

**MOTHERS DELIVERING IN QUEENSLAND, 1998  
SELECTED VARIABLES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS OF MOTHER**

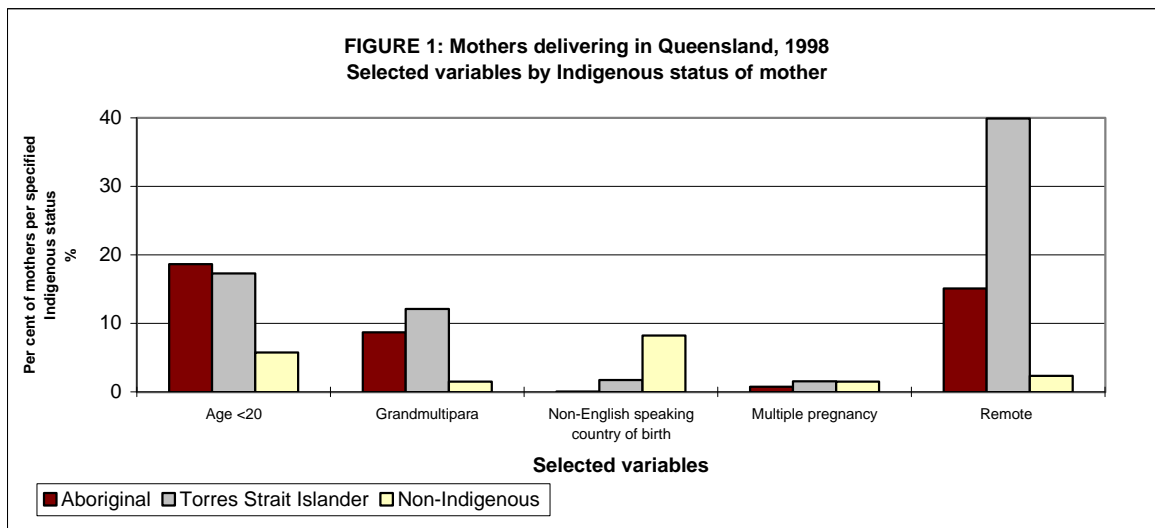
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	Aboriginal		Torres Strait Islander		Total Indigenous <sup>(a)</sup>		Non-Indigenous		Total <sup>(b)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Age of mother (years)</b>										
Less than 20	395	18.6	90	17.3	505	18.5	2,580	5.8	3,085	6.5
20-34	1,585	74.8	397	76.2	2,048	75.0	35,797	80.1	37,849	79.8
35 and over	138	6.5	34	6.5	178	6.5	6,336	14.2	6,516	13.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,118</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,731</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>44,713</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,450</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Marital status of mother</b>										
Single	784	37.0	216	41.5	1,036	37.9	4,749	10.6	5,786	12.2
Married/defacto	1,296	61.2	298	57.2	1,646	60.3	39,409	88.1	41,059	86.5
Other	38	1.8	7	1.3	49	1.8	554	1.2	603	1.3
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<b>Country of birth of mother</b>										
Australia	2,116	99.9	510	97.9	2,717	99.5	36,948	82.6	39,666	83.6
Other English speaking	-	-	2	0.4	2	0.1	4,082	9.1	4,085	8.6
Non-English speaking	1	0.0	9	1.7	11	0.4	3,674	8.2	3,687	7.8
Other <sup>(c)</sup>	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0	9	0.0	12	0.0
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<b>Area of usual residence of mother<sup>(d)</sup></b>										
Urban	895	42.3	191	36.7	1,132	41.5	29,939	67.0	31,077	65.5
Rural	867	40.9	122	23.4	1,019	37.3	13,409	30.0	14,428	30.4
Remote	320	15.1	208	39.9	543	19.9	1,036	2.3	1,579	3.3
Other	36	1.7	-	-	37	1.4	329	0.7	366	0.8
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<b>Number of previous deliveries</b>										
None	598	28.2	136	26.1	761	27.9	17,744	39.7	18,509	39.0
One to four	1,336	63.1	322	61.8	1,715	62.8	26,298	58.8	28,015	59.0
Five or more	184	8.7	63	12.1	255	9.3	669	1.5	924	1.9
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<b>Plurality of pregnancy</b>										
Singleton	2,102	99.2	513	98.5	2,705	99.0	44,052	98.5	46,763	98.6
Twin	16	0.8	8	1.5	26	1.0	636	1.4	662	1.4
Other multiple	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	0.1	25	0.1
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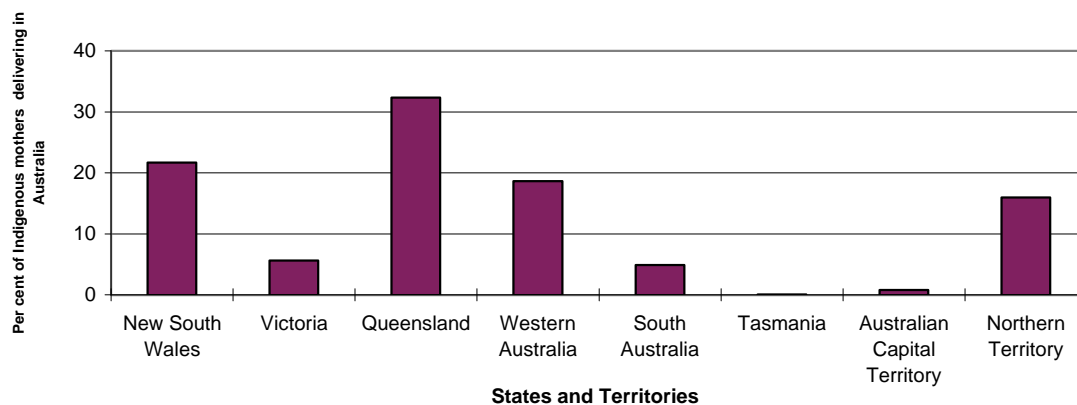
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(c) Includes not stated country of birth and "Other" countries as per Table 4.05.

