

Indigenous population change and education outcomes

Early findings from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing

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Indigenous definitions and identification

A person is typically classified as Indigenous if:

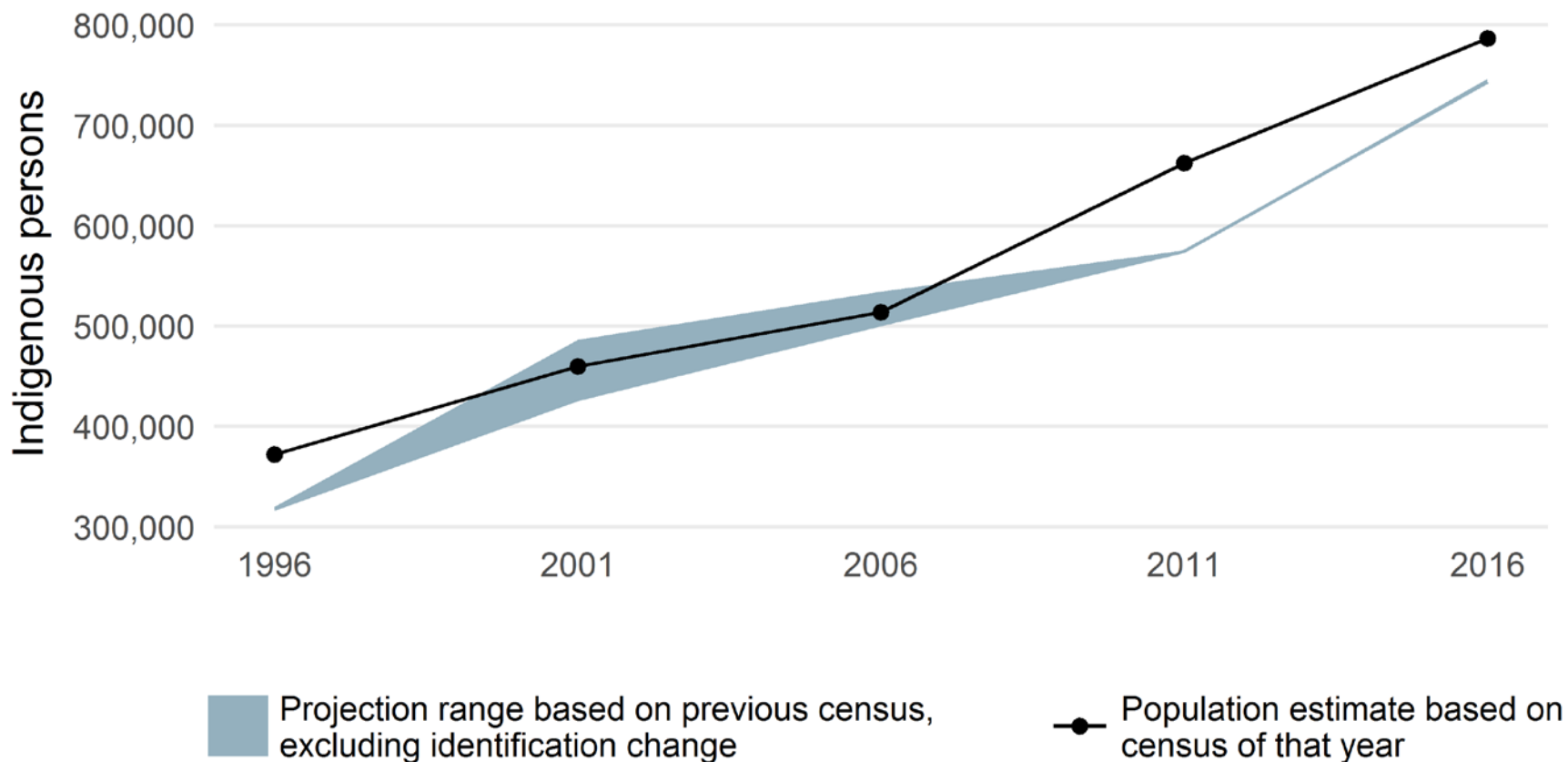
- They are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- They identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
- They are accepted as an Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander by the community in which they live.

The census asks:

<p>7 Is the person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For persons of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, mark both 'Yes' boxes.	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Aboriginal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Torres Strait Islander</p>
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On the basis of the 2016 census, it is estimated that there were **786,689** Indigenous Australians as of August 9, 2016. This is around **3.3 per cent** of the Australian population.

