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Census data critical to health service provision

Every stat tells a story

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The RFDS is committed to ensuring that all rural and remote Australians can



access the health care they need, whenever they need it.



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Serving
Australia
for 94
years

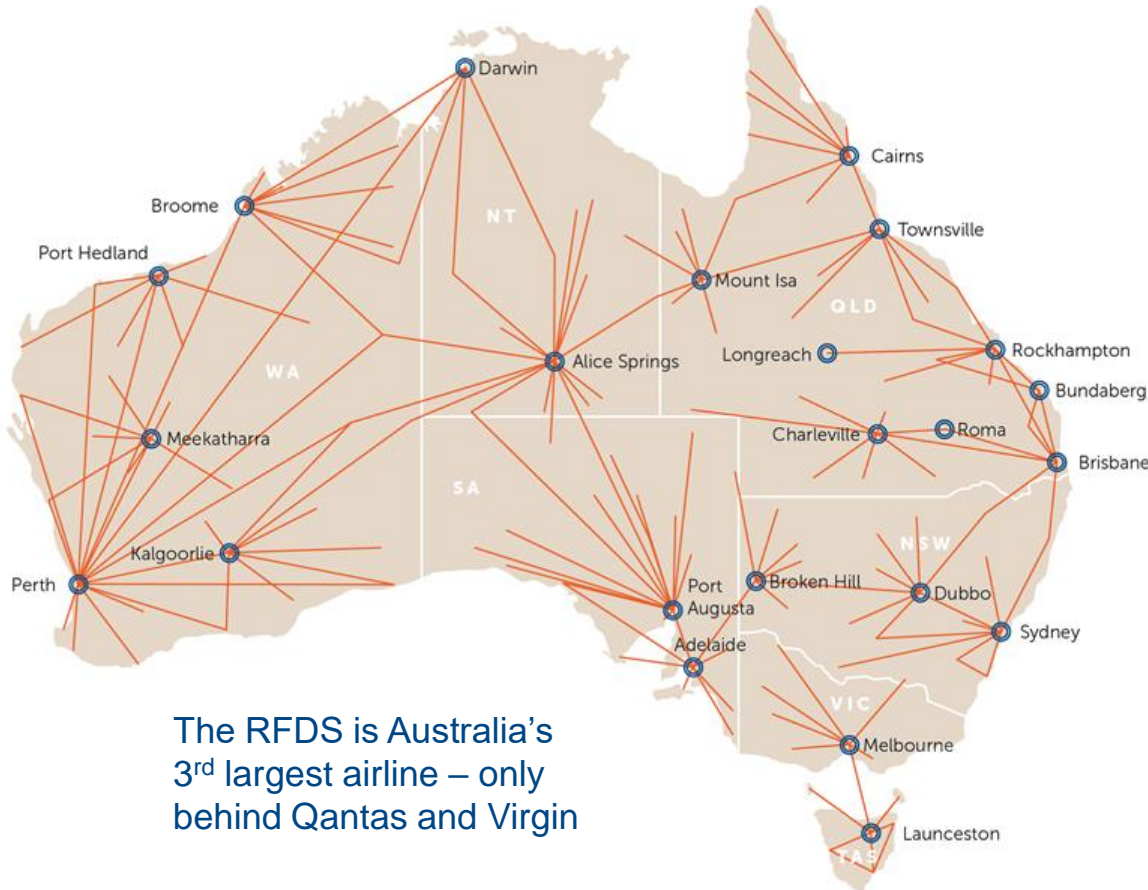


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RFDS national service footprint:

23 aerobases
79 aircraft

163 road service vehicles (including 10 dental vehicles)



The RFDS is Australia's 3rd largest airline – only behind Qantas and Virgin



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RFDS base
and clinic
locations

@65 clinics daily
@1000 patients
every day



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Census data +
Health Direct data +
Royal Flying Doctor Service data

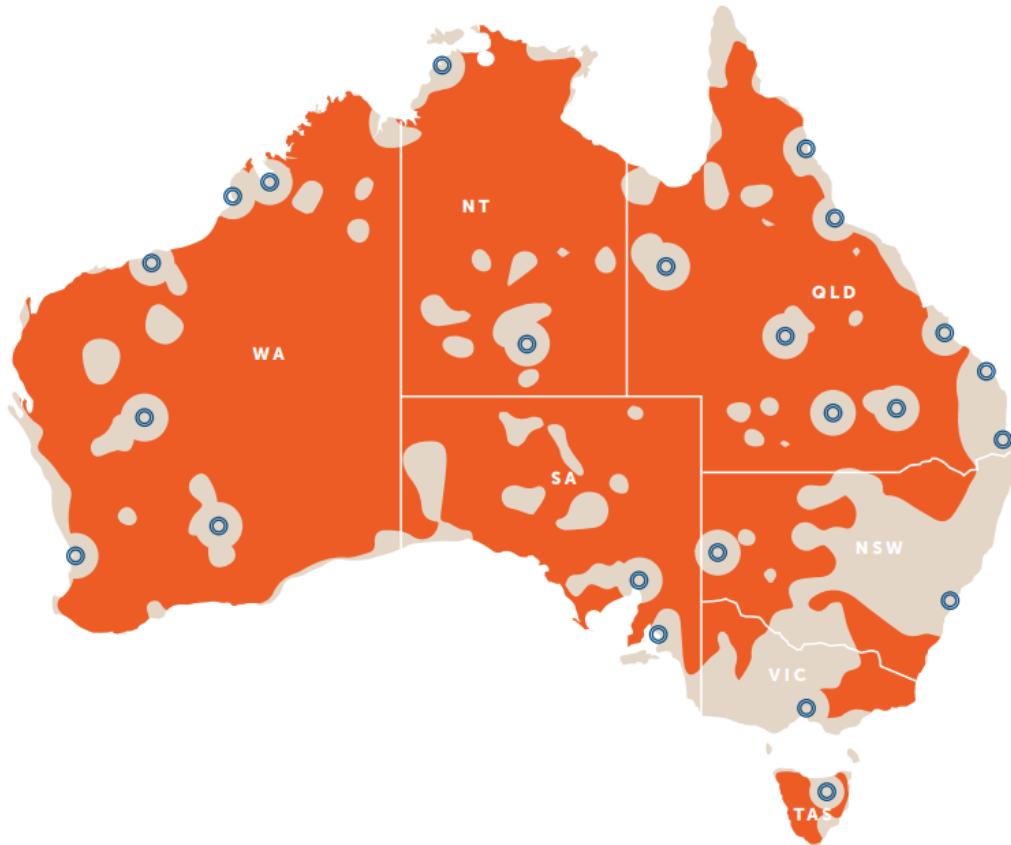
= we know precisely which communities have no access to a doctor, dentist, mental health practitioner, allied health or medical specialists

● Limited access to mainstream health services

⊙ RFDS Base



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Between the RFDS
and Australian
Government we
can now better
address and
resolve health
challenges

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Thank you





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Today's session



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- About the 2021 Census
- Conducting the Census during a pandemic
- Response rates
- Key data insights
- Release timeline
- Accessing data
- Questions

Scale of the Census



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Approximately **35,000 staff** staff to run the Census



Information available in **44 languages** including Auslan



Census information collected from **25 million** people and **11 million** dwellings



Field staff travelled **10 million km**



Our chatbot guided **375,000 conversations**



60 million pages of paper Census forms scanned



18 million visitors to the website



Mailed out **13.6 million** items



Our call centre answered **645,000** calls



1,430 tonnes of fully recyclable paper



7 years from planning to final data release



9 months to print paper forms

COVID-19 and the Census



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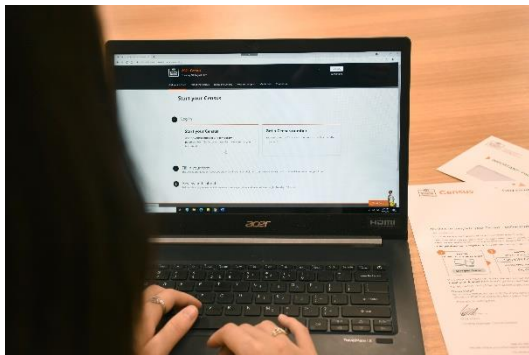


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Response rates



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96.1%

Response rate

0.7%

Net undercount

78.9%

Online response rate



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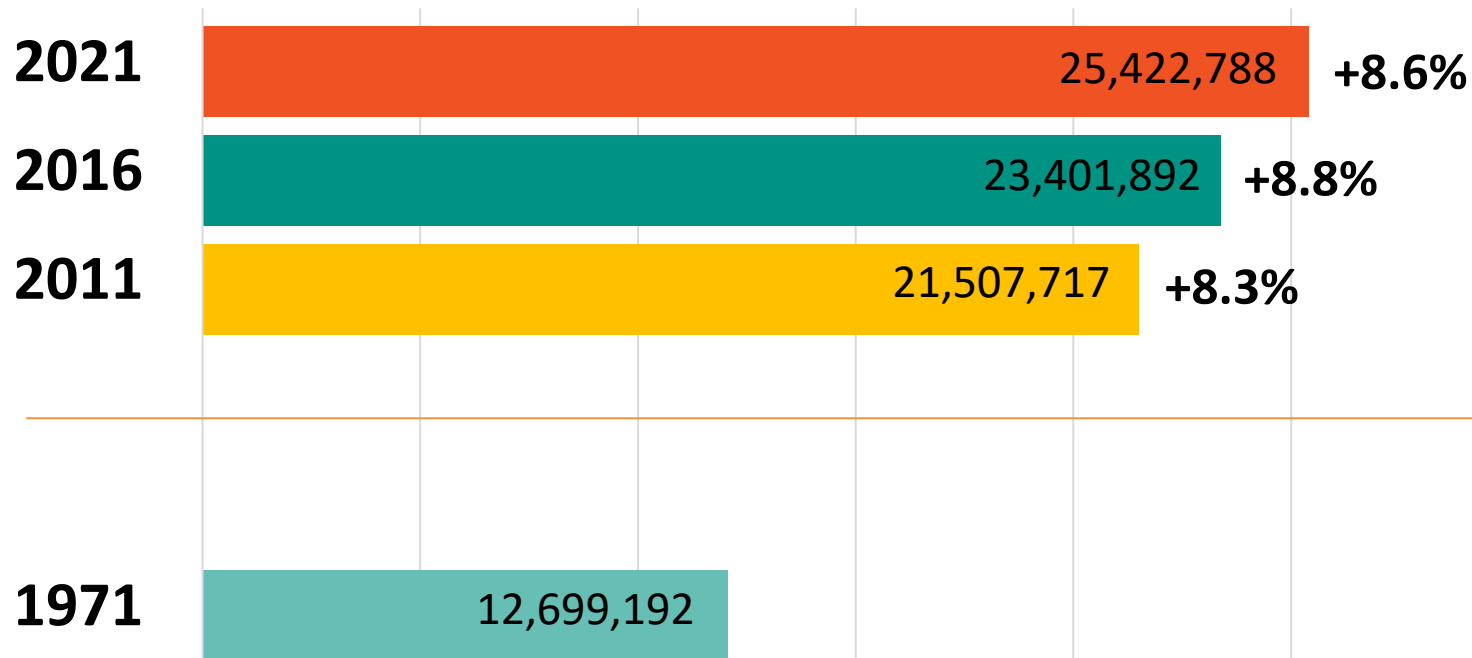
Our people



Census population growth



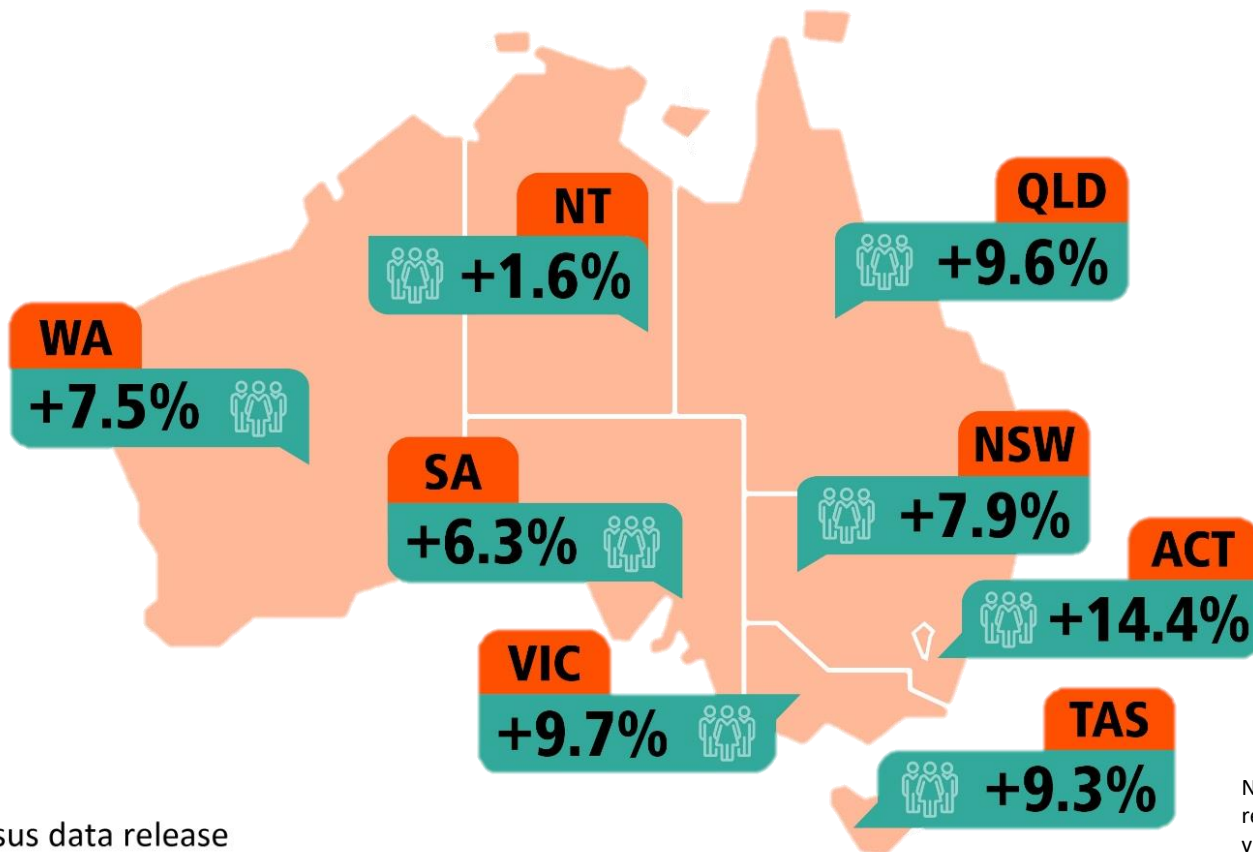
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Population growth 2016 - 2021



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Population and dwelling growth



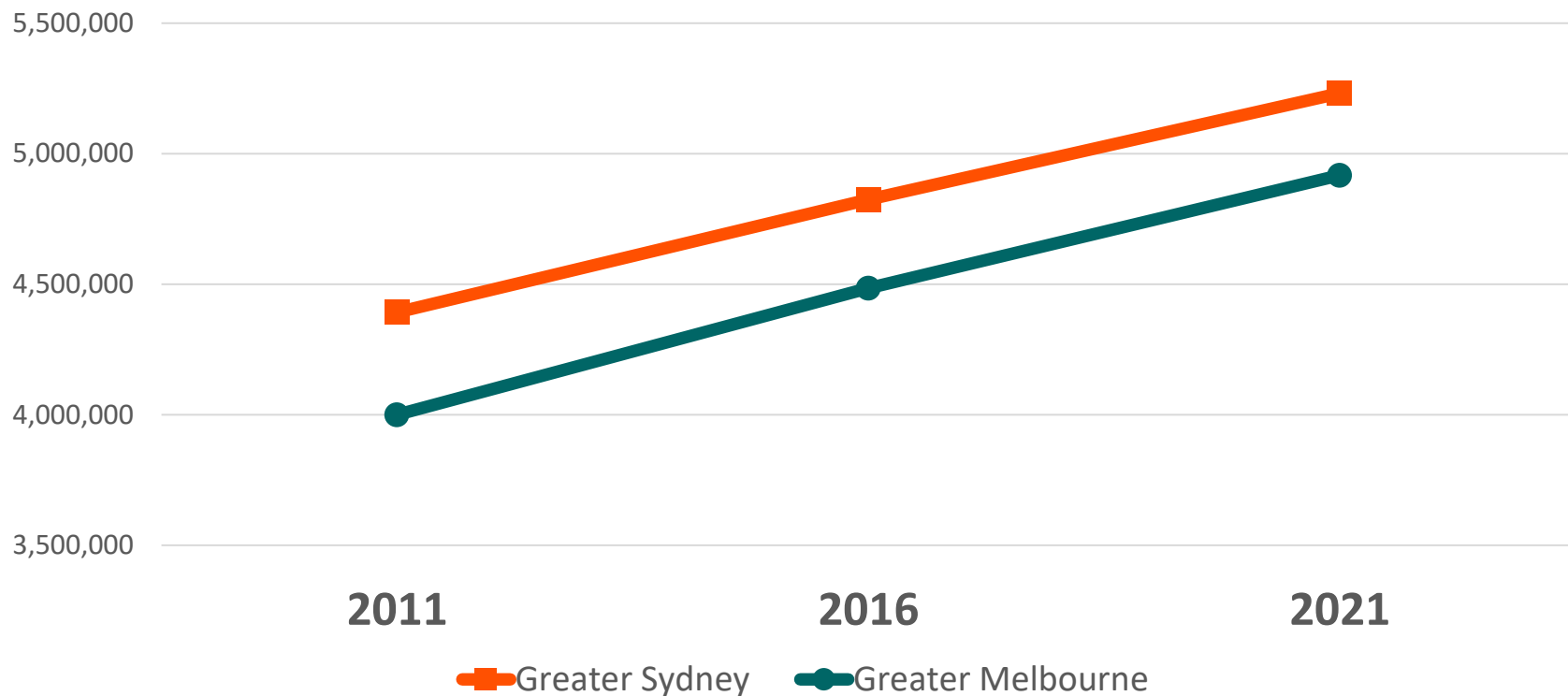
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Melbourne – Sydney comparison



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Note: Count of person based on place of usual residence. Excludes overseas visitors.

