

# Bourke — Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community

708 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people · 30.3% of the Bourke LGA population

**1 in 3**  
people in Bourke are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (30.3%) compared with 3.4% across NSW

**29**  
median age

**A young community**  
Half are younger than 29 (the wider Bourke median is 37). Follow the journey below, across the life course.

IDENTITY & CULTURE — WOVEN THROUGH EVERY STAGE

**99.3%**  
identify as Aboriginal (1.6% as both Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander)

**Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec**  
most-spoken Aboriginal language — 7 speakers at home  
*As reported on the ABS 2021 Census*

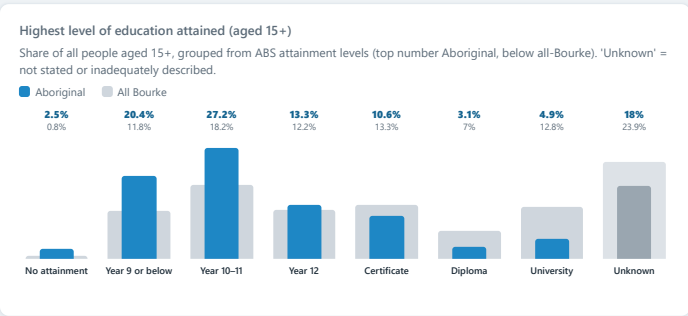
**2.3%**  
speak an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language at home

**Early years** · ages 0-4

**About 1 in 2**  
Bourke preschoolers are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

21 children in preschool (as at the 2021 Census) — about 43% of all Bourke preschoolers, around 1.4x their 30.3% population share. The early years are a key point for investment.

**School & study** · ages 5-24



**29** Median age 29 — about half of Bourke's Aboriginal community is younger than this (the wider Bourke median age is 37).

**Working life** · ages 25-54

**7.1%**  
Unemployment

Aboriginal	7.1%
All Bourke	2.7%
All NSW	4.9%

2.6x the LGA rate

**\$627**  
Median weekly personal income

Aboriginal	\$627
All Bourke	\$862

Household income \$1,390/wk shared across 2.9 people

**44%**  
Labour force participation (15+)

Aboriginal	44%
All Bourke	55.8%

**Top 5 occupations · Aboriginal community**

Community & personal service	21.3%
Professionals	16.1%
Labourers	15.6%
Clerical & administrative	11.8%
Managers	8.1%

**Family & home**

**220**  
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families

**21.7%**  
One-parent families

Aboriginal	21.7%
All Bourke	19.8%

**42.2%**  
Households renting

24.3% mortgage · 20.5% owned outright

**\$190**  
Median weekly rent

All Bourke: \$180  
2.9 people per household (All Bourke 2.5)

**Caring & community**

**16.3%**  
Provide unpaid child care

All Bourke: 20.6%

**10.5%**  
Provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability, health condition or due to old age

All Bourke: 9.4%

**38.4%**  
Do unpaid domestic work

All Bourke: 52.3%

**8%**  
Volunteer through an organisation

All Bourke: 15.1%

**Health & wellbeing** · all ages

**53.8%**  
report no long-term health condition

Aboriginal	53.8%
All Bourke	50.8%

Despite being a far younger population (median age 29 vs 37), about the same share report no long-term condition as the wider LGA (53.8% vs 50.8%) — a sign conditions are emerging earlier in life. Figures cover all ages.

**Most common conditions — prevalence**  
Share reporting each condition. Categories overlap — a person may report more than one.

Condition	Aboriginal (%)	All Bourke (%)
Asthma	11.4%	8%
Diabetes	8.8%	5%
Mental health	7.3%	5.9%
Arthritis	6.6%	6.1%
Heart disease	5.6%	4.7%

**Read with care:** These figures count only people who identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in the Census. Undercounting is common — the true population is likely larger. Small-area counts are also randomly adjusted by the ABS to protect privacy, so components may not sum exactly.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander — Bourke | All Bourke LGA (whole population) | All NSW

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