

Title:	Counting the impacts of immigration
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Summary:	Australia's immigration program is regarded by many as a huge success but lately some politicians have been calling for cuts to net migration.
Interviewee(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gareth Aird, an economist • Chris Richardson, an economist

KEY WORDS

Below is a list of words which appear in the report - which ones don't you know or you are unsure what they mean?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> diverse culture (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> subsequent (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> bulk up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> prosperity (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> account for around half (v) | <input type="checkbox"/> peril (n) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> enviable (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> substantially offset (v) | <input type="checkbox"/> advocate (v) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> important milestone (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> dwelling (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> adjustment down (n) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dodge a recession (v) | <input type="checkbox"/> downside (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> potential output (n) |

DEFINITION MATCH

Can you match the words with their correct definition? Use a dictionary to help you if you aren't sure.

showing a of variety, varied	
amount produced	
balance out, cancel out, even out	
build up, increase	
change, alteration	
desirable, attractive	
drawback, problem, negative aspect	
evade, avoid	
following, coming after	
home, place of residence	
major achievement	
recommend, support, encourage	
risk, danger	
supply, make up	
wealth, affluence	

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potential output (n)

SUMMARY

Australia's immigration program is regarded by many as a huge success but lately some politicians have been calling for cuts to net migration.

FOCUS QUESTIONS

- Australia is known as an 'immigrant nation'. What does this mean exactly?
- Many new migrants settle in Australia's major capital cities like Sydney and Melbourne. Why?
- What are some of the main benefits of Australia's immigration policy and strong population growth?
- Some politicians want Australia's level of immigration to be cut. Why? What are some of the downsides of a large net migrant intake?
- When policy makers are assessing what the right level of immigration should be, economist Gareth Aird says they should be focusing on the "lived experience of households." What does he mean?
- Chris Richardson goes on to say that "if you want to raise living standards, you don't just get more people: what you do is get the right people." When setting Australia's immigration targets, what are some things governments should consider?
- Imagine you are in charge of Australia's immigration targets, what would be your policy?

PRE-LISTENING

Before watching the report, note down responses to the following questions

1. What proportion of Australians do you think were born overseas? **Almost**
2. What proportion of Australians do you think have at least one parent who was born overseas?
Around
3. Soon, Australia will have avoided something longer than any other country has managed to do in modern times – what is it?
4. How much of Australia's population growth comes from migration? **Around**
5. Besides the economic benefits, the right mix of immigrants is also helping balance out problems with
6. Many new migrants settle in the major capitals because
7. Australia currently has a population of around
8. A recent poll found 57 per cent of people in Australia in favour of cutting immigration to

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

After listening to the report, try to answer the following questions

- Which country will Australia soon beat for the longest run of economic growth without a recession?
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- When did Australia last experience a recession?
- If population growth wasn't included in economic growth figures, would there have been a recession in this period?
- When policy makers are assessing what the right level of immigration is, what does economist Gareth Aird say they should be considering?
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- Does Chris Richardson think cutting immigration would improve housing affordability?
a. Yes, a lot b. Yes, but not a lot c. No

WRITING EXTENSION

Many people believe that the benefits for a country of high rates of net migration and strong population growth far outweigh the negatives.

Do you agree or disagree?

CLOZE

Use the words to complete the sentences

The form of the word may need to be changed

diverse	prosperity	enviable	milestone	dodge
subsequent	account for	offset	dwelling	downside
bulk up	peril	advocate	adjustment	output

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14. While a lot of money could be made, the foreign businesswoman was warned of the **perils** of doing business in the country where corruption and organized crime was very common in business.
15. While many younger people struggle to buy their first home in cities like Sydney and Melbourne, it isn't uncommon for older Australians to own multiple **dwelling**s.

ANSWERS

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Almost 30% 2. Half / 50% 3. A recession 4. Around half 5. aging population 6. can be closer to their loved ones and potential jobs 7. 24 million people 8. make housing more affordable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Netherlands • 25 years ago • yes, several • what's happening in the labour market, the mix of skills of workers in the economy, dwelling prices, traffic congestion and basically focusing on the lived experience of households • Yes, but not a lot
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