

# City of Merri-bek

2021 Census Results  
City of Merri-bek

Comparison year: 2016  
Benchmark area: Victoria



## community profile

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## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Key statistics

### Key statistics

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - City of Merri-bek	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	
<b>Number of persons usually resident</b>							
<b>Total First Nations population</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	1,084	100.0	0.6	812	100.0	0.5	+2
<b>Population summary</b>							
Total population	1,084	100.0	100.0	812	100.0	100.0	+2
▪ Males	518	47.8	48.7	383	47.2	48.9	+1
▪ Females	566	52.2	51.3	429	52.8	51.1	+1
<b>Indigenous status</b>							
Aboriginal	1,019	93.7	93.7	734	90.6	90.6	+2
Torres Strait Islander	25	2.3	2.3	50	6.2	6.2	-
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	44	4.0	4.0	26	3.2	3.2	+
<b>Dwellings</b>							
Persons counted in non private dwellings	17	--	--	30	--	--	-
Persons counted in private dwellings	1,058	--	--	805	--	--	+2
Occupied private dwellings	737	--	--	517	--	--	+2

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## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Service age groups

The age structure of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of City of Merri-bek provides insights into the demand for age-based services. Typically Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations around Australia have a younger age structure than the total population, but age structures vary greatly between areas.

To get a more complete picture, City of Merri-bek's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Age Structure should be viewed in conjunction with [Household Types](#) and [Highest Level of Schooling](#) information.

### Service age groups

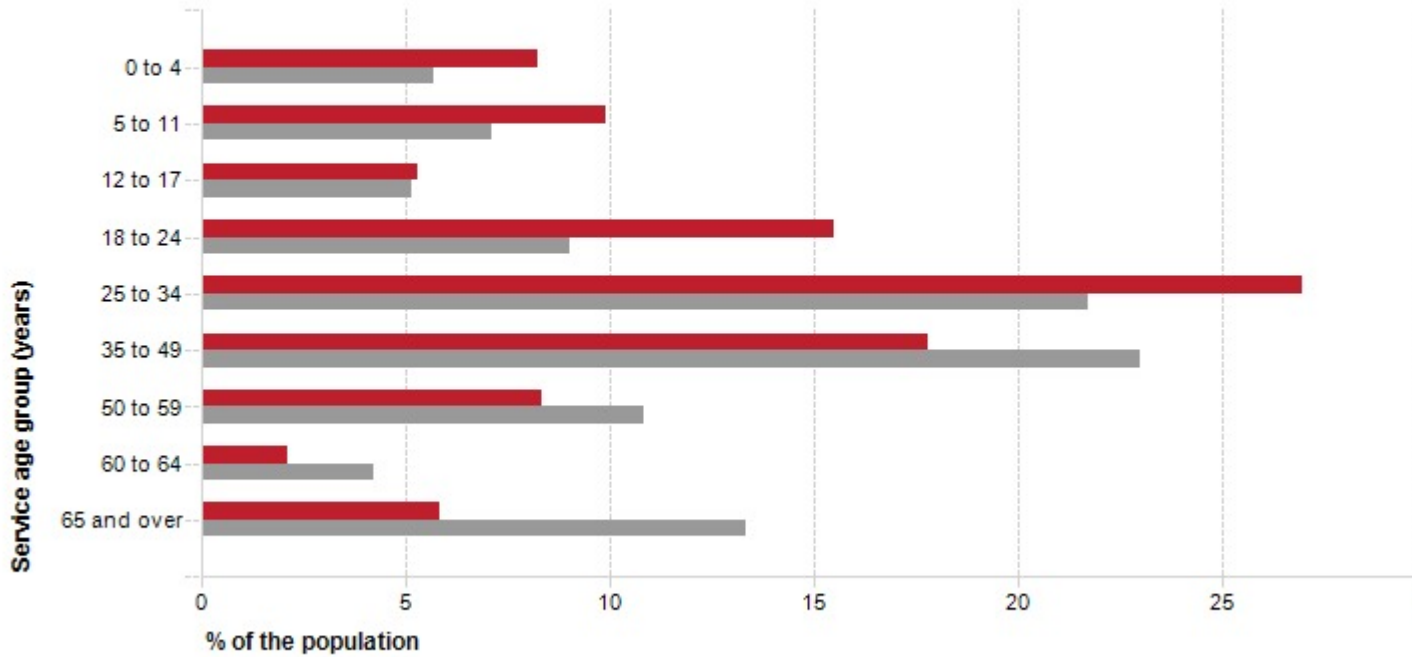
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - City of Merri-bek	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	
Service age group (years)							2016 to 2021
0 to 4	89	8.2	5.7	68	8.3	6.3	+
5 to 11	107	9.9	7.1	82	10.0	7.2	+
12 to 17	57	5.3	5.1	60	7.3	4.9	
18 to 24	167	15.5	9.0	132	16.1	9.9	+
25 to 34	291	27.0	21.7	199	24.3	21.8	+
35 to 49	192	17.8	23.0	137	16.7	22.1	+
50 to 59	90	8.3	10.8	60	7.3	10.2	+
60 to 64	23	2.1	4.2	40	4.9	3.8	-
65 and over	63	5.8	13.3	41	5.0	13.7	+
<b>Total people</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+260</b>

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# Service age groups, 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

■ City of Merri-bek - First Nations ■ City of Merri-bek - Total population

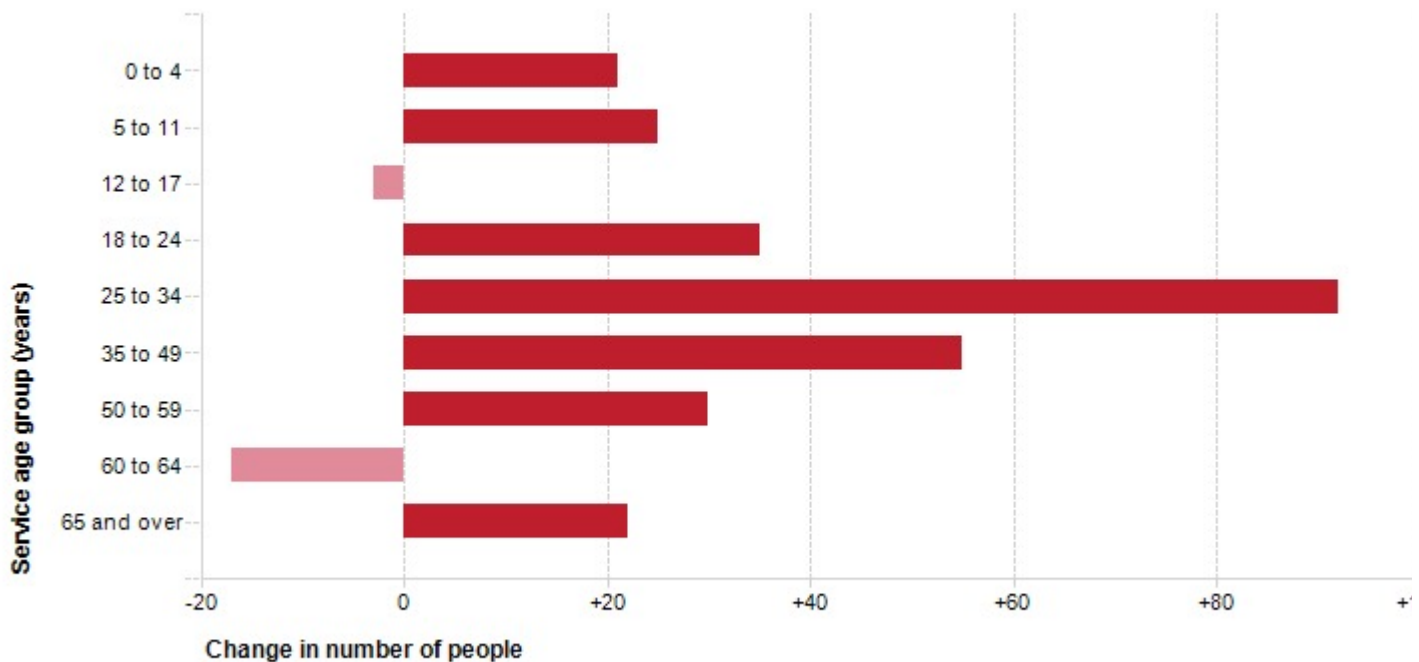


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# Change in service age groups, 2016 to 2021

City of Merri-bek - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service age groups in the City of Merri-bek in 2021 compared to the total population in City of Merri-bek shows that there was a higher proportion of people in the younger age groups (0 to 17 years) and a lower proportion of people in the older age group (65+ years).

Overall, 23.4% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the City of Merri-bek was aged between 0 and 17, and 5.8% were aged 65 years and over, compared with 17.9% and 13.3% respectively for the total population in City of Merri-bek.

**The major differences between the age groups of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the City of Merri-bek and the total population in City of Merri-bek were:**

- A *larger* percentage of people aged 18 to 24 years (15.5% compared to 9.0%)
- A *larger* percentage of people aged 25 to 34 years (27.0% compared to 21.7%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people aged 65 and over years (5.8% compared to 13.3%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people aged 35 to 49 years (17.8% compared to 23.0%)

## Emerging groups

From 2016 to 2021, City of Merri-bek's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population increased by 260 people (31.7%). This represents an average annual population change of 5.67% per year over the period.

**The largest changes in age groups of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in this area between 2016 and 2021 were in the age groups:**

- 25 to 34 (+92 people)
- 35 to 49 (+55 people)
- 18 to 24 (+35 people)
- 50 to 59 (+30 people)

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# City of Merri-bek

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Qualifications

Highest qualification achieved shows the level of qualification, school or non-school, which is the highest that a person has achieved. This topic is useful for looking at the education and work prospects of the First Nations community, how many have completed schooling, and how many have gone on to University or TAFE qualifications.

This is an important indicator of the socio-economic status of the First Nations community in the area, and should be viewed in conjunction with the more detailed [Highest Level of Schooling](#) and [Education Institute Attending](#) variables, well as [Employment Status](#).

