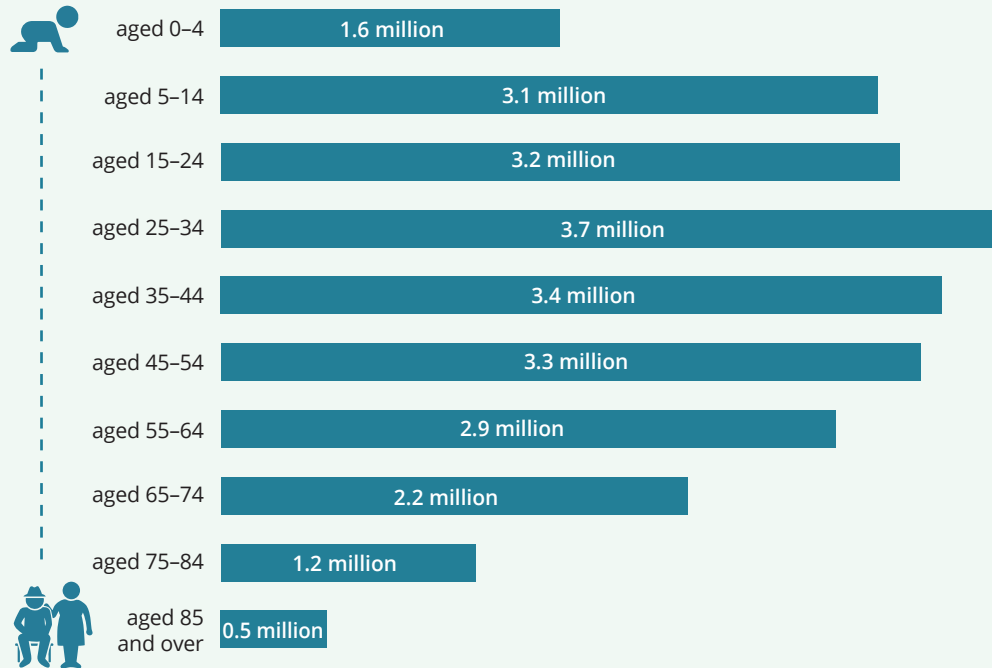




1.2 Profile of Australians

In 2018, our estimated population is 25.2 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

Growth from 2006

21%



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

15%



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

8.4%



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

1.4%



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

5.7%



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).

\$1,009



Average

\$421



Low income

\$856



Middle income

\$2,009



High income



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