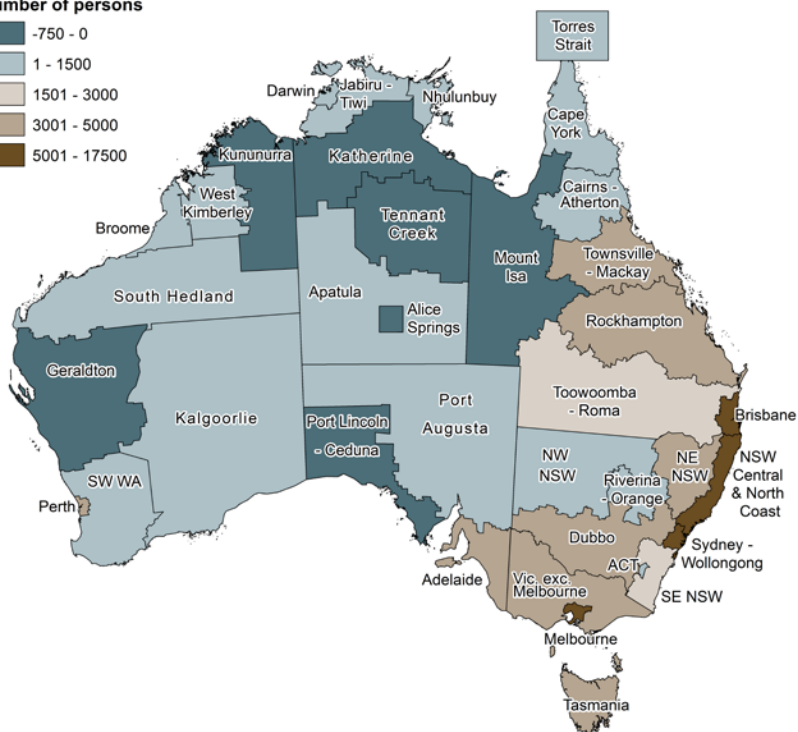
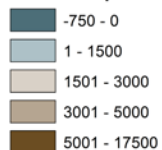
Indigenous population estimates and projections



Growth in the Indigenous count, 2011 - 2016

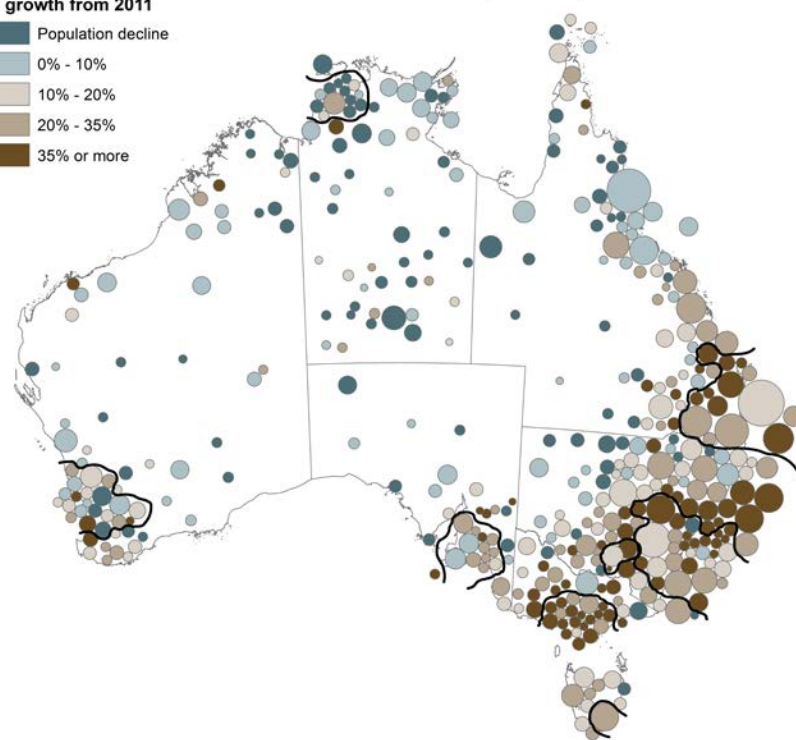
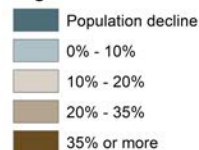
Population change, 2011- 2016

