How’s Life in AUSTRALIA?

Australia’s current well-being, 2022 or latest available year

This chart shows Australia’s relative strengths and weaknesses in well-being compared to other OECD countries. Longer bars always indicate better outcomes (i.e. higher well-being), whereas shorter bars always indicate worse outcomes (lower well-being) – including for negative indicators, marked with an *, which have been reverse-scored. Inequalities (gaps between top and bottom, differences between groups, people falling under a deprivation threshold) are shaded with stripes. Indicators in dark red refer to missing data for the indicator for the country, but are indicators otherwise available in the How’s Life database.

For more information
Whenever data are available for fewer than 38 OECD countries, the number of countries included in the calculation of the OECD average is specified in the figure and note (e.g. OECD 33). Whenever data for the country of this note are not available, only the OECD average is shown.

Find out more:
• About the Well-being framework OECD How’s Life? Well-being Database: Definitions and Metadata
• About the underlying dataset, select the How’s Life? Well-being database
• About the latest edition of the How’s Life? publication series
• About the Well-being Centre, Centre on Well-being, Inclusion, Sustainability and Equal Opportunity (WISE)
Australia's resources for future well-being, 2010 (or earliest available year) to 2022 (or latest available year)

### Natural Capital

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<td>Greenhouse gas emissions per capita</td>
<td>Tonnes per capita, CO2 equivalent, thousands</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>21</td>
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<td>Red List Index of threatened species</td>
<td>Combined indicator of threatened species</td>
<td>0.838</td>
<td>0.811</td>
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<td>Material footprint</td>
<td>Tonnes per capita</td>
<td>45</td>
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### Economic Capital

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<td>Financial net worth of government</td>
<td>% of GDP</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>-5</td>
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<td>Household debt</td>
<td>% of household net disposable income</td>
<td>192</td>
<td>211</td>
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<td>Produced fixed assets</td>
<td>USD at 2015 PPPs, per capita</td>
<td>144K</td>
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### Human Capital

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<td>Premature mortality</td>
<td>Years of potential life lost per 100,000 population</td>
<td>3,672</td>
<td>2,453</td>
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<td>Labour underutilisation rate</td>
<td>% of labour force unemployed, discouraged, and underemployed</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>Educational attainment of young adults</td>
<td>% of population aged 25–34 having completed upper secondary education</td>
<td>86</td>
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### Social Capital

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<td>Gender parity in politics</td>
<td>% of women in the national lower or single houses of parliament</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>31</td>
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<td>Trust in government</td>
<td>% of the population responding positively</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td>Trust in others</td>
<td>Mean average, on a scale from 0 to 10</td>
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Note: =top-performing OECD tier, =middle-performing OECD tier, =bottom-performing OECD tier. indicates consistent improvement; ↔ indicates no clear or consistent trend; indicates consistent deterioration, and “…” indicates insufficient time series to determine trends since 2010. Data refer to 2022 or latest available year.
Inequalities between top and bottom performers in Australia
Vertical inequalities for selected indicators of current well-being, 2022 or latest available year

Note: For all figures, countries are ranked from bottom (less unequal) to top (more unequal). Indicators whose title are in dark red refer to missing data for the indicator for the country, but are indicators otherwise available in the How’s Life database.
Inequalities between men and women in Australia
Gender ratios (distance from parity) for selected indicators of current well-being, 2022 or latest available year

Note: Grey bubbles denote no clear difference between age groups (ratios within 0.03 points to parity). Data for social support and feeling safe refer to pooled averages from 2010 to 2022. Indicators in dark red refer to missing data for the indicator for the country, but are indicators otherwise available in the How’s Life database.
Inequalities between age groups in Australia

Age ratios (distance from parity) for selected indicators of current well-being, 2021 or latest available year

Panel A. Younger and middle-aged age groups

- Long-term unemployment rate - 1.16
- Employment rate - 0.74
- Having a say in government - 0.88
- Job strain - 0.95
- Feeling safe - 0.99
- Voter turnout - 0.89

Satisfaction with personal relationships -
- Adult skills (numeracy) -
- Life satisfaction - 0.94

Satisfaction with time use -
- Social support - 1.04
- Time off -
- Social interactions - 0.96
- Long paid working hours -

Middle aged doing better in Australia
OECD Average
Younger doing better in Australia

Panel B. Younger and older age groups

- Long-term unemployment rate - 0.82
- Having a say in government - 0.92
- Voter turnout - 0.93
- Job strain - 0.95
- Employment rate - 0.95
- Life satisfaction - 0.96

Satisfaction with time use -
- Social support - 1.09
- Adult skills (numeracy) - 1.99

Satisfaction with personal relationships -
- Feeling safe -
- Social interactions -
- Long paid working hours -

Older doing better in Australia
OECD Average
Younger doing better in Australia

Note: Age ranges differ according to each indicator: they generally refer to 15-24/29 years for the young age group, 25/30 to 45/50 years for the middle age group and 50 years and over for older age group. Grey bubbles denote no clear difference between age groups (ratios within 0.03 points to parity). Data for social support and feeling safe refer to pooled averages from 2010 to 2022. Indicators in dark red refer to missing data for the indicator for the country, but are indicators otherwise available in the How’s Life database.

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Inequalities between people with different educational attainment in Australia
Education ratios (distance from parity) for selected indicators of current well-being, 2022 or latest available year

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