

FACTSHEET

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AUSTRALIA

Overseas migration has long been a major driver of Australia's population growth, with more people typically arriving than leaving each year. This pattern briefly reversed during 2020 and 2021, when international border closures and pandemic restrictions sharply reduced movement into Australia. Migration has since rebounded, although recent trends suggest it is beginning to stabilise from post-pandemic highs.

- In 2023-24, **667,000 migrants arrived** in Australia, and **221,000 people migrated out** of Australia.
- The top five countries of birth for overseas migrants were **India, China, Australia, the United Kingdom and New Zealand**.
- The state that received the most migrants was NSW, with a net gain of 142,470.
- The median age of migrant arrivals was 27.

Last year, international migration contributed a net gain of 446,000 people to Australia's population

NET OVERSEAS MIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA



Net overseas migration ('000) to Australia, June 2014 – June 2024 (Australian Bureau of Statistics)

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