

ABS releases data on Personal Income of Migrants in Australia

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has released for the first time today, detailed information on the sources of migrant personal incomes in Australia. The data draws on information relating to personal incomes received for the 2009-10 financial year and has been broken down to State level.

The average employee income of a skilled visa holder was approximately \$5,000 higher than the national average of Australian taxpayers, while the average employee income of humanitarian visa holders was well below the national average of Australian taxpayers.

The ABS data indicates that the average employee income of family visa holders was well below the national average of Australian taxpayers. Family stream migrants represented 22% of total migrant income in 2009-10, while 58% reported owning their own business.

Overall, the data had a gendered trend, with the median employee income of skilled males exceeding skilled females for all age groups. Women were also found to have a considerably lower median income. In contrast, women reported far more investment income than men.

Further information can be found in Personal Income of Migrants, Experimental, Australia, 2009-10 (cat. no. 3418.0), or visit the ABS website: www.abs.gov.au.

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