8%. The Indigenous disability rate was 0.9 times the overall rate.
- ⌘ The disability gap in Paroo Shire had widened by 0.4% since 2011, after having closed by 0.9% 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, 12% of Paroo's Indigenous adults (aged 15+) provided assistance to a person with a severe disability, compared with 10% of all adults. The carer difference was +2% (rounded).
- ⌘ The carer difference in Paroo Shire had closed by 1% 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.