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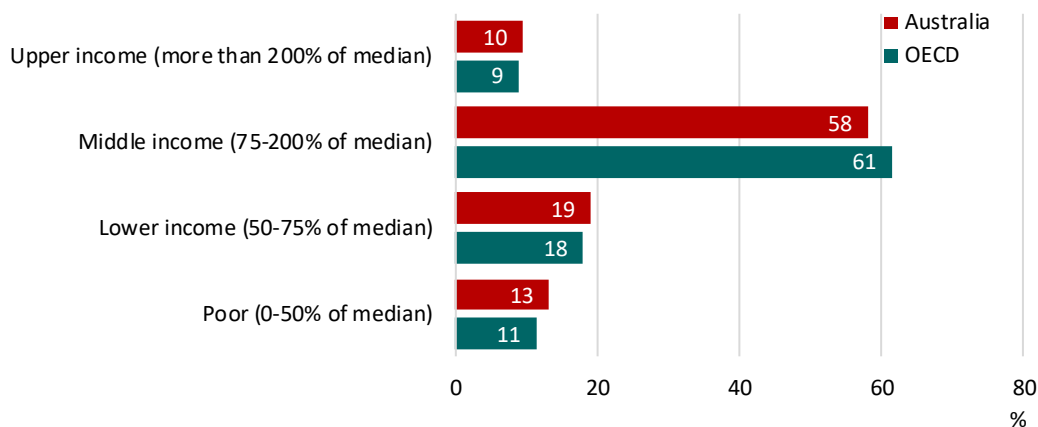
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How does **Australia** compare?

Figure 1.

At 58%, the size of the Australian middle class is smaller than the OECD average

% of population by income class, 2016 or latest available year

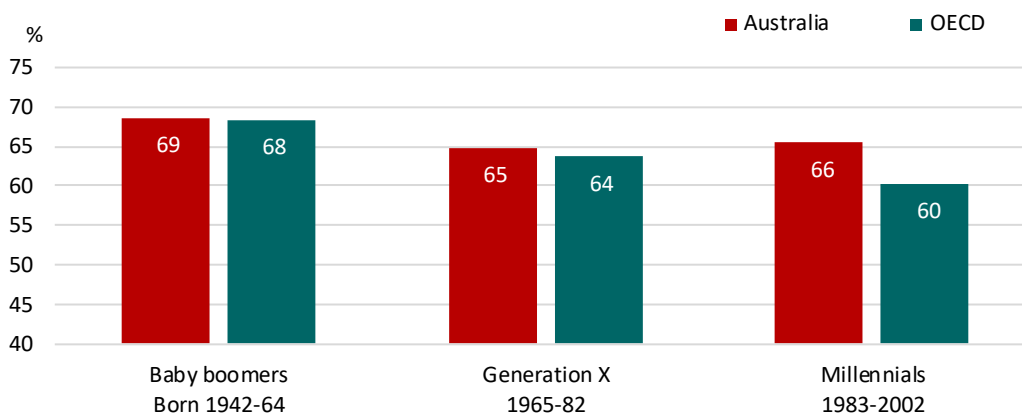


Source: OECD (2019), *Under Pressure: The Squeezed Middle Class*, [Figure 2.1]

Figure 2.

Millennials are slightly less likely to be in the middle-income group than baby boomers

% of population in their twenties in middle-income households, by generation, persons aged 20-30



Source: OECD (2019), *Under Pressure: The Squeezed Middle Class*, [Figure 1.7]



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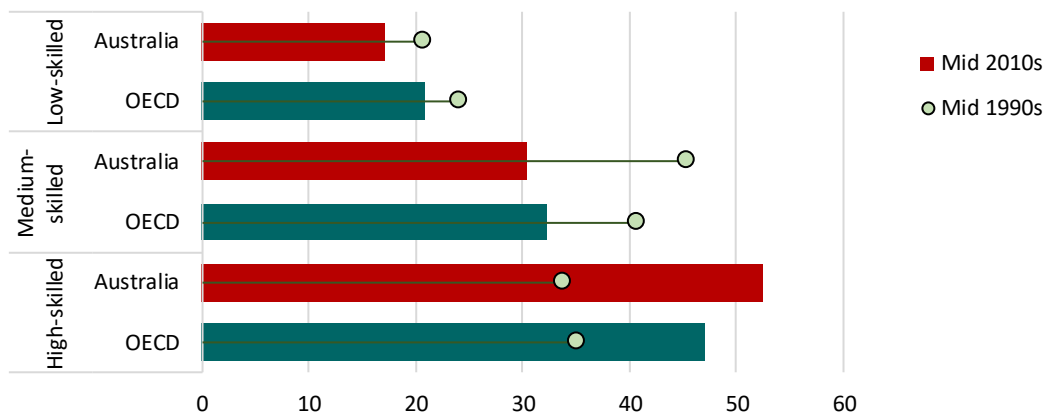
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The middle-income class in Australia is more highly skilled than 20 years ago

% of middle class workers who hold jobs in the different skill groups, mid-1990s/mid-2010s



Source: OECD (2019), *Under Pressure: The Squeezed Middle Class*, [Figure 3.4]

Figure 4.

Australian middle-income households spend a relatively low, but growing, share of their budget on housing

% of middle-income household spending dedicated to housing



Source: OECD (2019), *Under Pressure: The Squeezed Middle Class*, [Figure 4.5]