1.2 Profile of Australians

In 2018, our estimated population is **25.2 million**:

- **aged 0–4**: 1.6 million
- **aged 5–14**: 3.1 million
- **aged 15–24**: 3.2 million
- **aged 25–34**: 3.7 million
- **aged 35–44**: 3.4 million
- **aged 45–54**: 3.3 million
- **aged 55–64**: 2.9 million
- **aged 65–74**: 2.2 million
- **aged 75–84**: 1.2 million
- **aged 85 and over**: 0.5 million

*Source: ABS 2013.*

In 2016, an estimated **3.3%** of Australians identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander—**787,000 people** (ABS 2017a).

In 2016, **26%** of people were born overseas—**6.1 million people** (ABS 2017e).

In 2015, an estimated **18%** of people had disability—**4.3 million people** (ABS 2016).

An estimated **11%** of Australians may be of diverse sexual orientation, sex or gender identity (AHRC 2014).
In 2016:

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

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

8.6% lived in **Outer regional** areas—
2.1 million people

1.3% lived in **Remote** areas—
308,000 people

0.8% lived in **Very remote** areas—
194,000 people (ABS 2017f)

In December 2017, the employment to population ratio for people aged 15 and over was **62%** and the unemployment rate was **5.4%** (ABS 2017d).

In 2017, of people aged 20–64, **66%** held a non-school qualification and **31%** had attained a Bachelor degree qualification or higher (ABS 2017b).

In 2015–16, in real terms, the average disposable household income (after adjusting for the number of people in the household) was $1,009. The weekly income for low-income households was $421; for middle-income households it was $856 and for high-income households, $2,009 (ABS 2017c).
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