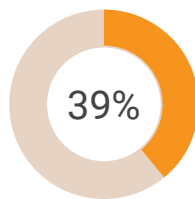


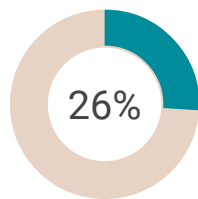
Indigenous people and legal problem resolution

The **Legal Australia-Wide (LAW) Survey** showed Indigenous Australians were less likely have legal problems resolved. Further analysis using an equally matched Indigenous and non-Indigenous sample, however, shows that this difference concerns **criminal legal problems**. Differences in the manner of legal problem finalisation were also found.

unresolved crime problems

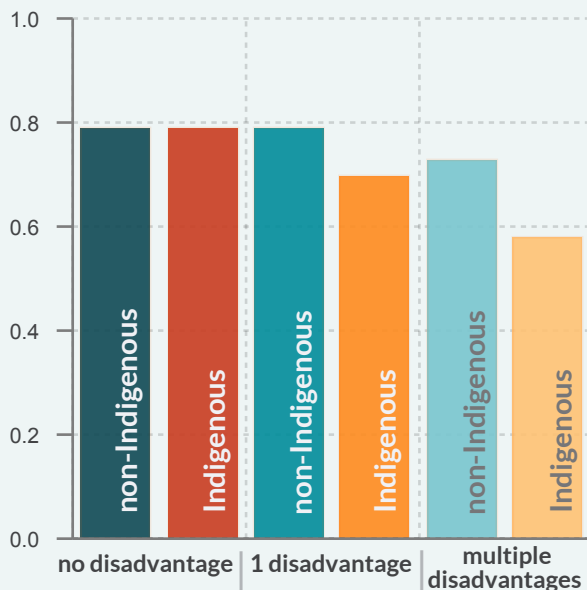


Indigenous
Australians



non-Indigenous
people

probability of resolving crime problems



unresolved crime problems of people experiencing multiple disadvantages

domestic violence

Indigenous
64.5%
non-Indigenous
21.4%

being questioned, arrested or charged by police

Indigenous
51.5%
non-Indigenous
20%

Some factors likely to influence Indigenous crime problem resolution rates

Cultural and language barriers which delay resolution

Longer waiting times in formal dispute resolution

Communication barriers between Indigenous people and police

manner of finalisation

Indigenous Australians' legal problems were finalised:

more through

formal processes

e.g. **courts** and **tribunals**



less through

other agencies

e.g. **government bodies** and **police**



outcome favourability & satisfaction

When legal problems were resolved:



Indigenous Australians had **equally favourable outcomes** and were as **equally satisfied** as non-Indigenous people