

Key findings

Almost all Australians – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and Australians in the general community – believe the relationship between each other is important. Yet too often this goodwill is not reflected in behaviours.

Almost all Australians, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, think the relationship is important.



94%

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and **90%** of Australians in the general community **feel our relationship is important.**

70%

Australians in the general community believe that Australia is better off with many cultural groups (66% in 2016).

There are gaps in the trust that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous people have for each other.



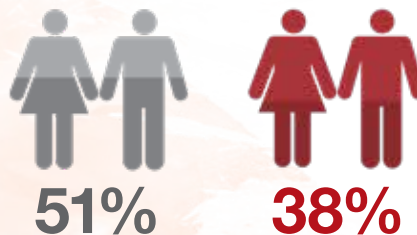
46% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people believe they have high trust towards Australians in the general community (also 46% in 2016), compared with **40% who think Australians in the general community have high trust for them.**

27% Australians in the general community believe they have high trust towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, compared with **21% who think Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have high trust for them** (19% in 2016).

Racism, both perceived and experienced, has decreased slightly.



33% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people **have experienced** at least one form of **verbal racial abuse** in the last 6 months (37% in 2016).



51% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people believe that **Australia is a racist country** (57% in 2016), compared with **38%** of the general community (39% in 2016).

38% Australians in the general community consider **racial and cultural differences as the biggest cause of social divisions in Australia** (37% in 2016), compared with **49% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people** (39% in 2016).