Number of persons

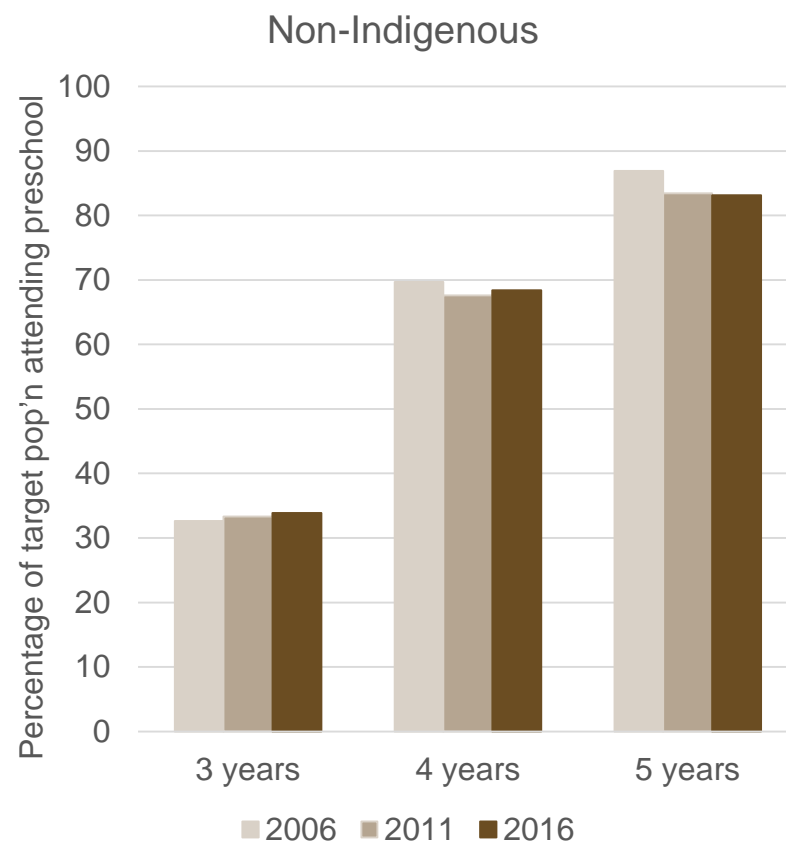
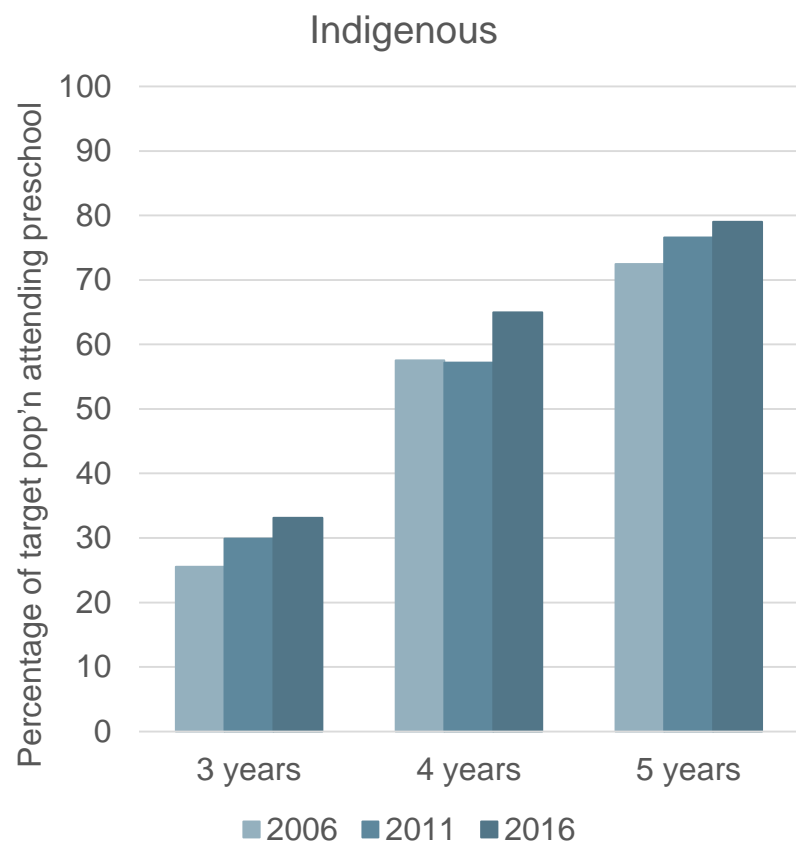


