

What about privacy?

Your information is protected.

The people involved in the study are committed to ethical research and legally bound to ensure your information is secure. All people involved in the project must sign and comply with the Privacy Act 1988. Your rights are protected by Australian law. Your identifying information is collected for the purpose of the Living in Australia study only. Access to your identifying information is restricted to only those who require it for the purpose of administering or conducting the study.

Thinking of moving?

Your participation is critical to the success of the study, so please let us know if you are moving.

To update your contact details, either:

- Call **1800 656 670** and talk to our friendly support team;
- Email your new address to **HILDA@roymorgan.com**; or
- Update your address online: **<https://livinginaustralia.org/change-your-details>**

More information about Living in Australia

If you have any questions, would like more information, or would like to contact your interviewer please freecall **1800 656 670** or visit us online at **www.livinginaustralia.org**.



Offer to all Living in Australia participants

Each year we produce a very detailed Statistical Report which shows findings from topics like households, the labour market, economic, family formation, and health outcomes.

This report is available for free download from: **<https://livinginaustralia.org/#publications>**.

This research project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of The University of Melbourne. If you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this research project, which you do not wish to discuss with the research team, you should contact the Manager, Human Research Ethics, Office for Research Ethics and Integrity, University of Melbourne, VIC 3010. Tel: **+61 3 8344 2073** or Fax: **+61 3 9347 6739** or Email: **HumanEthics-complaints@unimelb.edu.au** All complaints will be treated confidentially. In any correspondence please provide the name of the research team (HILDA Survey) or the name or ethics ID number of the research project (ID no. 1955879).

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Message from Professor

Mark
Wooden

Dear HILDA Survey participant,

I am very pleased to inform you that the Australian Government recently confirmed its longstanding commitment to the HILDA Survey, providing additional funding for future years. Thus our interviewers at Roy Morgan will once again be inviting you to participate in 2020. Some of you ask why we keep coming back year after year? The answer is quite simple: it is the only way we can understand how Australians are both affected by change and deal with change. And the HILDA Survey is still the only study in Australia that does this well.

And thanks to the global COVID-19 pandemic, this year more than any other that I can remember, is one dominated by change. Indeed, the pandemic has affected the way we will conduct the survey – this year our interviewers will be seeking to interview you primarily over the telephone. This reflects the priority we assign to the health and welfare of both our survey participants and our interviewers, as well as the importance we attach to the need for maintaining social distance.

And this year you will be asked some questions about your experiences living under the shadow of COVID-19. That said, the most valuable insights about how the pandemic has affected your lives is likely to come from examining how different responses are this year to questions we ask every year.

I thus truly hope you will talk to our interviewers again and help us continue to build this amazing data set.

On behalf of all Australians, I thank you for your continued participation.



Professor Mark Wooden

Project Director, HILDA Survey

Melbourne Institute: Applied Economic and Social Research



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What's new this year?

The Living in Australia study proudly turns 20 this year!

Since its inception in 2001, the study has enjoyed steadfast support from the Federal Government, world-class Academics and most importantly our participants. In this newsletter, Professor Mark Wooden talks about starting this study and its contribution to the growth and development of Australia.

This year, as well as getting a general update from you, the study will focus on education, skills and abilities in our everyday lives. We will also be asking you questions on how you have been affected by the coronavirus crisis.

Through the interview, we hope to gain a better understanding of how people develop their skills and expand their knowledge in different ways across their life course and how this impacts you and your household.

Why are you so important to this study?

The HILDA (Living in Australia) study is truly one of a kind. It provides regular information on the household, economic and social experiences of the same people living in Australia over time and provides a true, detailed story of Australian life. Strict statistical guidelines that the HILDA study adheres to mean that you cannot be replaced or represented by any other person. The ongoing success of this study is dependent upon your participation.

Participating this year

This year, due to the coronavirus crisis, we will only conduct your personal interview by telephone at this time. A Living in Australia interviewer will contact you by phone to arrange an interview.

Also we encourage you to complete your Self-Completion Questionnaire online either now, or at the time of your interview. The instructions to complete the Self-Completion Questionnaire online are found on the letter addressed to this household. You will need your unique id number to complete the survey online.

Our thanks to you

We greatly appreciate the time you spend with our interviewers each year.

As a thank-you for your participation, you will receive a \$40 gift after your interview. You will receive an additional \$20 after you have completed and returned the Self-Completion Questionnaire, either as hardcopy or an online survey.

If we interview you via telephone, we will offer your thank-you gift as your choice of e-gift card, EFTPOS card or charitable donation.

Also this year, when every eligible member in the household has taken part, all household members who have completed an interview will be entered into a prize draw to win 1 of 8 \$500 EFTPOS cards. Prize draws will be held monthly from August 2020 to March 2021.

Details of this prize draw are found at www.livinginaustralia.org/hildaprizedraw.

If you do not wish to be entered into the prize draw, simply inform your interviewer at the end of your interview. Once again, thank you for your ongoing participation.



Just turned 15?

Young people, such as you, are critical to the future of Australia. By sharing your unique experience you are assisting all young Australians to influence their future.

Now that you have turned 15, we want to talk to you! Whether you are still at school, just started work or trying to figure out your next steps, you can make sure the young people in Australia are represented in this important study.

For your time, you will receive a \$40 incentive gift in thanks for your participation. In addition, you will receive a \$20 bonus incentive gift when you complete a self-completion questionnaire.



In the Media

Field of study of men and women with post-school educational qualifications

In 2016, the HILDA Survey collected information on the main field of study of people with a post-school qualification. This information has been aggregated and analysed together with participant age and gender.

In the figure below, we can see that the proportion of men aged 25 to 44 with post-school qualifications is quite similar to the proportion of men aged 45 to 64 with post-school qualifications. By contrast, more women aged 25 to 44 now have a post school qualification compared to women aged 45 to 64. In fact, more women than men in the 25 to 44 year age group have post-school qualifications (75% of women compared to 70% of men).

And what about field of study?

There are considerable differences in the fields of study between men and women. Health-related, education and society and culture fields are more common among women, while architecture and building, engineering and related and information technology fields are more common among men.

There are also considerable differences between the two age groups. For both men and women, management and commerce fields are much more prevalent among the younger cohort, while non-nursing health and information technology are also more common among the younger age group. 'Other fields', which include creative arts, food, hospitality and personal services, are also more common amongst the younger age group.