(d) "Other" includes interstate/overseas. "Rural" includes "Remote Major", ie. Mt Isa.



**FIGURE 2: Indigenous mothers delivering in Australia, 1994-1996  
Proportion by States and Territories**

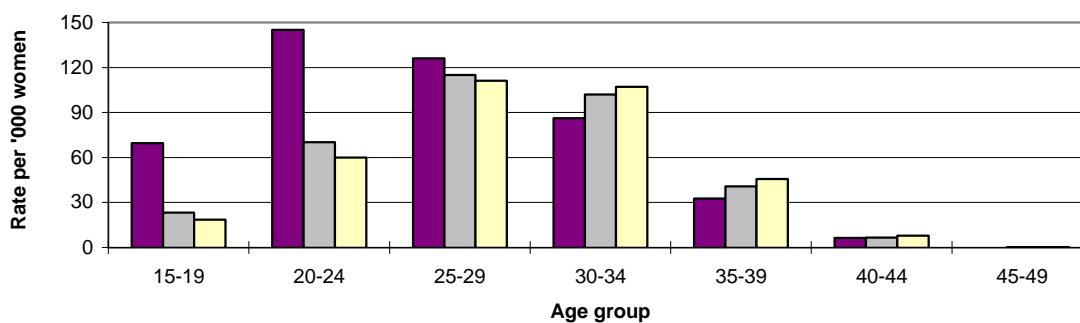


Source: "Indigenous Mothers and their Babies", AIHW, 1997, p. 11.

The proportion of mothers delivering in Australia in the period from 1994 to 1996 who were Indigenous was 3.0 % of all confinements, with Queensland reporting the highest number of all Indigenous confinements in Australia (NPSU, 1997, p. 1) (Figure 2). However, when expressed as a proportion of all mothers in each State and Territory, 5.2% of mothers birthing in Queensland were reported as Indigenous as compared with 35.0% in the Northern Territory and 5.7% in Western Australia.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics publish data on births registered in a given reference period. Data published for births registered in 1998 demonstrate higher birth rates for Indigenous mothers aged less than 30 (Figure 3).

