

Moree Plains — Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community

2,535 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people · 19.9% of the Moree Plains LGA population

1 in 5 people in Moree Plains are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (19.9%) compared with 3.4% across NSW

28 median age

A young community
Half are younger than 28 (the wider Moree Plains median is 38). Follow the journey below, across the life course.

IDENTITY & CULTURE — WOVEN THROUGH EVERY STAGE

97.9% identify as Aboriginal (1% as both Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander)

Gamilaraay most-spoken Aboriginal language — 41 speakers at home
As reported on the ABS 2021 Census

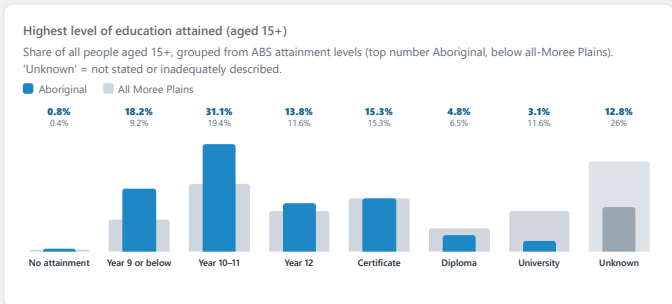
2% speak an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language at home

Early years · ages 0-4

About 1 in 3 Moree Plains preschoolers are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

95 children in preschool (as at the 2021 Census) — about 36% of all Moree Plains preschoolers, around 1.8x their 19.9% population share. The early years are a key point for investment.

School & study · ages 5-24



28 Median age 28 — about half of Moree Plains's Aboriginal community is younger than this (the wider Moree Plains median age is 38).

Working life · ages 25-54

13.2% Unemployment

Aboriginal: 13.2%
All Moree Plains: 3.9%
All NSW: 4.9%

3.4x the LGA rate

\$509 Median weekly personal income

Aboriginal: \$509
All Moree Plains: \$816

Household income \$1,259/wk shared across 2.9 people

47.4% Labour force participation (15+)

Aboriginal: 47.4%
All Moree Plains: 53.4%

Top 5 occupations · Aboriginal community

Community & personal service	19.6%
Labourers	19.5%
Clerical & administrative	11.6%
Machinery operators & drivers	11.3%
Professionals	10.4%

Family & home

778 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families

28.8% One-parent families

Aboriginal: 28.8%
All Moree Plains: 19.9%

60.6% Households renting

16.4% mortgage · 14.6% owned outright

\$200 Median weekly rent

All Moree Plains: \$210
2.9 people per household (All Moree Plains 2.5)

Caring & community

23.1% Provide unpaid child care

All Moree Plains: 21.2%

13.5% Provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability, health condition or due to old age

All Moree Plains: 10.3%

43.8% Do unpaid domestic work

All Moree Plains: 52.6%

8.5% Volunteer through an organisation

All Moree Plains: 14.7%

Health & wellbeing · all ages

62.4% report no long-term health condition

Aboriginal: 62.4%
All Moree Plains: 50.7%

Despite being a far younger population (median age 28 vs 38), about the same share report no long-term condition as the wider LGA (62.4% vs 50.7%) — 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 Moree Plains (%)
Asthma	10.4%	8.3%
Diabetes	8.6%	4.9%
Mental health	7.9%	6.1%
Arthritis	6.5%	6.9%
Heart disease	4.3%	3.6%

△ **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 — Moree Plains ■ All Moree Plains LGA (whole population) ■ All NSW

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