

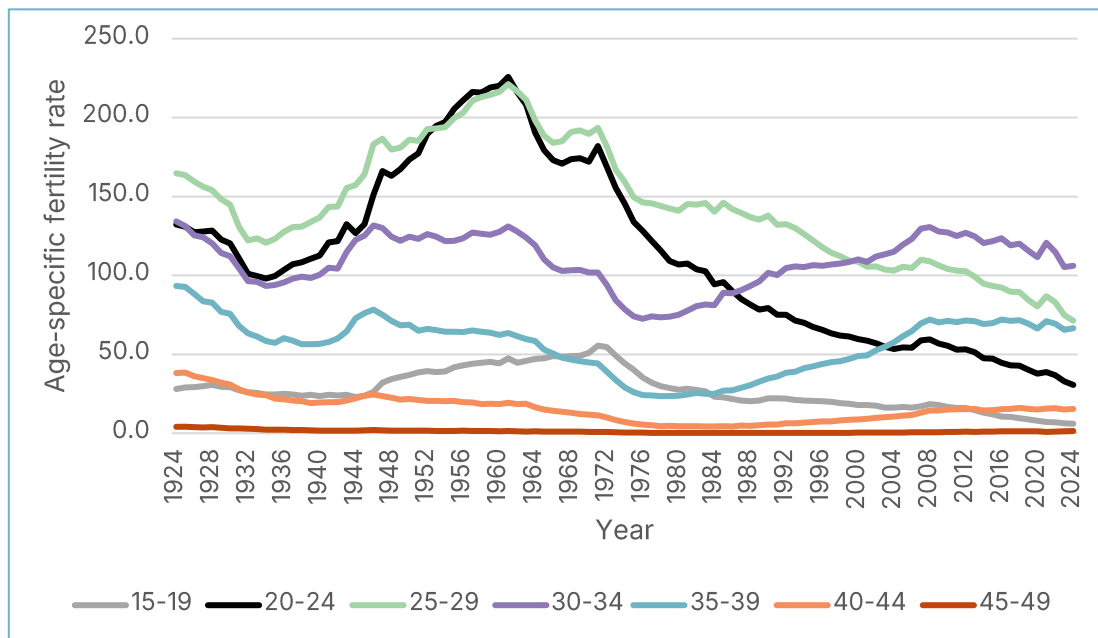
FACTSHEET

BIRTHS AND FERTILITY IN AUSTRALIA

Although the total number of babies born in Australia rose slightly in 2024 (to about 292,000 births), the lifetime number of children per woman continues to fall. The total fertility rate was 1.48 in 2024, which is well below the population replacement level of around 2.1. This reflects a range of social and economic influences, including the continued rise in women's education and workforce participation, people having children later in life, and cost-of-living pressures. More births can occur even as fertility rates decline when there are more women of childbearing age in the population.

- There were **5,320** more registered births in 2024 than there were in 2023.
- The number of births in Australia in 2024 **increased by 1.9%** from the previous year.
- The total fertility rate was **1.481 births per woman**.
- The median age for mothers (at their child's birth) was **32.1** years old.
- For fathers, it was slightly older, at **33.9** years old.
- Approximately **35% of births** of births in Australia are to **mothers who were themselves born overseas**.

There were
292,318
registered births in
Australia in 2024



Age-specific fertility rates, 1924 to 2024 (Australian Bureau of Statistics)

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