### Highest qualification achieved

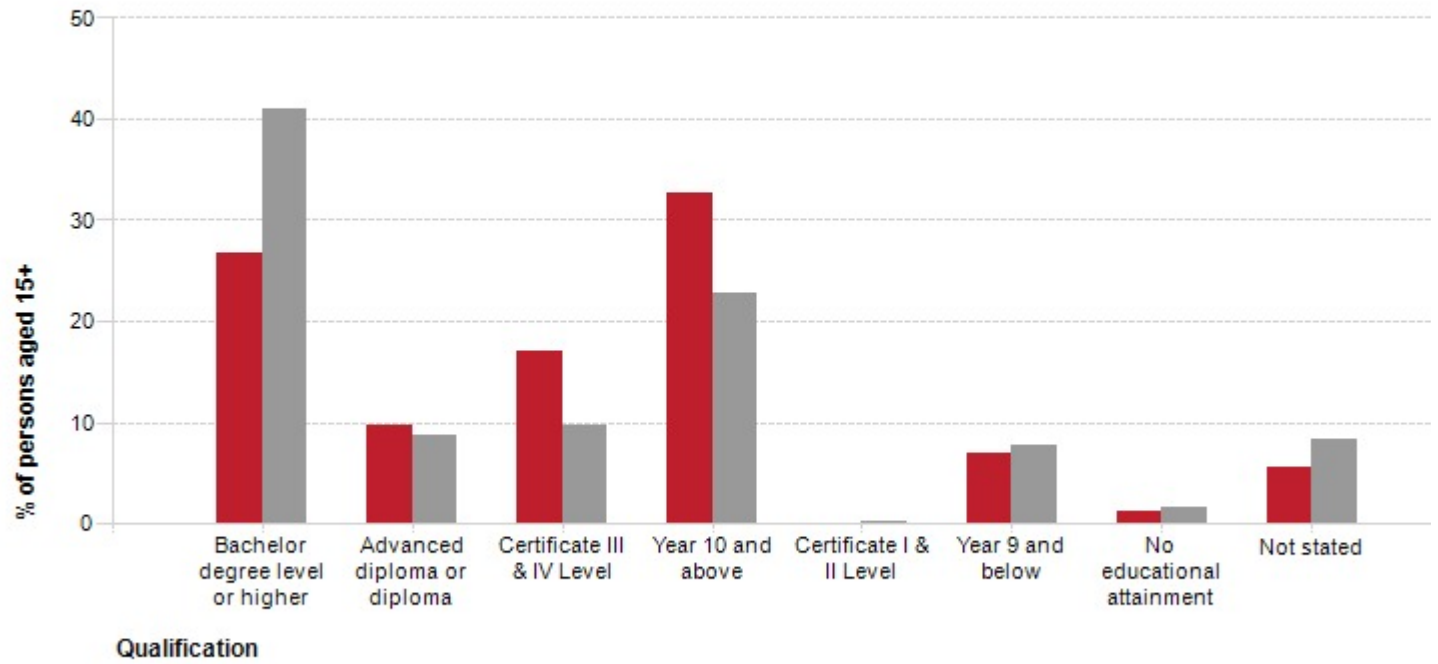
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - City of Merri-bek	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	
Bachelor degree level or higher	232	26.6	41.1	150	24.2	33.6	+
Advanced diploma or diploma	85	9.8	8.8	54	8.7	8.4	+
Certificate III & IV Level	149	17.1	9.7	96	15.5	10.0	+
Year 10 and above	284	32.6	22.8	199	32.1	25.5	+
Certificate I & II Level	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	
Year 9 and below	61	7.0	7.8	45	7.3	9.6	+
No educational attainment	11	1.3	1.6	6	1.0	1.7	
Not stated	49	5.6	8.3	70	11.3	11.1	
<b>Total people aged 15+</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+2</b>

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# Highest qualification achieved, 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

■ City of Merri-bek - First Nations    ■ City of Merri-bek - Total population

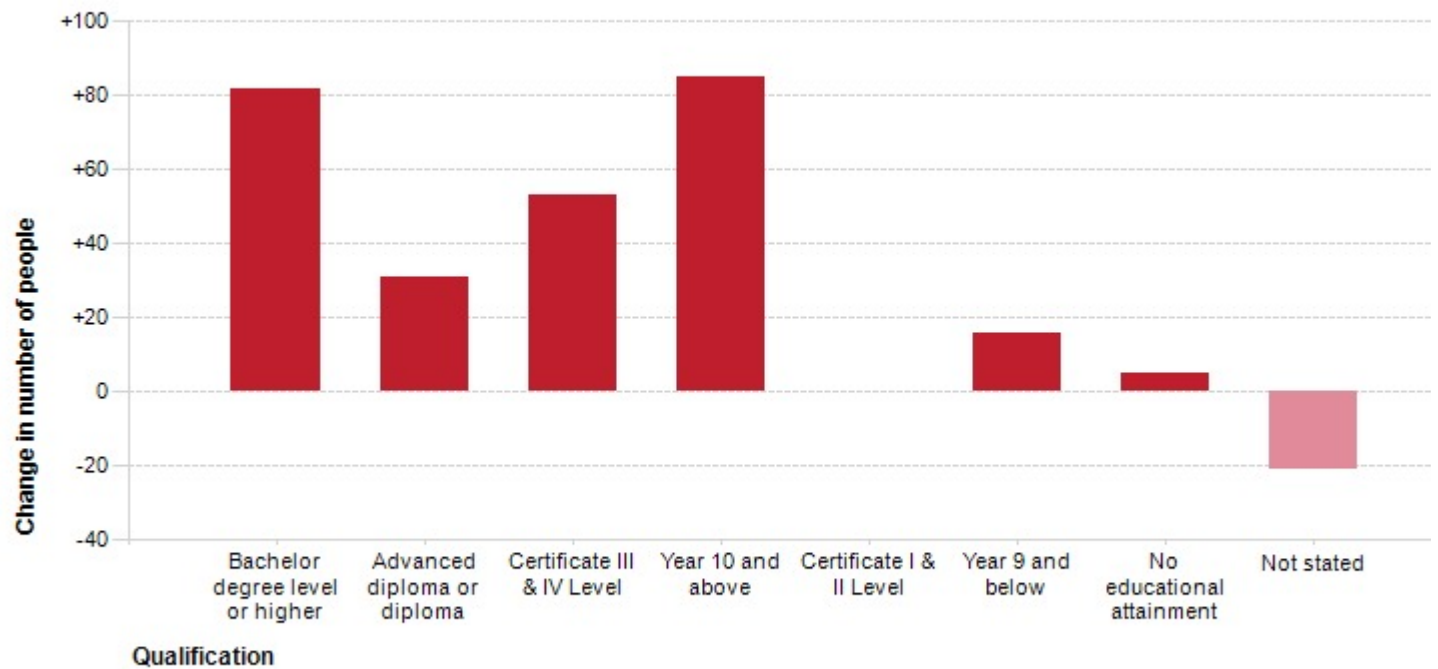


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# Change in highest qualification achieved, 2016 to 2021

City of Merri-bek - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the qualifications of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the City of Merri-bek in 2021 compared to the total population in City of Merri-bek shows that there was a lower proportion of people holding formal qualifications (Bachelor or higher degree; Advanced Diploma or Diploma; or Vocational qualifications), and a similar proportion of people with no formal qualifications.

Overall, 53.5% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 and over held educational qualifications, a 1.3% had no qualifications, compared with 59.5% and 1.6% respectively for the total population in City of Merri-bek.

**The major differences between highest educational attainment held by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of the City of Merri-bek and the total population in City of Merri-bek were:**

- A *larger* percentage of people Year 10 and above (32.6% compared to 22.8%)
- A *larger* percentage of people who completed vocational qualification (17.1% compared to 9.7%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people who completed a bachelor degree level or higher (26.6% compared to 41.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people Not stated (5.6% compared to 8.3%)

## Emerging groups

**The largest changes in highest educational attainment of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the City of Merri-bek between 2016 and 2021 were in those with:**

- Year 10 and above (+85 people)
- who completed a bachelor degree level or higher (+82 people)
- who completed vocational qualification (+53 people)

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# City of Merri-bek

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Highest level of schooling

School completion data is a useful indicator of socio-economic status. With other indicators, such as [Education Institutions Attending](#), the data informs planners and decision-makers about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community's likely literacy levels and ability to access services. Combined with [Highest Education Attainment](#) and [Employment Status](#), it also allows assessment of the skill base of the population.

Due to the young age structure of most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations, there are likely to be a high proportion of people with less than year 12 completion. This may imply a lower education level, but may simply be due to younger age.

### Highest level of secondary schooling completed

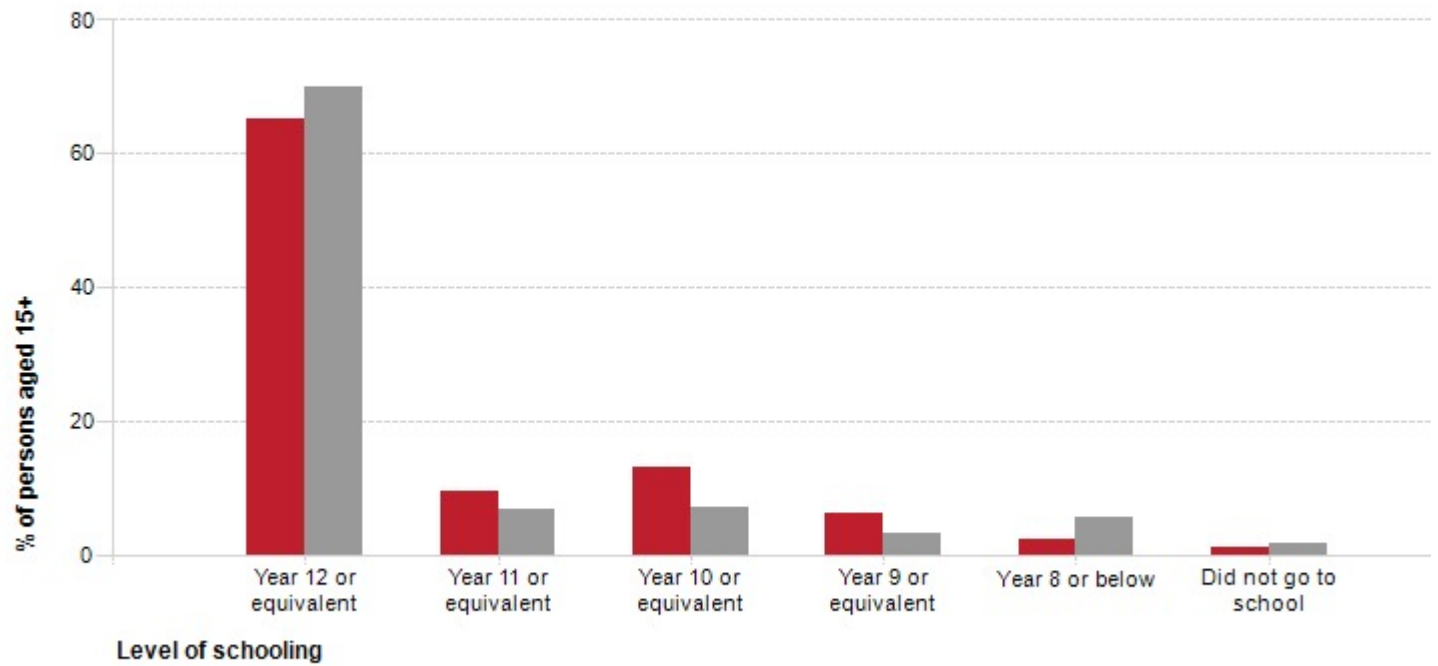
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - City of Merri-bek	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	
Level of schooling							
Year 12 or equivalent	556	65.0	69.9	358	56.8	63.6	+1
Year 11 or equivalent	81	9.5	7.0	71	11.3	7.3	+
Year 10 or equivalent	113	13.2	7.1	89	14.1	8.0	+
Year 9 or equivalent	54	6.3	3.3	32	5.1	3.7	+
Year 8 or below	21	2.5	5.7	29	4.6	7.7	
Did not go to school	11	1.3	1.7	6	1.0	1.9	
Not stated / inadequately described	19	2.2	5.3	45	7.1	7.9	-
<b>Total people</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+2</b>

