

Bureau of Immigration, Multicultural and Population Research

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What is BIMPR?

The Bureau of Immigration, Multicultural and Population Research (BIMPR) is an independent, professional research body established in 1989 within the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs. Its objective is to enhance understanding of the economic, social, environmental and other impacts of immigration, population and multicultural change, both to raise the level of public debate and to aid in the formation of government policy.

BIMPR conducts, commissions and promotes research into these issues. The research is independently refereed.

Through its publications, seminars, launches, services and conferences, the Bureau provides a productive link between ethnic communities, ethnic and mainstream media, research communities and government.

Areas of research

- internationalisation and globalisation
- national identity and social cohesion
- economic and social institutions and structures
- community and settlement studies
- sustainability issues, related to urban infrastructure and the environment
- political participation and representativeness.

Publications

The Bureau publishes reports resulting from research projects. It also regularly produces statistical publications, including Settler Arrivals by State of Intended Residence, the quarterly Immigration Update and the biannual Australian Immigration: Consolidated Statistics. These provide the general public and researchers with the latest statistical data and concise summaries of trends.

Statistical publications are supplemented by other regular research reports, including the Understanding... series for the school market, Religious Profiles, Australia's Population Trends and Prospects, and the acclaimed interpretive series, the Community Profiles.

Purchasing Publications

Bureau publications may be purchased through the Australian Government Publishing Service, at its bookshops around Australia.

There is also a mail order service:

AGPS, GPO Box 84, Canberra, ACT 2601.

For telephone orders, please call (008) 02 0049 or fax (06) 295 4888 (credit card and account customers only).

Library

The Bureau library has two branches, one in Canberra and one in Melbourne. Both hold an extensive collection of books, journals, newspapers, bibliographies and photographs. There is a large selection of information on Australian aspects of immigration and emigration, ethnic groups, multiculturalism, settlement, adult migrant education, refugees,

racial discrimination, demography, labour mobility, social welfare and Australian history.

The library can assist with reference queries from the public. As well, access to a wide range of Australian and overseas databases is available.

The Canberra library is located in the:

Benjamin Offices
Chan Street
Belconnen, ACT.
Enquiries (06) 264 2455.

The Melbourne library is located at:

BIMPR
33 Lincoln Square South
Carlton Vic. Enquiries (03) 9342 1136

Library hours are 9.30 am - 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.