1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

**The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population**
- 2016: 798,400 (7% of the Australian population)

**Where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live**
- 11.9% live in very remote areas
- 6.7% live in remote areas
- 44% live in regional areas
- 37.4% live in major cities

In 2017, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children accounted for over one third (37%) of children in out-of-home care.¹

**8 year gap**

In 2015-2017, the average life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was EIGHT YEARS LESS than that of non-indigenous Australians.²

**Proportion of unemployed people (between 15-64 yrs), 2016**
- Indigenous: 18.4%
- Non-Indigenous: 6.8%

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people (aged 5-17 yrs) are 2X as likely to die as a result of suicide.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are 15 X HIGHER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

In 2016, the health care and social assistance industry employed 15% of employed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, making it the largest source of employment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.³

2006: 47.4%
2016: 65.3%

Percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 20-24 yrs that had attained a Year 12 or equivalent qualification.⁴

2. Cultural diversity

**Australia is home to the world’s oldest continuous cultures.**

**29%** of Australians identify with more than 300 ancestries.

In 2018, **1 in 4 Australians were born overseas.**

More than **1 in 5 (26%)** speak a language other than English at home.

**1 in 5** have one or both parents born overseas.

Migrants that arrived in 2014-15 are projected to contribute **$9.7 billion** to the Australian economy over 50 years.

This includes Permanent Migration Program, the Humanitarian Program, and the 457 temporary skilled visa program.

2018 overseas migration represented **60.8%** of Australia’s population growth.

**Top migrants to Australia, 2018.**

Every single country from around the world was represented in Australia’s population in 2018.

3. Racist attitudes in Australia

1 in 5 surveyed Australians in 2018 have experienced racism in the past 12 months.  

32% of surveyed Australians in 2018 reported holding negative attitudes towards Muslims.  

15% of surveyed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were prevented from renting or buying a property.  

In 2018 77% of surveyed Australians supported anti-racism initiatives and the need to challenge racism.  

In 2006 86% of surveyed Australians supported the need to reduce or fight racism in Australia.  

85% of surveyed Australians in 2018 consistently say multiculturalism has been good for Australia.  

34% of surveyed participants in 2015-2016 reported that everyday racism is more prevalent than racism in institutional settings.  

33% experienced racism at work  

33% experienced racism in an institutional setting  

1 in 3 surveyed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in 2018 have experienced verbal racial abuse in the past 6 months.  

In 2016 almost 40% of surveyed participants had experienced race-hate talk.  

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