



# Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability



## Population facts

### Disability is twice as common for First Nations people

First Nations people with disability      General population with disability

**38%**      **18%**

**48%**      **20%**

Adults 18 years and over with disability

**22%**      **8%**

Children under 18 years with disability

ABS NATSIHS 2018-2019  
ABS SDAC 2018

**5%**  
Submissions  
from or about  
First Nations  
people

**10.5%**  
Private Sessions  
requested from  
First Nations  
people  
(53 First Nations People)

## Experiences with violence for First Nations adults with disability



**6%**  
**15,100**

adults with  
disability estimated  
to experience  
violence per year

**These stories are  
central to enabling  
the Royal Commission  
to carry out its work**

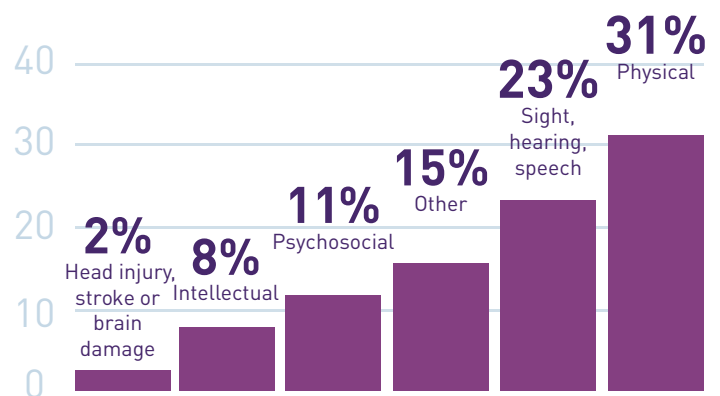
## First Nations people with disability have strong connection to family and community

### Community ties

- 80%** Have weekly face to face contact with others outside their household
- 90%** Can get support from outside their household
- 97%** Proud of culture or being a First Nations person

ABS NATSISS 2014-2015, ABS NATSIHS 2018-2019

## Disability type for First Nations adults as a proportion of all First Nations adults (people can experience more than one disability type)



ABS NATSIHS 2018-19

### No data on:

- First Nations people with disability in segregated environments including day programs and group homes
- Deaths in custody of young First Nations People with Disability. The Australian Institute of Criminology monitors the extent of deaths in prison as part of the National Deaths in Custody program, but not by disability status
- The number of First Nations people with multiple disabilities
- The number of people with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)



Statistics are current as of 16 October 2020



**328,000**

First Nations children



**22%**  
with  
disability

ABS NATSIHS 2018-19



More First Nations  
**boys than girls**  
with disability  
**26% v 18%**

ABS NATSIHS 2018-19

### High school retention

First Nations students	non-Indigenous students
<b>59%</b>	<b>84%</b>

11% of First Nations students with disability don't attend school

ABS NATSIHS 2018-19

**1 in 18**

First Nations children are in out-of-home care ...More than **10 times** the rate of non-Indigenous children

64% of First Nations children in out-of-home care are living with relatives, kin or other First Nations caregivers

ABS NATSIHS 2018-19

**1 in 6**

First Nations children have been in contact with child protection services



### First Nations children:

- 7%** Needed time off school or study
- 8%** Attend 'special' classes or school
- 10%** Did not attend school or study

ABS NATSIHS 2018-19

No data on First Nations children with disability in out-of-home care is available

<sup>^</sup> This information is contained in the AIHW's Child Protection National Minimum Dataset, but is not public.

## First Nations

people are over-represented in prisons in Australia

**3%** of the population are First Nations people

**28%** of prisoners were First Nations people

**26%** First Nations people coming into prison reported having disability  
**(This seems low, we are looking into it)**

ABS 2016, AIHW 2018-2019, AIHW NPHDC 2018

Survey limitations of the AIHW National Prisoner Health Data Collection

1. The survey was not designed to look deeply at disability
2. The collection does not include information from NSW prisons
3. The collection contains a small sample of 80 First Nations people coming into prison who self-identified as having disability.

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