

Nowra — Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community

2,614 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people · 11.6% of the Nowra area population



1 in 9

people in Nowra are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (11.6%) compared with 3.4% across NSW

23

median age

A young community

Half are younger than 23 (the wider Nowra median is 37). Follow the journey below, across the life course.

IDENTITY & CULTURE — WOVEN THROUGH EVERY STAGE

96.6%

Identify as Aboriginal (2% as both Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander)

Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd

most-spoken Aboriginal language — 9 speakers at home
As reported on the ABS 2021 Census

1.1%

speak an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language at home



Early years · ages 0-4



About 1 in 4

Nowra preschoolers are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

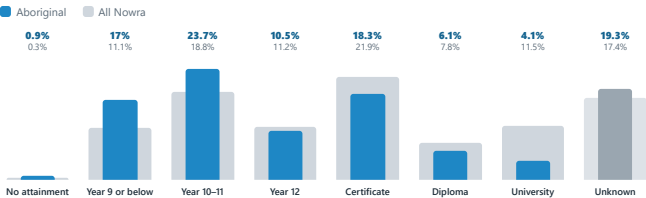
127 children in preschool (as at the 2021 Census) — about 23% of all Nowra preschoolers, around 2.0x their 11.6% population share. The early years are a key point for investment.



School & study · ages 5-24

Highest level of education attained (aged 15+)

Share of all people aged 15+, grouped from ABS attainment levels (top number Aboriginal, below all-Nowra). 'Unknown' = not stated or inadequately described.



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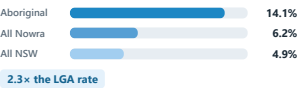
Median age 23 — about half of Nowra's Aboriginal community is younger than this (the wider Nowra median age is 37).



Working life · ages 25-54

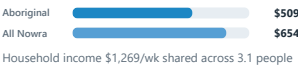
14.1%

Unemployment



\$509

Median weekly personal income



Household income \$1,269/wk shared across 3.1 people

46.6%

Labour force participation (15+)



Top 5 occupations · Aboriginal community

Community & personal service	23.1%
Labourers	14.8%
Technicians & trades	13.6%
Sales workers	11.6%
Professionals	11.4%



Family & home

841

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families

27.9%

One-parent families



63.4%

Households renting

22.1% mortgage · 10.8% owned outright

\$300

Median weekly rent

All Nowra: \$330
3.1 people per household (All Nowra 2.5)



Caring & community

27.7%

Provide unpaid child care

All Nowra: 25.3%

14.6%

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

All Nowra: 12.7%

48.6%

Do unpaid domestic work

All Nowra: 60.6%

7.6%

Volunteer through an organisation

All Nowra: 11.5%



Health & wellbeing · all ages

49.8%

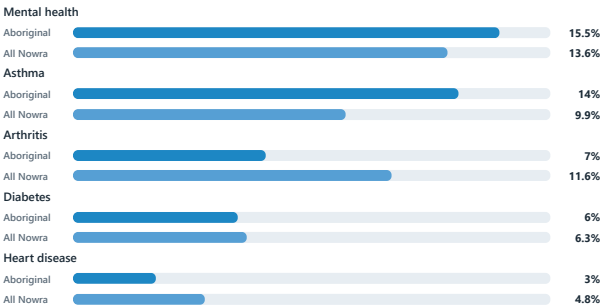
report no long-term health condition



Despite being a far younger population (median age 23 vs 37), about the same share report no long-term condition as the wider LGA (49.8% vs 48.2%) — 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.



⚠ 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 — Nowra All Nowra area (whole population) All NSW



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