**FIGURE 3: Age specific birth rates by Indigenous status of mother,  
Queensland and Australia, 1998**



Source: ABS catalogue 3301.0, 1999, pp. 18 & 85

Legend: ■ Queensland Indigenous ■ Total Queensland ■ Australia

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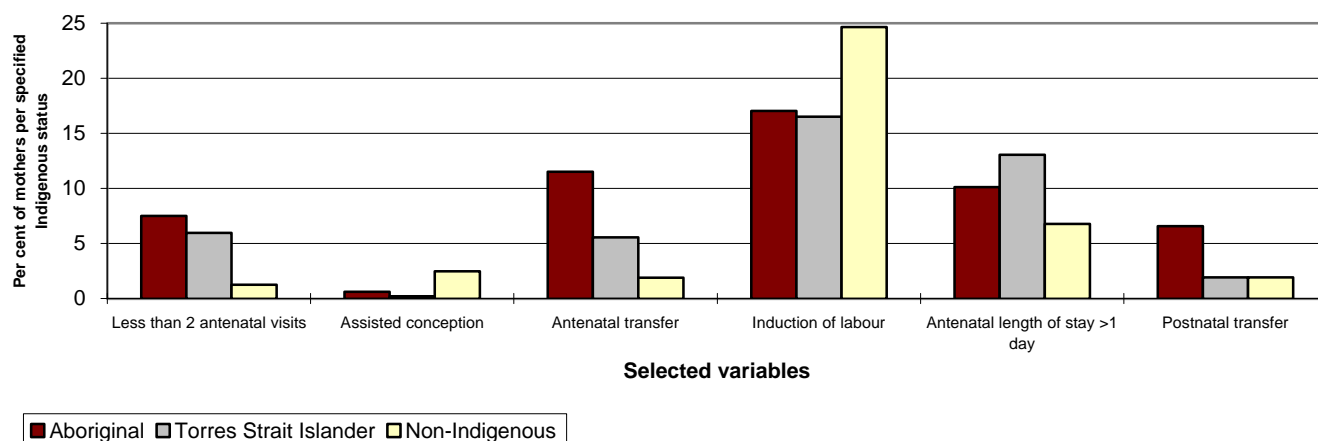
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	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Number of antenatal visits</b>										
Less than 2	159	7.5	31	6.0	198	7.3	562	1.3	760	1.6
2 or more	1,956	92.4	490	94.0	2,530	92.6	44,134	98.7	46,669	98.4
Not stated	3	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	17	0.0	21	0.0
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<b>Type of antenatal care</b>										
Public hospital/clinic	1,227	57.9	360	69.1	1,630	59.7	11,354	25.4	12,986	27.4
Shared care	661	31.2	137	26.3	836	30.6	17,942	40.1	18,778	39.6
Private medical practitioner	167	7.9	14	2.7	188	6.9	15,030	33.6	15,220	32.1
Private midwifery practitioner	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	224	0.5	226	0.5
Private medical & midwife practitioners	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	0.0	14	0.0
No antenatal care	57	2.7	10	1.9	71	2.6	137	0.3	208	0.4
Not stated	4	0.2	-	-	4	0.1	12	0.0	18	0.0
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<b>Assisted conception</b>										
Not assisted	2,104	99.3	520	99.8	2,716	99.5	43,597	97.5	46,317	97.6
Assisted conception	13	0.6	1	0.2	14	0.5	1,102	2.5	1,116	2.4
Not stated	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0	14	0.0	17	0.0
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<b>Type of facility from where mother was transferred before giving birth</b>										
Homebirth	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	0.0	21	0.0
Birth centre	-	-	-	-	-	-	122	0.3	122	0.3
Public facility	240	11.3	29	5.6	277	10.1	656	1.5	933	2.0
Private facility	4	0.2	-	-	4	0.1	46	0.1	50	0.1
Not stated facility	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0.0	3	0.0
Not transferred <sup>(c)</sup>	1,874	88.5	492	94.4	2,450	89.7	43,865	98.1	46,321	97.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,118</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,731</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>44,713</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,450</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Accommodation type</b>										
Not applicable - Planned homebirth	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	169	0.4	171	0.4
Public	1,984	93.7	510	97.9	2,581	94.5	29,683	66.4	32,266	68.0
Private shared/single	132	6.2	11	2.1	148	5.4	14,860	33.2	15,010	31.6
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	3	0.0
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**FIGURE 4: Mothers delivering in Queensland, 1998  
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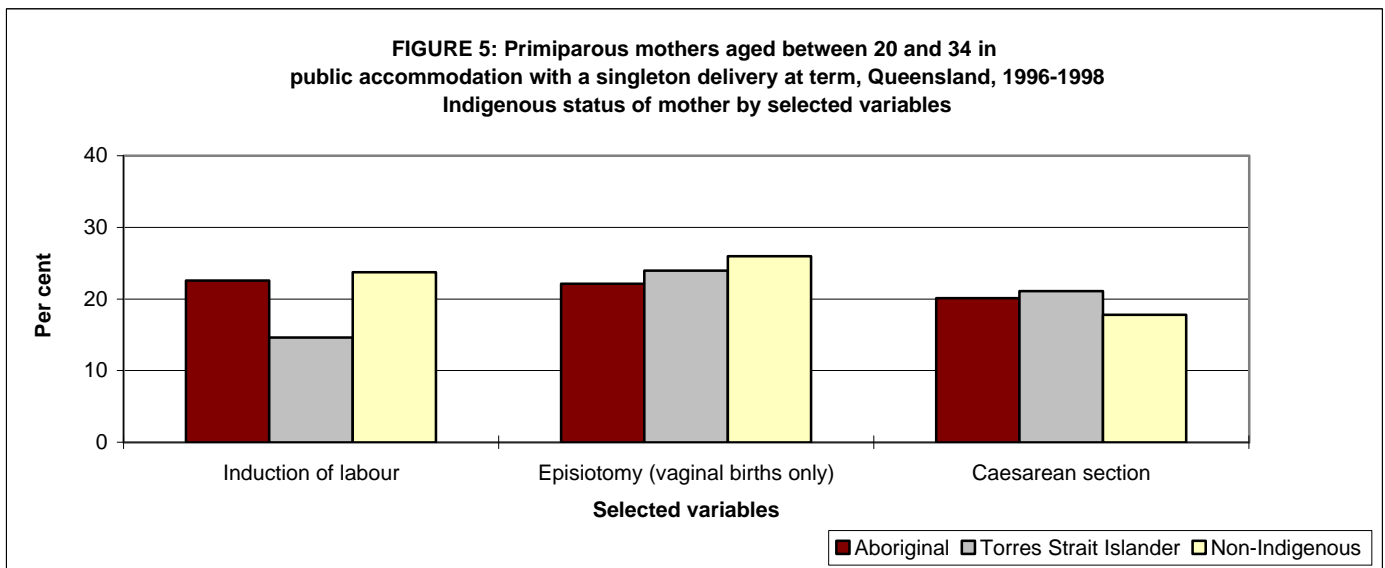
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<b>Place of delivery</b>										
Public facility	1,980	93.5	511	98.1	2,577	94.4	31,814	71.2	34,394	72.5
Private facility	101	4.8	6	1.2	112	4.1	12,265	27.4	12,379	26.1
Birth centre	13	0.6	-	-	13	0.5	268	0.6	281	0.6
Homebirth	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	170	0.4	171	0.4
Born before arrival	22	1.0	4	0.8	27	1.0	196	0.4	225	0.5
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<b>Perineal status (vaginal deliveries only - including vacuum and forceps)</b>										
Intact	1,028	60.2	257	59.4	1,328	59.9	14,732	42.8	16,060	43.8
Lacerated - sutured	373	21.8	108	24.9	496	22.4	11,117	32.3	11,614	31.7
Lacerated - not sutured	167	9.8	45	10.4	223	10.1	2,804	8.1	3,027	8.3
Episiotomy	140	8.2	23	5.3	171	7.7	5,782	16.8	5,954	16.2
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	2	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,218</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>34,436</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>36,657</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Selected labour and delivery complications<sup>(c)</sup></b>										
