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# A Picture of the Nation



## The Statistician's Report on the 2006 Census

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This publication provides a comprehensive yet easy-to-read overview of the 2006 Census, presenting an analysis of the data together with a fresh and detailed insight into Australia's culture and peoples. A Picture of the Nation presents information on a broad range of topics, in particular statistics on regions and small areas, as well as the characteristics of small population groups.

There is a key theme of generational change within A Picture of the Nation with many interesting findings that showcase the emerging changes between the five age-based generations of Oldest (aged 80+), Lucky (60 to 79), Baby Boomers (40 to 59), Gen X and Y (20 to 39) and the iGeneration (0 to 19).

A Picture of the Nation contains eight chapters on key areas of social and economic interest. Each chapter includes a broad overview as well as detailed information.

- **Population** - Contains information on where Australians live, population mobility and a generational view of the population.
- **Cultural Diversity** - Includes topics such as second generation Australians, and religion across the generations.
- **Living Arrangements** - Includes children's living arrangements and a Sydney case study of families with young children.
- **Community** - Includes volunteering across Australia, and caring across the life cycle.
- **Education** - Includes topics such as school teachers and adult education across the generations.
- **Work** - Includes skill shortages, generations of employment and driving to work.
- **Economic Resources** - Includes workers' incomes across Australia and in selected regions.
- **Housing** - Includes trends in housing utilisation and housing across Brisbane and Melbourne city rings.

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### Who would use A Picture of the Nation?

A Picture of the Nation is aimed at new and existing users of Census data. It would be a useful reference for all levels of government, education sectors, the media and academics, as well as the general public.

### Benefits of A Picture of the Nation

A Picture of the Nation is presented in an easy to understand format featuring topical articles illustrated by thematic maps, tables and graphs. The commentary within the report covers a wide range of issues, which can assist readers to understand Australian society and how it is changing. The report also introduces readers to some of the possible uses of census data.

### What format is A Picture of the Nation available in?

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- a hardcopy publication for purchase, and
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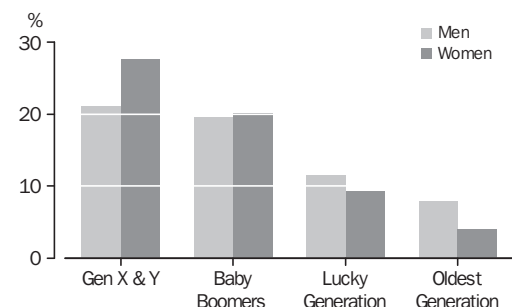
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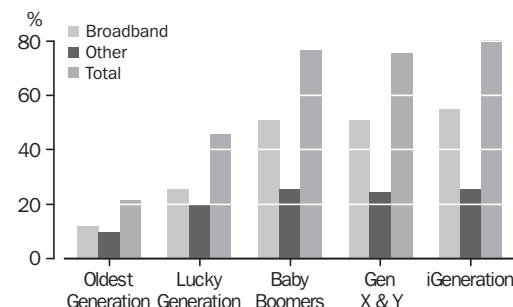
### Sample graphs from A Picture of the Nation

**Higher education qualifications by generation(a)**



(a) Includes Bachelor degree, Graduate diploma, Graduate certificate, Master degree and Doctoral degree.

**Internet access by generation(a)**



(a) Usual residents living in private dwellings only.

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