

A 2019-20 Budget cheat sheet: How much do Australians earn?

	Income measure	10 per cent make less than	20 per cent make less than	The typical Australian makes	The average is	80 per cent make less than	90 per cent make less than	95 per cent make less than	99 per cent make less than	Source and year
TAXPAYERS	Total income	9,719	19,447	45,811	61,252	85,924	117,497	157,285	315,770	ATO 2015-16 2% sample of tax returns
	Taxable income	9,135	18,762	43,574	58,528	82,052	111,972	150,865	309,029	
WORKERS	Gross earnings (full-time adults)	48,265	55,153	78,268	90,300	115,680	144,587	-	-	ABS 2018 <i>Employee Earnings and Hours</i>
	Gross earnings (all workers)	16,280	29,220	57,918	67,243	97,835	123,507	-	-	
ADULTS	Total income	1,581	14,905	36,893	52,339	79,051	109,471	145,231	264,858	
HOUSEHOLDS	Total gross income	24,701	36,606	84,281	109,735	161,499	217,612	272,194	460,028	ABS 2015-16 <i>Survey of Income and Housing microdata</i>
	Total disposable income	24,631	35,823	73,198	89,319	129,441	169,199	207,801	317,905	
HOUSEHOLDS (ADJUSTED FOR SIZE)	Equivalised gross income	22,891	28,839	52,293	65,348	90,267	115,836	146,224	264,766	
	Equivalised disposable income	22,786	27,445	44,766	52,930	71,896	89,294	108,737	182,179	

Notes: 'Typical Australian' refers to the median. 'Adults' are people aged 15+; 'full-time adult workers' refers to full-time workers paid at an adult rate of pay. 'Gross income' is income from all sources including transfer payments, before income tax, the Medicare Levy or ML surcharge are deducted. 'Disposable income' is gross income less income tax, ML and ML surcharge. 'Equivalised income' is household income divided by an equivalising factor, calculated using the number of adults (aged 15+) and children in the household: $1 + ((adults - 1) \times 0.5) + (children \times 0.3)$. All ABS figures are weekly and have been annualised. Figures calculated from microdata may slightly differ from those in summary tables.