Obstructed/abnormal labour	702	33.1	196	37.6	930	34.1	14,936	33.4	15,868	33.4
Meconium liquor	367	17.3	99	19.0	491	18.0	6,383	14.3	6,876	14.5
Fetal distress	179	8.5	25	4.8	214	7.8	4,070	9.1	4,285	9.0
Primary post-partum haemorrhage	81	3.8	33	6.3	120	4.4	1,045	2.3	1,165	2.5
Retained placenta or membranes (without haemorrhage)	64	3.0	10	1.9	76	2.8	772	1.7	848	1.8
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0	76	3.8	11	2.2	88	3.4	1,013	2.3	1,101	2.4
1	360	18.2	76	14.9	454	17.6	4,798	11.0	5,252	11.4
2	510	25.8	105	20.5	640	24.8	7,432	17.0	8,073	17.5
3	393	19.9	111	21.7	520	20.2	8,446	19.3	8,966	19.4
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15-21	5	0.3	5	1.0	10	0.4	96	0.2	106	0.2
22 and over	3	0.2	-	-	3	0.1	26	0.1	29	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,977</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,578</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>43,678</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46,260</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Separation status of mother</b>										
Planned homebirth <sup>(d)</sup>	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	169	0.4	171	0.4
Discharged	1,977	93.3	511	98.1	2,578	94.4	43,678	97.7	46,260	97.5
Transferred	139	6.6	10	1.9	151	5.5	864	1.9	1,015	2.1
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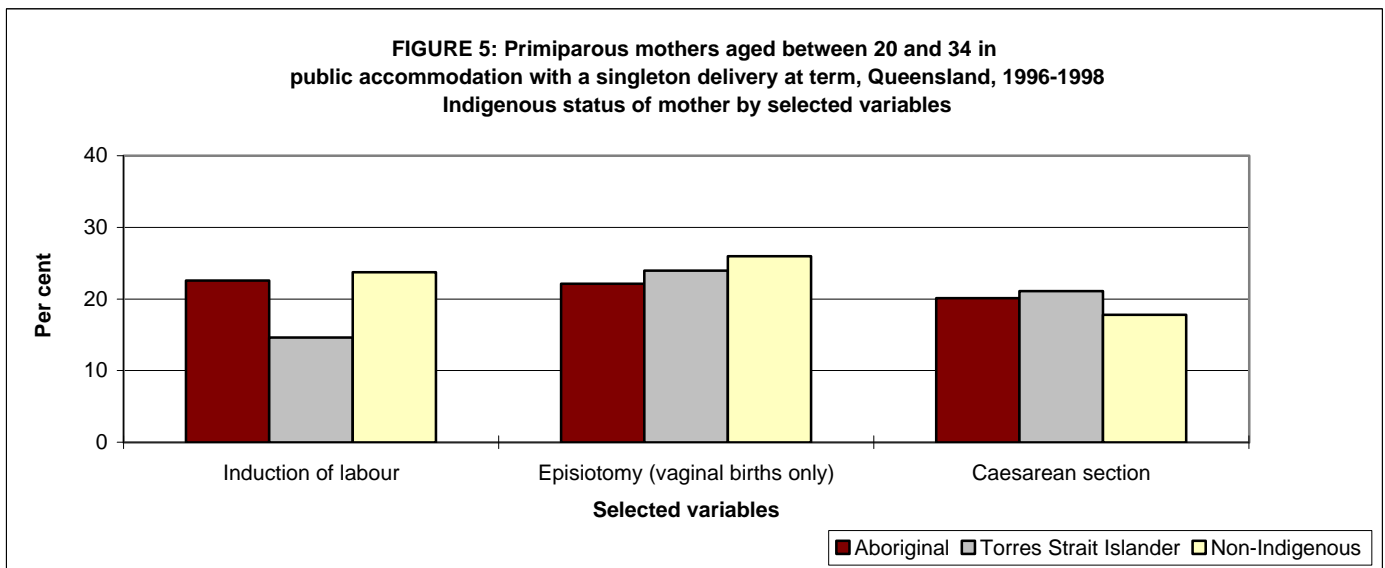
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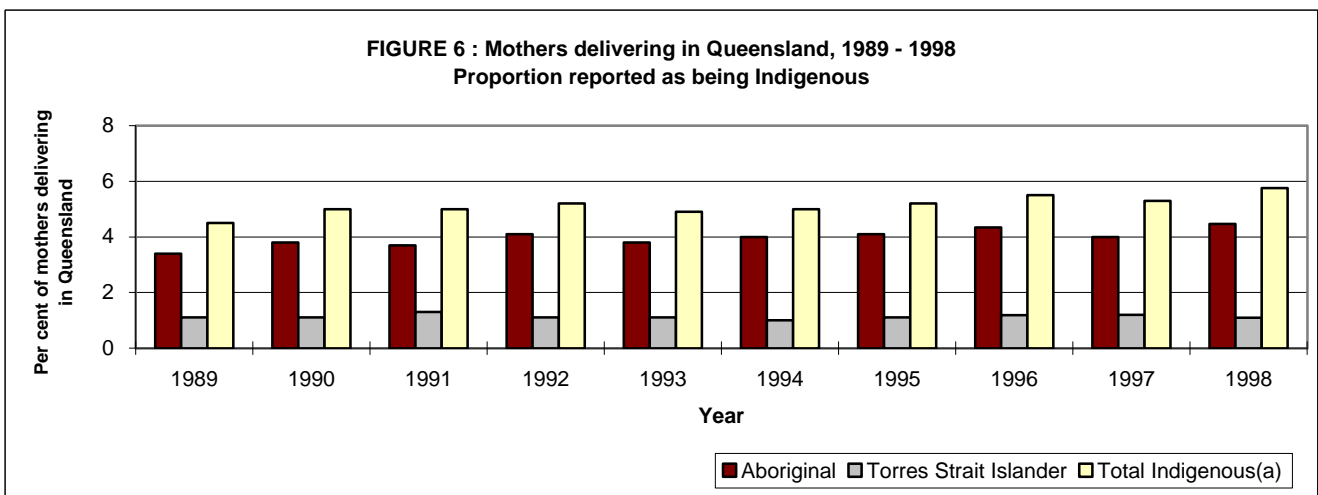
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<b>Selected methods of analgesia or anaesthesia used during labour and delivery<sup>(c)</sup></b>										
None reported	492	23.1	231	43.7	745	27.0	7,804	17.2	8,549	17.8
At least one method	1,641	76.9	298	56.3	2,011	72.9	37,593	82.8	39,608	82.2
Nitrous oxide	1,011	47.4	155	29.3	1,213	44.0	21,020	46.3	22,234	46.2
Narcotic (IM/IV)	618	29.0	109	20.6	751	27.2	12,999	28.6	13,751	28.6
Epidural	342	16.0	80	15.1	442	16.0	12,817	28.2	13,261	27.5
Spinal	233	10.9	45	8.5	283	10.3	5,416	11.9	5,700	11.8
General anaesthesia	73	3.4	19	3.6	98	3.6	1,465	3.2	1,563	3.2
Other	19	0.9	5	0.9	24	0.9	688	1.5	712	1.5
Not stated	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0	3	0.0	6	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,134</b>		<b>529</b>		<b>2,757</b>		<b>45,400</b>		<b>48,163</b>	
<b>Method of delivery</b>										
Spontaneous vertex	1,604	75.2	410	77.5	2,090	75.8	30,188	66.5	32,280	67.0
Forceps/vacuum	88	4.1	16	3.0	106	3.8	4,171	9.2	4,278	8.9
Caesarean section	415	19.4	95	18.0	525	19.0	10,661	23.5	11,188	23.2
Breech	24	1.1	7	1.3	32	1.2	336	0.7	368	0.8
Other	2	0.1	1	0.2	3	0.1	43	0.1	47	0.1
Not stated	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Accoucheur</b>										
Obstetrician	346	16.2	59	11.2	418	15.2	16,002	35.2	16,422	34.1
Other medical officer	345	16.2	91	17.2	450	16.3	7,331	16.1	7,782	16.2
Midwife	1,144	53.6	302	57.1	1,498	54.3	18,007	39.7	19,505	40.5
Student midwife	221	10.4	58	11.0	290	10.5	2,961	6.5	3,251	6.7
Medical student	53	2.5	14	2.6	70	2.5	878	1.9	949	2.0
Other	23	1.1	5	0.9	29	1.1	211	0.5	241	0.5
Not stated	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	10	0.0	13	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Birthweight (grams)</b>										
Less than 1,500	53	2.5	16	3.0	74	2.7	658	1.4	732	1.5
Less than 1,000	34	1.6	11	2.1	48	1.7	390	0.9	438	0.9
1,500-2,499	194	9.1	38	7.2	239	8.7	2,320	5.1	2,560	5.3
2,500-3,999	1,710	80.1	414	78.3	2,196	79.7	36,641	80.7	38,839	80.6
4,000 and over	177	8.3	61	11.5	248	9.0	5,776	12.7	6,026	12.5
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	0.0	6	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Gestation (weeks)</b>										
Less than 28	34	1.6	13	2.5	50	1.8	360	0.8	410	0.9
28-36	231	10.8	44	8.3	282	10.2	3,105	6.8	3,388	7.0
37-41	1,829	85.7	450	85.1	2,362	85.7	40,991	90.3	43,358	90.0
42 and over	39	1.8	22	4.2	62	2.2	941	2.1	1,003	2.1
Not stated	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0	3	0.0	4	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>