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## Highest level of schooling completed, 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

■ City of Merri-bek - First Nations ■ City of Merri-bek - Total population

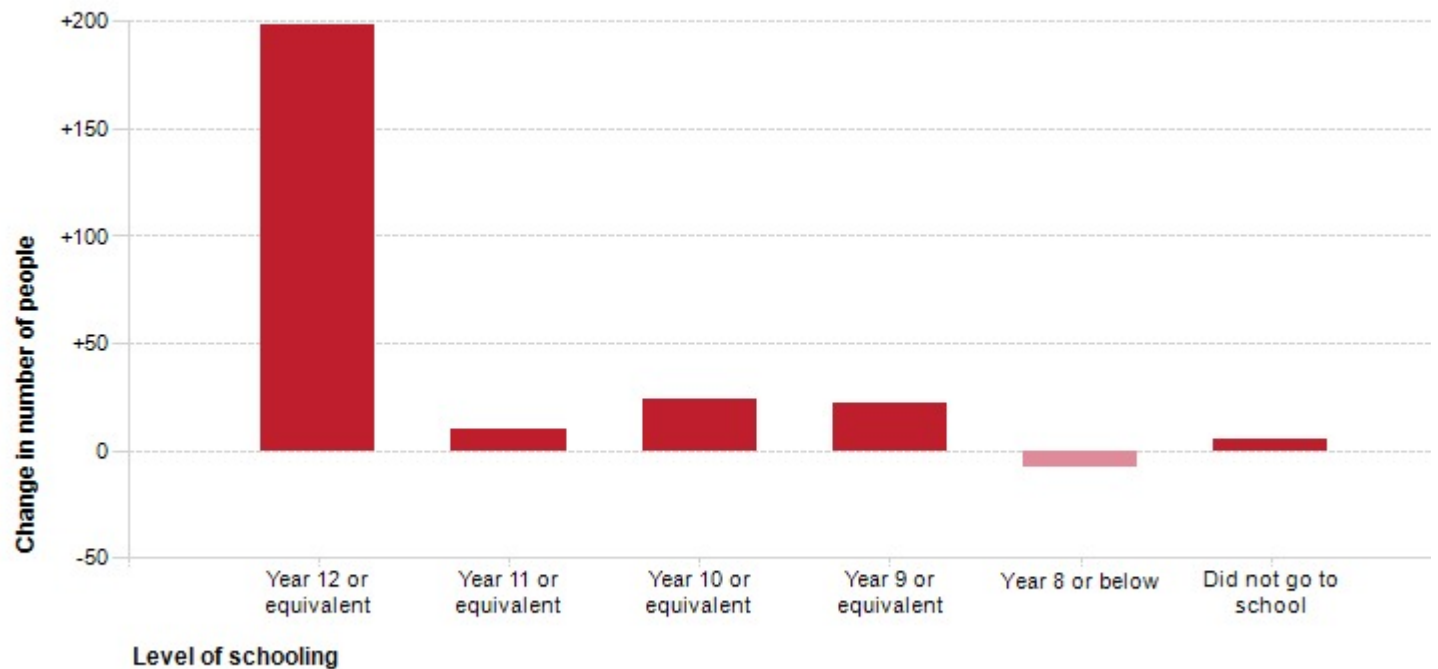


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## Change in highest level of schooling completed, 2016 to 2021

City of Merri-bek - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the highest level of schooling attained by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in the City of Merri-bek 2021 compared to the total population in City of Merri-bek shows that there was a higher proportion of people who left school at an early level (Year 10 or less) and a lower proportion of people who completed Year 12 or equivalent. Overall, 23.3% of the population left school at Year 10 or below, and 65.0% went on to complete Year 12 or equivalent compared with 17.9% and 69.9% respectively for the total population in City of Merri-bek.

**The major differences between the level of schooling attained by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population the City of Merri-bek and the total population in City of Merri-bek were:**

- A *larger* percentage of people who completed year 10 or equivalent (13.2% compared to 7.1%)
- A *larger* percentage of people who completed year 9 or equivalent (6.3% compared to 3.3%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people who completed year 12 or equivalent (65.0% compared to 69.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people who completed year 8 or below (2.5% compared to 5.7%)

## Emerging groups

**The largest change in the level of schooling attained by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the City of Merri-bek, between 2016 and 2021 was:**

- Year 12 or equivalent (+198 people)

# City of Merri-bek

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Education institution attending

The share of City of Merri-bek's first nations population attending educational institutions reflects the age structure of the population, which influences the number of children attending school. Other influences include the proportion of children finishing school, leading to tertiary education, as well as the availability of tertiary education nearby.

First Nations populations are usually younger than the total population. For this reason, first nations populations often have large proportions attending primary or secondary schools. For remote areas, the availability of tertiary education and in some cases secondary education may also be a factor.

This data is often combined with [Age Structure](#) to look at the proportions of each age group attending the type of education relevant for that age group. Also look at [Highest Level of Schooling](#) completed and [Highest Education Attainment](#).

### Education institution attending

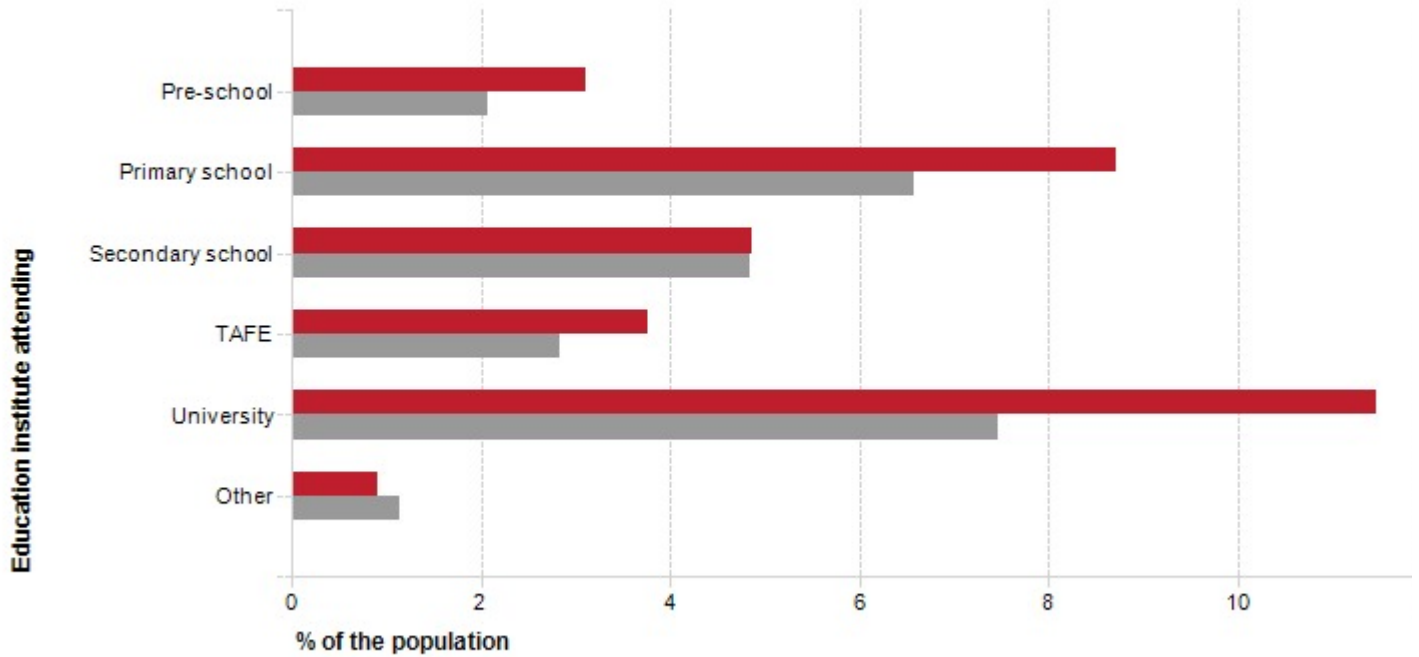
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - City of Merri-bek	2021			2016			Change
Type of institution	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	2016 to 2021
Pre-school	34	3.1	2.1	18	2.2	1.5	+
Primary school	95	8.7	6.6	85	10.3	6.5	+
Secondary school	53	4.9	4.8	50	6.1	4.4	+
TAFE	41	3.8	2.8	30	3.6	1.7	+
University	125	11.5	7.5	69	8.4	8.2	+
Other	10	0.9	1.1	11	1.3	1.1	+
Not attending	713	65.4	70.7	511	62.2	69.8	+2
Not stated	20	1.8	4.4	48	5.8	6.6	-
<b>Total people</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+2</b>

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# Education institution attending, 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

■ City of Merri-bek - First Nations ■ City of Merri-bek - Total population

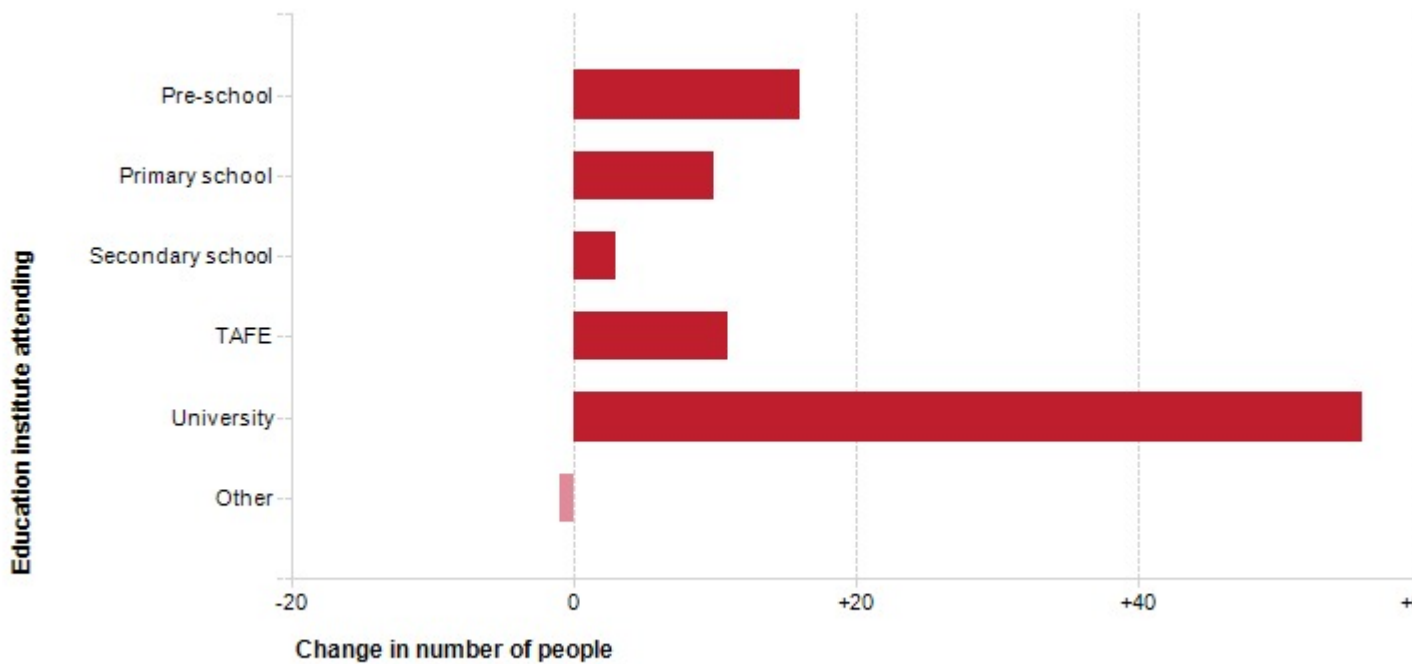


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# Change in education institution attending, 2016 to 2021

City of Merri-bek - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the share of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population attending educational institutions in the City of Merri-bek in 2021 compared to total population in City of Merri-bek shows that there was a higher proportion attending primary school, a similar proportion attending secondary school, and a higher proportion engaged in tertiary level education.