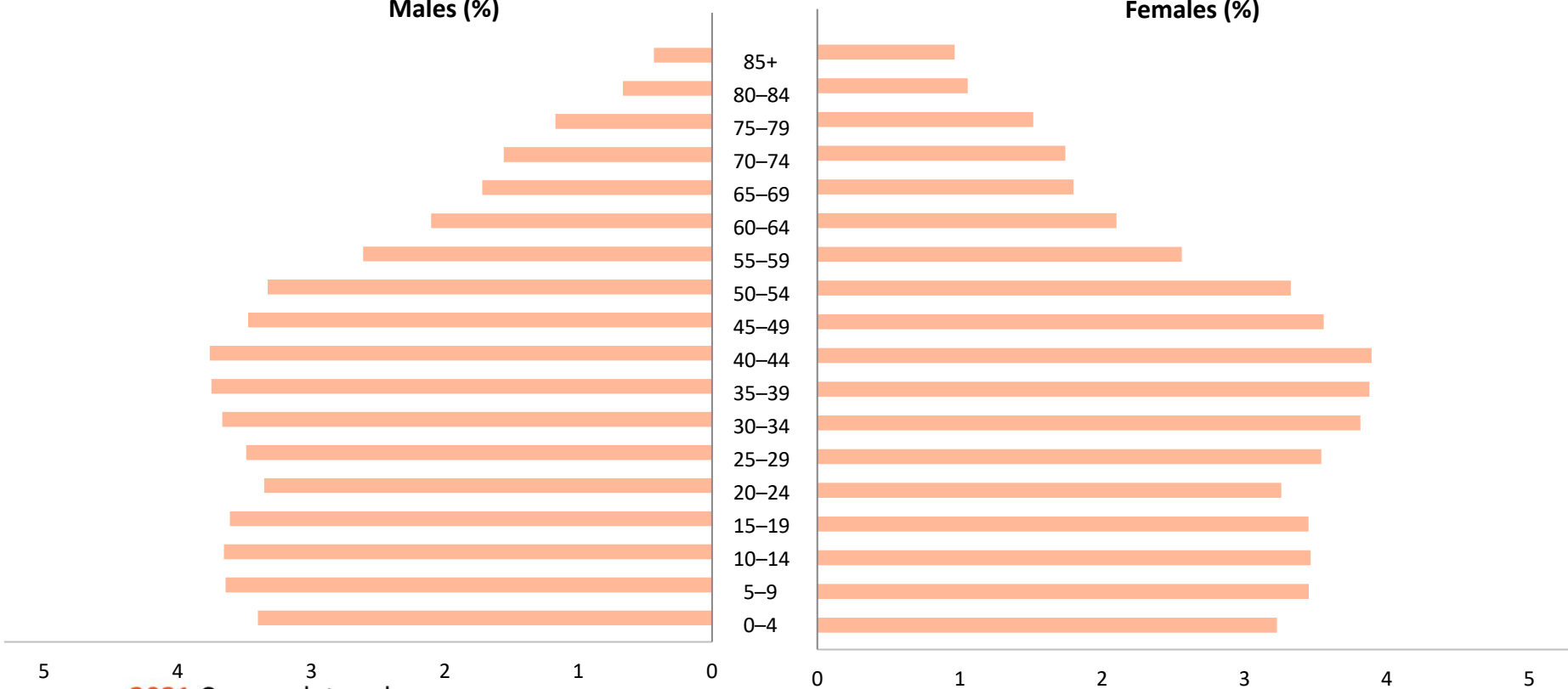
Age distribution - 2001



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Males (%)

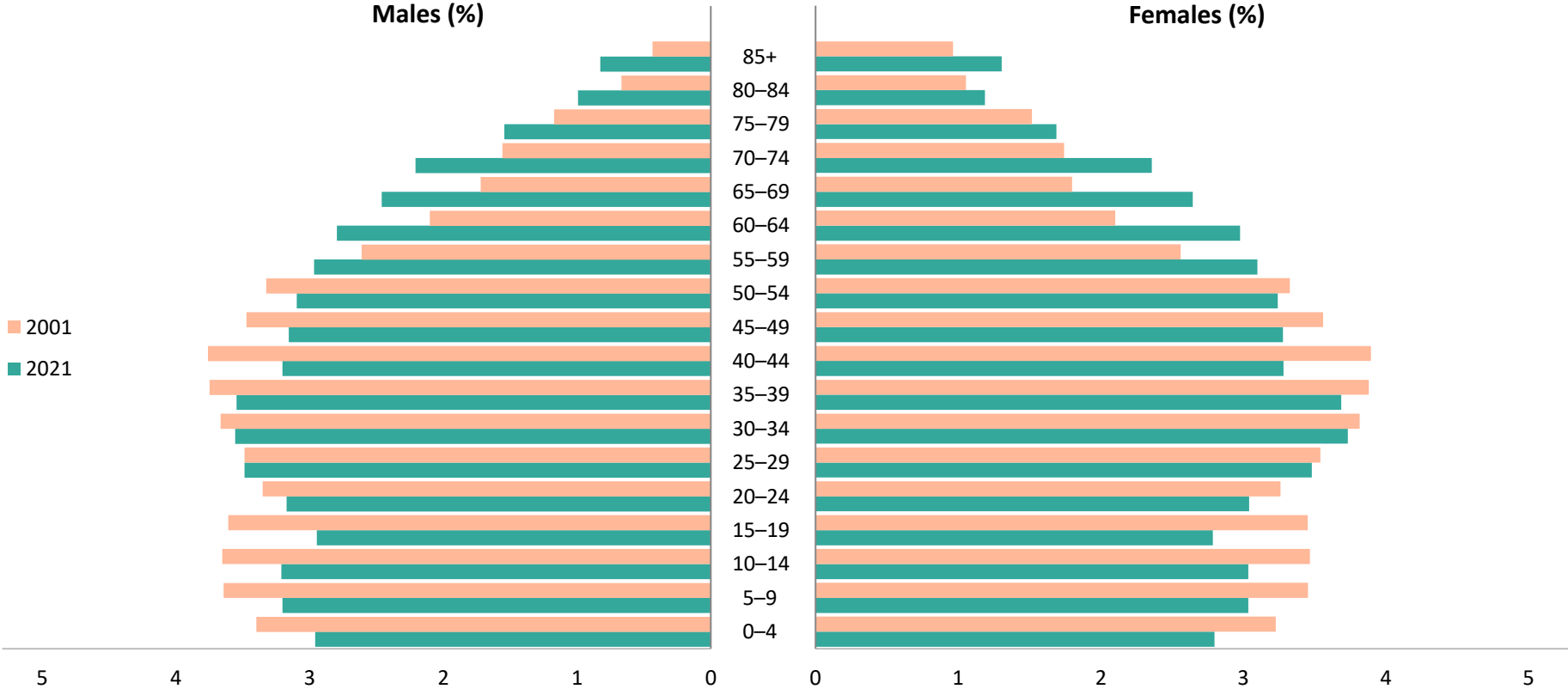
Females (%)



Age distribution - 2001 vs 2021



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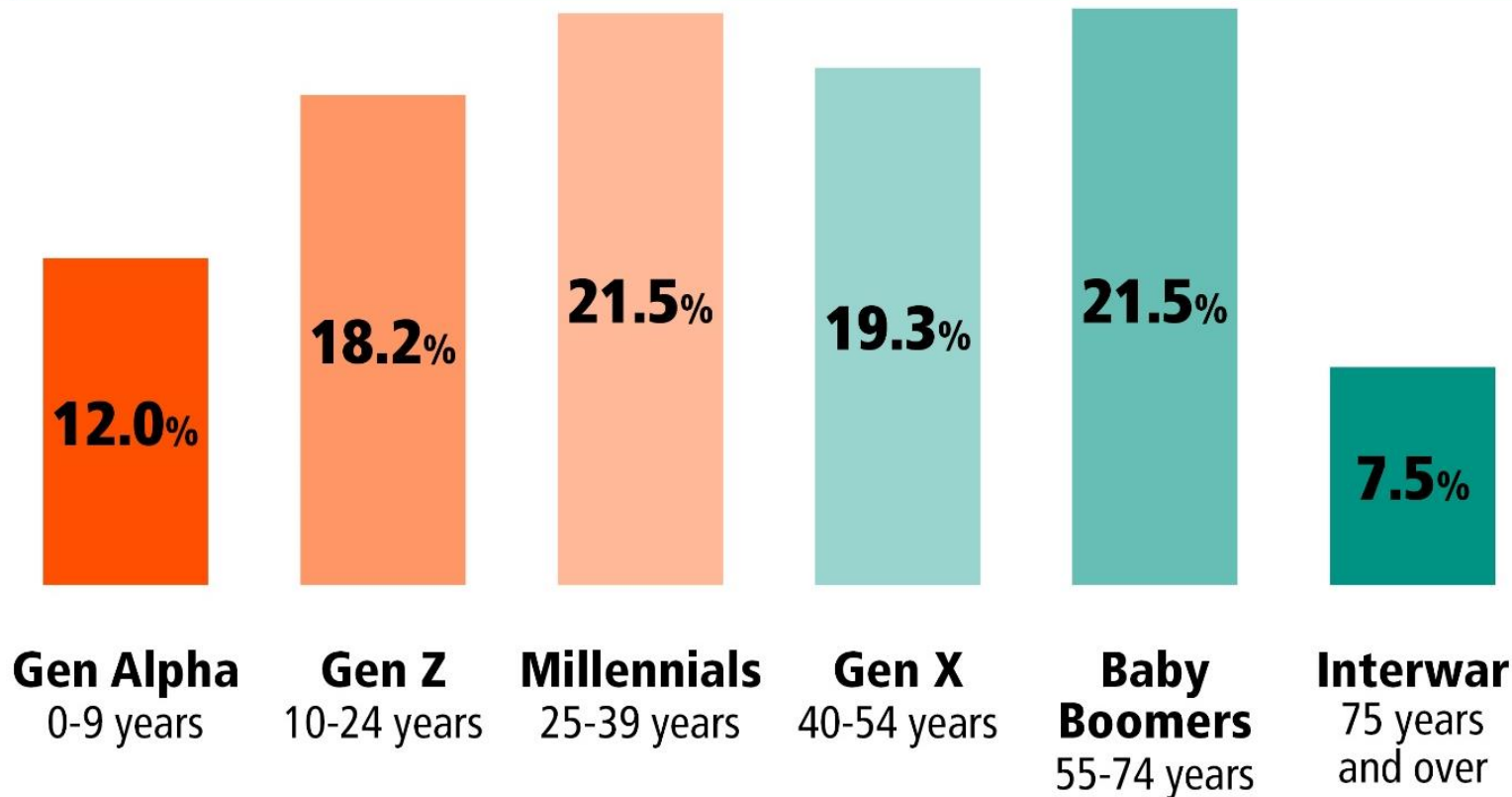
Generational change



Across Australia



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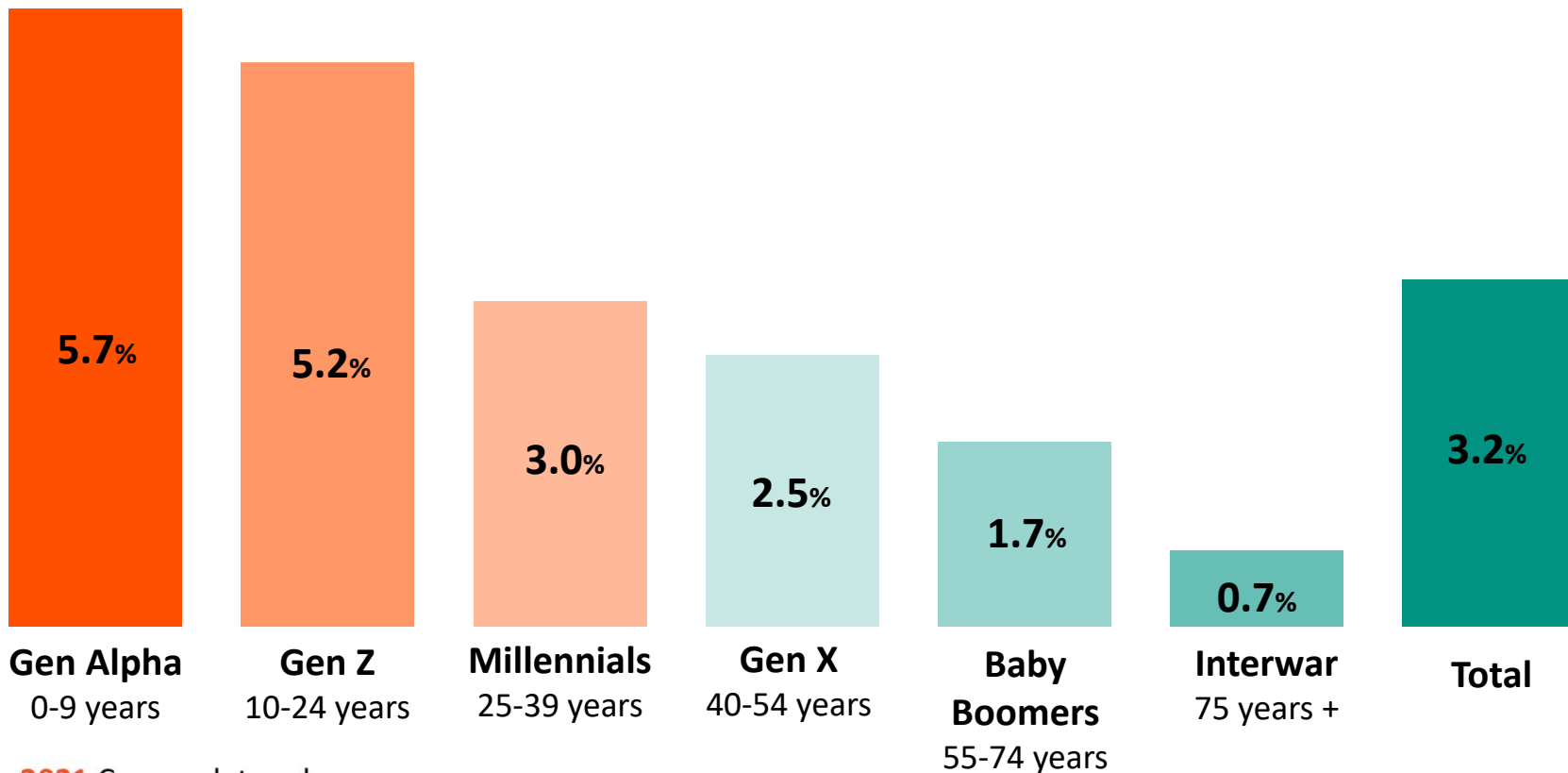
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Note: Excludes overseas visitors.

