

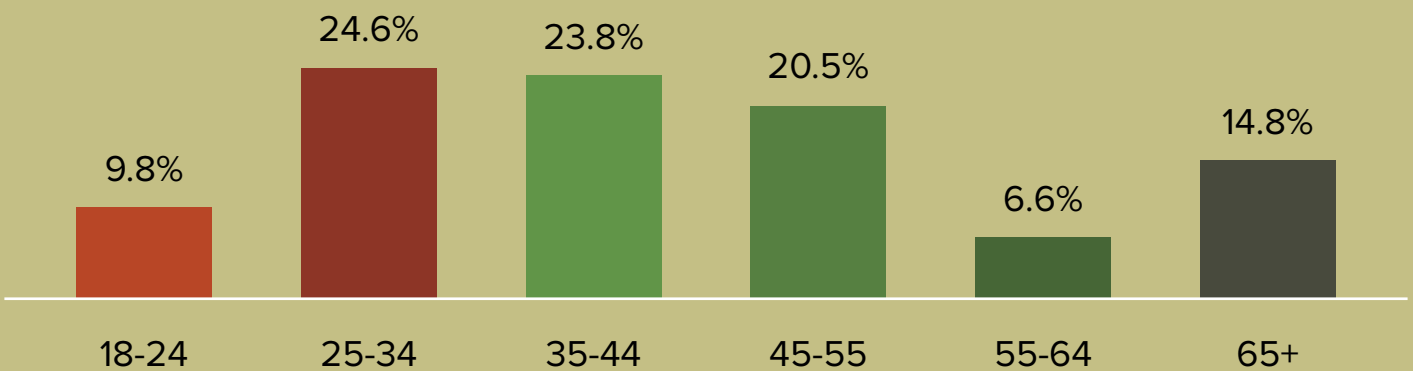
Yindjibarndi Nation

2023 census and community sentiment findings



Thank you to everyone who completed the Yindjibarndi Nation survey! Yindjibarndi Nation Limited, with the help of Voconiq, conducted the survey from August 2023 to January 2024, to help them to understand Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation members unique needs, aspirations, priorities, and challenges. By enabling its members to voice their thoughts and experiences they are playing a vital role in helping to shape their future as a nation.

The average age was 43.1 years, but the community is made up of a range of different age groups:



122 Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation members participated. At the time of data collection, there were **477** members.

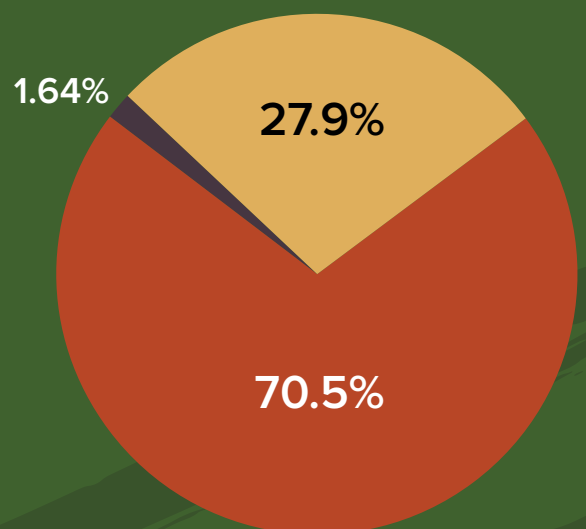


Of those surveyed, the majority (**78%**) had children.



53% of families had up to two children under 18.

A large percentage of participants (**70.5%**) were female.



● Male ● Female ● Prefer not say

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Education



39% of school aged children are attending all or most of the time .

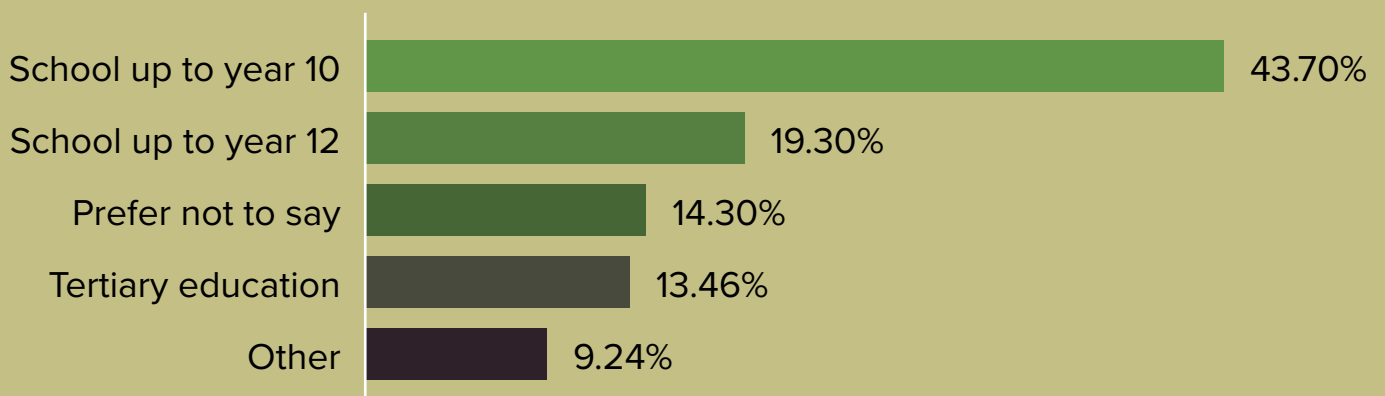


A small group of people said they had difficulty getting their child to school, these challenges included needing uniforms and transport.