Overall, 8.7% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population were attending primary school, 4.9% of the population were attending secondary institutions, and 15.2% were learning at a tertiary level, compared with 6.6%, 4.8% and 10.3% respectively for the total population in City of Merri-bek.

**The major differences between the share of the population attending learning institutions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the City of Merri-bek and the total population in City of Merri-bek was:**

- A *larger* percentage of people attending university (11.5% compared to 7.5%)
- A *larger* percentage of people attending primary school (8.7% compared to 6.6%)
- A *larger* percentage of people attending pre-school (3.1% compared to 2.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people not attending (65.4% compared to 70.7%)

## Emerging groups

From 2016 to 2021, City of Merri-bek's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population increased by 269 people (+32.7%). This represents an average annual change of 5.83% per year over the period.

**The largest changes in the number of people attending education institutions in the City of Merri-bek, between 2016 and 2021 were in those who nominated:**

- University (+56 people)
- Pre-school (+16 people)
- TAFE (+11 people)
- Primary school (+10 people)

# City of Merri-bek

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Employment status

Employment statistics are an important indicator of socio-economic status, as well as the availability of jobs. The level of full or part-time employment, unemployment and labour force participation among the First Nations population indicate the availability of jobs, and the match of skill levels within the population to the jobs available. A high unemployment rate or a low participation rate may indicate a relatively disadvantaged population unable to access community infrastructure.

Employment status is linked to a number of factors including [Age Structure](#), which influences the number of people in the workforce; the economic base and employment opportunities available in the area and the education and skill base of the population ([Occupations](#), [Qualifications](#)).

### Employment status

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - City of Merri-bek	2021			2016			Change
Employment status	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	2016 to 2021
Employed	551	94.8	95.0	359	87.3	93.1	+1
▪ Employed full-time	330	56.8	57.2	228	55.5	58.0	+1
▪ Employed part-time or hours not stated	193	33.2	32.9	110	26.8	30.5	+
▪ Employed, away from work	28	4.8	4.9	21	5.1	4.6	
Unemployed (Unemployment rate)	30	5.2	5.0	52	12.7	6.9	-
▪ Looking for full-time work	20	3.4	2.7	32	7.8	3.7	-
▪ Looking for part-time work	10	1.7	2.3	20	4.9	3.2	-
<b>Total labour force</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+1</b>

### Labour force status

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - City of Merri-bek	2021			2016			Change
Labour force status	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	2016 to 2021
Total labour force (Participation rate)	581	68.4	67.7	411	64.5	63.2	+1
Not in the labour force	255	30.0	27.7	197	30.9	30.6	+
Labour force status not stated	14	1.6	4.7	29	4.6	6.2	-
<b>Total people aged 15+</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+2</b>

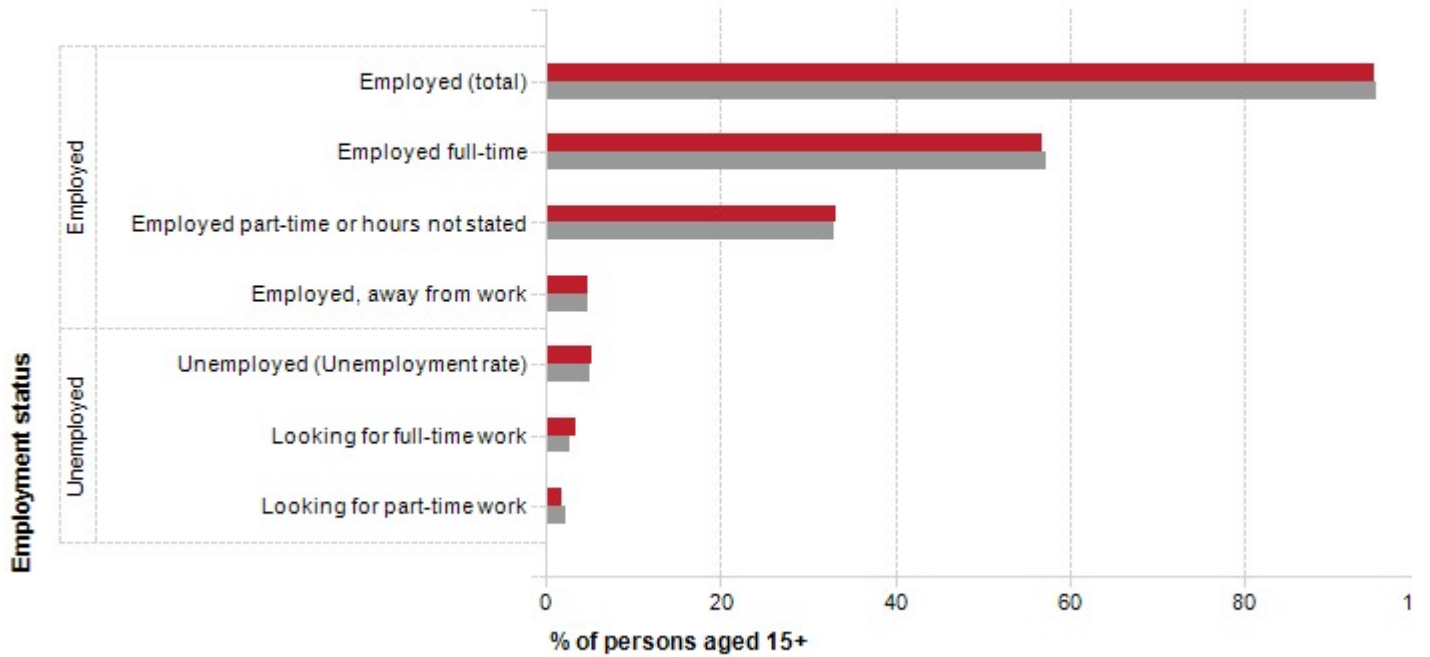
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# Employment status, 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

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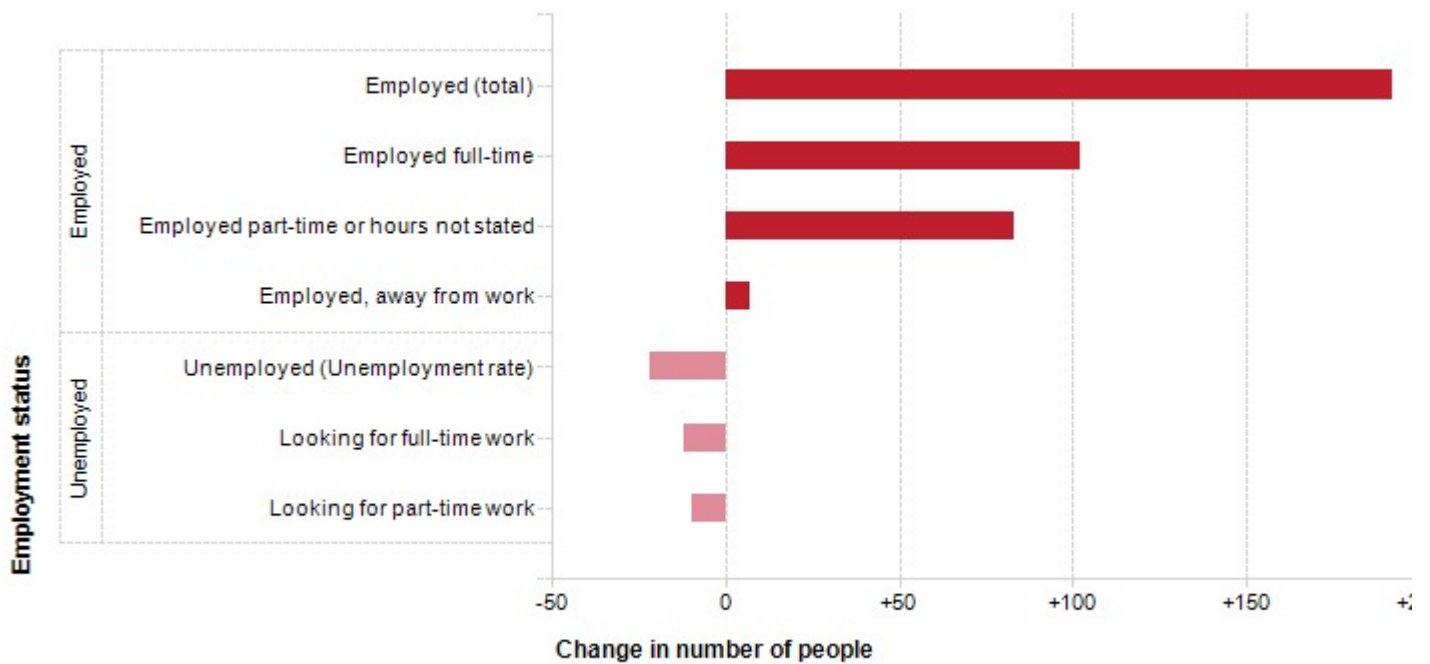


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# Change in employment status, 2016 to 2021

City of Merri-bek - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



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## Emerging groups

The size of the City of Merri-bek's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander labour force in 2021 was 581 people, of which 193 were employed part-time and 330 were full-time workers.

Analysis of the employment status (as a percentage of the labour force) of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the City of Merri-bek in 2021 compared to total population of City of Merri-bek shows that there was a similar proportion in employment, as well as a similar proportion unemployed. The unemployed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander labour force was 5.2%, compared with 5.0% of the total population in City of Merri-bek.

The labour force participation rate refers to the proportion of the population over 15 years of age that was employed or actively looking for work.

Analysis of the labour force participation rate of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the City of Merri-bek in 2021 shows that there was a higher proportion in the labour force (68.4%) compared with the total population of City of Merri-bek (67.7%).

## Emerging groups

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employed in the City of Merri-bek showed an increase of 192 people and the number unemployed showed a decrease of 22 people. In the same period the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the labour force showed an increase of 170 people, or 41.4%.

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## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Occupations of employe

Occupation statistics quantify the occupations in which the first nations residents work. The work locations may be within the local area or elsewhere. Only the employed population are counted in the occupation table (those unemployed or not in the labour force don't have an occupation).

Occupations are broadly classified by education/skill level, with the more highly skilled managerial and professional occupations being at the top of the list, while labourers form the lowest level of the list.