Across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people



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Across countries of birth



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Gen Alpha

0 – 9

India	1.0%
New Zealand	0.5%
England	0.4%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	0.4%

Gen Z

10 – 24

India	1.8%
New Zealand	1.6%
England	1.5%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	1.5%

Millennials

25 – 39

India	6.1%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	3.6%
New Zealand	2.3%
England	2.1%

Gen X

40 – 54

England	3.9%
India	3.0%
New Zealand	2.9%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	2.4%

Baby Boomers

55 – 74

England	6.7%
New Zealand	2.7%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	2.3%
Vietnam	1.4%

Interwar

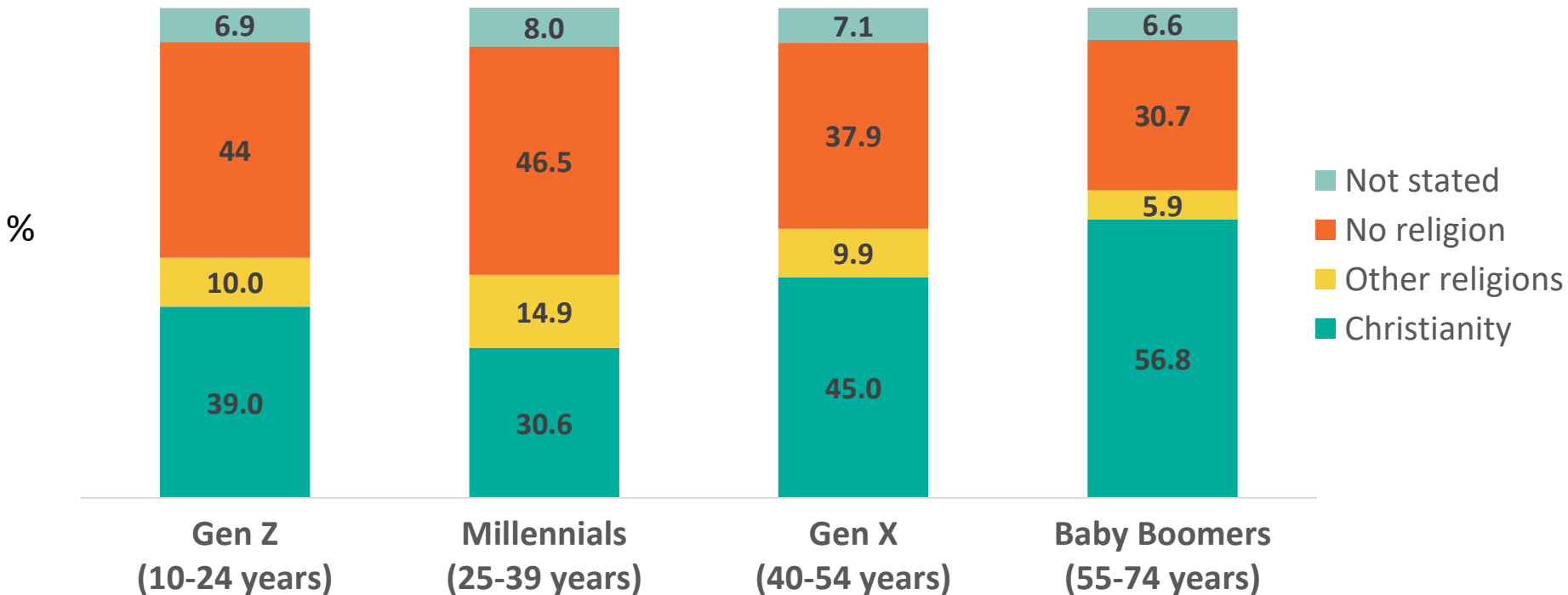
75+

England	8.7%
Italy	3.6%
Greece	2.3%
New Zealand	1.5%

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Note: Australia is the largest country of birth for all generations.

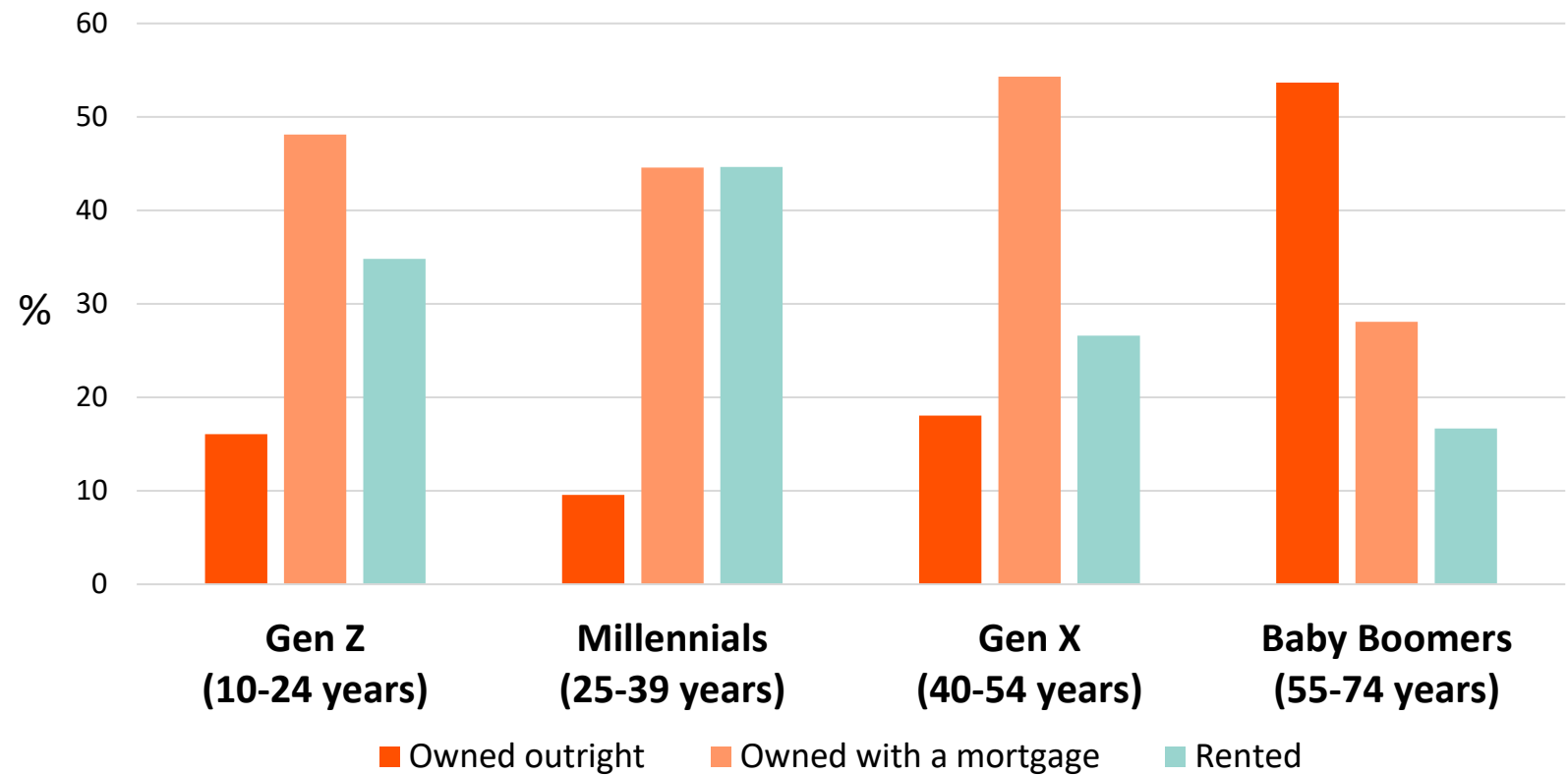
Across religious affiliation



Across dwelling tenure



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Note: At home on Census night. Owned with mortgage includes dwellings being purchased under a shared equity scheme. Rented excludes dwellings being 'Occupied rent-free'.

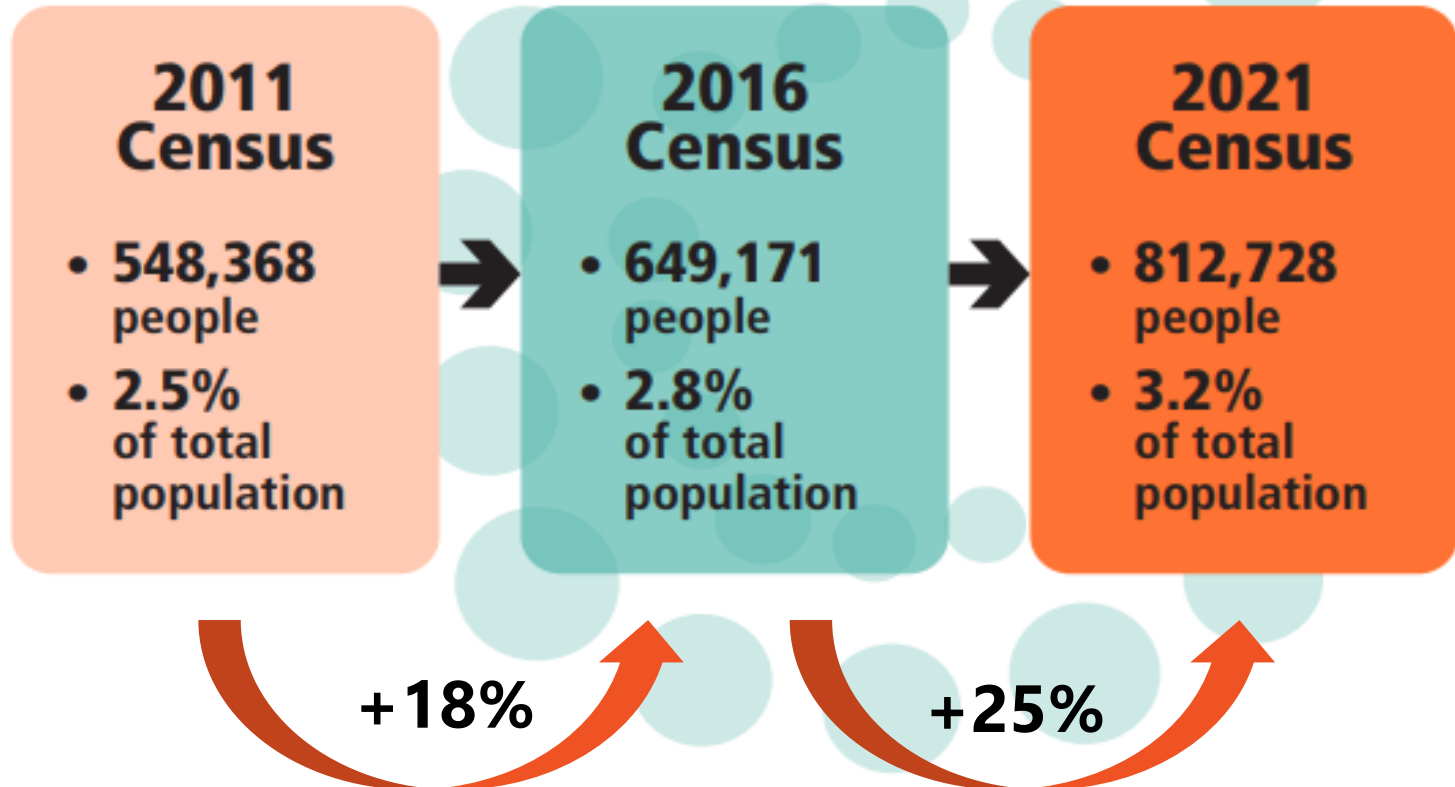


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Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples



Population change

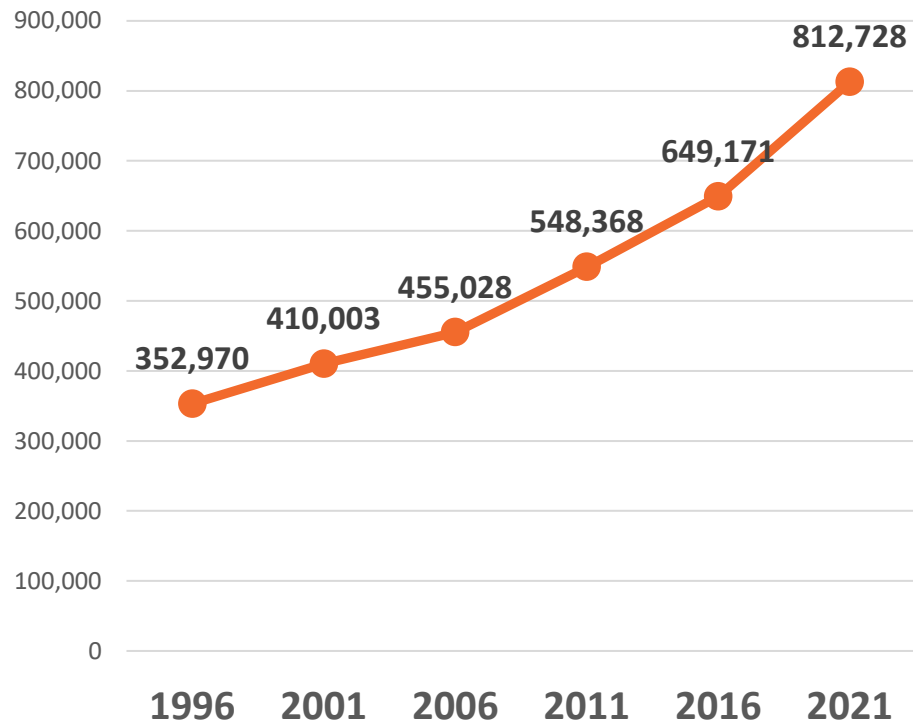


Population change over time

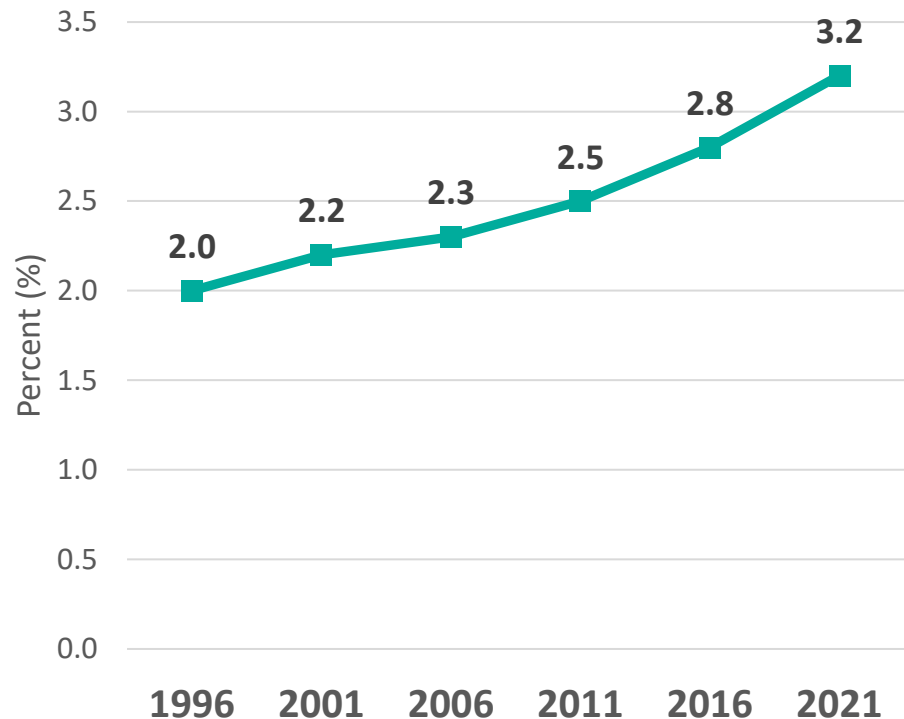


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Count of people



% of total population



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Census counts



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	Count			Proportion by percentage		
	2011	2016	2021	2011	2016	2021
Aboriginal	495,754	590,056	742,882	2.3	2.5	2.9
Torres Strait Islander	31,407	32,345	33,765	0.1	0.1	0.1
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	21,205	26,767	36,083	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population	548,368	649,171	812,728	2.5	2.8	3.2

