There were **23 million people** living in Australia at June 2013.

3% of the population were **Indigenous Australians**.

27% of the population was **born overseas**—9% from English-speaking countries and 18% from other countries.

Natural increase contributed 40% to population growth in 2013 while net **overseas migration** added 60%.

Our **birth rate** is 1.9 births per woman, less than the replacement rate of 2.1, but higher than our lowest rate of 1.7 in 2001.

**The population increases** at the rate of 1 person every 1 minute and 18 seconds (ABS 2013).

Historical and projected Australian population, by age, 1922 to 2032

Over recent decades population growth has been stronger among older age groups compared with younger age groups:

- In 2013, people aged 65 and over comprised 14% of the population compared with 9% in 1973.
- People aged under 25 comprised 32% of the population in 2013 compared with 45% 40 years earlier.