The occupations of the first nations population will be influenced by the economic base and employment opportunities available in the area, education levels, and the working and social aspirations of the population. When viewed with other indicators, such as [Highest Education Attainment](#) and [Employment Status](#), Occupation is a key measure for evaluating City of Merri-bek's socio-economic status and skill base.

### Occupation of employment

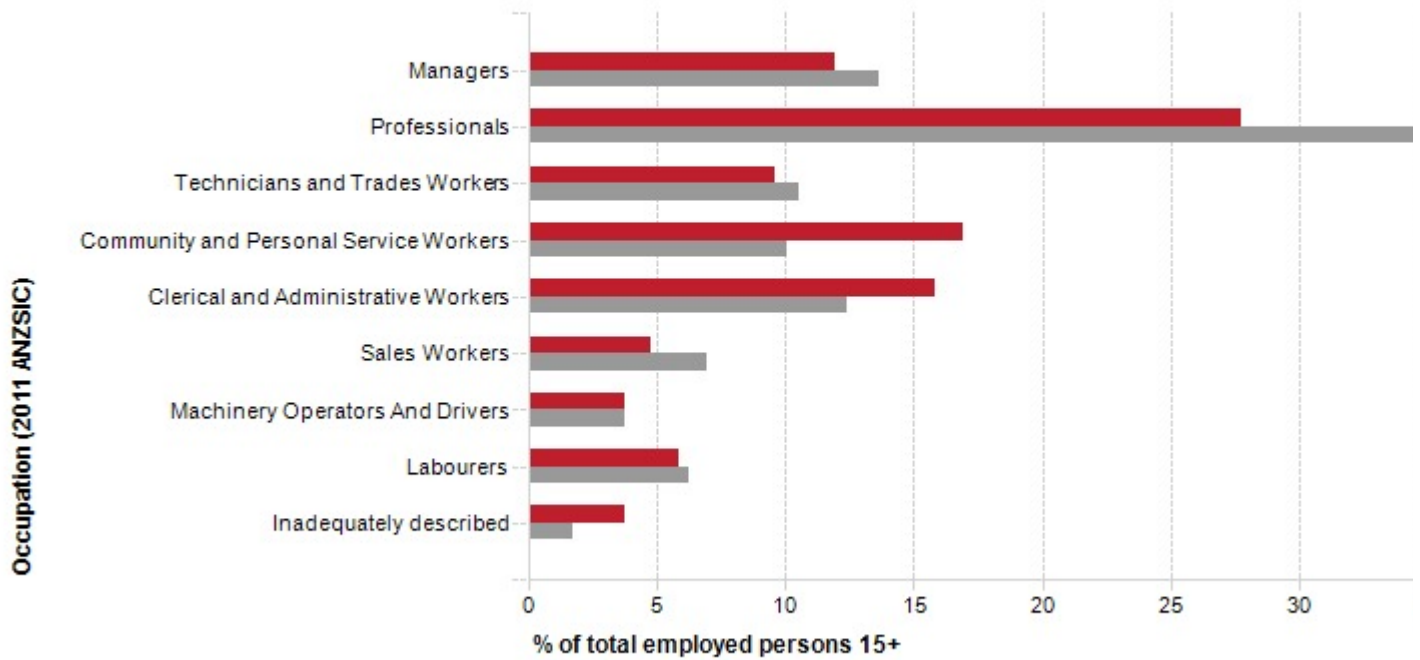
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - City of Merri-bek	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	
Managers	67	11.9	13.6	37	10.4	12.2	+
Professionals	156	27.7	34.7	105	29.6	31.1	+
Technicians and Trades Workers	54	9.6	10.5	32	9.0	11.5	+
Community and Personal Service Workers	95	16.9	10.0	48	13.5	10.2	+
Clerical and Administrative Workers	89	15.8	12.4	59	16.6	13.5	+
Sales Workers	27	4.8	6.9	20	5.6	8.5	
Machinery Operators And Drivers	21	3.7	3.7	10	2.8	4.2	+
Labourers	33	5.9	6.2	32	9.0	7.1	
Inadequately described	21	3.7	1.8	12	3.4	1.7	
<b>Total employed people aged 15+</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+2</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

# Occupation of employment, 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

■ City of Merri-bek - First Nations ■ City of Merri-bek - Total population



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Usual residence data)  
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# Change in occupation of employment, 2016 to 2021

City of Merri-bek - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data)  
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## Dominant groups

An analysis of the jobs held by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resident population in City of Merri-bek in 2021 shows the three most popular occupations were:

- Professionals (156 people or 27.7%)
- Community and Personal Service Workers (95 people or 16.9%)
- Clerical and Administrative Workers (89 people or 15.8%)

In combination these three occupations accounted for 340 people in total or 60.4% of the employed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resident population.

**The major differences between the occupations held by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of the City of Merri-bek and the total population of City of Merri-bek were:**

- A *larger* percentage of people employed as Community and Personal Service Workers (16.9% compared to 10.0%)
- A *larger* percentage of people employed as Clerical and Administrative Workers (15.8% compared to 12.4%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people employed as Professionals (27.7% compared to 34.7%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people employed as Sales Workers (4.8% compared to 6.9%)

## Emerging groups

The number of employed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in City of Merri-bek increased by 208 between 2016 and 2021.

**The largest change in the occupations held by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents between 2016 and 2021 in the City of Merri-bek was for those employed as:**

- Professionals (+51 people)

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# City of Merri-bek

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Household income

Households form the common 'economic unit' in our society. City of Merri-bek's First Nations household income is one of the most important indicators of socio-economic status of the First Nations population. Higher household incomes enable households to participate in society and escape poverty traps. Lower household incomes for the First Nations households of an area can indicate lower socio-economic status.

The incomes presented on this page are for the latest Census year only, due to the change in collection ranges each Census, they can't be directly compared over time.

Please note that this table counts First Nations households, which are households containing one or more Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander persons at home on Census night. Household income can be contributed by all members of the household, which may include both First Nations and non-First Nations persons.

To get a clearer picture of the income and socio-economic status of the First Nations population, household income data should be viewed in conjunction with [Household Type](#), [Age Structure](#), and [Tenure](#).

### Weekly household income

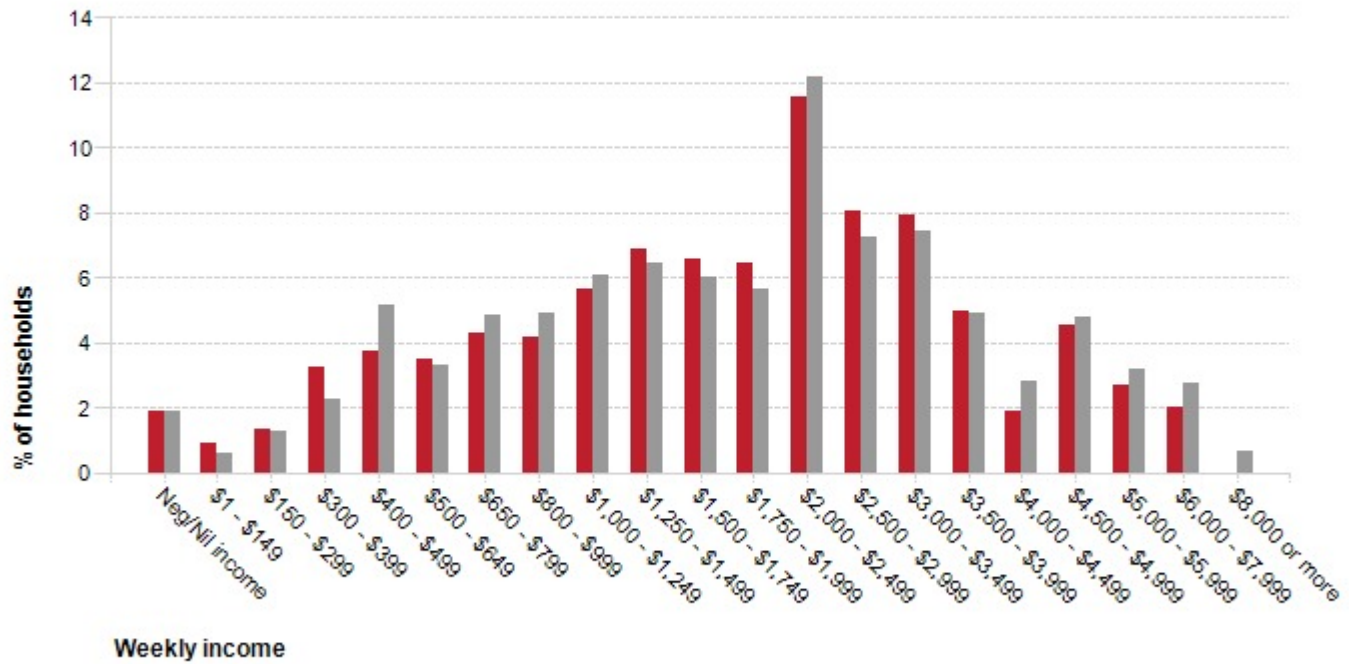
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households - City of Merri-bek	2021		
	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population
Weekly income			
Neg/Nil income	14	1.9	
\$1 - \$149	7	0.9	
\$150 - \$299	10	1.3	
\$300 - \$399	24	3.2	
\$400 - \$499	28	3.8	
\$500 - \$649	26	3.5	
\$650 - \$799	32	4.3	
\$800 - \$999	31	4.2	
\$1,000 - \$1,249	42	5.6	
\$1,250 - \$1,499	51	6.9	
\$1,500 - \$1,749	49	6.6	
\$1,750 - \$1,999	48	6.5	
\$2,000 - \$2,499	86	11.6	1.1
\$2,500 - \$2,999	60	8.1	
\$3,000 - \$3,499	59	7.9	
\$3,500 - \$3,999	37	5.0	
\$4,000 - \$4,499	14	1.9	
\$4,500 - \$4,999	34	4.6	
\$5,000 - \$5,999	20	2.7	
\$6,000 - \$7,999	15	2.0	
\$8,000 or more	0	0.0	
Not stated	57	7.7	
<b>Total households</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing 2021](#) (Enumerated data). Compiled and presented in profile by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

# Weekly household income, 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

■ City of Merri-bek - First Nations ■ City of Merri-bek - Total population



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Usual residence data)  
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## Dominant groups

Analysis of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander household income levels in the City of Merri-bek in 2021 compared to total household income levels in City of Merri-bek shows that there was a smaller proportion of high income households (those earning \$2,500 per week or more) and a similar proportion of low income households (those earning less than \$650 per week).

Overall, 32.1% of the households earned a high income, and 14.7% were low income households, compared with 33.8% and 14.5% respectively for total households in City of Merri-bek.

**The major differences between incomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households City of Merri-bek and total households of City of Merri-bek were:**

- A *larger* percentage of households who earned Not stated (7.7% compared to 5.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households who earned \$400 - \$499 (3.8% compared to 5.2%)

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# City of Merri-bek

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Household types

The household and family structure of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population is one of the most important demographic indicators. It provides insights into the level of demand for services and facilities targeted at particular household types, and the structure of the First Nations community. Across Australia, First Nations households are more likely to be larger families and one parent families, but this varies from area to area, so it is important to compare to other populations across geographic benchmarks.

