Net immigration data:

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Net Overseas Migration (NOM) Data for Australia (1975–2024)

* 1975–1976: ~50,000



* 1976–1977: ~70,000



* 1977–1978: ~80,000



* 1978–1979: ~70,000



* 1979–1980: ~80,000



* 1980–1981: ~110,000



* 1981–1982: ~120,000



* 1982–1983: ~90,000



* 1983–1984: ~70,000



* 1984–1985: ~80,000



* 1985–1986: ~90,000



* 1986–1987: ~110,000



* 1987–1988: ~140,000



* 1988–1989: ~170,000



* 1989–1990: ~130,000



* 1990–1991: ~100,000



* 1991–1992: ~90,000



* 1992–1993: ~30,000



* 1993–1994: ~47,000



* 1994–1995: ~80,000



* 1995–1996: ~100,000



* 1996–1997: ~90,000



* 1997–1998: ~80,000



* 1998–1999: ~90,000



* 1999–2000: ~100,000



* 2000–2001: ~110,000



* 2001–2002: ~120,000



* 2002–2003: ~130,000



* 2003–2004: ~140,000



* 2004–2005: ~150,000



* 2005–2006: ~160,000



* 2006–2007: ~180,000



* 2007–2008: ~200,000



* 2008–2009: ~230,000



* 2009–2010: ~200,000



* 2010–2011: ~180,000



* 2011–2012: ~190,000



* 2012–2013: ~200,000



* 2013–2014: ~190,000



* 2014–2015: ~180,000



* 2015–2016: ~179,000



* 2016–2017: ~190,000



* 2017–2018: ~200,000



* 2018–2019: ~210,000



* 2019–2020: ~194,000



* 2020–2021: ~-85,000 (net outflow due to COVID-19 border closures)



* 2021–2022: ~171,000



* 2022–2023: ~536,000 (record high, post-COVID catch-up)



* 2023–2024: ~446,000 (preliminary, decrease from prior year)



RBA cash rate

RBA Cash Rate (1975–2025)1975: ~8.00% (approximated, high inflation period)

1976: ~8.50%

1977: ~8.25%

1978: ~8.00%

1979: ~9.00%

1980: ~10.00% (rising due to inflationary pressures)

1981: ~11.50%

1982: ~13.50% (peak of high rates, inflation control)

1983: ~11.00%

1984: ~10.50%

1985: ~12.00%

1986: ~13.00%

1987: ~11.50%

1988: ~13.50%

1989: ~17.00% (peak, highest in history at 17.50% in January 1990)

1990: ~15.00% (declining from 17.50% by year-end)

1991: ~11.00% (rapid decline post-recession)

1992: ~8.00%

1993: ~5.50%

1994: ~5.50% (rose to 7.50% by year-end to curb inflation)

1995: ~7.50%

1996: ~7.00%

1997: ~5.50%

1998: ~5.00%

1999: ~5.00%

2000: ~6.00% (rose to counter economic growth)

2001: ~5.00% (cut post-dot-com bubble)

2002: ~4.75%

2003: ~4.75% (rose to 5.25% by year-end)

2004: ~5.25%

2005: ~5.50%

2006: ~6.00%

2007: ~6.50%

2008: ~7.25% (peaked pre-GFC, cut,to 3.00% by April 2009)

2009: ~3.00% (post-GFC recovery)

2010: ~4.75% (peaked in November)

2011: ~4.75% (cut to 4.25% by year-end)

2012: ~3.50%

2013: ~2.50%

2014: ~2.50%

2015: ~2.00%

2016: ~1.50%

2017: ~1.50%

2018: ~1.50%

2019: ~1.00% (cut to counter slowing growth)

2020: ~0.10% (record low in November, COVID-19 response)

2021: ~0.10%

2022: ~2.35% (rapid hikes from 0.10% to counter inflation)

2023: ~4.10%

2024: ~4.35% (held steady)

2025: ~3.85% (as of July, after cuts in February and May)

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MEDIAN HOUSE PRICES

Australian Median House Prices (1975–2025)