Population change, 2011- 2016 — Greater capital city areas

% growth from 2011

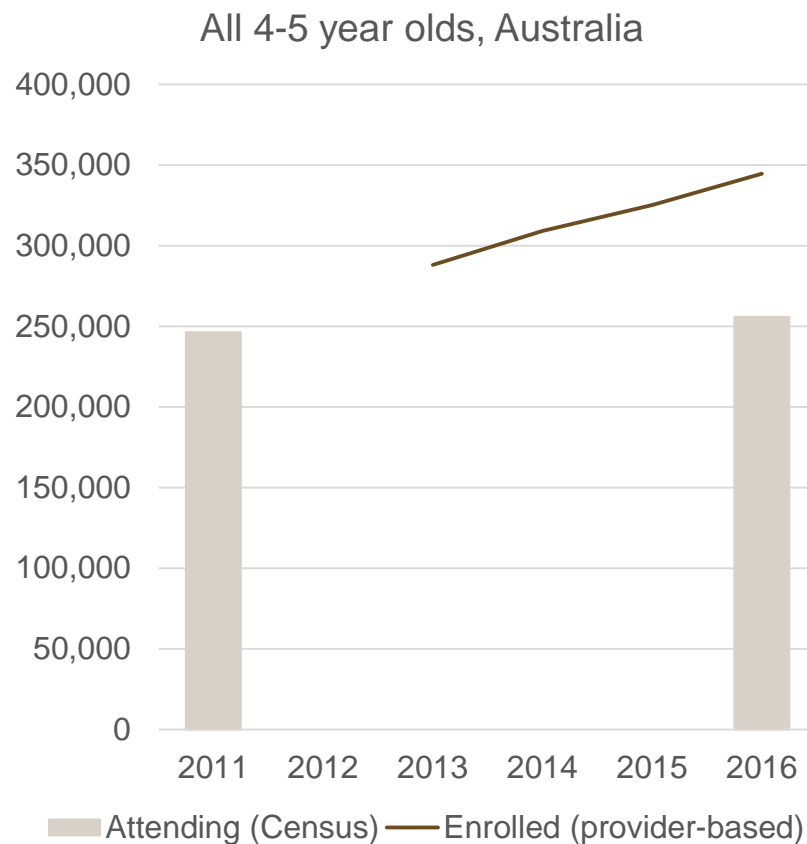
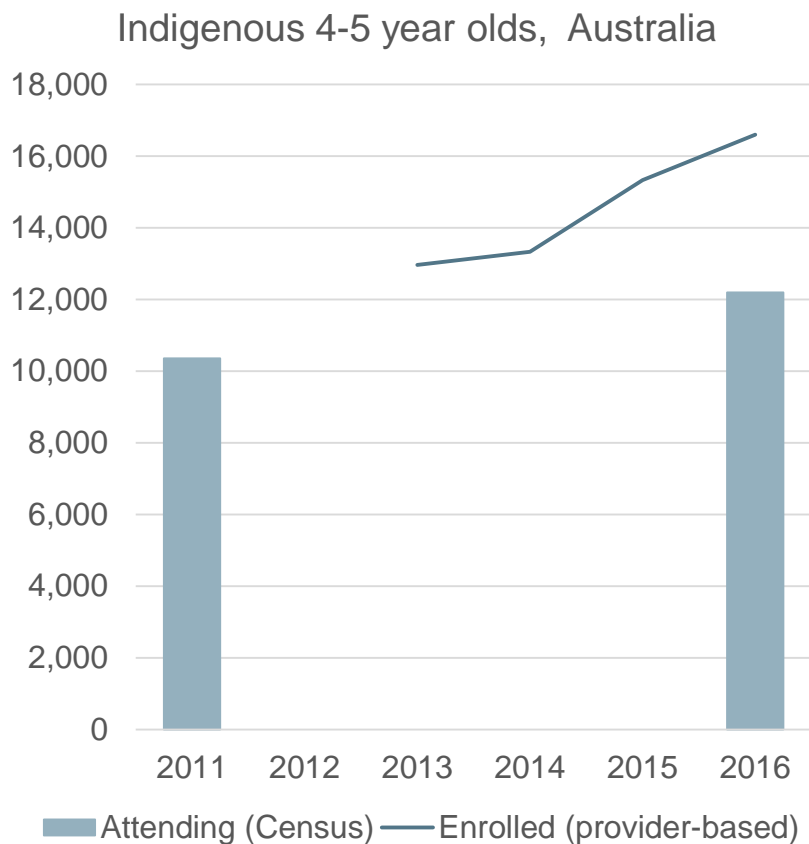