Please note that this is a household topic. Households are counted as First Nations if they contain one or more Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons present on Census night, who are usual residents of the household. First Nations households cannot be visitor only or other non-classifiable households, so those categories are excluded from this topic. For that reason, percentage distributions may not match those in the main household types page of profile.id, which includes these categories.

To continue building the story, First Nations household type should be viewed in conjunction with [Household Size, Age Structure](#) and [Number of Bedrooms](#).

### Household types

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households - City of Merri-bek	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	
<b>Households by type</b>							
Couples with children	98	13.3	27.0	86	16.6	28.6	+
Couples without children	165	22.4	24.8	111	21.4	24.5	+
One parent families	132	17.9	8.9	102	19.7	9.0	+
Other families	20	2.7	1.6	20	3.9	1.9	
Group households	168	22.8	8.1	108	20.8	9.0	+
Lone persons	154	20.9	29.5	92	17.7	27.0	+
<b>Total households</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+218</b>

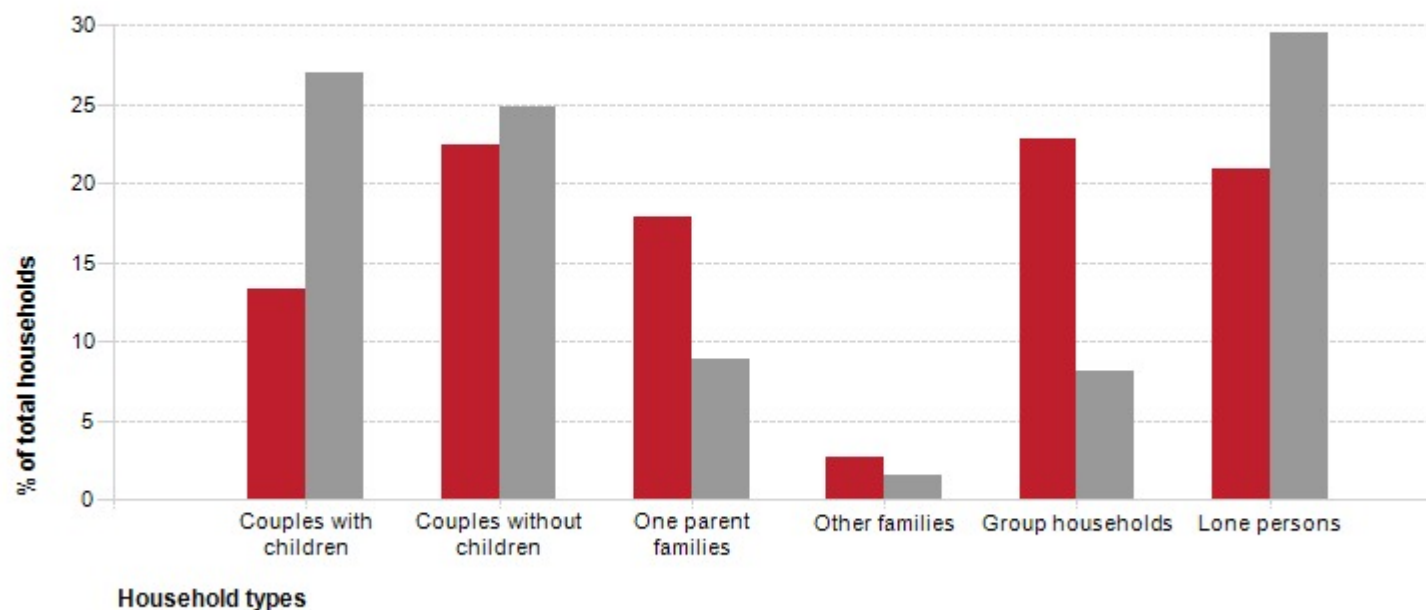
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by [.id](#) (informed decisions).



## Household types, 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households

■ City of Merri-bek - First Nations ■ City of Merri-bek - Total population

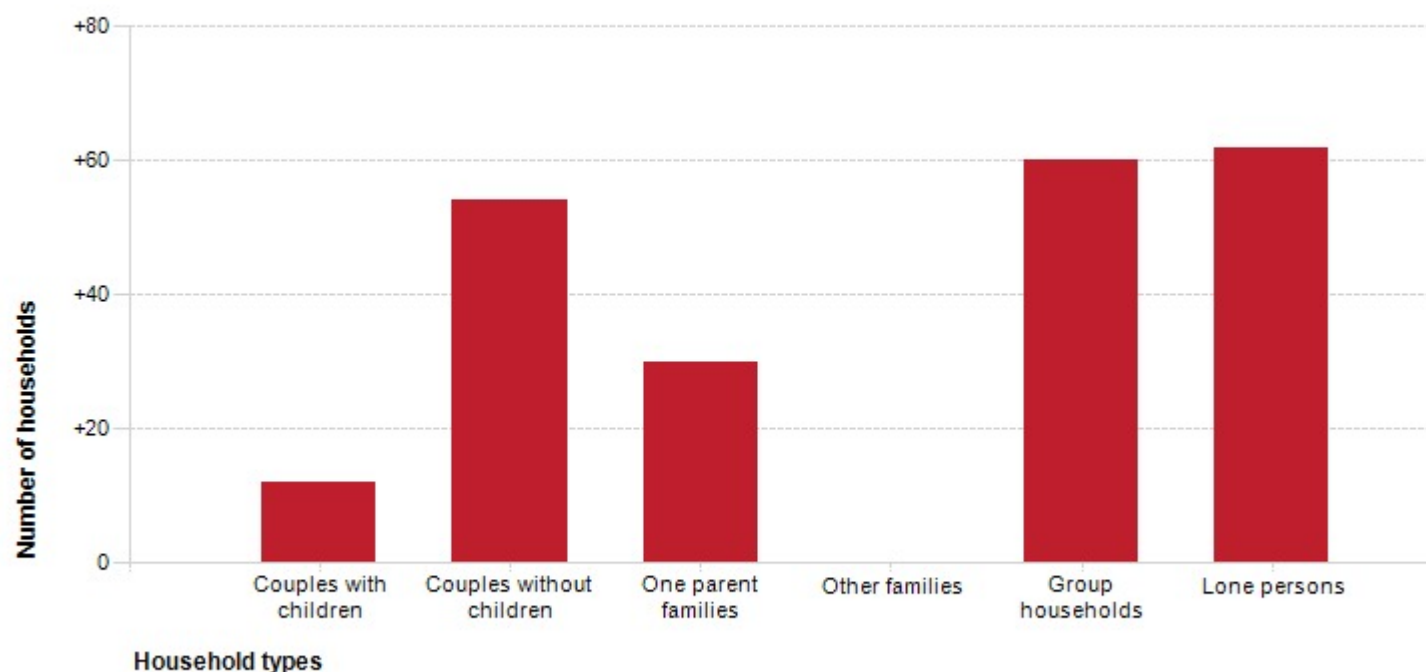


Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021* (Usual residence data)  
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## Change in household types, 2016 to 2021

City of Merri-bek - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021* (Usual residence data)  
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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander household types in the City of Merri-bek in 2021 compared to the total population in City of Merri-bek shows that there was a lower proportion of couple families with child(ren) as well as a higher proportion of one-parent families. Overall, 13.3% of total families were couple families with child(ren), and 17.9% were one-parent families, compared with 27.0% and 8.9% respectively for the total population in City of Merri-bek.

There were a lower proportion of lone person households and a lower proportion of couples without children. Overall the proportion of lone person households was 20.9% compared to 29.5% in the total population in City of Merri-bek while the proportion of couples without children was 22.4% compared to 24.8% in the total population in City of Merri-bek.

## Emerging groups

The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households in City of Merri-bek increased by 218 between 2016 and 2021.

**The largest changes in family/household types of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the City of Merri-bek between 2016 and 2021 were:**

- Lone persons (+62 households)
- Group households (+60 households)
- Couples without children (+54 households)

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# City of Merri-bek

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Housing tenure

Housing Tenure data provides an insight into the socio-economic status of the First Nations community and what housing role the area plays in the community. For example, in some areas, the First Nations community is reliant on public housing. In other areas, most dwellings are owned by an Aboriginal Community housing provider, while other areas are mortgage dominated, providing home-ownership opportunities for the population. This can have an impact on the type of council services required by the population.

Housing tenure data should be viewed in conjunction with [Employment Status](#), and [Household Type](#), information to build the demographic story of the area.

Please note: The 2021 Census made a minor change to the treatment of dwellings occupied rent free, which are now included in "Other" while in previous Censuses they were in "Rented". This is expected to account for only about 1-2% of the population in most cases and make a negligible difference when comparing over time.

### Housing tenure

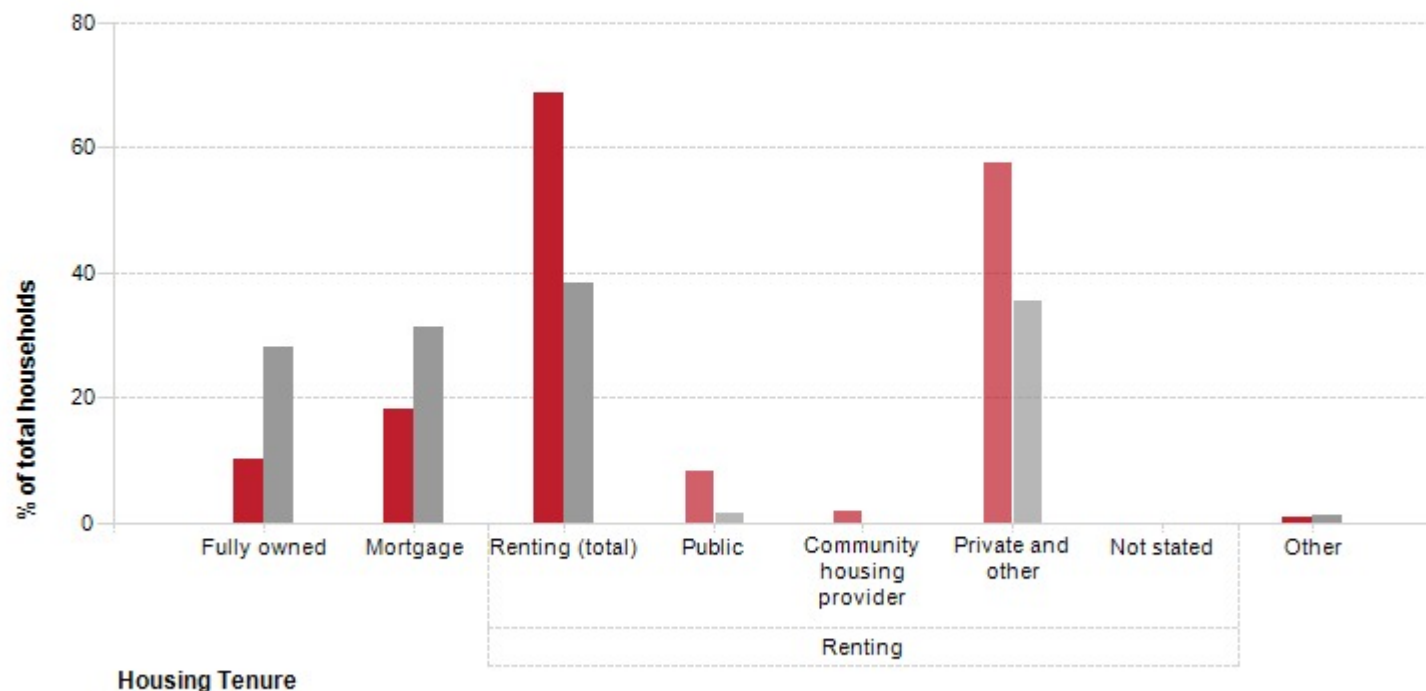
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households - City of Merri-bek	2021			2016			Change 2016 to 2021
	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	
<b>Number of bedrooms</b>							
Fully owned	75	10.2	28.1	53	10.4	30.0	+2
Mortgage	134	18.3	31.1	112	21.9	28.8	+22
Renting (total)	504	68.7	38.3	329	64.3	37.8	+175
▪ Public	64	8.7	2.0	50	9.8	2.3	+14
▪ Community housing provider	15	2.0	0.3	7	1.4	0.3	+8
▪ Private and other	425	57.9	35.8	260	50.8	34.8	+165
▪ Not stated	0	0.0	0.1	8	1.6	0.5	-8
Other	7	1.0	1.3	3	0.6	0.6	+4
Not stated	14	1.9	1.3	19	3.7	2.8	-5
<b>Total households</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+222</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