Count by state or territory



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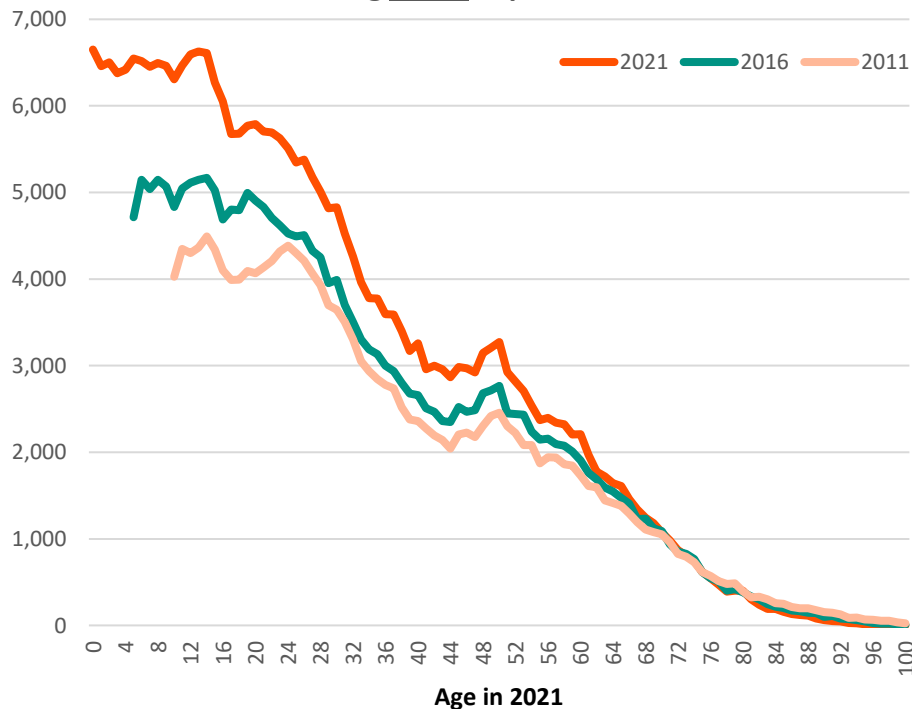
	2011	2016	2021	Percentage growth 2011-2016	Percentage growth 2016-2021
New South Wales	172,625	216,176	278,043	25.2	28.6
Victoria	37,992	47,788	65,646	25.8	37.4
Queensland	155,826	186,482	237,303	19.7	27.3
South Australia	30,432	34,184	42,562	12.3	24.5
Western Australia	69,664	75,978	88,693	9.1	16.7
Tasmania	19,625	23,572	30,186	20.1	28.1
Northern Territory	56,779	58,248	61,115	2.6	4.9
Australian Capital Territory	5,184	6,508	8,949	25.5	37.5
Australia(a)	548,368	649,171	812,728	18.4	25.2

By age from 2011 to 2021

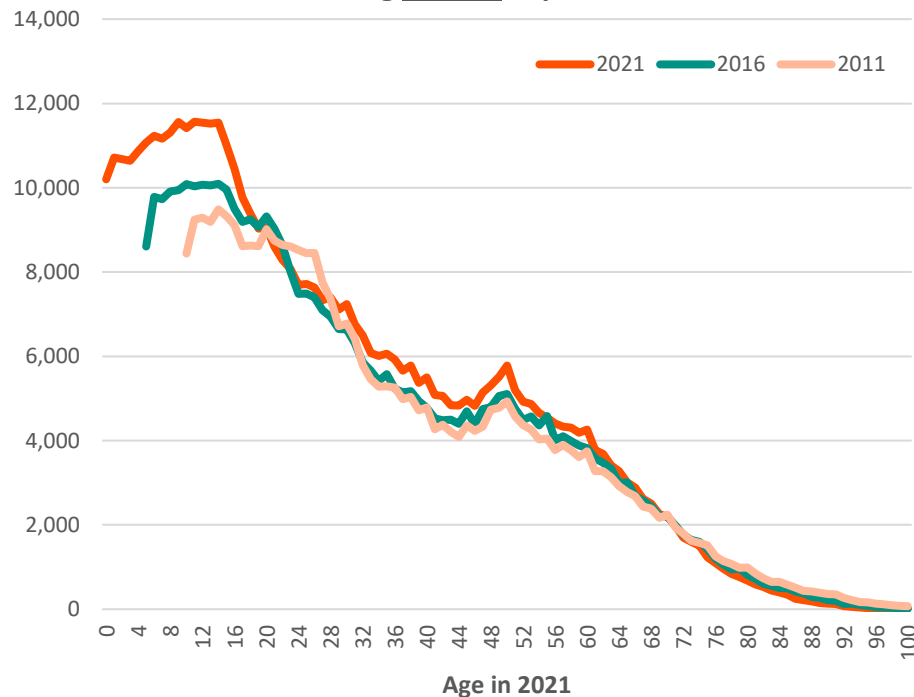


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Living inside Capital Cities



Living outside Capital Cities

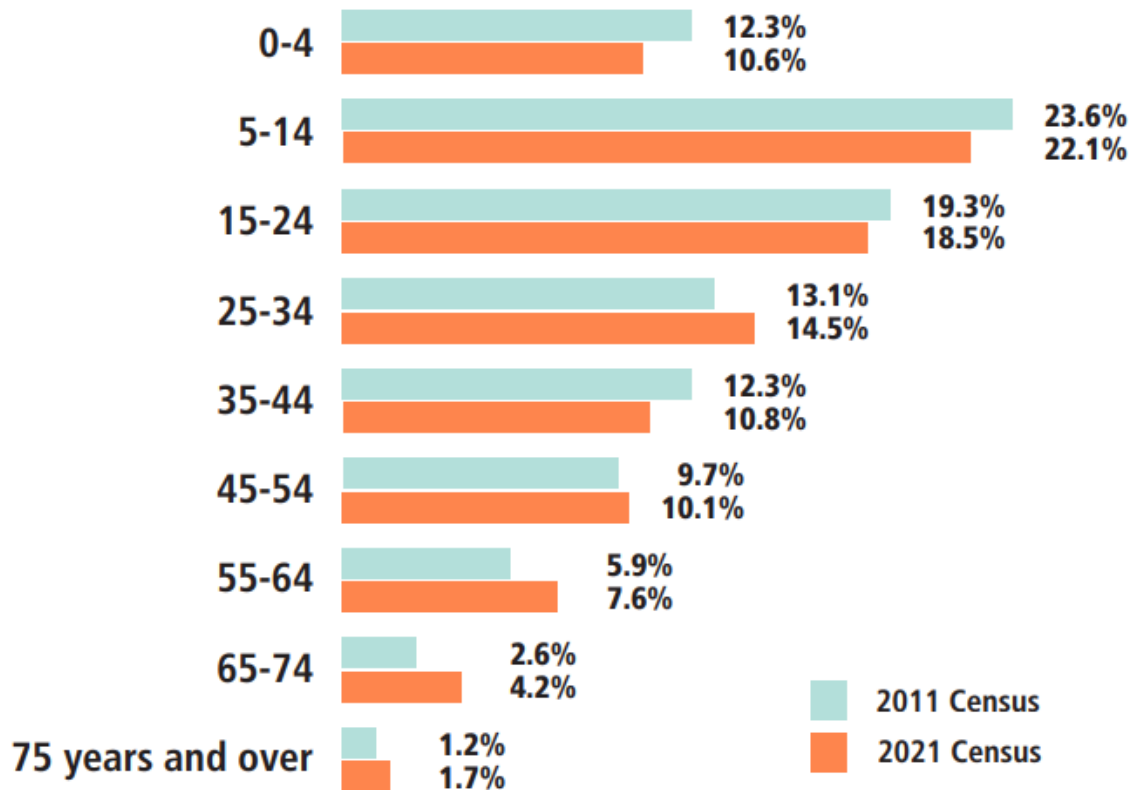


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By age



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Cultural diversity



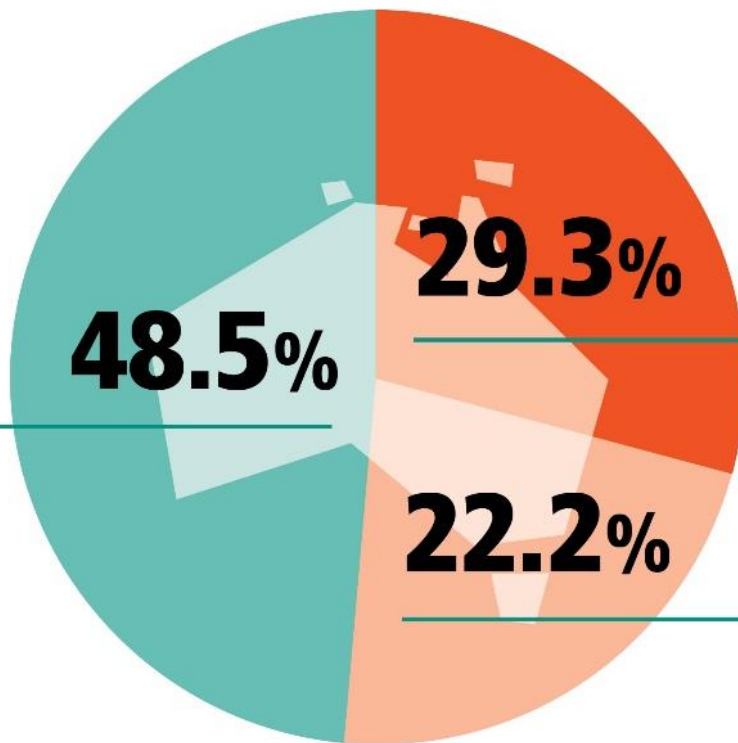
A diverse Australia



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**Third +
generation**



**First
generation**

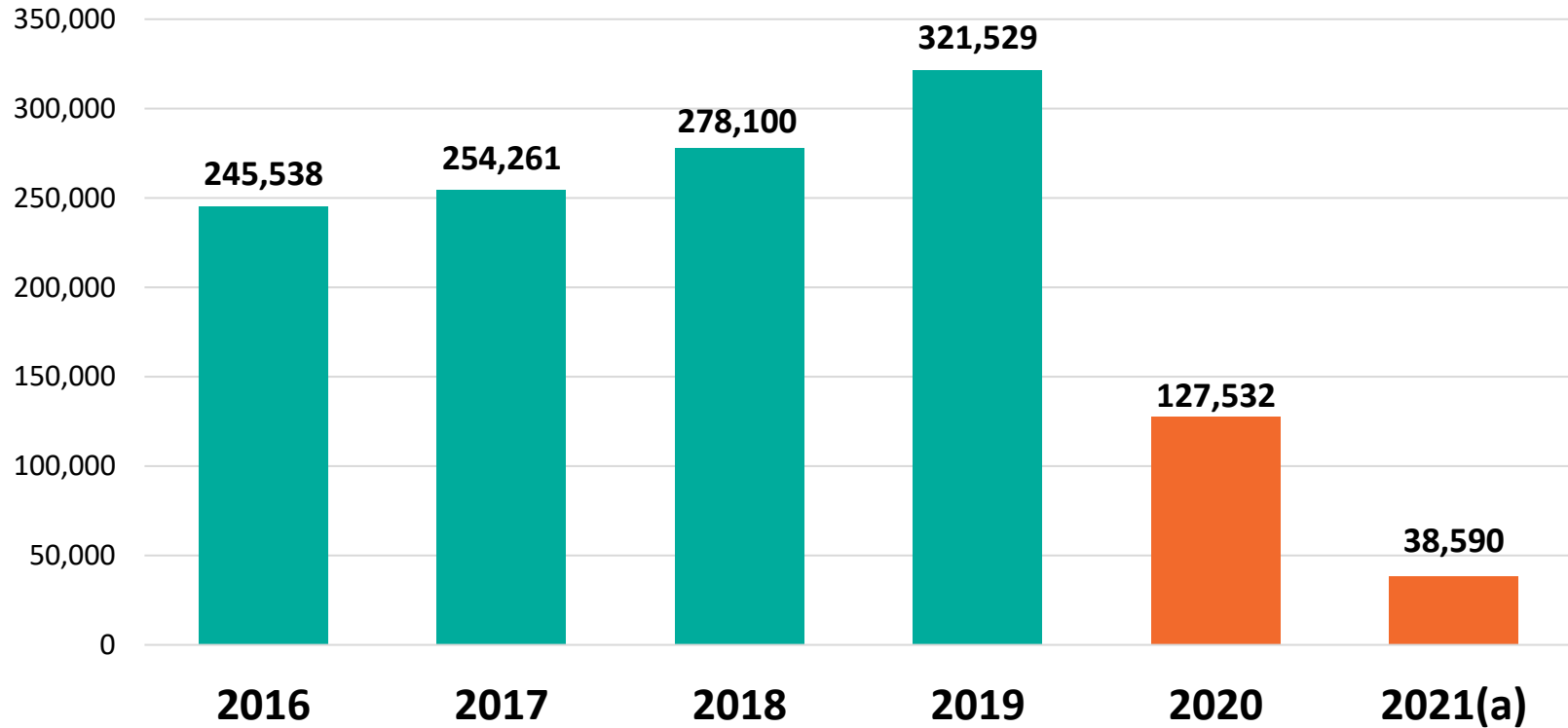


**Second
generation**

Year of arrival



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(a) Figure until 10 August 2021

Top 5 countries of birth



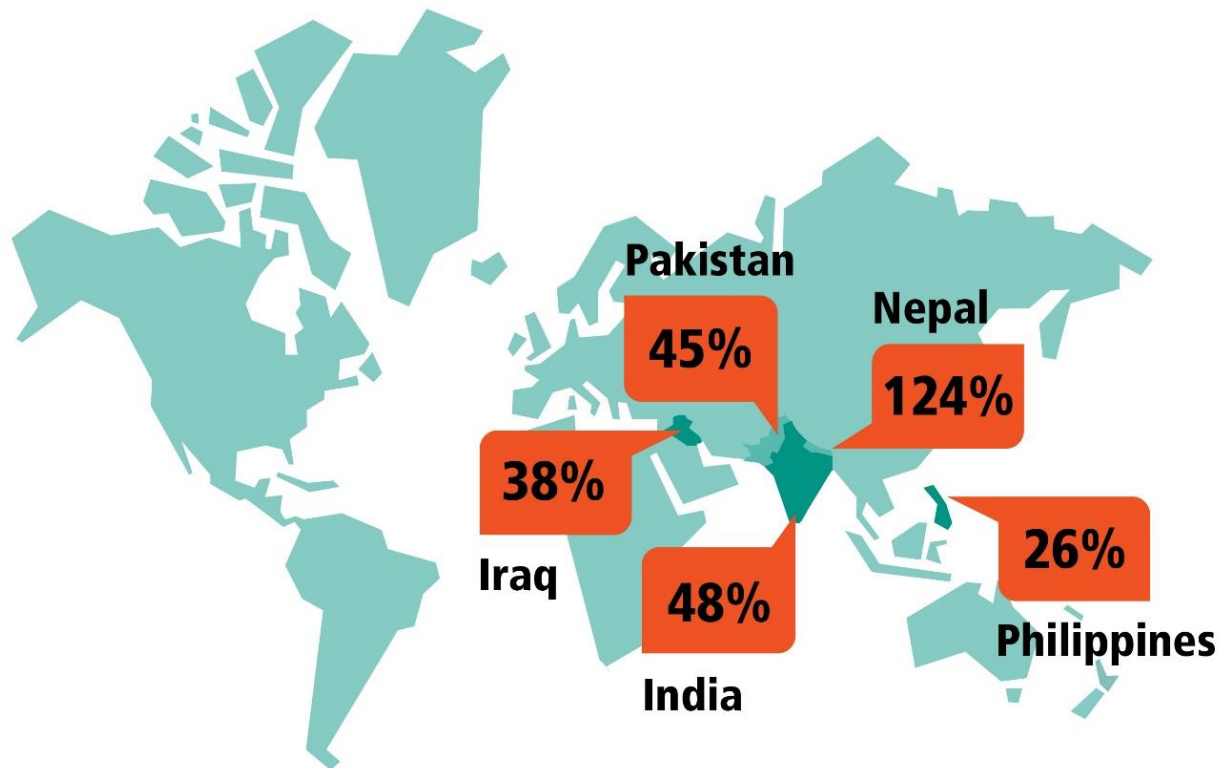
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Note: Excluding Australia. Excludes overseas visitors.