Attending preschool, 3-5 year olds not at school – Census

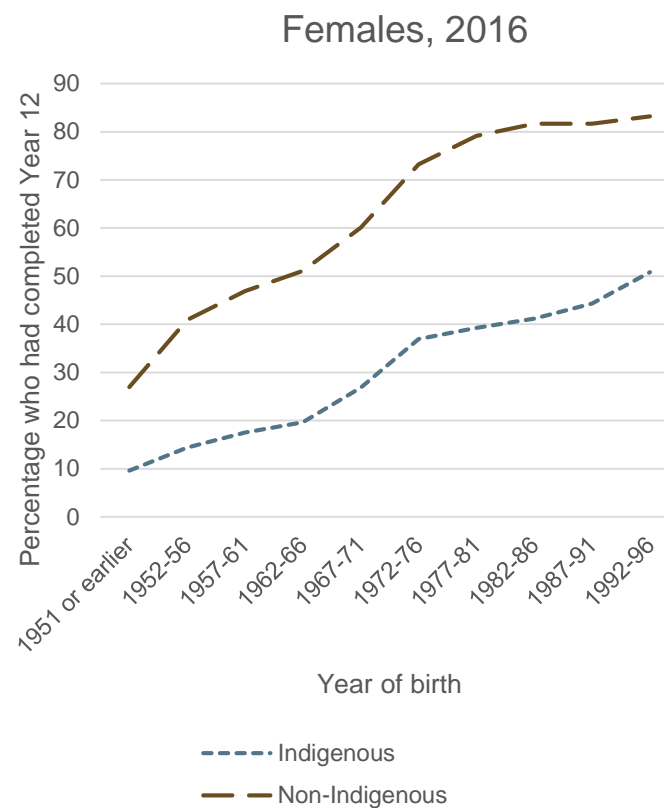
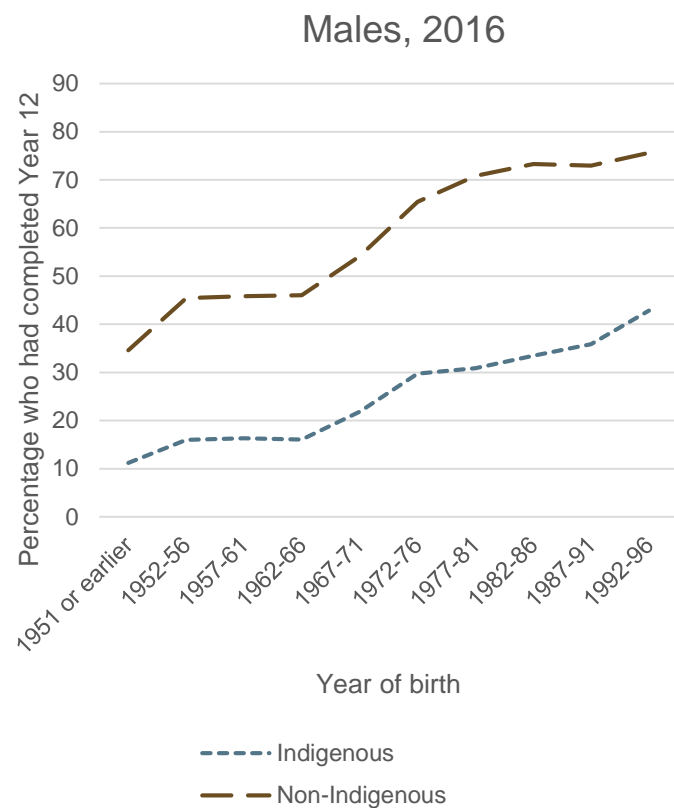