## Housing tenure, 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households

■ City of Merri-bek - First Nations ■ City of Merri-bek - Total population

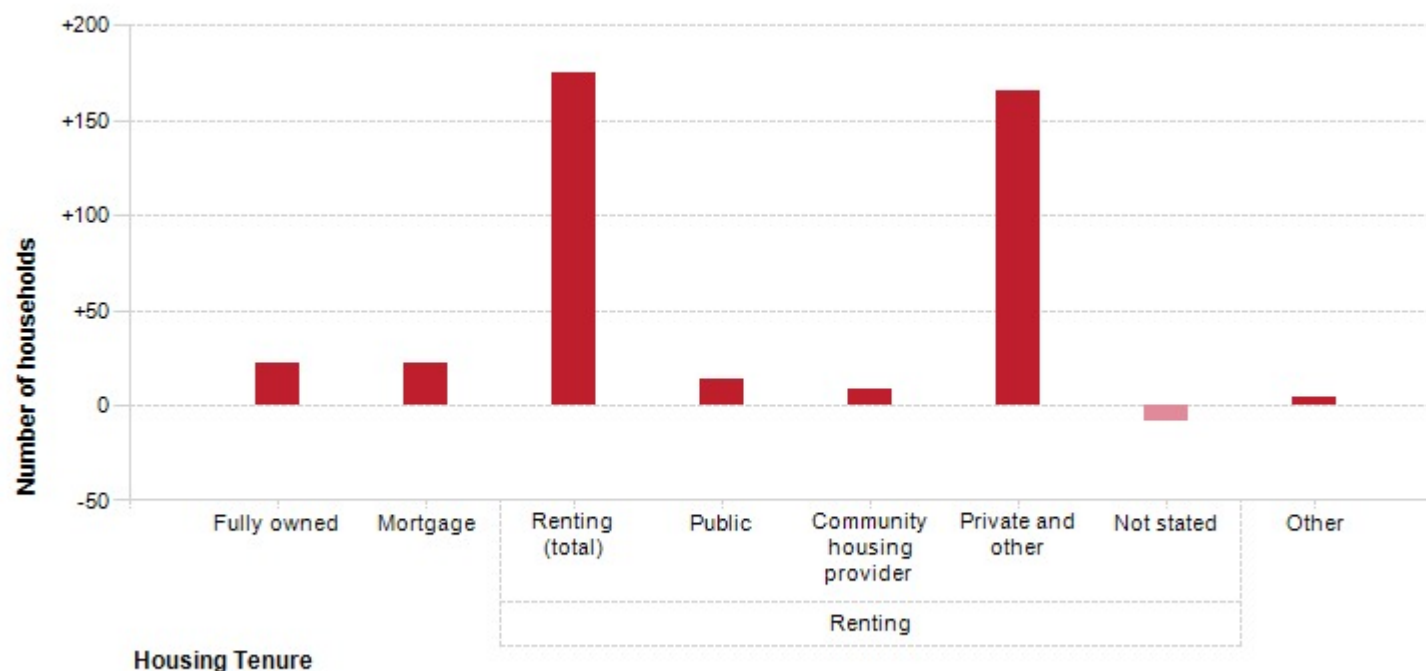


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## Change in housing tenure, 2016 to 2021

City of Merri-bek - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the housing tenure of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of the City of Merri-bek in 2021 compared to the total population in City of Merri-bek shows that there was a smaller proportion of households who owned their dwelling; a smaller proportion purchasing their dwelling; and a larger proportion who were renters. Overall, 10.2% of the population owned their dwelling; 18.3% were purchasing, and 68.7% were renting, compared with 28.1%, 31.1% and 38.3% respectively for the total population in City of Merri-bek.

**The major differences between housing tenure for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households of City of Merri-bek and total households of City of Merri-bek were:**

- A *larger* percentage of households who were renting (68.7% compared to 38.3%)
- A *larger* percentage of households who were renting from the private or other rental market (57.9% compared to 35.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households who owned their dwelling (10.2% compared to 28.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households who were purchasing their dwelling (18.3% compared to 31.1%)

## Emerging groups

The total number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households in City of Merri-bek increased by 222 between 2016 and 2021.

**The largest changes in housing tenure of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the City of Merri-bek between 2016 and 2021 were:**

- Renting (total) (+175 households)
- Private and other (+165 households)

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# City of Merri-bek

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Household size

The size of households in general follows the life-cycle of families. Households are usually small at the stage of relationship formation (early marriage), and then increase in size with the advent of children. They later reduce in size again as these children reach adulthood and leave home.

Household size can also be influenced by a lack (or abundance) of affordable housing. First Nations persons often have a tradition of living with extended family members which significantly affects household size, and households can include multiple families.

Please note that this table counts First Nations households (households containing at least one Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander usual resident) by the number of persons resident. The number of persons resident can include both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as well as other people - it represents the total number of people in the household.

For greater insight, First Nations household size data should be viewed in conjunction with [Household Type](#), [Age Structure](#) and [Household Income](#).

### Household size

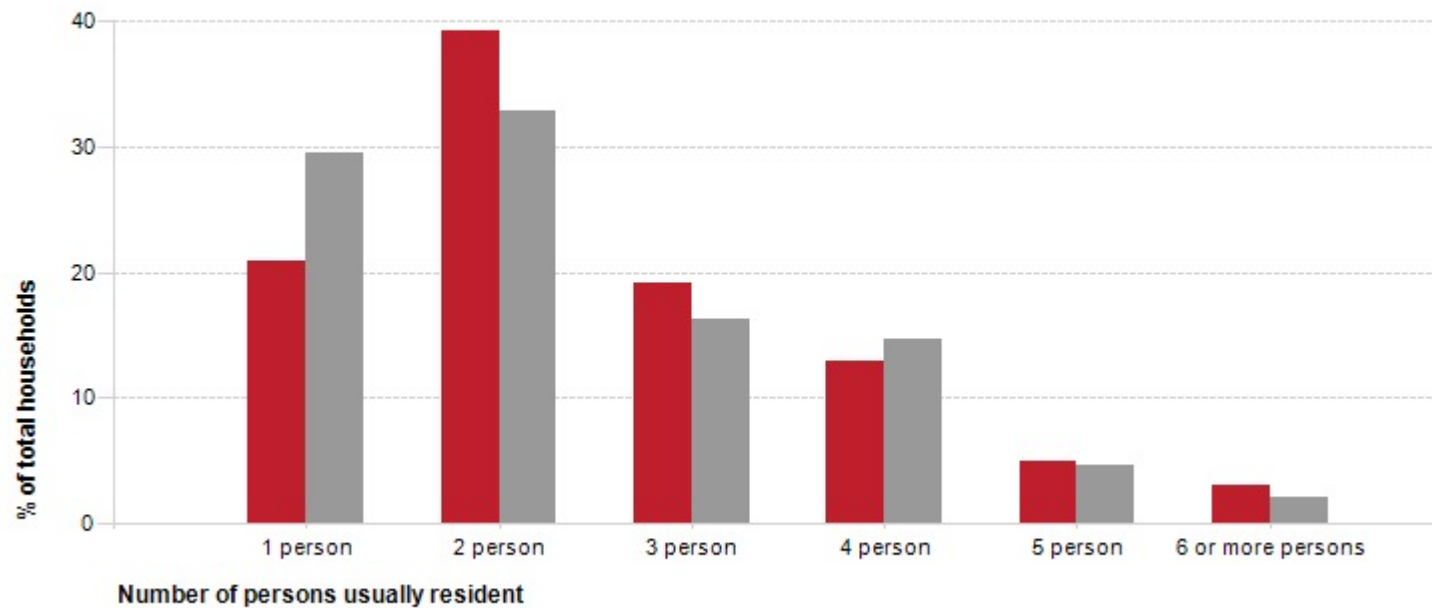
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households - City of Merri-bek	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	
Number of persons usually resident							
1 person	154	20.9	29.5	92	17.9	27.0	+
2 person	288	39.1	32.8	210	40.9	33.0	+
3 person	141	19.2	16.3	101	19.6	17.0	+
4 person	95	12.9	14.6	62	12.1	14.9	+
5 person	36	4.9	4.6	34	6.6	5.3	
6 or more persons	22	3.0	2.1	15	2.9	2.8	
<b>Total households</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+2</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