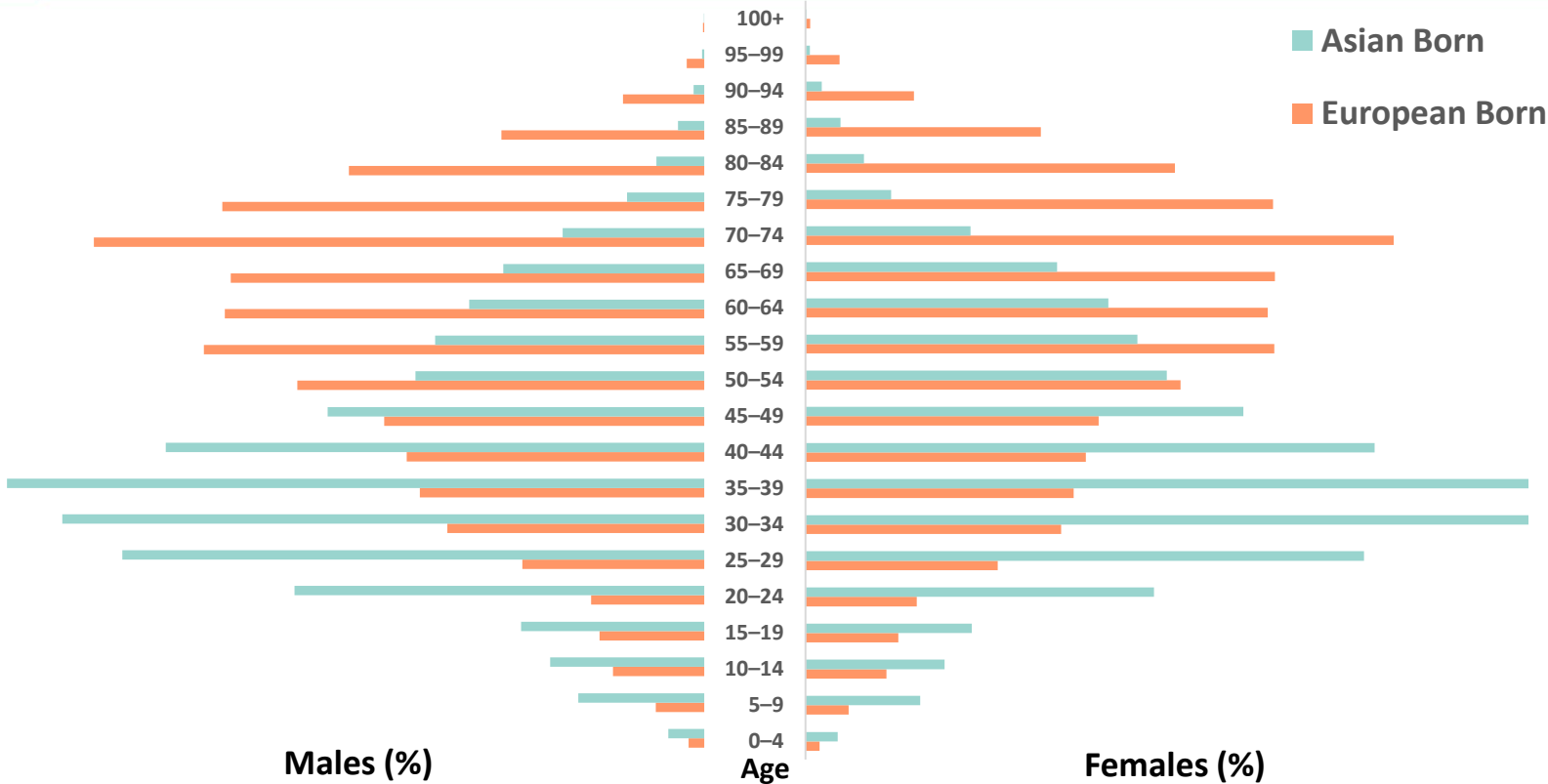
Emerging communities



Age distribution of migrants



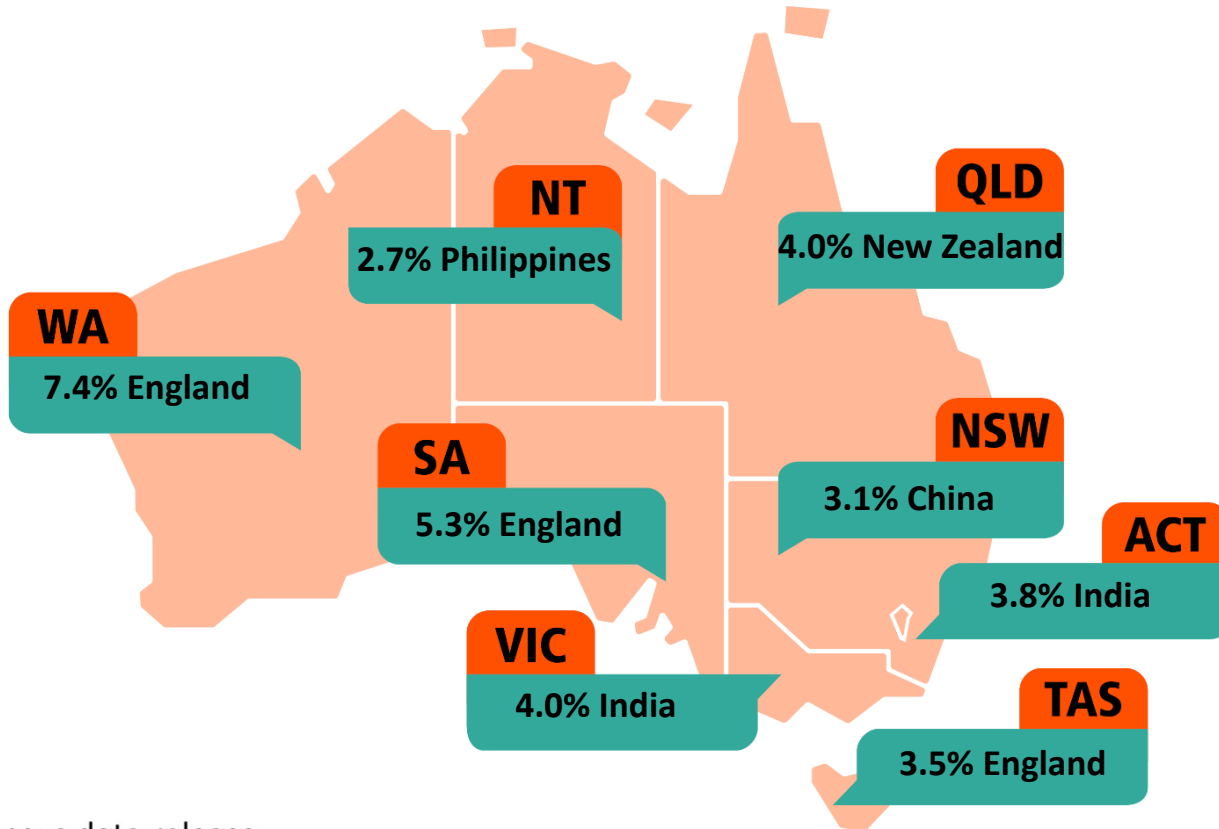
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Top country of birth excluding Australia



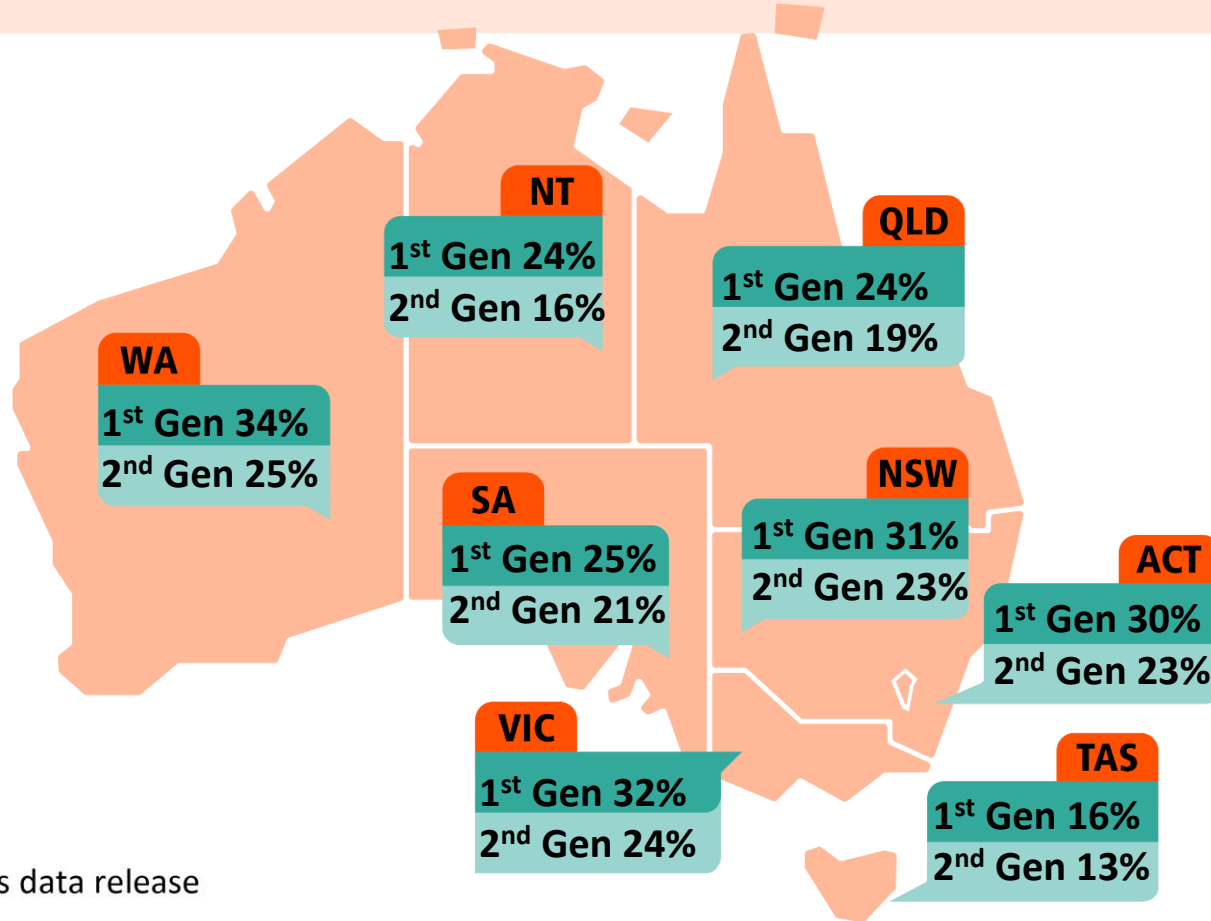
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First and second generation Australians



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Top 5 languages other than English



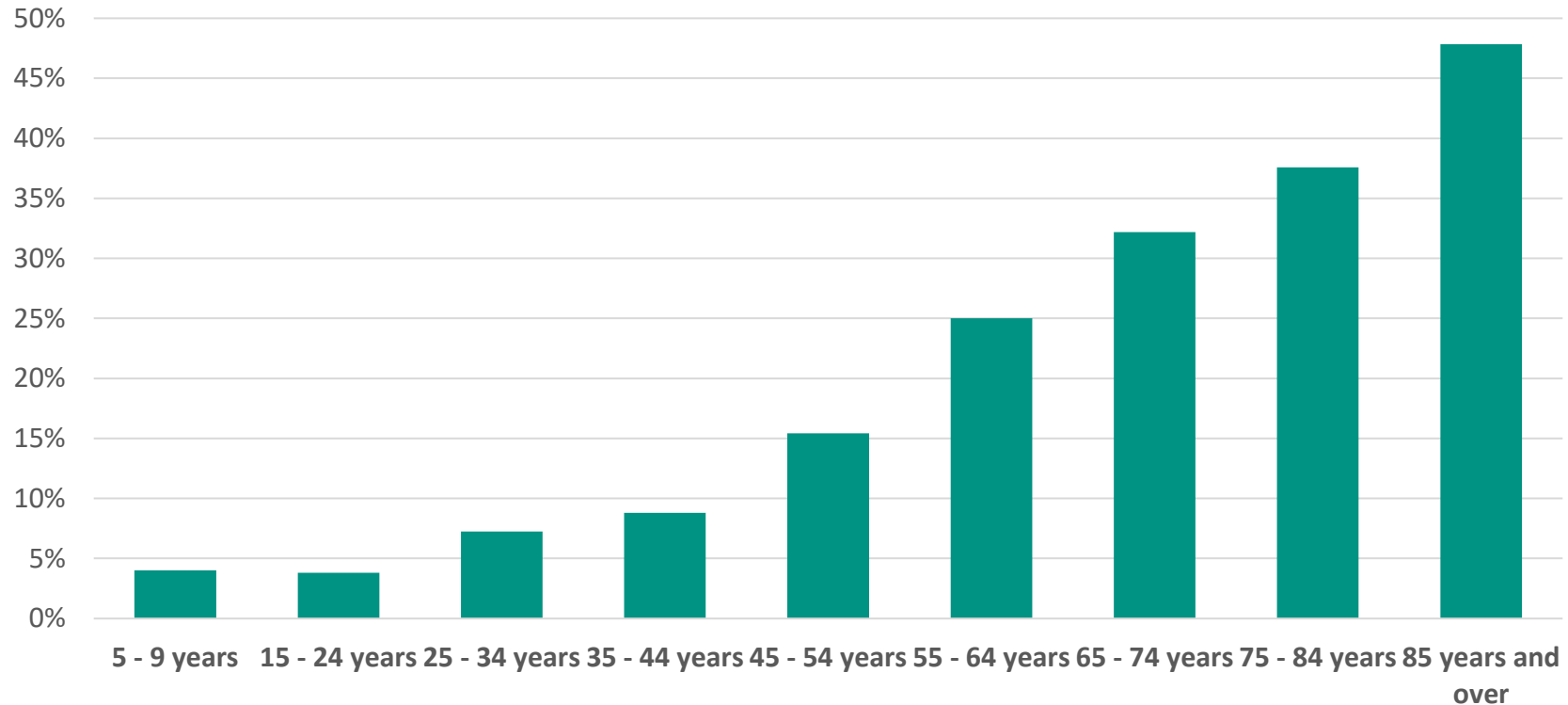
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1991		2021
Italian (2.5%)	1	Mandarin (2.7%)
Greek (1.7%)	2	Arabic (1.4%)
Cantonese (1.0%)	3	Vietnamese (1.3%)
Arabic including Lebanese (1.0%)	4	Cantonese (1.2%)
German (0.7%)	5	Punjabi (0.9%)

