



Gudjagang Ngara Li-dhi
Aboriginal Community Centre

Snapshot of the Central Coast 2021 Census data - August 2022

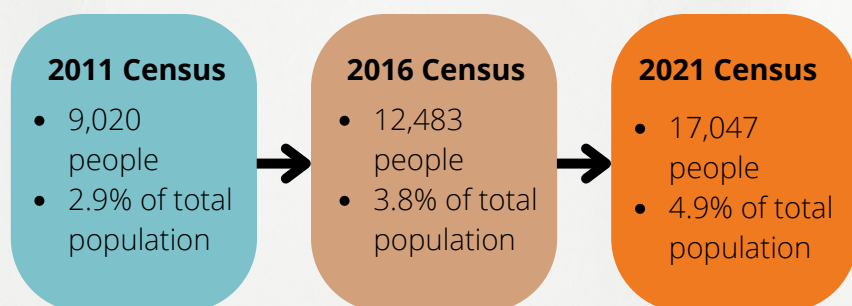
Background

The 2021 Census took place on Tuesday, 10 August 2021. The Census provides a snapshot of Australia. It is the largest form of data gathering in Australia and provides a narrative for who we are and how we are changing, including our economic, social and cultural make-up.

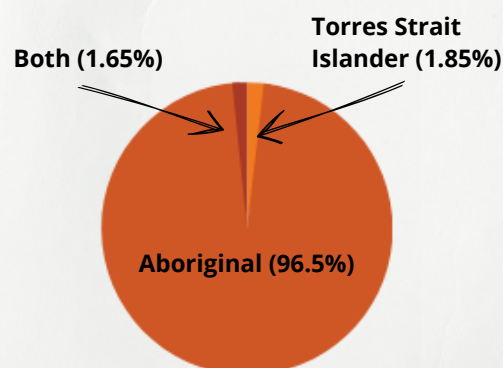
The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in Darkinjung Country is growing fast and is one of the largest Aboriginal population bases in Australia

There are 346,596 people in the Central Coast. Of those, 17,047 people identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, representing 4.9% of the total population. This is above the state and national averages of 3.4% and 3.2%, respectively.

The Indigenous population is growing fast in the Central Coast, with a 37% increase since the last Census. This contrasts to a 29% statewide increase and a 25% national increase.

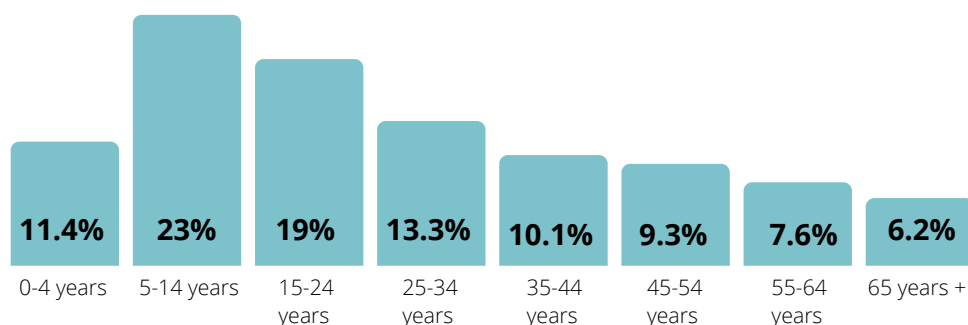


Of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people counted, 16,457 identified as Aboriginal, 314 identified as Torres Strait Islander, and 278 identified as both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.



Darkinjung Country is undergoing a significant generational shift, with the Indigenous population overwhelmingly young

Young people, defined as those aged between 0 and 24 years, make up 53.5% of the Indigenous population in the Central Coast, with a median age of 23. This is in stark contrast to the median age of the entire Central Coast population - 43 - with young people making up just 29% of the total population.



Indigenous wealth continues to lag behind regional levels

The personal weekly median income of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Central Coast was \$621, 14% lower than the regional personal median weekly income of \$727.

- \$621 (Central Coast)
- \$600 (NSW)
- \$540 (Australia)