* 1975: ~$25,000 (Sydney: ~$30,000; Melbourne: ~$22,000)
* 1976: ~$27,000
* 1977: ~$29,000
* 1978: ~$32,000
* 1979: ~$36,000
* 1980: ~$45,000 (Sydney: ~$60,000)
* 1981: ~$50,000
* 1982: ~$55,000
* 1983: ~$60,000
* 1984: ~$62,000
* 1985: ~$65,000 (Sydney: ~$80,000)
* 1986: ~$70,000
* 1987: ~$80,000
* 1988: ~$90,000
* 1989: ~$100,000 (Sydney: ~$170,000)
* 1990: ~$110,000 (Sydney: ~$185,000)
* 1991: ~$115,000
* 1992: ~$120,000
* 1993: ~$125,000
* 1994: ~$130,000
* 1995: ~$130,000 (Sydney: ~$200,000)
* 1996: ~$140,000
* 1997: ~$150,000
* 1998: ~$155,000
* 1999: ~$160,000 (Sydney: ~$287,000)
* 2000: ~$170,000
* 2001: ~$180,000
* 2002: ~$200,000
* 2003: ~$230,000
* 2004: ~$250,000
* 2005: ~$260,000 (Sydney: ~$450,000)
* 2006: ~$300,000
* 2007: ~$350,000
* 2008: ~$380,000
* 2009: ~$400,000 (Sydney: ~$500,000)
* 2010: ~$420,000
* 2011: ~$430,000
* 2012: ~$450,000
* 2013: ~$480,000
* 2014: ~$510,000
* 2015: ~$550,000 (Sydney: ~$780,000)
* 2016: ~$580,000
* 2017: ~$620,000
* 2018: ~$610,000 (slight dip due to credit tightening)
* 2019: ~$600,000 (Sydney: ~$800,000)
* 2020: ~$650,000 (Sydney: ~$900,000)
* 2021: ~$750,000 (Sydney: ~$1,100,000)
* 2022: ~$800,000
* 2023: ~$850,000 (Sydney: ~$1,330,000)
* 2024: ~$918,000 (Sydney: ~$1,390,000; Melbourne: ~$942,750; Brisbane: ~$949,057)
* 2025 (March quarter): ~$1,199,000 (Sydney: ~$1,450,000

MEDIAN WAGE

Australian Average Annual Wage (1975–2025)1975: ~$10,000 (weekly: ~$192; male manufacturing ~$200/week)

1976: ~$11,000 (weekly: ~$211)

1977: ~$12,000 (weekly: ~$231)

1978: ~$13,000 (weekly: ~$250; reported as $36,890 in some sources, likely inflated or specific to certain sectors)

1979: ~$14,000 (weekly: ~$269)

1980: ~$15,000 (weekly: ~$288)

1981: ~$17,000 (weekly: ~$327)

1982: ~$18,000 (weekly: ~$346)

1983: ~$20,000 (weekly: ~$385)

1984: ~$21,000 (weekly: ~$404)

1985: ~$22,000 (weekly: ~$423)

1986: ~$24,000 (weekly: ~$462)

1987: ~$25,000 (weekly: ~$481)

1988: ~$27,000 (weekly: ~$519)

1989: ~$29,000 (weekly: ~$558)

1990: ~$31,000 (weekly: ~$596)

1991: ~$32,000 (weekly: ~$615)

1992: ~$33,000 (weekly: ~$635)

1993: ~$34,000 (weekly: ~$654)

1994: ~$35,000 (weekly: ~$673)

1995: ~$36,000 (weekly: ~$692)

1996: ~$38,000 (weekly: ~$731)

1997: ~$39,000 (weekly: ~$750)

1998: ~$40,000 (weekly: ~$769)

1999: ~$42,000 (weekly: ~$808)

2000: ~$44,000 (weekly: ~$846)

2001: ~$46,000 (weekly: ~$885)

2002: ~$48,000 (weekly: ~$923)

2003: ~$50,000 (weekly: ~$962)

2004: ~$52,000 (weekly: ~$1,000)

2005: ~$55,000 (weekly: ~$1,058)

2006: ~$58,000 (weekly: ~$1,115)

2007: ~$61,000 (weekly: ~$1,173)

2008: ~$65,000 (weekly: ~$1,250)

2009: ~$68,000 (weekly: ~$1,308; manufacturing: $1,099/week)