Low English proficiency



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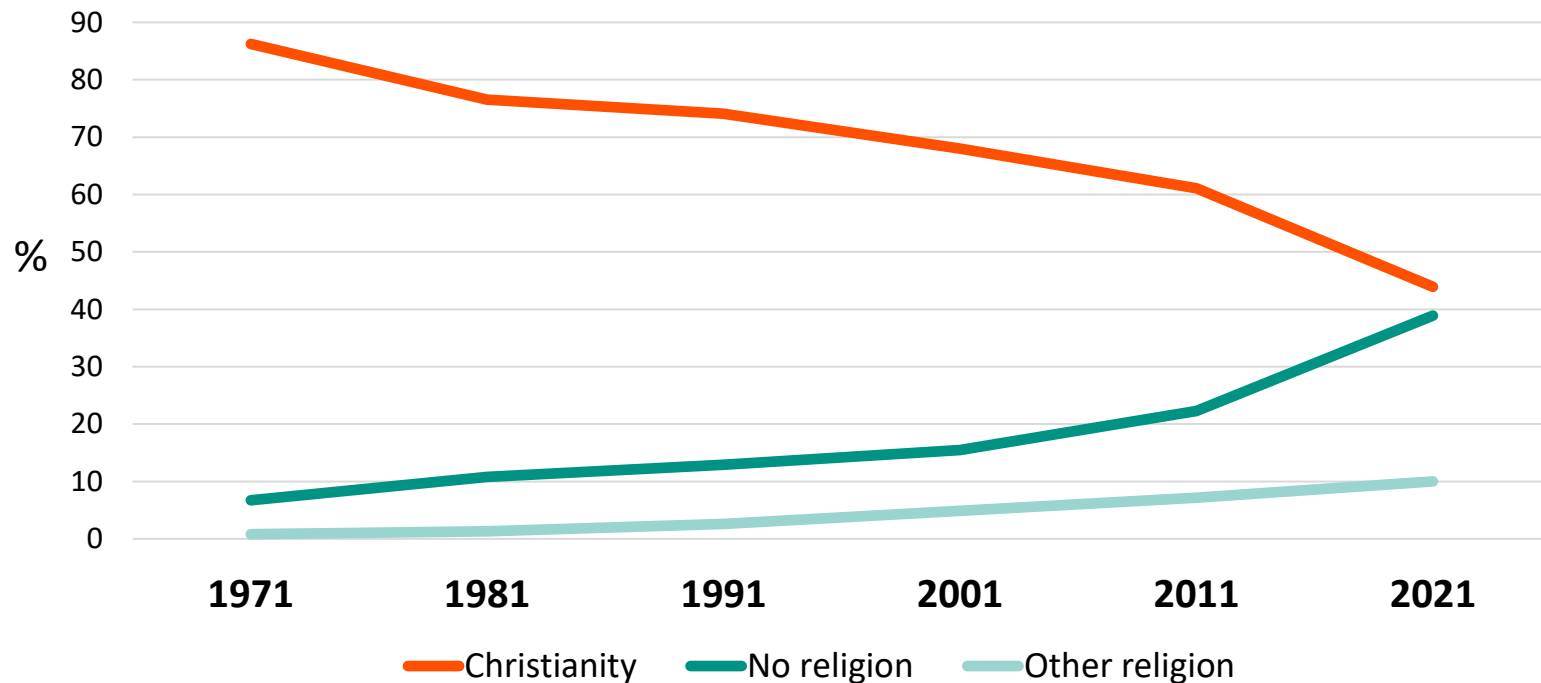
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Note: Of all people who speak a language other than English, this graph shows the proportions of people who speak English not well or not at all.

Religious affiliation over time



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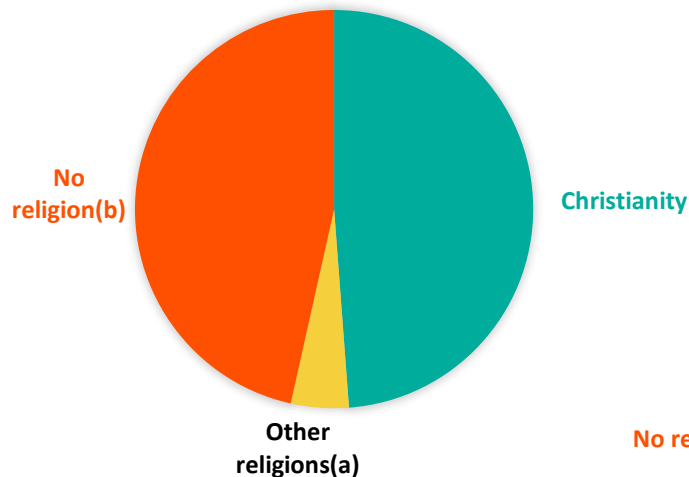
Note: No religion includes No Religion, so described, and Secular beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs. Not Stated and Supplementary Codes represent remaining percent not pictured.

Top religious affiliation

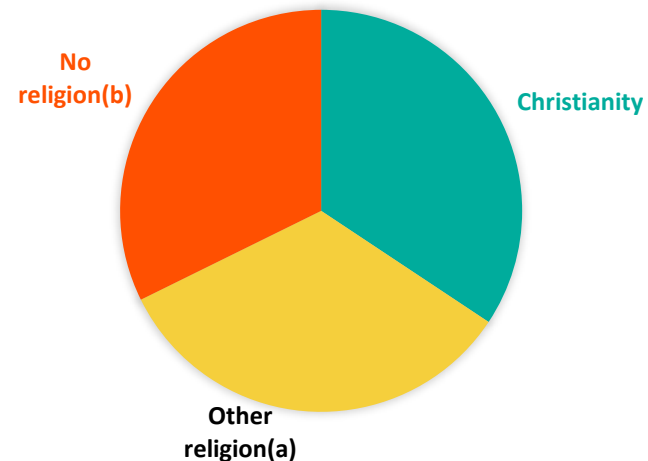


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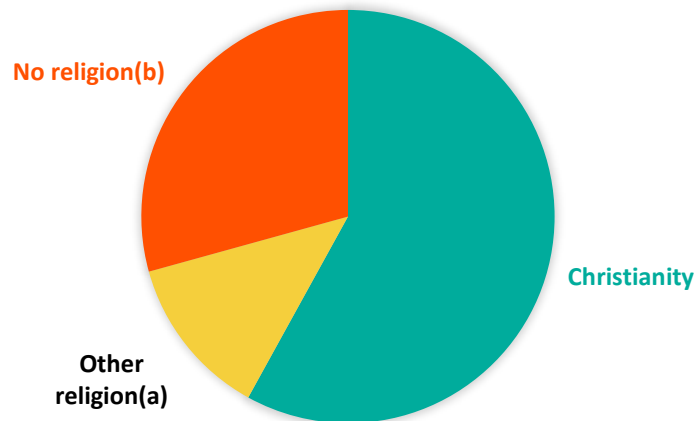
AUSTRALIAN-BORN



OVERSEAS-BORN ARRIVED SINCE 1996



OVERSEAS-BORN ARRIVED BEFORE 1996

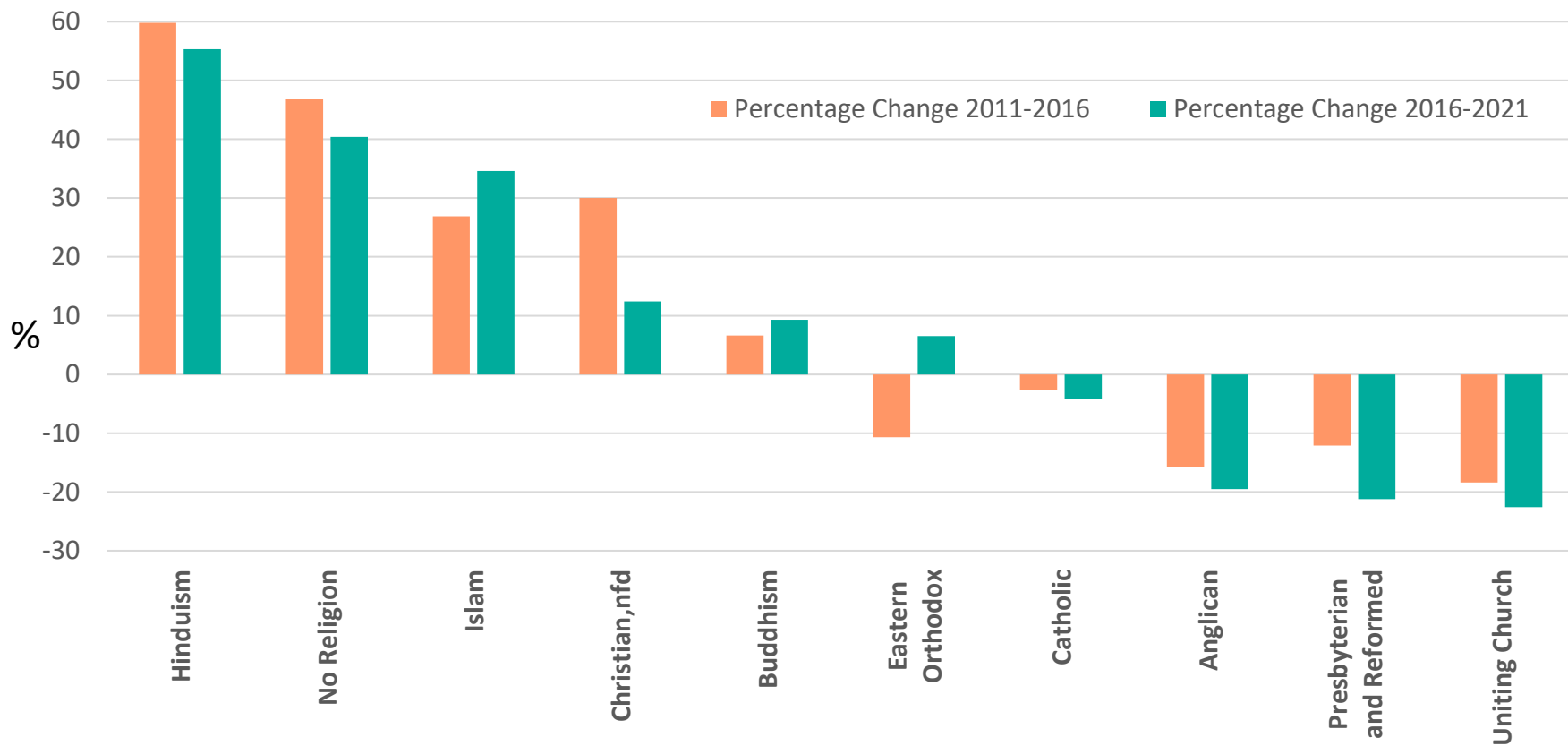


- (a) Comprises Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Other Religions.
- (b) Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation

Religious affiliation change over time



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Religious affiliation by state



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Long-term health conditions



Census form: Long-term health conditions



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Has Person 1 been told by a doctor or nurse that they have any of these long-term health conditions?

Include health conditions that have lasted or are expected to last for six months or more.

Include health conditions that:

- may recur from time to time, or
- are controlled by medication, or
- are in remission.

Select all that apply.

- Arthritis
- Asthma
- Cancer (including remission)
- Dementia (including Alzheimer's)
- Diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes)
- Heart disease (including heart attack or angina)
- Kidney disease
- Lung condition (including COPD or emphysema)
- Mental health condition (including depression or anxiety)
- Stroke
- Any other long-term health condition(s)

- No long-term health condition**

Long-term health conditions



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27.7%

Australians reported having a long-term health condition



One health condition



Two health conditions

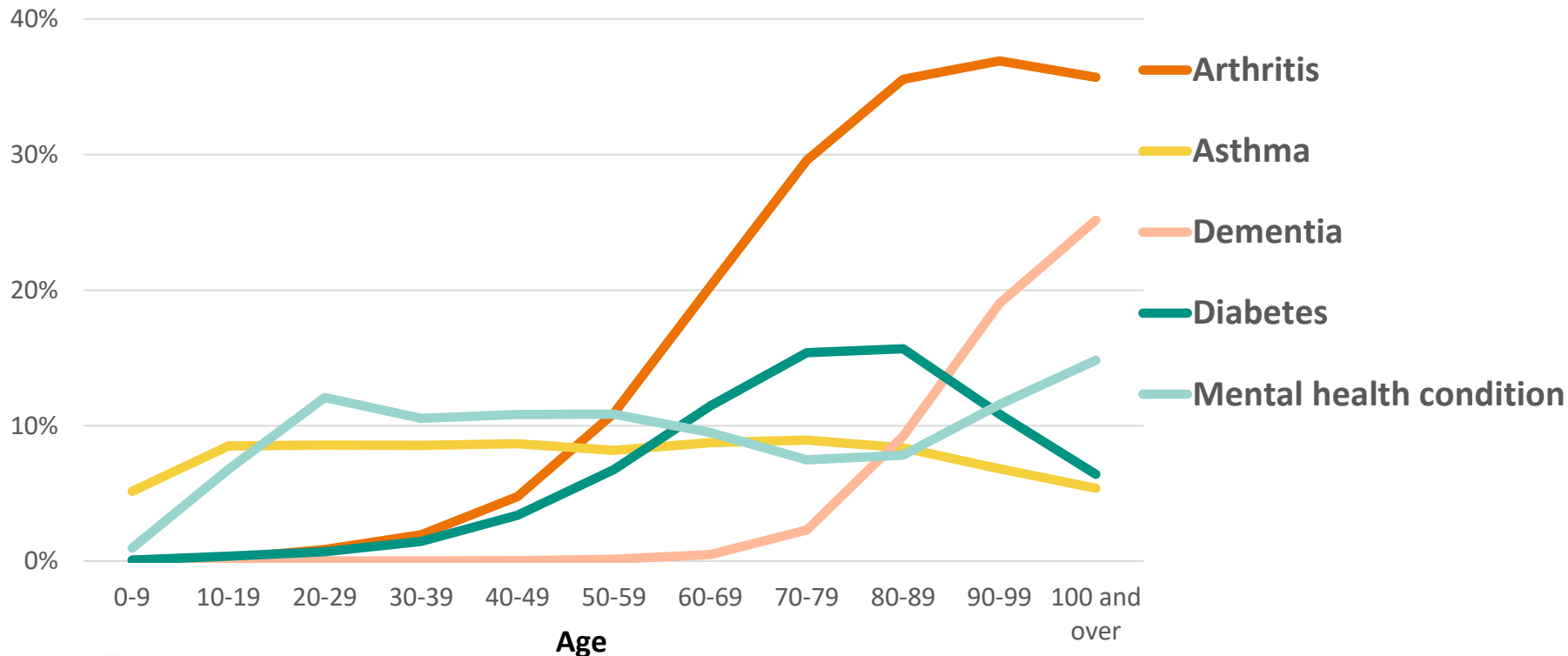


Three or more health conditions

Long-term health conditions by age



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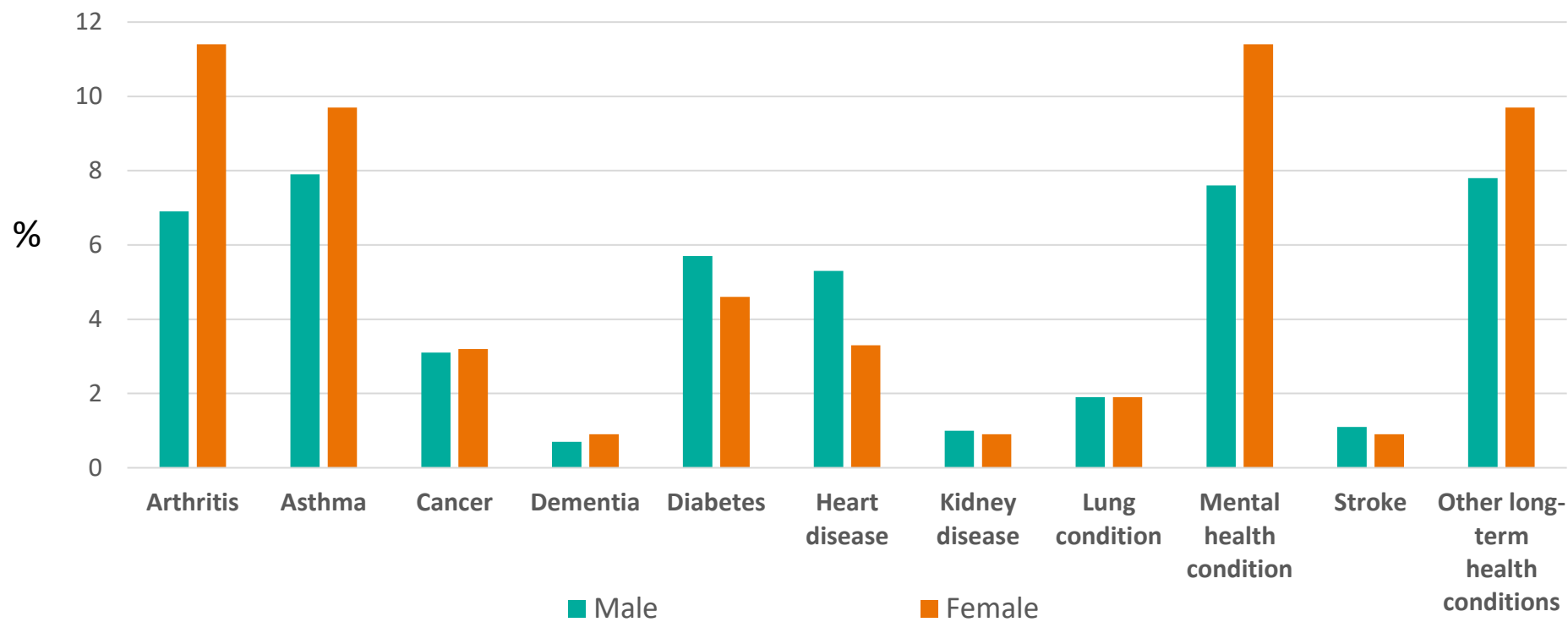


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Long-term health conditions by sex



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Service in the Australian Defence Force



Service in the Australian Defence Force



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2.8% of the Australian population aged 15 years and over have served in the Australian Defence Force

84,900 currently serving

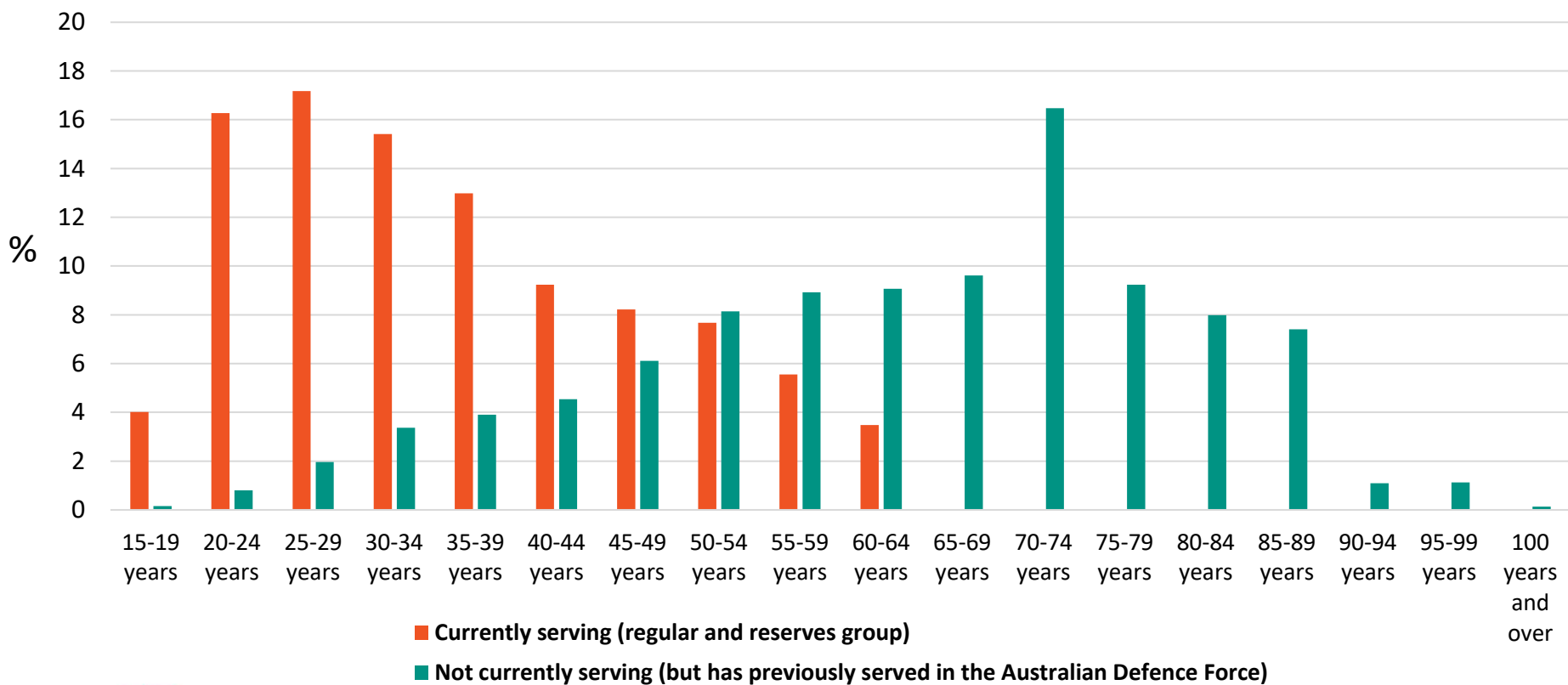
496,300 previously serving



Age distribution



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Households and families



Household composition



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3.9%
Group
households



25.6%
Lone
households



70.5%
Family
households

Australian families



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The Census counted **6,730,187** families



43.7%
Couples with
children



38.8%
Couples with
no children

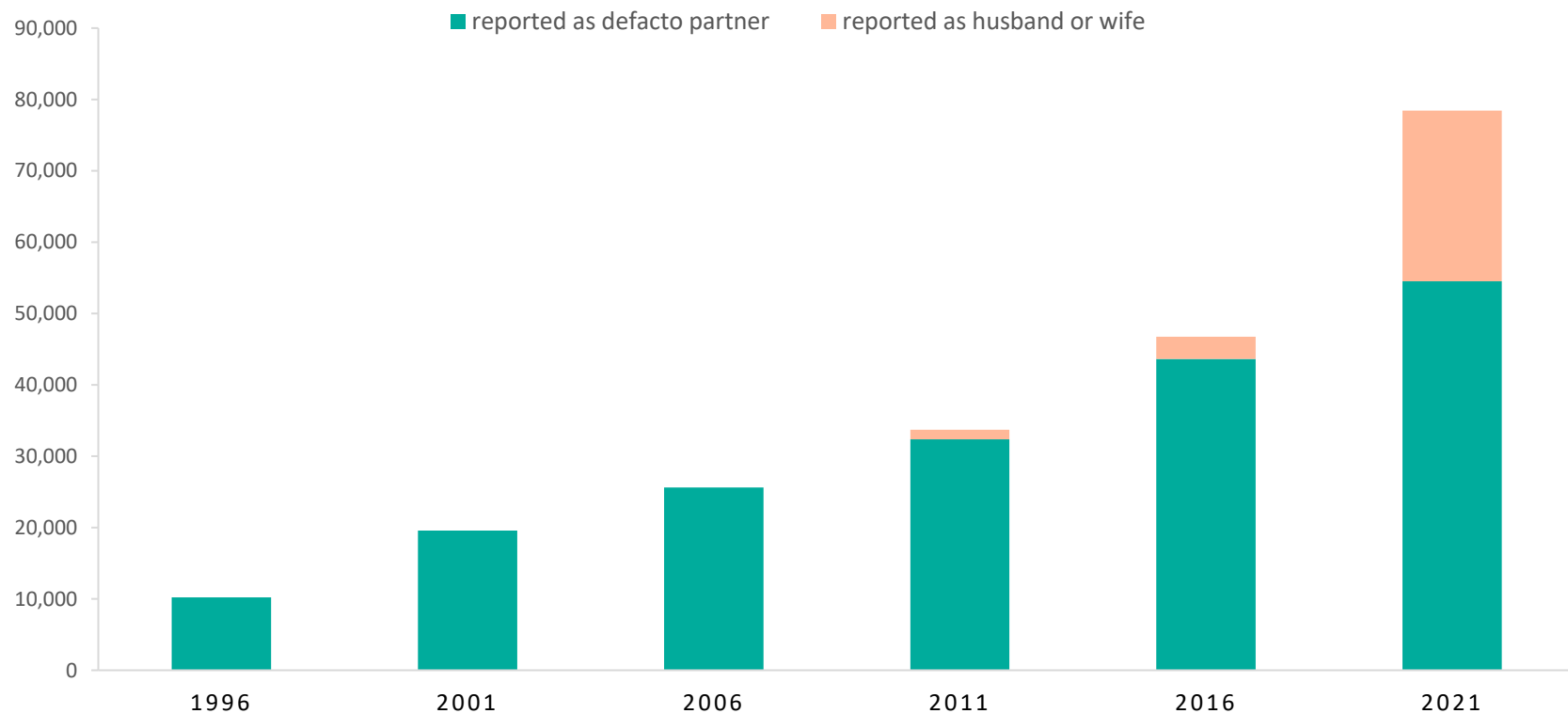


15.9%
Lone parent
family

Same-sex couples



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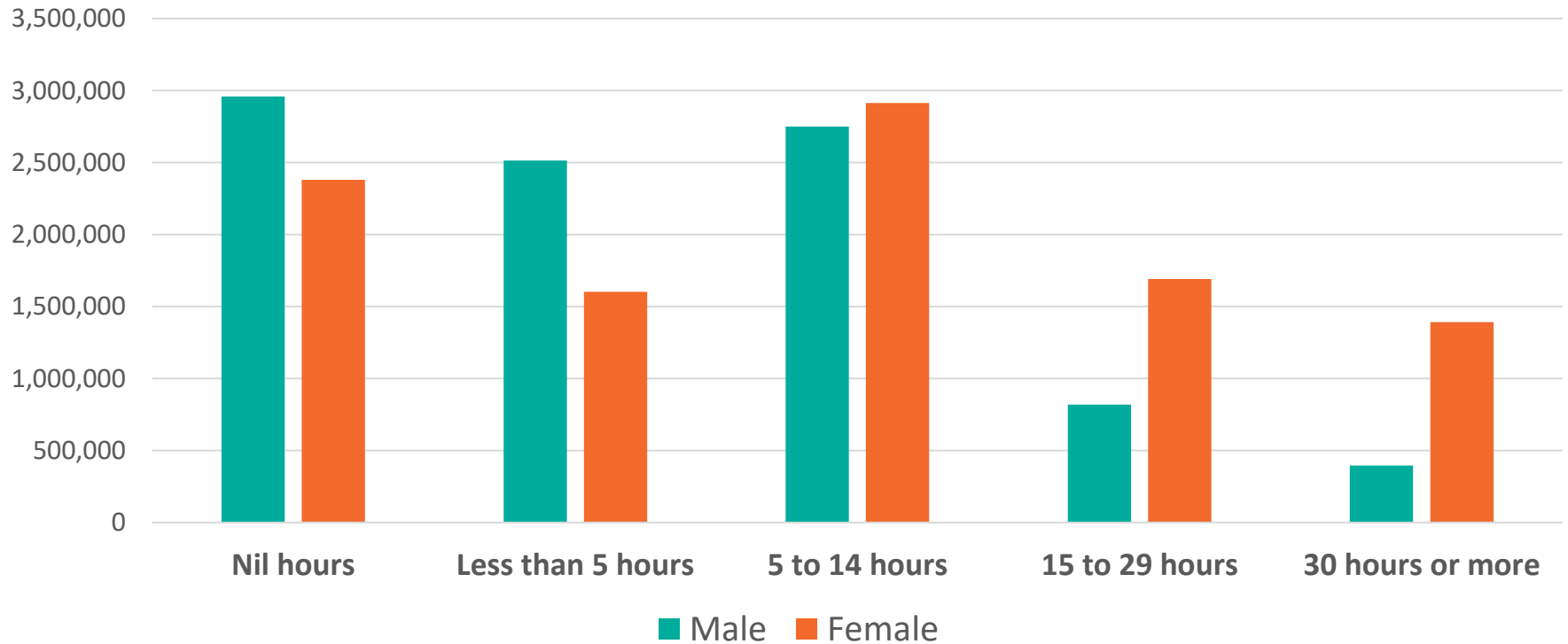
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Note: Includes only same sex couples who were living in the same household on Census night.

Domestic work by sex



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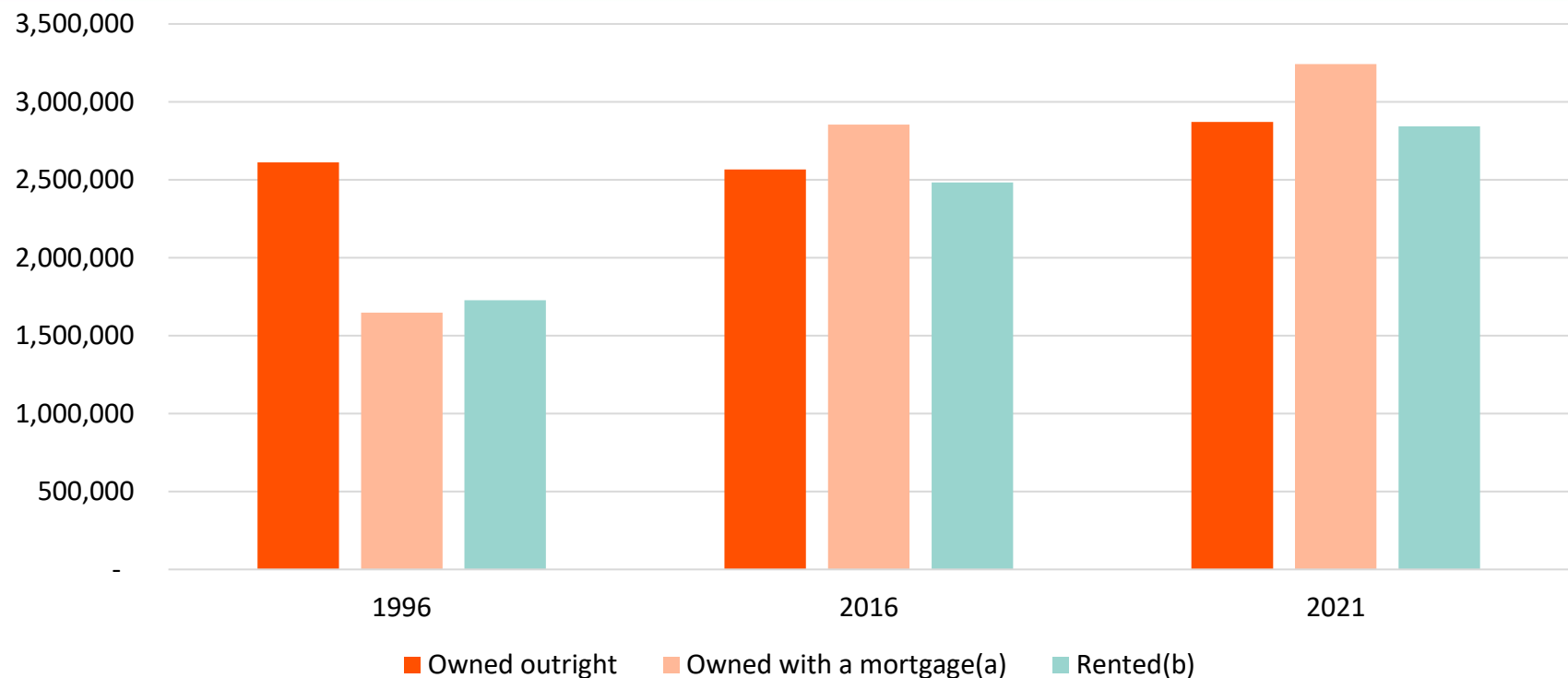
Dwellings



