

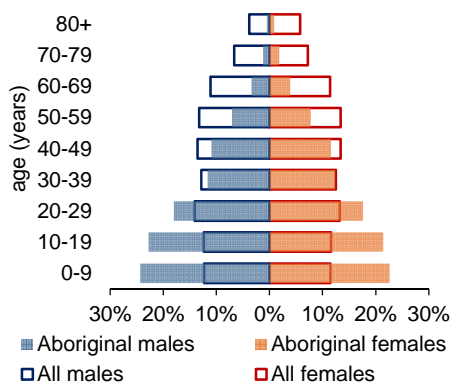
Aboriginal people in metropolitan Adelaide public hospitals

There are more than 37,000 Aboriginal people in South Australia, representing around one in 50 (2%) of our state's population. Aboriginal people living in South Australia are evenly split between metropolitan Adelaide and Country SA.

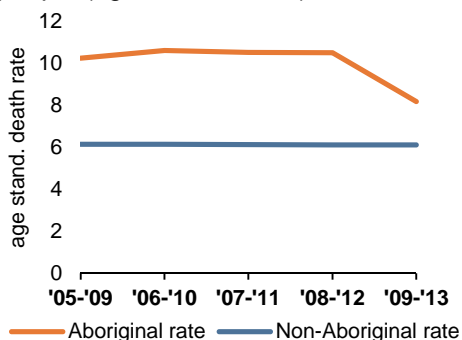
Where Aboriginal people reside

Metropolitan Adelaide	48.6%
- Northern Adelaide LHN	22.6%
- Central Adelaide LHN	14.5%
- Southern Adelaide LHN	11.5%
Country SA	51.4%
South Australia	100.0%

The age profile of this state's Aboriginal population is much younger (median age 23 years) than SA's general population (median age 40 years).



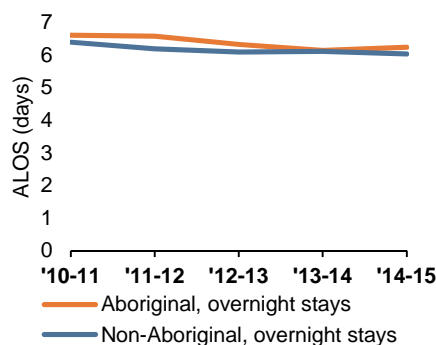
The death rate for Aboriginal people is falling, but remains higher in South Australia compared to the non-Aboriginal rate, at 8.2 deaths per 1000 people (age-standardised) vs. 6.1.



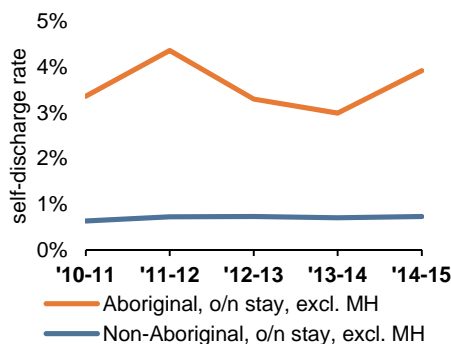
Aboriginal people are over-represented in Adelaide's admitted public hospital system. Although 2% of the population, Aboriginal people make up almost 4% of metropolitan public acute hospital

inpatient activity (i.e. twice the expected rate), including around 9% of admitted same-day dialysis care (almost five times the expected rate). Aboriginal inpatients also account for over 6% of mental health related admissions in metropolitan Adelaide public hospitals, which is three times the expected rate.

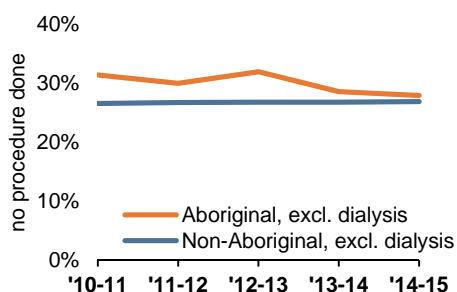
There is negligible difference in average length of overnight stay between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal inpatients in metropolitan public acute hospitals...



...however a significantly higher self-discharge rate (i.e. against medical advice) rate following overnight admissions...



Metro. public acute hospitalisations (excl. dialysis) with no procedure performed has been more common for Aboriginal inpatients until recently.



This factsheet was tabled at the at the HPC Aboriginal Leaders' Forum on 27 November 2015.

For more information, you can download the HPC's *State of Our Health Aboriginal Population Compendium* and *Aboriginal Health in South Australia 2011-2014: A Case Study* from our website at hpcsa.com.au/reports or contact us on email HealthHealthPerformanceCouncil@sa.gov.au or telephone 08 8226 3188.