

# People

**Population:** 18,322,231 (July 1995 est.)

**Age structure:**

*0-14 years:* 22% (female 1,929,366; male 2,032,238)

*15-64 years:* 67% (female 6,017,362; male 6,181,887)

*65 years and over:* 11% (female 1,227,004; male 934,374) (July 1995 est.)

**Population growth rate:** 1.31% (1995 est.)

**Birth rate:** 14.13 births/1,000 population (1995 est.)

**Death rate:** 7.37 deaths/1,000 population (1995 est.)

**Net migration rate:** 6.33 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1995 est.)

**Infant mortality rate:** 7.1 deaths/1,000 live births (1995 est.)

**Life expectancy at birth:**

*total population:* 77.78 years

*male:* 74.67 years

*female:* 81.04 years (1995 est.)

**Total fertility rate:** 1.82 children born/woman (1995 est.)

**Nationality:**

*noun:* Australian(s)

*adjective:* Australian

**Ethnic divisions:** Caucasian 95%, Asian 4%, aboriginal and other 1%

**Religions:** Anglican 26.1%, Roman Catholic 26%, other Christian 24.3%

**Languages:** English, native languages

**Literacy:** age 15 and over can read and write (1980 est.)

*total population:* 100%

*male:* 100%

*female:* 100%

**Labor force:** 8.63 million (September 1991)

*by occupation:* finance and services 33.8%, public and community services 22.3%, wholesale and retail trade 20.1%, manufacturing and industry 16.2%, agriculture 6.1% (1987)