2010: ~$71,000 (weekly: ~$1,365)

2011: ~$74,000 (weekly: ~$1,423)

2012: ~$77,000 (weekly: ~$1,481)

2013: ~$80,000 (weekly: ~$1,538)

2014: ~$83,000 (weekly: ~$1,596)

2015: ~$85,000 (weekly: ~$1,635)

2016: ~$87,000 (weekly: ~$1,673)

2017: ~$89,000 (weekly: ~$1,712)

2018: ~$91,000 (weekly: ~$1,750)

2019: ~$93,000 (weekly: ~$1,788)

2020: ~$95,000 (weekly: ~$1,827; affected by JobKeeper subsidy)

2021: ~$97,000 (weekly: ~$1,865)

2022: ~$99,000 (weekly: ~$1,904; USD ~$59,408, PPP-adjusted)

2023: ~$100,000 (weekly: ~$1,923)

2024: ~$103,000 (weekly: ~$1,996; ABS reports $1,923.40 for full-time, $1,396 median all employees)

2025 (to March): ~$105,000 (weekly: ~$2,025.90; median ~$72,592)

S&p500

S&P 500 Index Closing Values (1975–2025, USD and AUD)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **S&P 500 (USD)** | **USD/AUD Exchange Rate** | **S&P 500 (AUD)** |
| 1975 | 90 | 0.77 | 117 |
| 1976 | 107 | 0.82 | 130 |
| 1977 | 95 | 0.90 | 106 |
| 1978 | 97 | 0.87 | 111 |
| 1979 | 108 | 0.89 | 121 |
| 1980 | 136 | 0.88 | 155 |
| 1981 | 122 | 0.87 | 140 |
| 1982 | 140 | 0.99 | 141 |
| 1983 | 165 | 1.11 | 149 |
| 1984 | 167 | 1.19 | 140 |
| 1985 | 211 | 1.43 | 148 |
| 1986 | 243 | 1.49 | 163 |
| 1987 | 247 | 1.43 | 173 |
| 1988 | 277 | 1.26 | 220 |
| 1989 | 353 | 1.27 | 278 |
| 1990 | 330 | 1.28 | 258 |
| 1991 | 417 | 1.30 | 321 |
| 1992 | 436 | 1.36 | 321 |
| 1993 | 466 | 1.47 | 317 |
| 1994 | 459 | 1.29 | 356 |
| 1995 | 615 | 1.35 | 456 |
| 1996 | 741 | 1.26 | 588 |
| 1997 | 970 | 1.34 | 724 |
| 1998 | 1,229 | 1.59 | 773 |
| 1999 | 1,469 | 1.55 | 948 |
| 2000 | 1,320 | 1.72 | 767 |
| 2001 | 1,148 | 1.93 | 595 |
| 2002 | 880 | 1.84 | 478 |
| 2003 | 1,112 | 1.50 | 741 |
| 2004 | 1,212 | 1.36 | 891 |
| 2005 | 1,248 | 1.33 | 938 |
| 2006 | 1,418 | 1.33 | 1,066 |
| 2007 | 1,468 | 1.20 | 1,223 |
| 2008 | 903 | 1.44 | 627 |
| 2009 | 1,115 | 1.26 | 885 |
| 2010 | 1,258 | 1.02 | 1,234 |
| 2011 | 1,258 | 1.03 | 1,222 |
| 2012 | 1,426 | 0.97 | 1,471 |
| 2013 | 1,848 | 1.04 | 1,777 |
| 2014 | 2,059 | 1.11 | 1,855 |
| 2015 | 2,044 | 1.33 | 1,537 |
| 2016 | 2,239 | 1.35 | 1,659 |
| 2017 | 2,674 | 1.30 | 2,057 |
| 2018 | 2,507 | 1.34 | 1,871 |
| 2019 | 3,231 | 1.44 | 2,244 |
| 2020 | 3,756 | 1.45 | 2,590 |
| 2021 | 4,766 | 1.33 | 3,583 |
| 2022 | 3,839 | 1.45 | 2,648 |
| 2023 | 4,770 | 1.50 | 3,180 |
| 2024 | 6,051 | 1.50 | 4,034 |
| 2025 | 6,260 | 1.48 | 4,230 |