

# Grattan's 2022 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
<b>TAXPAYERS</b>	Total income	9,252	20,040	49,072	65,078	91,702	124,369	164,881	329,056	ATO 2018-19 2% sample of tax returns
	Taxable income	8,768	19,439	47,039	62,754	88,000	119,399	158,410	322,979	
<b>WORKERS</b>	Employee earnings (full-time adults)	52,404	60,173	84,628	97,439	124,413	154,291	NA	NA	ABS 2021 <i>Employee Earnings and Hours</i>
	Employee earnings (all workers)	18,771	32,329	63,041	72,692	104,599	131,765	NA	NA	
<b>ADULTS</b>	Total income	1,809	15,643	39,468	55,613	81,886	112,296	151,108	278,267	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>	Total gross income	24,651	39,011	88,628	116,174	168,257	222,620	276,876	502,079	ABS 2017-18 <i>Survey of Income and Housing</i> microdata
	Total disposable income	24,509	38,049	76,149	93,667	135,689	172,278	208,719	360,509	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS (ADJUSTED FOR SIZE)</b>	Equivalent gross income	23,463	30,384	55,634	69,244	93,585	120,445	155,316	286,442	
	Equivalent disposable income	23,292	28,768	47,218	55,551	73,637	92,818	115,361	195,026	

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. 'Equivalent 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. For further information, you can reach Brendan Coates ([brendan.coates@grattan.edu.au](mailto:brendan.coates@grattan.edu.au)) or Joey Moloney ([joey.moloney@grattan.edu.au](mailto:joey.moloney@grattan.edu.au)) or contact Grattan Institute by phone on 03 9035 9881.