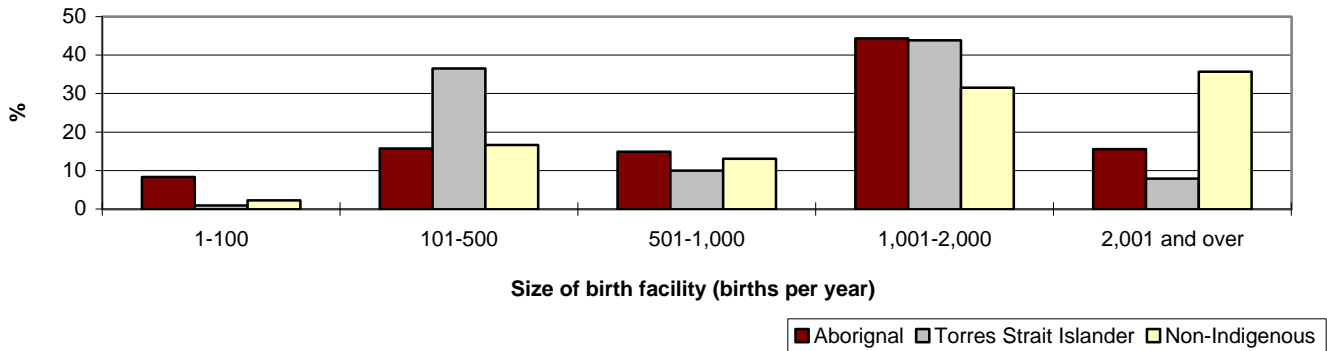
(a) Includes 94 babies whose mothers were reported as being both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

(b) Includes 6 babies where mothers Indigenous status was not reported.

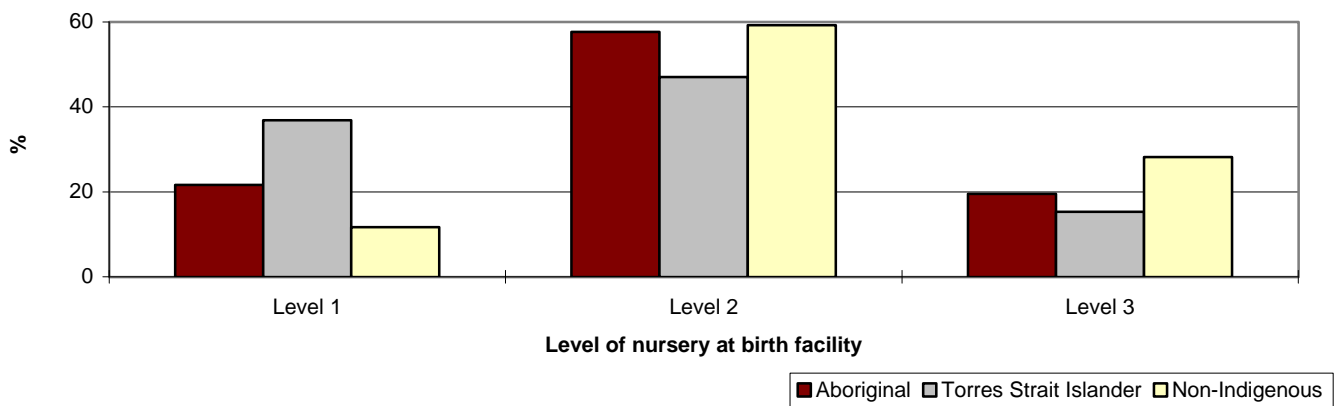
(c) Reporting of multiple methods of analgesia/anaesthesia permitted.



**FIGURE 7: Births, Queensland, 1998**  
Indigenous status of mother by size of birth facility



**FIGURE 8: Births, Queensland, 1998**  
Indigenous status of mother by level of nursery at birth facility



**BIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 1998**  
**SELECTED VARIABLES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS OF MOTHER**

Selected Variables	Indigenous status of mother									
	Aboriginal		Torres Strait Islander		Total Indigenous <sup>(a)</sup>		Non-Indigenous		Total <sup>(b)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Size of birth facility (births per year)</b>										
1-100	178	8.3	5	0.9	187	6.8	1,032	2.3	1,219	2.5
101-500	336	15.7	193	36.5	545	19.8	7,568	16.7	8,115	16.8
501-1,000	318	14.9	53	10.0	387	14.0	5,914	13.0	6,301	13.1
1,001-2,000 <sup>(c)</sup>	946	44.3	232	43.9	1,228	44.5	14,325	31.6	15,553	32.3
2,001 and over	332	15.6	42	7.9	381	13.8	16,195	35.7	16,578	34.4
Planned homebirth	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	169	0.4	171	0.4
Born before arrival	22	1.0	4	0.8	27	1.0	197	0.4	226	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Level of nursery at birth facility</b>										
Level 1	462	21.6	195	36.9	673	24.4	5,320	11.7	5,993	12.4
Level 2	1,231	57.7	249	47.1	1,537	55.7	26,907	59.3	28,446	59.1
Level 3	417	19.5	81	15.3	518	18.8	12,803	28.2	13,323	27.7
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0.0	4	0.0
Planned homebirth	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	169	0.4	171	0.4
Born before arrival	22	1.0	4	0.8	27	1.0	197	0.4	226	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Includes 94 babies whose mothers were reported as being both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

(b) Includes 6 babies where mothers Indigenous status was not reported.

(c) Includes 1 hospital with a level 3 nursery.

**LIVEBIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 1998**  
**SELECTED VARIABLES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS OF MOTHER**

Selected Variables	Indigenous status of mother									
	Aboriginal		Torres Strait Islander		Total Indigenous <sup>(a)</sup>		Non-Indigenous		Total <sup>(b)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Apgar score at 1 minute</b>										
0-4	96	4.6	25	4.8	126	4.6	1,782	4.0	1,909	4.0
5-7	352	16.7	67	12.8	433	15.9	7,128	15.8	7,561	15.8
8-10	1,652	78.4	430	82.4	2,156	79.2	36,153	80.2	38,312	80.1
Not stated	8	0.4	-	-	8	0.3	31	0.1	40	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,094</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,822</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Apgar score at 5 minutes</b>										
0-4	15	0.7	8	1.5	23	0.8	226	0.5	249	0.5
5-7	75	3.6	14	2.7	97	3.6	1,050	2.3	1,148	2.4
8-10	2,013	95.5	500	95.8	2,598	95.4	43,789	97.1	46,390	97.0
Not stated	5	0.2	-	-	5	0.2	29	0.1	35	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,094</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,822</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Establishment of respirations &gt;3 minutes (excludes babies who were intubated at birth or failed to establish respirations)</b>										
	79	3.7	17	3.3	100	3.7	1,069	2.4	1,169	2.4
<b>Selected neonatal resuscitation methods<sup>(c)</sup></b>										
Nil resuscitation	696	33.0	257	49.2	981	36.0	14,242	31.6	15,226	31.8
At least one method	1,412	67.0	265	50.8	1,742	64.0	30,850	68.4	32,594	68.2
<i>Oral/pharyngeal suction</i>	1,165	55.3	180	34.5	1,393	51.2	25,928	57.5	27,321	57.1
<i>Facial oxygen</i>	532	25.2	108	20.7	664	24.4	11,965	26.5	12,630	26.4
<i>Bag and mask</i>	208	9.9	41	7.9	260	9.5	3,666	8.1	3,927	8.2
<i>Narcotic antagonist injection</i>	58	2.8	12	2.3	72	2.6	798	1.8	870	1.8
<i>IPPV via ETT<sup>(d)</sup></i>	41	1.9	10	1.9	54	2.0	565	1.3	619	1.3
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	2	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,108</b>		<b>522</b>		<b>2,723</b>		<b>45,094</b>		<b>47,822</b>	
<b>Selected neonatal treatment<sup>(c)</sup></b>										
None	1,734	82.3	429	82.2	2,243	82.4	38,283	84.9	40,529	84.7
At least one method	374	17.7	93	17.8	480	17.6	6,809	15.1	7,291	15.2
<i>Oxygen &gt;4 hours</i>	151	7.2	18	3.4	175	6.4	2,578	5.7	2,754	5.8
<i>Phototherapy</i>	82	3.9	31	5.9	118	4.3	2,494	5.5	2,612	5.5
<i>Intravenous/Intramuscular antibiotics</i>	140	6.6	21	4.0	167	6.1	2,217	4.9	2,385	5.0
<i>Intravenous fluid</i>	142	6.7	28	5.4	175	6.4	2,317	5.1	2,493	5.2
<i>Mechanical ventilation</i>	44	2.1	13	2.5	60	2.2	705	1.6	765	1.6
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	2	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,108</b>		<b>522</b>		<b>2,723</b>		<b>45,094</b>		<b>47,822</b>	
<b>Administration of Vitamin K</b>										
Oral	12	0.6	5	1.0	18	0.7	264	0.6	282	0.6
Intramuscular injection	2,079	98.6	512	98.1	2,683	98.5	44,405	98.5	47,092	98.5
None	15	0.7	5	1.0	20	0.7	417	0.9	438	0.9
Not stated	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	8	0.0	10	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,094</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,822</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Feeding method for livebirths discharged home from a facility/birth centre</b>										
Breastmilk	1,485	77.6	412	82.2	1,962	78.4	36,290	83.6	38,256	83.3
Artificial milk	379	19.8	80	16.0	479	19.1	6,294	14.5	6,773	14.7
Both breastmilk and artificial milk	49	2.6	9	1.8	61	2.4	842	1.9	903	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>43,426</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,932</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Length of stay of livebirths discharged home from a facility/birth centre (days)</b>										
0	65	3.4	11	2.2	77	3.1	858	2.0	935	2.0
1	335	17.5	73	14.6	426	17.0	4,575	10.5	5,001	10.9
2	487	25.5	98	19.6	607	24.3	7,209	16.6	7,817	17.0
3	363	19.0	104	20.8	483	19.3	8,230	19.0	8,713	19.0
4-7	519	27.1	172	34.3	716	28.6	19,387	44.6	20,105	43.8
8-14	83	4.3	25	5.0	111	4.4	2,171	5.0	2,283	5.0
15-27	36	1.9	11	2.2	48	1.9	602	1.4	650	1.4
28 and over	25	1.3	7	1.4	34	1.4	393	0.9	427	0.9
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	1	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>43,426</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,932</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Includes 94 babies whose mothers were reported as being both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

