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Migrant Age and Sex Compositions

Retention and Attraction within Australia

The sources and diversity of subnational migrant population growth in Australia

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Conclusions

Immigration to Australia has evolved dramatically since 1981 with immigrants now coming from all over the world.

The age-sex compositions of the migrant populations show the complex dynamics and diversity underlying the migration patterns over time.

Immigrants from different origins exhibit remarkable variability in terms of their settlement patterns.

Understanding these demographic patterns is key to determining the major influences of migration to subnational population change.