Different preschool measures – Australia

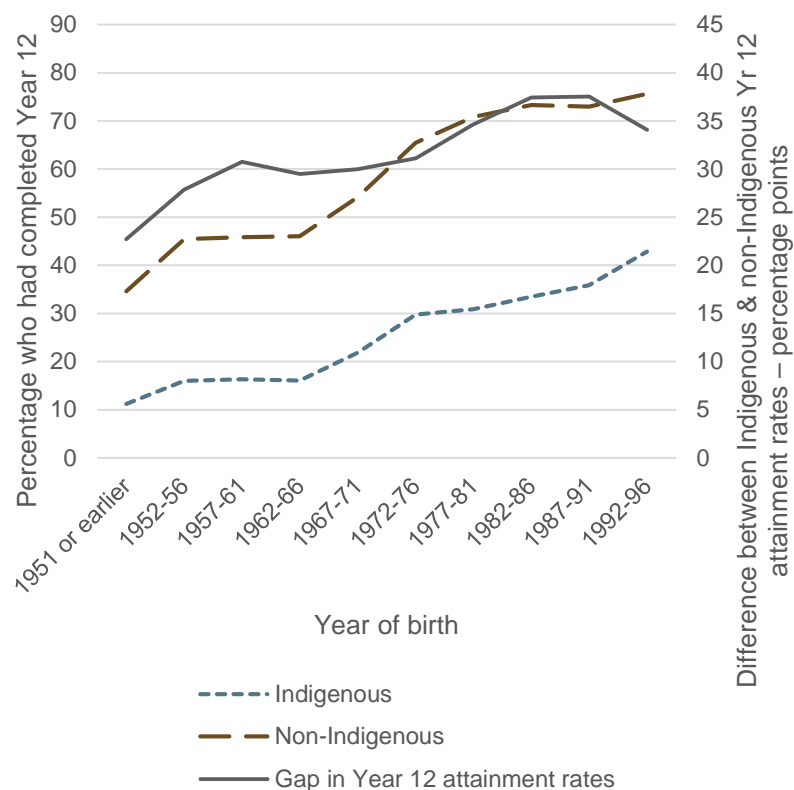


Year 12 completion by age group – Census

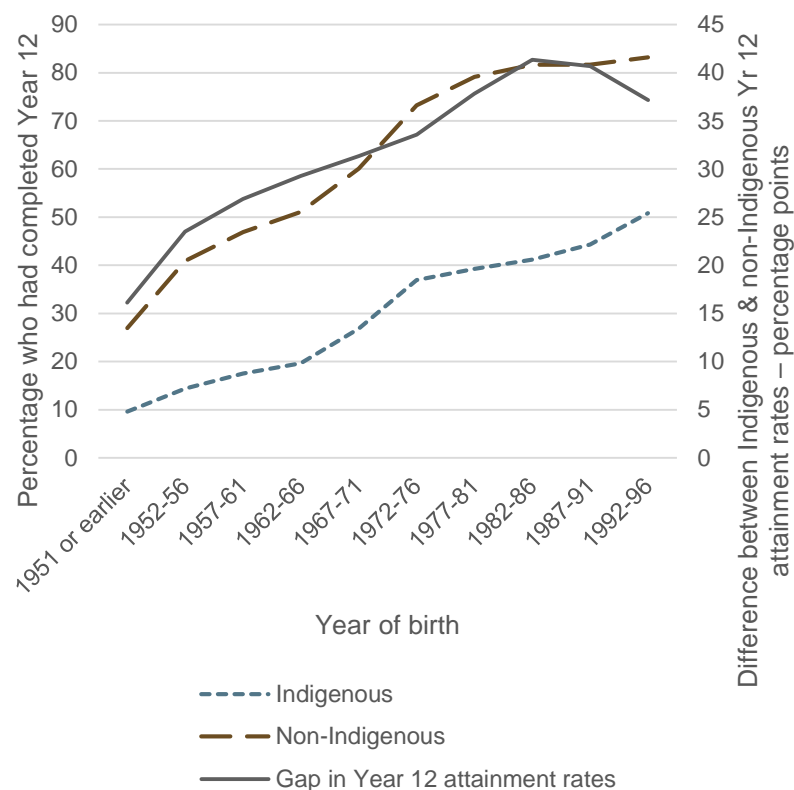


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Males, 2016



Females, 2016