## Household size, 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households

■ City of Merri-bek - First Nations ■ City of Merri-bek - Total population

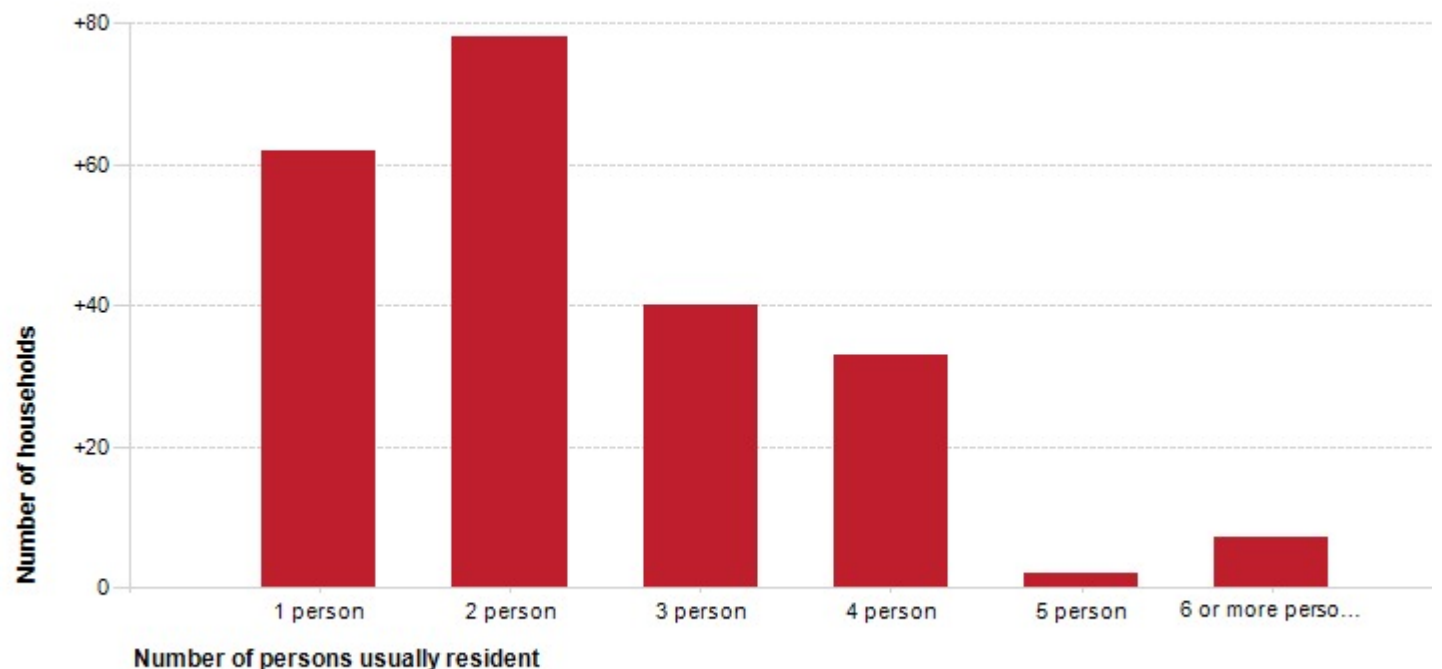


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## Change in household size, 2016 to 2021

City of Merri-bek - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons usually resident in a household in the City of Merri-bek compared with the number of total persons in City of Merri-bek shows that there were a lower proportion of lone person households, and a lower proportion of larger households (those with 4 persons or more). Overall there were 20.9% of lone person households, and 20.8% of larger households, compared with 29.5% and 21.3% respectively for the total in City of Merri-bek.

**The major differences between household size for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households of City of Merri-bek and total households of City of Merri-bek were:**

- A *larger* percentage of households with 2 person usually resident (39.1% compared to 32.8%)
- A *larger* percentage of households with 3 person usually resident (19.2% compared to 16.3%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households with 1 person usually resident (20.9% compared to 29.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households with 4 person usually resident (12.9% compared to 14.6%)

## Emerging groups

The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households in City of Merri-bek increased by 222 between 2016 and 2021.

**The largest changes in the number of persons usually resident in a household in the City of Merri-bek between 2016 and 2021 were:**

- 2 person households (+78 households)
- 1 person households (+62 households)

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# City of Merri-bek

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Number of bedrooms

The Number of Bedrooms in a dwelling is an indicator of the size of dwellings, and when combined with [Household Size](#) information, can be an indication of whether there is overcrowding in dwellings, and perhaps housing affordability and availability issues in the indigenous community.

Households are counted as indigenous if they contain one or more indigenous usual residents on Census night. This data presents number of bedrooms in dwellings containing at least one indigenous usual resident. It is entirely possible and even probable in many cases that some bedrooms are occupied by non-indigenous household members.

### Number of bedrooms per dwelling

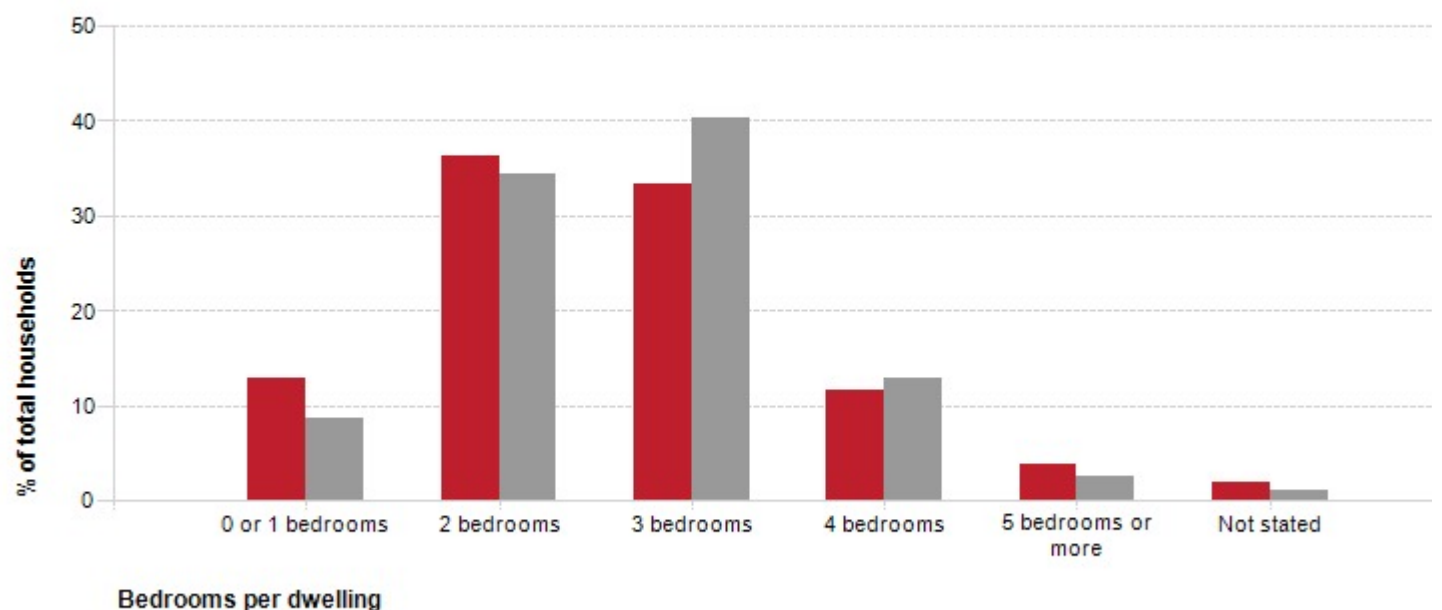
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households - City of Merri-bek	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	Number	%	City of Merri-bek - Total population %	
0 or 1 bedrooms	96	12.9	8.8	45	8.7	7.9	+
2 bedrooms	271	36.4	34.4	199	38.4	31.7	+
3 bedrooms	249	33.4	40.2	175	33.8	39.5	+
4 bedrooms	87	11.7	12.9	60	11.6	11.6	+
5 bedrooms or more	28	3.8	2.5	18	3.5	2.2	+
Not stated	14	1.9	1.2	21	4.1	7.1	
Total households	745	100.0	100.0	518	100.0	100.0	+2

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### Number of bedrooms per dwelling, 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households

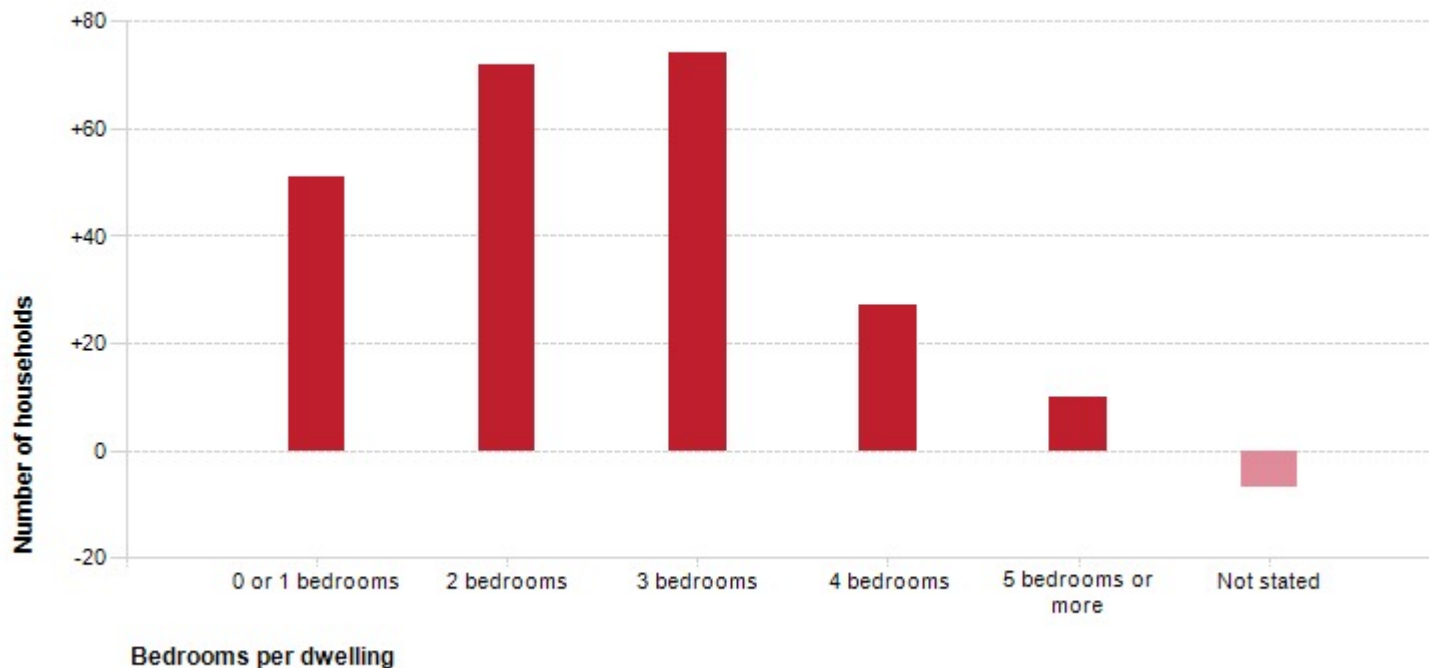
■ City of Merri-bek - First Nations ■ City of Merri-bek - Total population



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# Change in number of bedrooms per dwelling, 2016 to 2021

City of Merri-bek - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, **Census of Population and Housing**, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data)  
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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the number of bedrooms in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dwellings in City of Merri-bek in 2021 compared to the number of bedrooms in total dwellings in City of Merri-bek shows that there was a higher proportion dwellings with 2 bedrooms or less, and a similar proportion of dwellings with 4 or more bedrooms. Overall, 49.3% of households were in dwellings with 2 bedrooms or less, and 15.4% of 4 or more bedroom dwellings compared with 43.2% and 15.4% for total households in City of Merri-bek respectively.

**The major differences between the number of bedrooms per dwelling for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in City of Merri-bek and the total population in City of Merri-bek were:**

- A *larger* percentage of 0 or 1 bedrooms (12.9% compared to 8.8%)
- A *larger* percentage of 2 bedrooms (36.4% compared to 34.4%)
- A *larger* percentage of 5 bedrooms or more (3.8% compared to 2.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of 3 bedrooms (33.4% compared to 40.2%)

## Emerging groups

**The largest changes in the number of bedrooms per dwelling for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the City of Merri-bek between 2016 and 2021 were:**

- 3 bedrooms (+74 dwellings)
- 2 bedrooms (+72 dwellings)
- 0 or 1 bedrooms (+51 dwellings)

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