

My Life My Lead - Opportunities for strengthening approaches to the social determinants and the cultural determinants of Indigenous health: Report on the national consultations December 2017



PRIORITY AREA 2

Success and wellbeing for health through employment

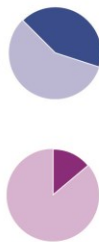


"Young people are the future and their biggest hurdle is opportunity to be the best they can be in today's society..."

It is the full integration of states of physical, mental, and spiritual well-being through up-skilling and full time employment."

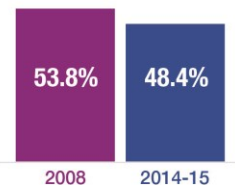
(Online submission, Wuchopperen Health Service)

Poor health explains **42.7%** of the known gap in labour force participation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males and **13.9%** for females in non-remote locations.¹



The **Median income** for Indigenous adults **decreases** with remoteness, from **\$633** in major cities to **\$398** in very remote areas.²

In 2014-15 the Indigenous employment rate was **down to 48.4%**³



NEXT STEPS

Supporting employment pathways and opportunities will lead to better health and other social outcomes through a strategic approach that:

- Supports job readiness and maintenance through better health;
- Supports local, community-based solutions that enhance employability, build capacity and promote self-determination; and
- Stimulates Indigenous business development.

¹ Kalb, G, Le, T, Hunter, B & Leung, F 2012, Decomposing Differences in Labour Force Status between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, Discussion Paper No. 6808, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research Report, Melbourne

² Based on steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision data, *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage 2016*

³ Commonwealth of Australia, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, 2017, Closing the Gap Prime Minister's Report 2017