Top 3 most important parts of education for community

- #1  30% Having lessons in Yindjibarndi language
- #2  21% Having Indigenous teachers
- #3  21% Having flexible learning

School participation by Yindjibarndi community members:



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Jobs

Of those surveyed, 23% were unemployed and looking for work, whilst 20.5% were employed.

Most job seekers said they would find training for their work in Roebourne or Karratha.

Income

36% have a personal annual income of \$0 - \$20,000 and 22% have a combined annual income of the same amount.

Top 3 Items income is spent on



86%
Food and groceries



76%
Rent



52%
Fuel

Main sectors for employment:



23%
Resources



20%
Aboriginal community controller sector



9%
Construction

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Housing



The average number of people living in a house was 3.79.



Many Yindjibarndi people expressed that they were not happy with the quality, affordability and availability of houses in areas like Roebourne and Wickham.

Where people wanted to live

52% Roebourne

43% Karratha

17% Perth



Top 3 types of housing



50%
Government



18%
Private renter



11%
Local community

Many Yindjibarndi people said that they were not happy with the quality, affordability and availability of houses in areas like Roebourne and Wickham. Issues with housing included:



Overcrowding



Lack of maintenance/repairs



Vandalism



Homelessness



Lack of cultural appropriateness



Cost

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Health

Many participants reported having chronic health problems such as diabetes, obesity, and hypertension, but most also said they had access to the healthcare they needed in their area.

Whilst 81% of people said they have access to the healthcare they need in the town they live, some participants also expressed dissatisfaction with the quality and responsiveness of the healthcare providers and the lack of cultural appropriateness.

Top 3 barriers to healthcare



43%

Transportation



33%

Cost



23%

Distance

Wellbeing

The Yindjibarndi community is robust, and overall feels a great sense of community belonging, community satisfaction and life satisfaction.

Some participants suggest that having more gatherings, sharing stories, and visiting Yindjibarndi country would help improve their wellbeing and sense of belonging.



Some participants feel hopeless and disillusioned with the lack of progress and opportunities in their community.



Some participants express a desire to reconnect with their culture, family, and land, and to be proud of their place and identity.

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Culture

Most Yindjibarndi people felt a strong connection to their language, culture, and country, and were proud of their identity, with 92% speaking Yindjibarndi language at home with family.

There are concerns about loss of culture in younger generations. Suggestions from the community to improve this include:



Teaching Yindjibarndi in schools



Having more Indigenous teachers



Going out on country more often

Most people went out on country regularly.



- I've never been out on country
- I haven't been out on country for more than 5 years
- About once every few years
- About once a year
- About once every 6 months
- About once every few months at least

Top 4 barriers to people getting out on country were:



47% Need someone to organise the trip



45% Transport



45% Need for equipment, swags and food



43% Financial assistance to cover costs

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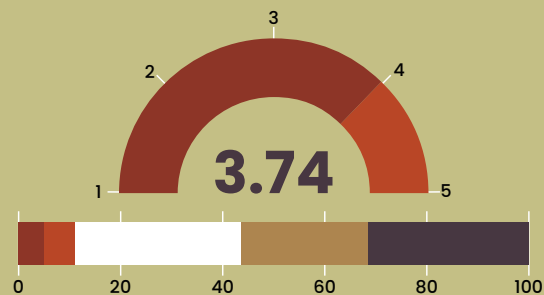
Trust and representation

Trust is an important measure of relationship health. This research measured the trust Yindjibarndi people had in its representing organisations.

From this measure we found that Yindjibarndi people have a strong sense of identity and belonging.

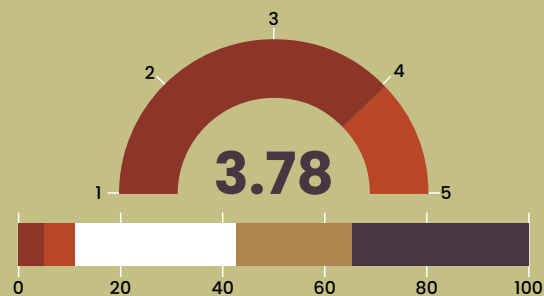
TRUST

Trust Yindjibarndi organisations to act responsibly



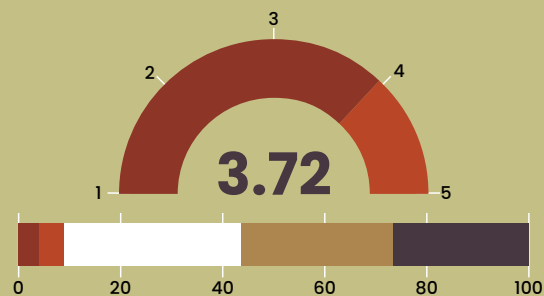
APPROVAL

How much do you approve of Yindjibarndi organisations?



REPRESENTATION

Yindjibarndi organisations are doing a good job representing our community



■ Not at all ■ Slightly ■ Moderately ■ Very much ■ Extremely

Pathways to improving scores on these measures include working to ensure all Yindjibarndi people have a say in how the benefits of agreements and value generated by Yindjibarndi enterprises are distributed and used.