Dwelling tenure over time



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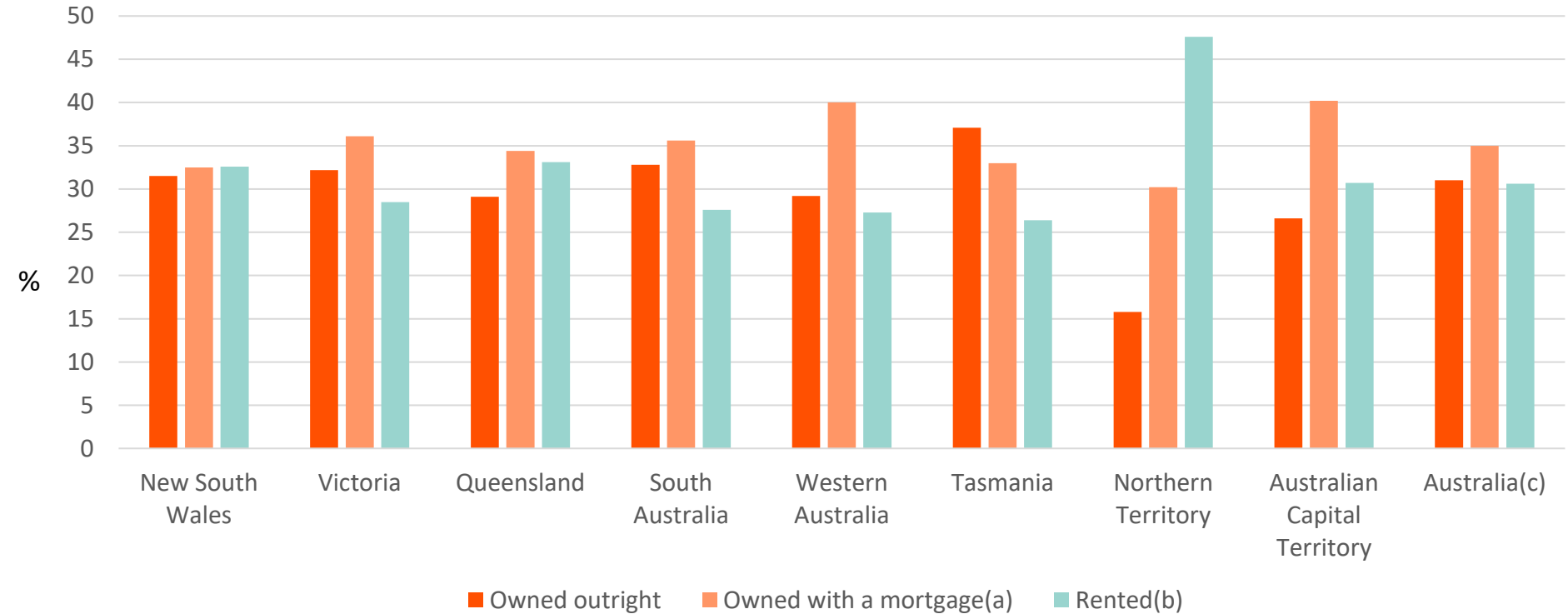


Note: (a) includes dwellings being purchased under a shared equity scheme. (b) excludes dwellings being 'Occupied rent-free'.

Dwelling tenure by state and territory



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Note: (a) includes dwellings being purchased under a shared equity scheme. (b) excludes dwellings being 'Occupied rent-free'. (c) total includes other tenure types and Other Territories.

Income and housing costs



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	2016	2021	Percent change
Median total household income (weekly)	\$1,438	\$1,746	21.4
Median mortgage repayment (monthly)	\$1,775	\$1,863	5.0
Median rent (weekly)	\$340	\$375	10.3

Median personal income

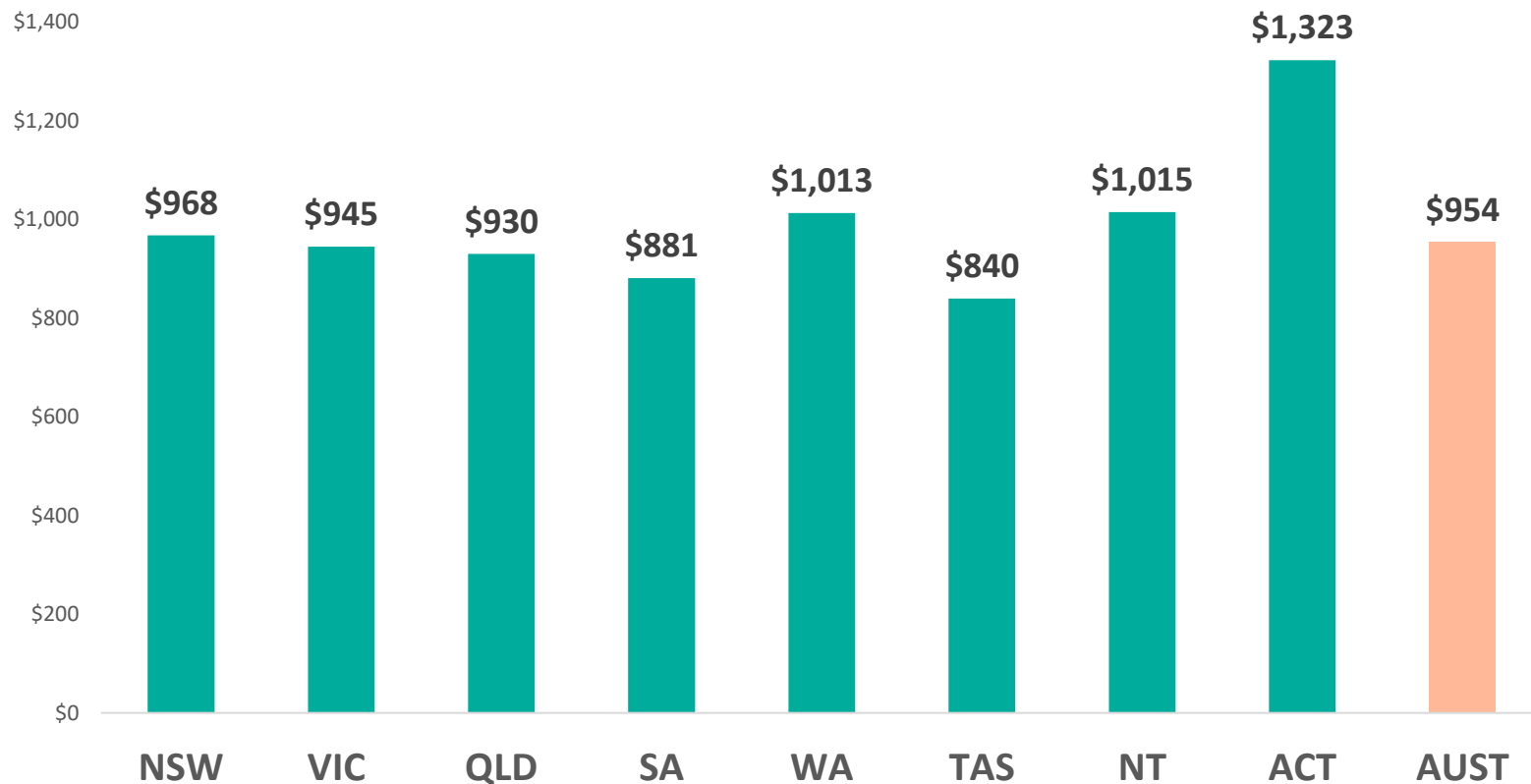
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Note: personal income applicable to persons aged 15 years and over. Household income, mortgage and rent payments are applicable to occupied private dwellings. Refer to [Census Dictionary](#) for more detail on scope.

Median personal income



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Note: People aged 15-64 years



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Future releases



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First Release

28 June 2022

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Health and ADF service information
- Australia's cultural diversity
- Demographics
- Transport
- Housing
- Location
- Unpaid work and care
- Education and training information

Second Release

October 2022 (date tbc)

- Labour force information
- Non-school qualifications
- Method of travel to work
- Workplace address
- Internal migration

Third Release

Early to mid 2023

- Socio-economic indexes for areas (SEIFA)
- Estimates of homelessness
- Distance of travel to work
- Australian Census Longitudinal Dataset (ACLD)

Upcoming events



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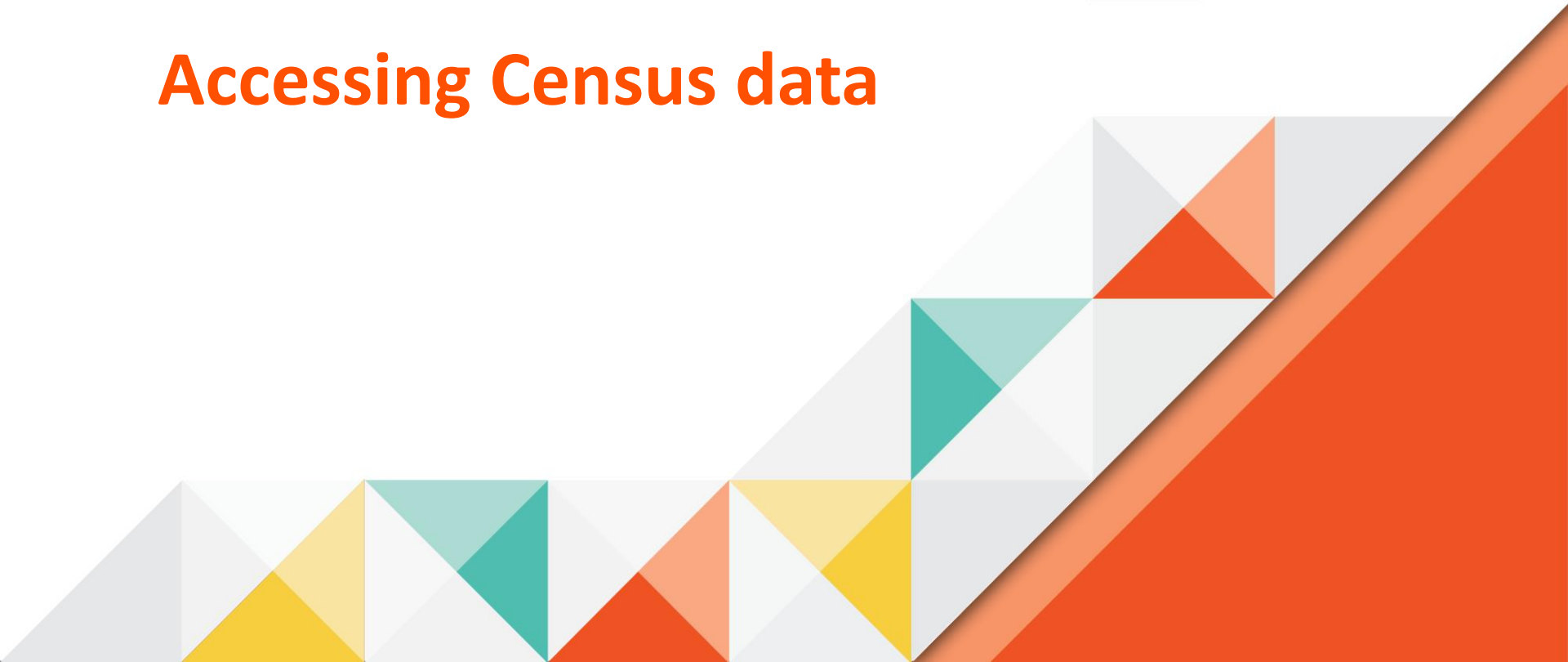
Data seminar about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities	11 July 2022
Data seminars for each state and territory	Late July/early August 2022
Health analytical article	Late July 2022
Cultural diversity analytical article	August 2022
Service in the Australian Defence Force seminar	October 2022

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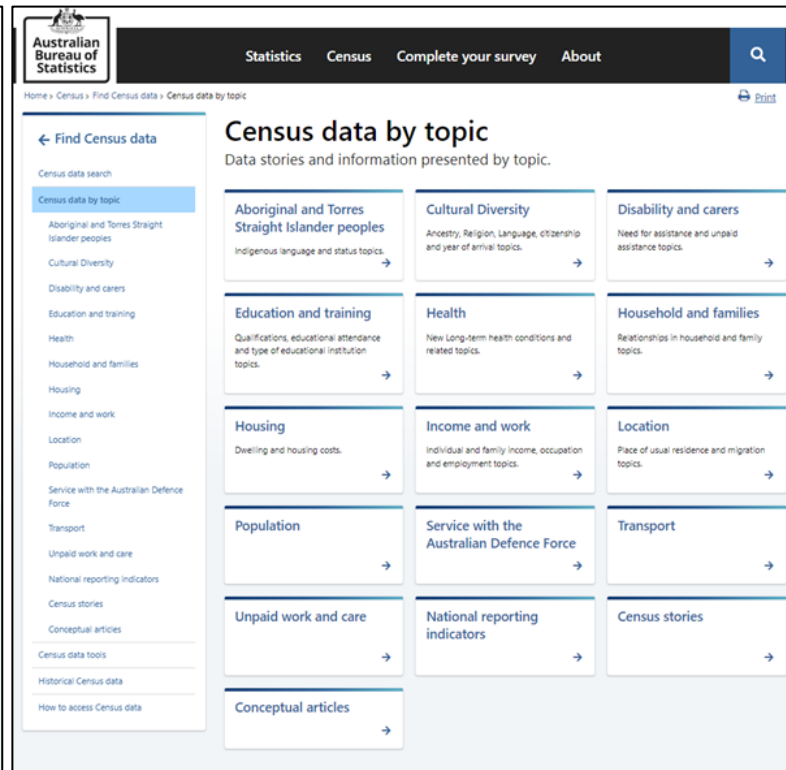
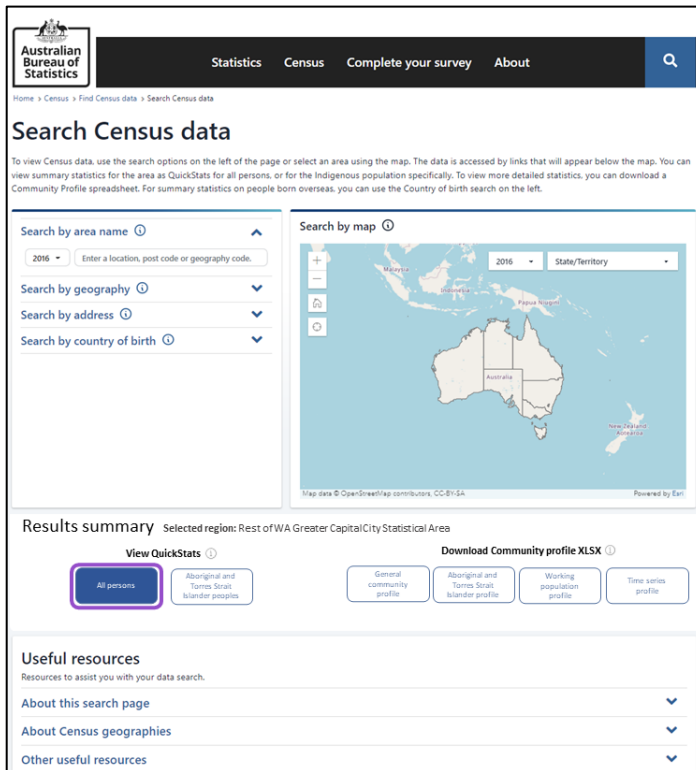
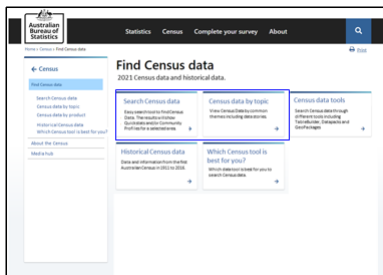
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ADCP	Australian Defence Force service, detailed	Service with the Australian Defence Force	June 2022	New
ADFP	Australian Defence Force service	Service with the Australian Defence Force	June 2022	New
AGE10P	Age in ten year groups	Population	June 2022	
AGESP	Age in five year groups	Population	June 2022	
AGEP	Age	Population	June 2022	
ANC1P	Ancestry 1st response	Cultural diversity	June 2022	
ANC2P	Ancestry 2nd response	Cultural diversity	June 2022	



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