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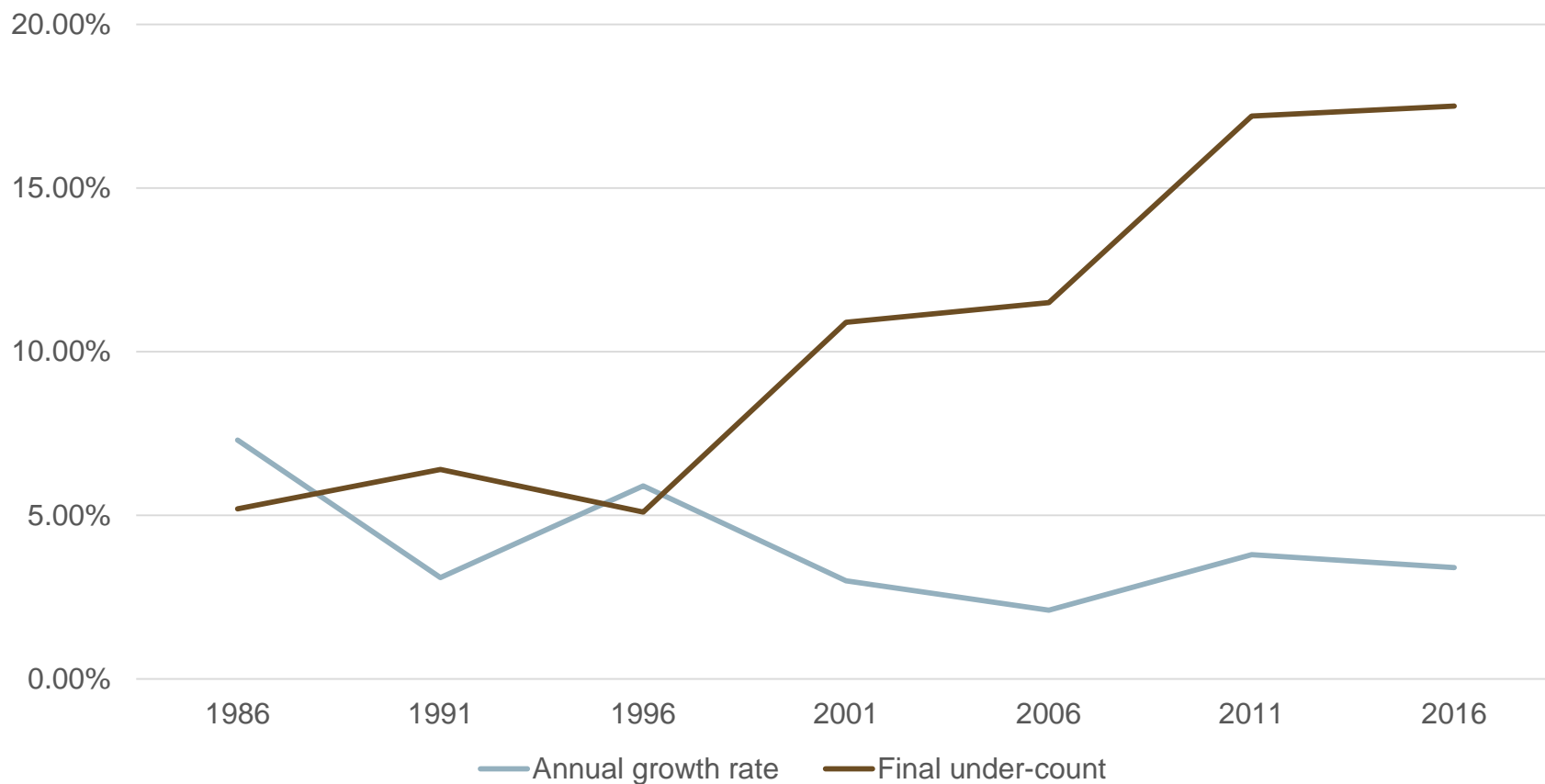
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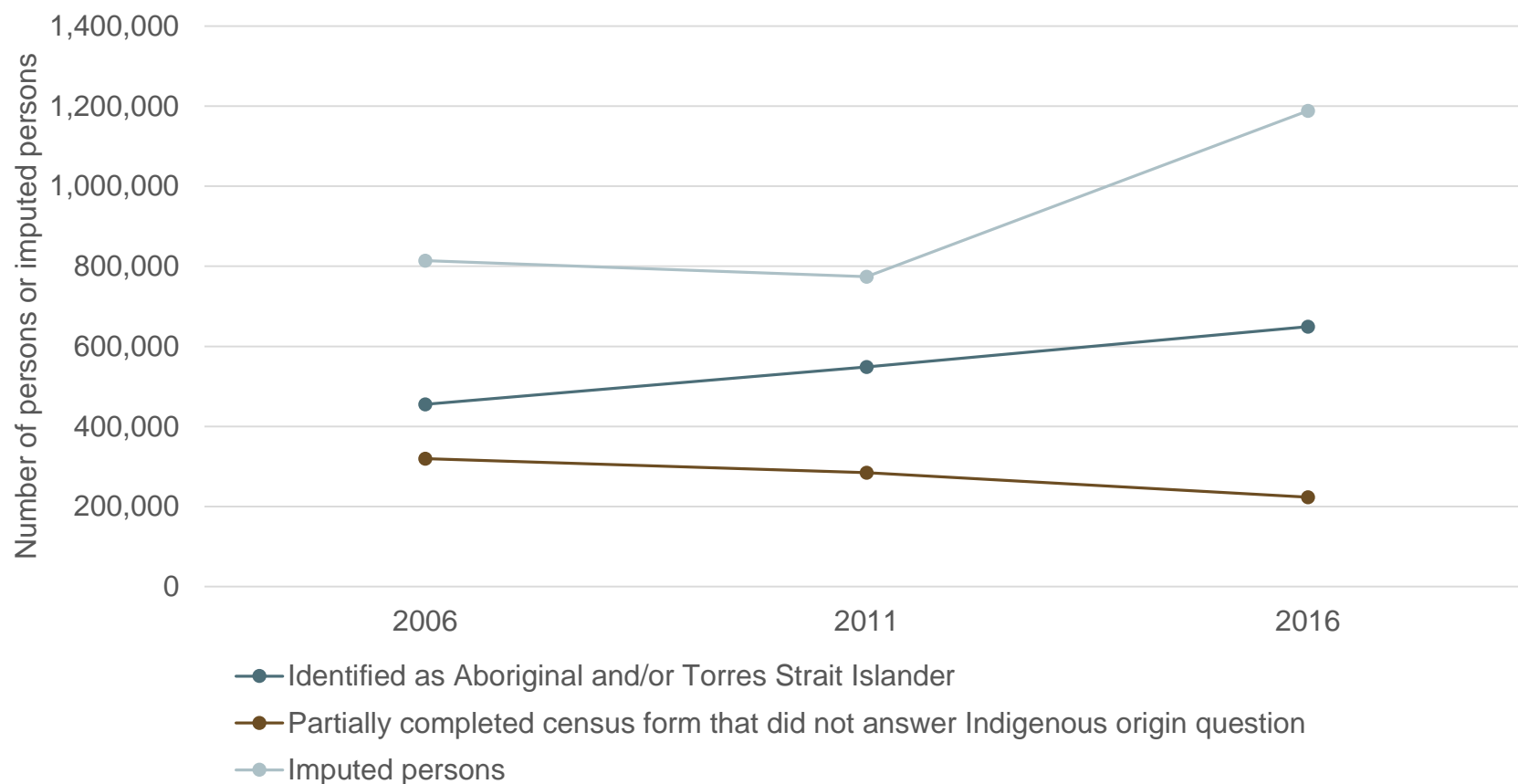
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Indigenous population growth and under-count rate