(b) Includes babies where mothers Indigenous status was not reported.

(c) Reporting of multiple methods/treatments permitted.

(d) Intermittent positive pressure ventilation via endotracheal tube.

**BIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 1998  
SELECTED VARIABLES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS OF MOTHER**

Selected Variables	Indigenous status of mother									
	Aboriginal		Torres Strait Islander		Total Indigenous <sup>(a)</sup>		Non-Indigenous		Total <sup>(b)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Congenital anomaly status</b>										
No anomaly	2,050	96.1	514	97.2	2,653	96.2	43,497	95.8	46,153	95.8
At least one anomaly	84	3.9	15	2.8	104	3.8	1,900	4.2	2,007	4.2
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0.0	3	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Separation status of baby</b>										
Planned homebirth <sup>(c)</sup>	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1	169	0.4	171	0.4
Discharged	1,913	89.6	501	94.7	2,502	90.8	43,426	95.7	45,932	95.4
Transferred	180	8.4	16	3.0	199	7.2	1,349	3.0	1,548	3.2
To a facility with a Level 1 nursery	108	5.1	3	0.6	112	4.1	573	1.3	685	1.4
To a facility with a Level 2 nursery	40	1.9	3	0.6	44	1.6	391	0.9	435	0.9
To a facility with a Level 3 nursery	21	1.0	7	1.3	28	1.0	293	0.6	321	0.7
Other <sup>(d)</sup>	11	0.5	3	0.6	15	0.5	91	0.2	106	0.2
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	1	0.0
Died	39	1.8	12	2.3	54	2.0	454	1.0	510	1.1
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	2	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Perinatal deaths</b>										
	No.	Rate <sup>(e)</sup>	No.	Rate <sup>(e)</sup>	No.	Rate <sup>(e)</sup>	No.	Rate <sup>(e)</sup>	No.	Rate <sup>(e)</sup>
Stillbirths	26	12.3	7	13.4	34	12.5	306	6.8	341	7.1
Neonatal deaths	18	8.4	5	9.5	25	9.1	182	4.0	208	4.3
Perinatal deaths	44	20.6	12	22.7	59	21.4	488	10.7	549	11.4

(a) Includes 94 babies whose mothers were reported as being both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

(b) Includes 6 babies where mothers Indigenous status was not reported.

(c) Includes 12 babies transferred and 1 neonatal death.

(d) Other includes Interstate facilities.

(e) Neonatal death rate per 1,000 livebirths of specified Indigenous status of mother.

Stillbirth & Perinatal death rates per 1,000 total births of specified Indigenous status of mother.

