



Australians: who we are?

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Our estimated population in 2016 is 24.4 million, of which:



4.6 million
are aged 0–14



3.1 million
are aged 15–24



3.6 million
are aged 25–34



3.3 million
are aged 35–44



3.2 million
are aged 45–54



2.8 million
are aged 55–64



3.7 million
are aged 65 or older
(ABS 2013)



In 2014:



3.0% of Australians were
Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander—714,000 people
(ABS 2014b)



28% were born overseas—
6.6 million people (ABS 2015f)



71% lived in *Major cities*—
16.6 million people



18% lived in *Inner regional*
areas—4.3 million people



8.9% lived in *Outer regional*
areas—2.1 million people



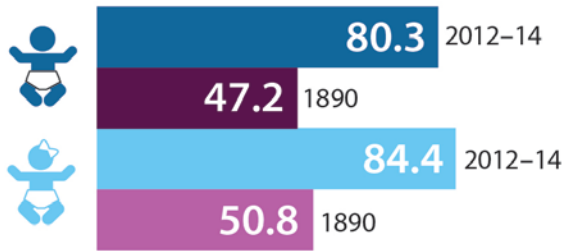
1.4% lived in *Remote areas*—
324,000 people



0.9% lived in *Very remote*
areas—208,000 people (ABS 2015g)

Australia's population ranks it **56th** most populous in the world. The most populous country is China, with 1.37 billion people, followed by India (1.25 billion) and the United States with 321.4 million (CIA 2013).

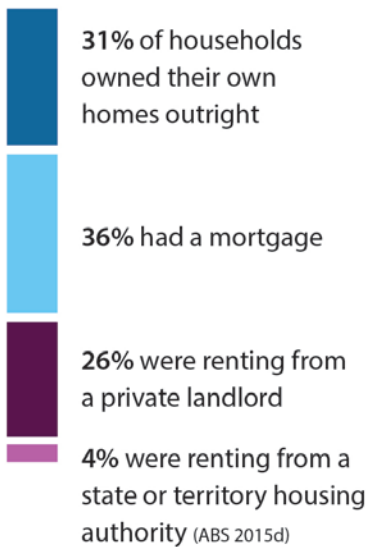




A boy born between 2012 and 2014 can expect to live to **80.3 years** and a girl to **84.4 years** (ABS 2015a). This compares with 47.2 and 50.8 years, respectively, in 1890 (ABS 2014a).



In 2013-14:



In 2015, **76%** of people aged 15-64 held a Year 12 or non-school qualification at Certificate II level or above (ABS 2015b).



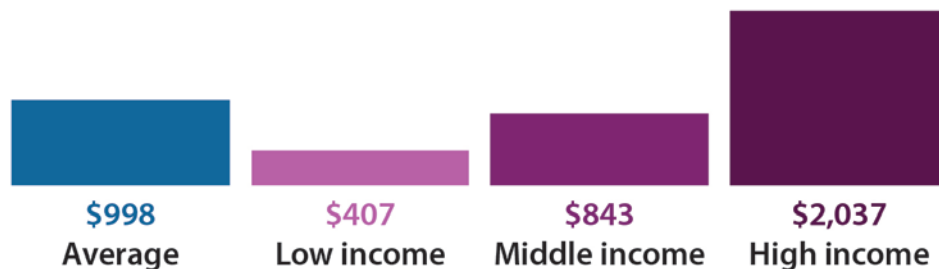
In 2014, the labour force participation rate for Australians aged 15-64 was **76%** (ABS 2015e).



Almost 1 in 3 (30%) employed people aged 15-64 worked part-time (ABS 2015e).



In 2013-14, in real terms, the average disposable household income (after adjusting for the number of people in the household) was \$998 per week. Low-income households had an income of \$407 per week, middle-income households \$843 per week and high-income households \$2,037 per week (ABS 2015c).



More information is presented in *Australia's health 2016*, Chapter 1: Pages 1 to 19