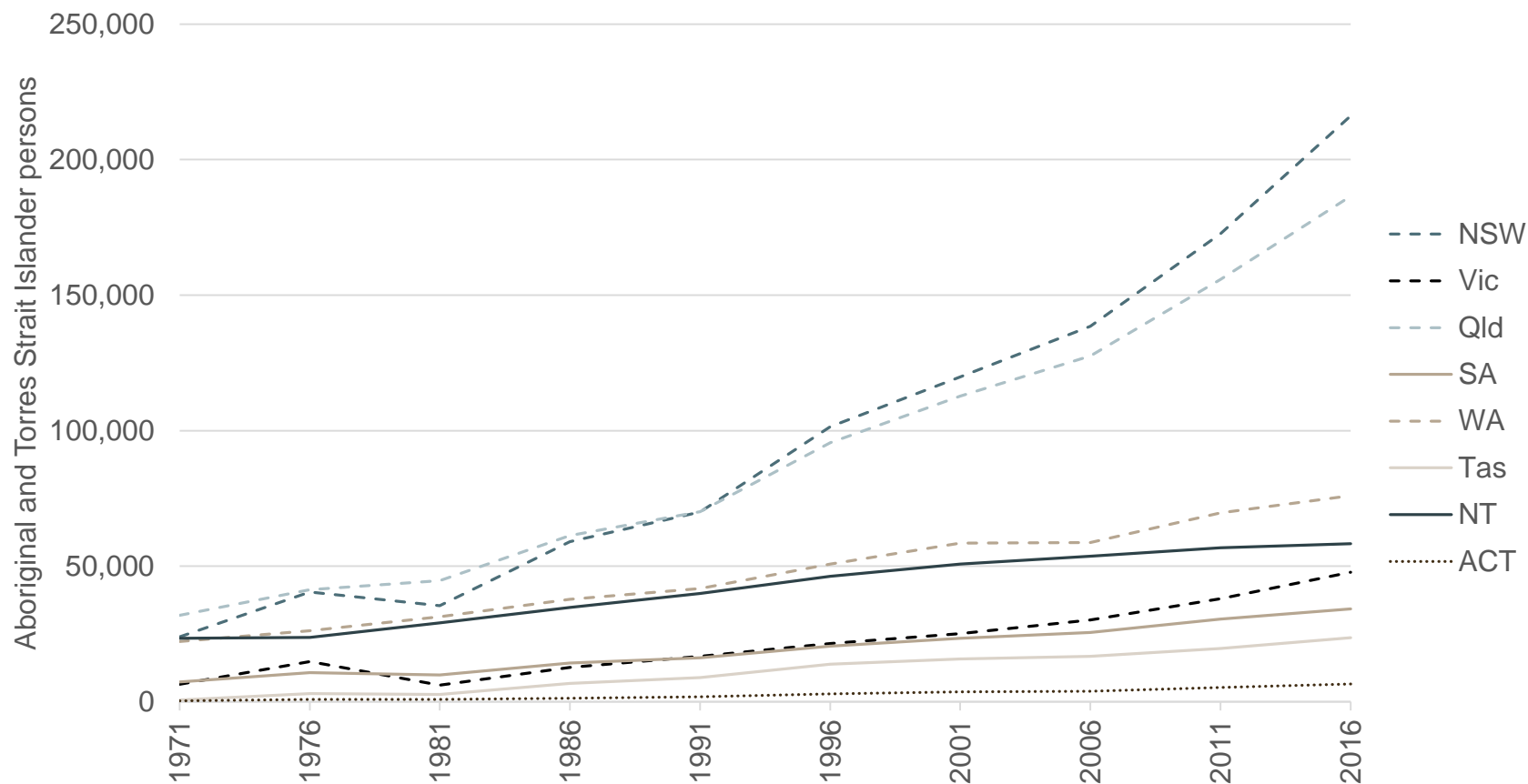


Growth in Indigenous status 'Not Stated', 2006 - 2016



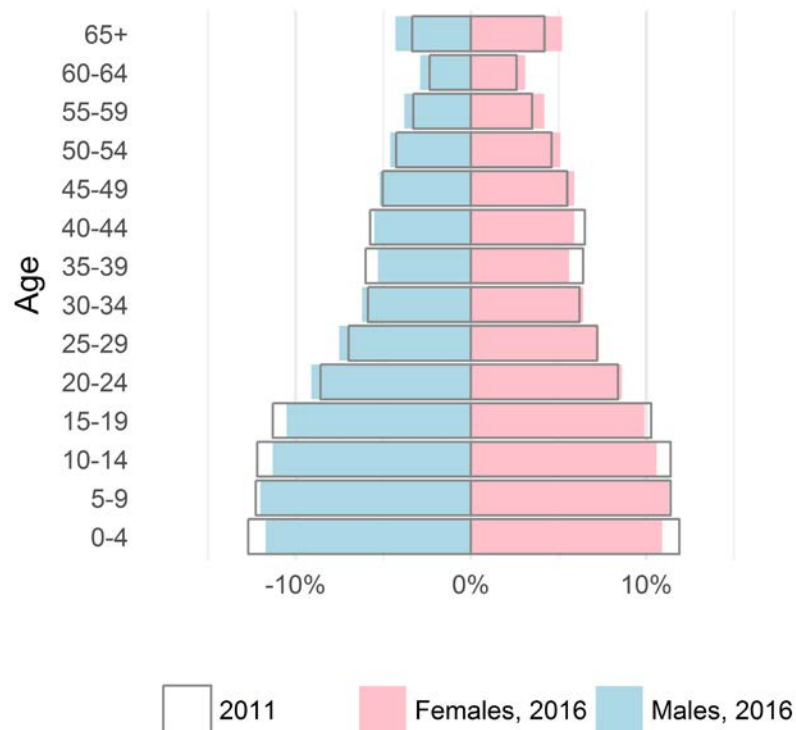


Population growth by state and territory



Population pyramids, 2016 and 2011

Indigenous



Non-Indigenous

