

The Changing Socio-Demographic Composition of Poverty in Australia: 1982 to 2004

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Research aim:

The extent of income poverty & its socio-demographic composition are examined using all ABS income surveys conducted over the period 1982 to 2004 to explore any changes in the characteristics of those who are poor.

Results/Conclusion:

Increase in the proportion of those in poverty but of more note are the substantial changes in the socio-demographic composition of those in poverty. Specifically, the risk of poverty has increased for the elderly, non-dependent youth, single people, foreign-born persons & those without post-school qualifications, & it has decreased for sole parent families & residents of Queensland, the ACT & the Northern Territory.

Implications:

Cultural Group(s):

Not specific to CALD, foreign-born

Location of study:

Australia (national)

Age group:

Number included in study:

N/A

Type of participants:

Respondents to ABS income surveys

Research approach:

Quantitative

Type of data:

Secondary

Secondary data sources used:

ABS Income survey data

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: