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# **The Changing Workforce Of The 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

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# Topics

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- 2. Work Life Balance**
- 3. Age Groups, Generations And Genders**
- 4. Full Employment And Jobs**
- 5. Who We Will Work For And How**
- 6. The Productivity Challenge**
- 7. The Management Challenges**

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# **The Big Changes In The Workforce**

# Our Changing Labourforce

- ❑ Higher participation rate
- ❑ More part-time/casual work
- ❑ Partial working from home
- ❑ Same lifetime working hours
- ❑ More years, less hours per year
- ❑ Rising wages & salaries
- ❑ More working seasons in a life
- ❑ New industries & occupations
- ❑ Lifetime education & training
- ❑ New locations of employment
- ❑ Rise of contractualism
- ❑ Payment for outputs not inputs
- ❑ Rise of business ownership
- ❑ Rise of franchising

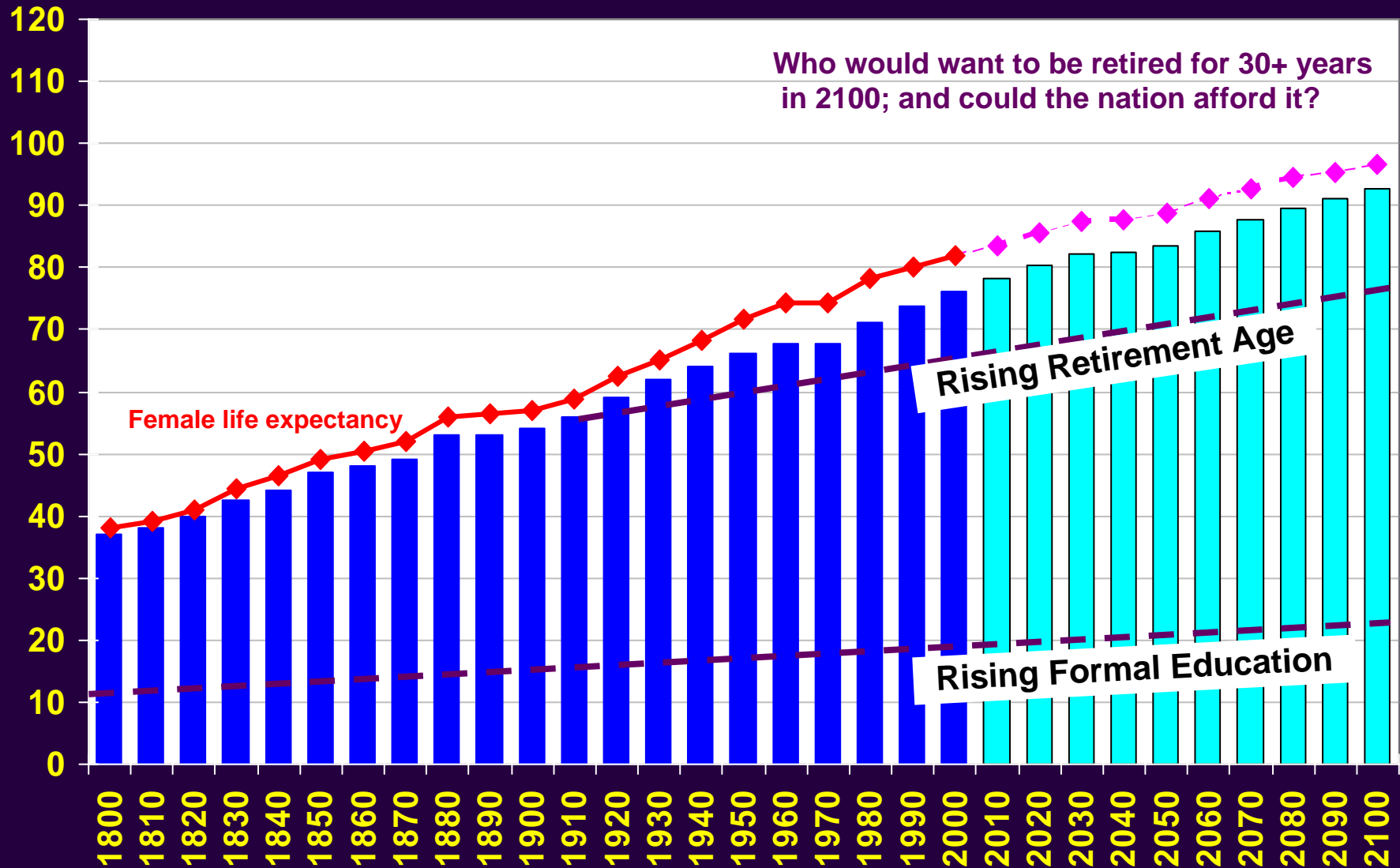
- ❑ **Importance of married women**
- ❑ **Women as entrepreneurs**
- ❑ **Women as directors**
- ❑ **Knowledge worker concept**
- ❑ **Work in a borderless world**
- ❑ **More international jobs**
- ❑ **Demise of career-ladders**
- ❑ **Demise of overt discrimination**
- ❑ **Demise of fixed retirement age**
- ❑ **Demise of “employee” concept**
- ❑ **Demise of trade unionism**
- ❑ **Demise of employer chambers**
- ❑ **Demise of Arbitration Commission**

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# **Work Life Balance**

# Living Longer And Working Longer

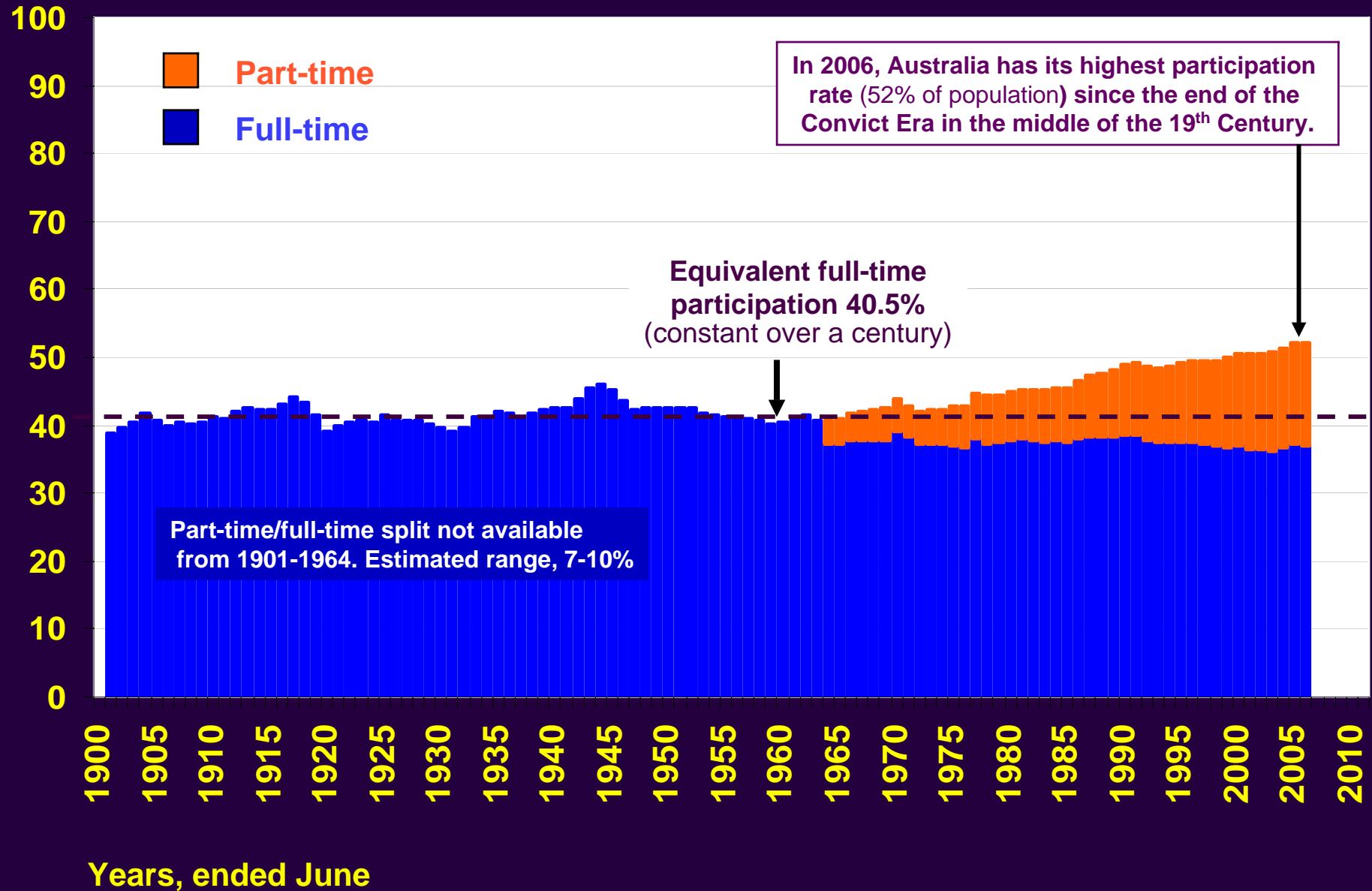
Life Expectancy And The Retirement Age of Male Australians



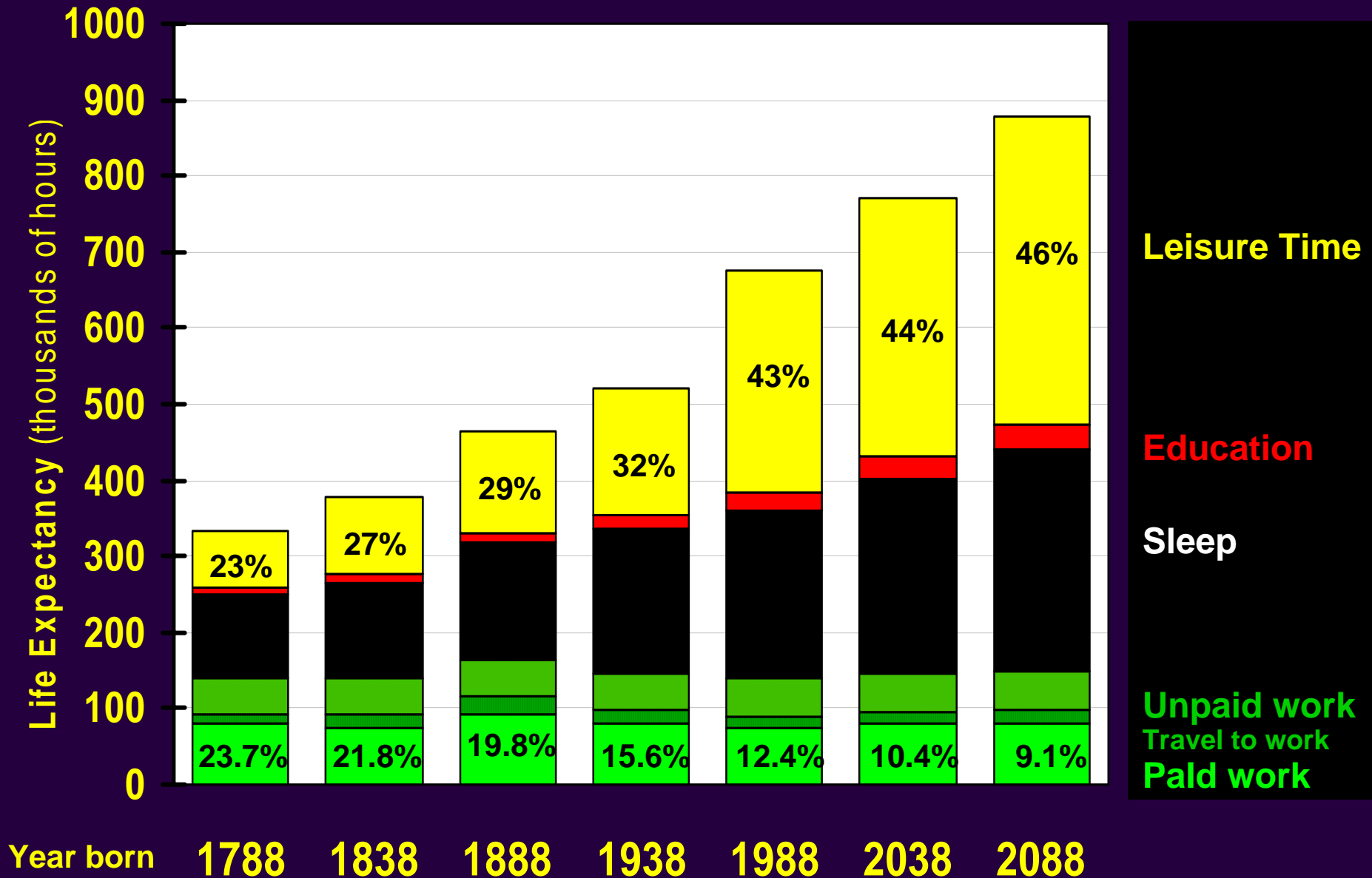
Source: ABS, Australian Historical Statistics, IBISWorld

# Australian Labourforce Participation

Part time vs full time labourforce as % of total population, 1901-2006

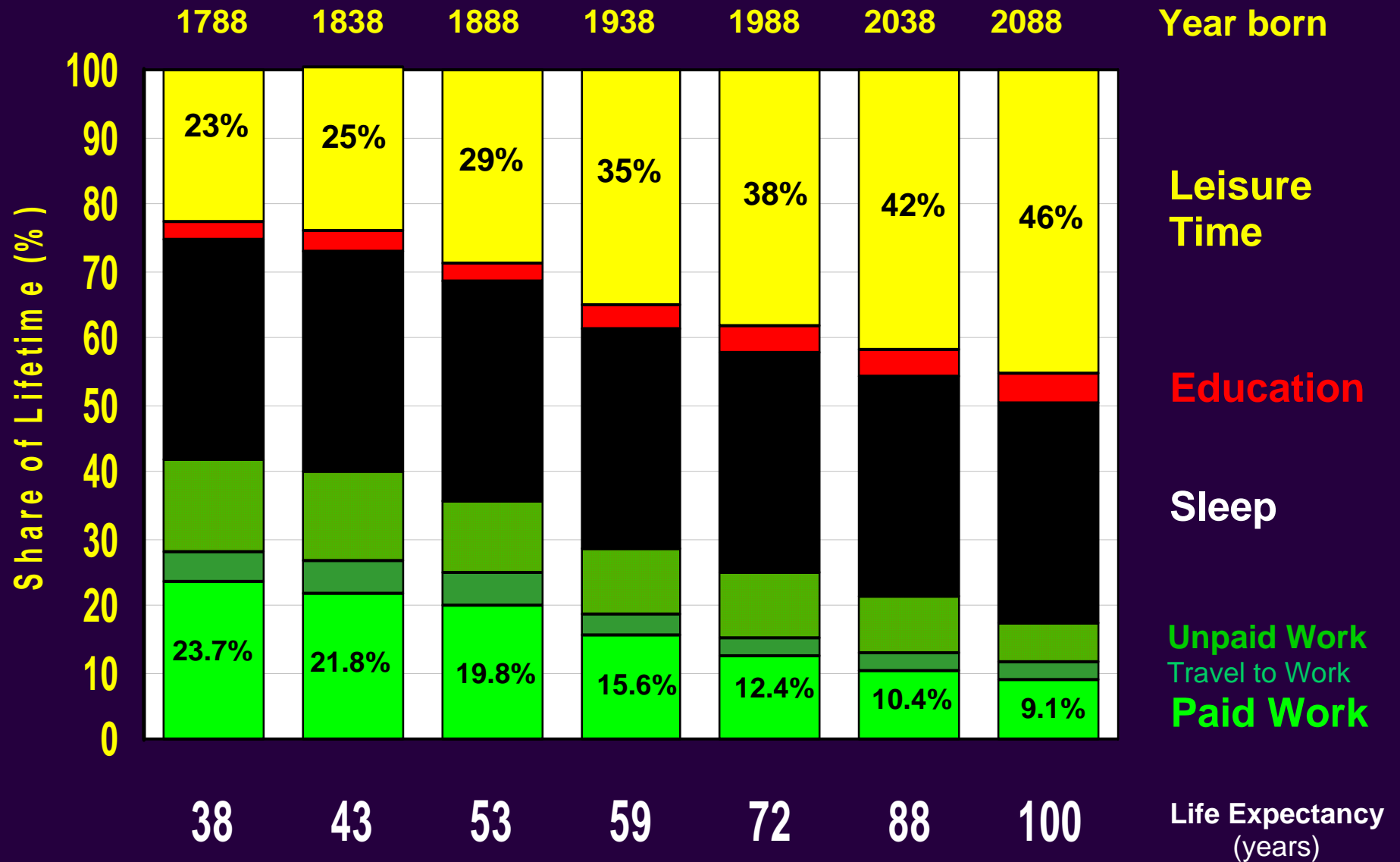


# Work And Leisure Over Time



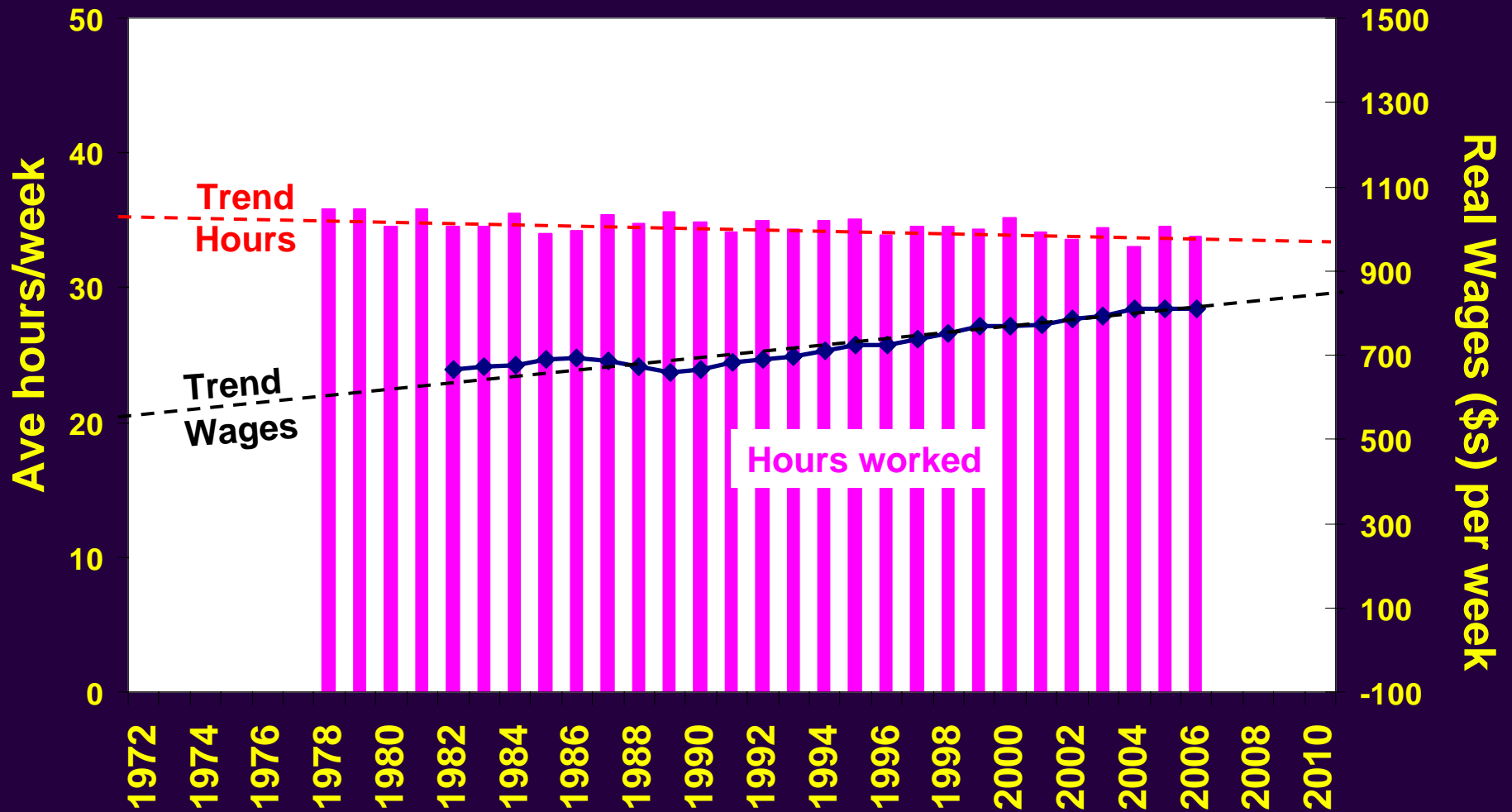
# Increasing Leisure Time

How various generations have spent, or will spend, their lifetimes



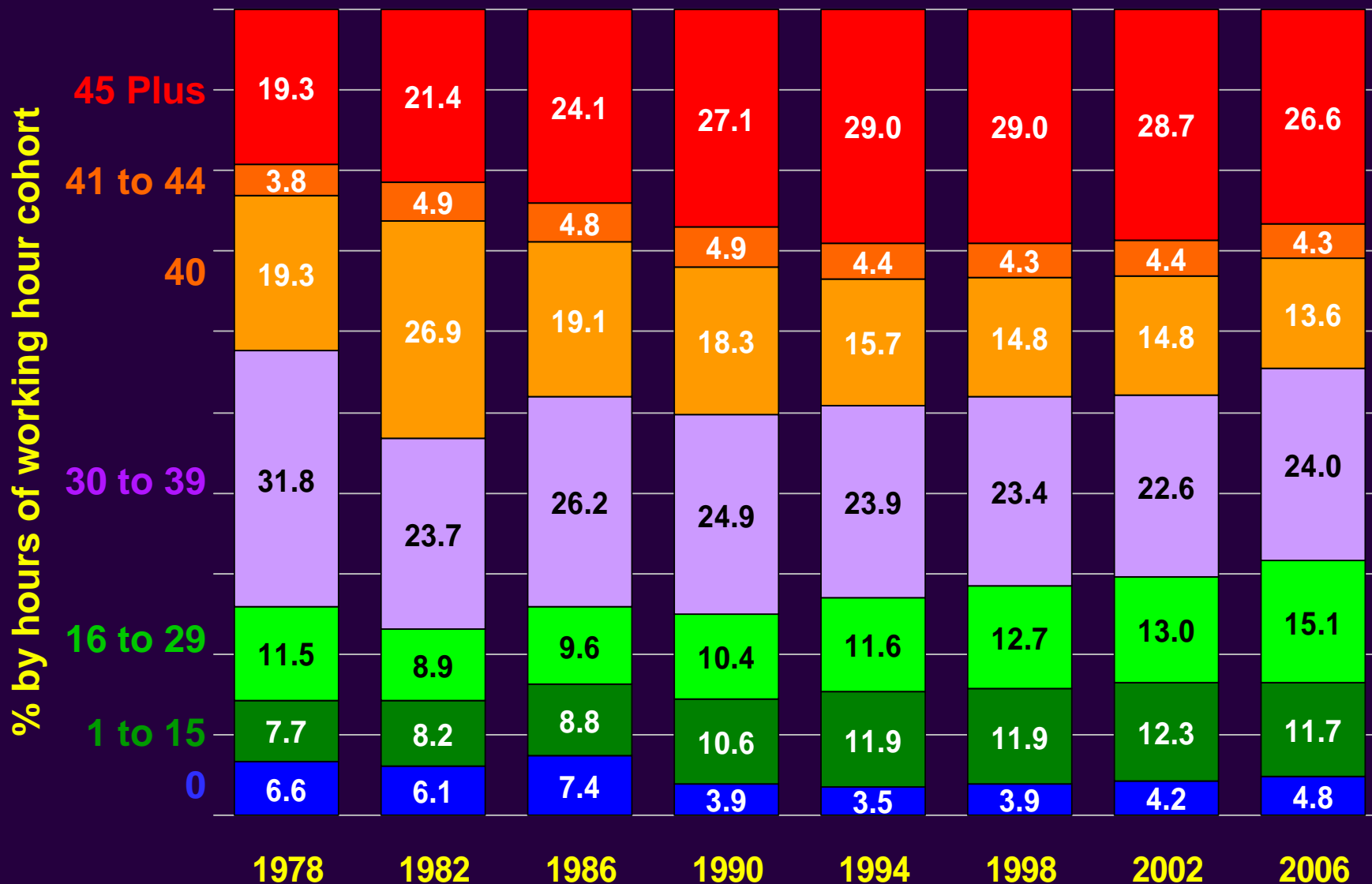
# Paid Working Hours Are Falling

Total average hours/week and Real Wages/week (2006 prices)



# Work Dargs

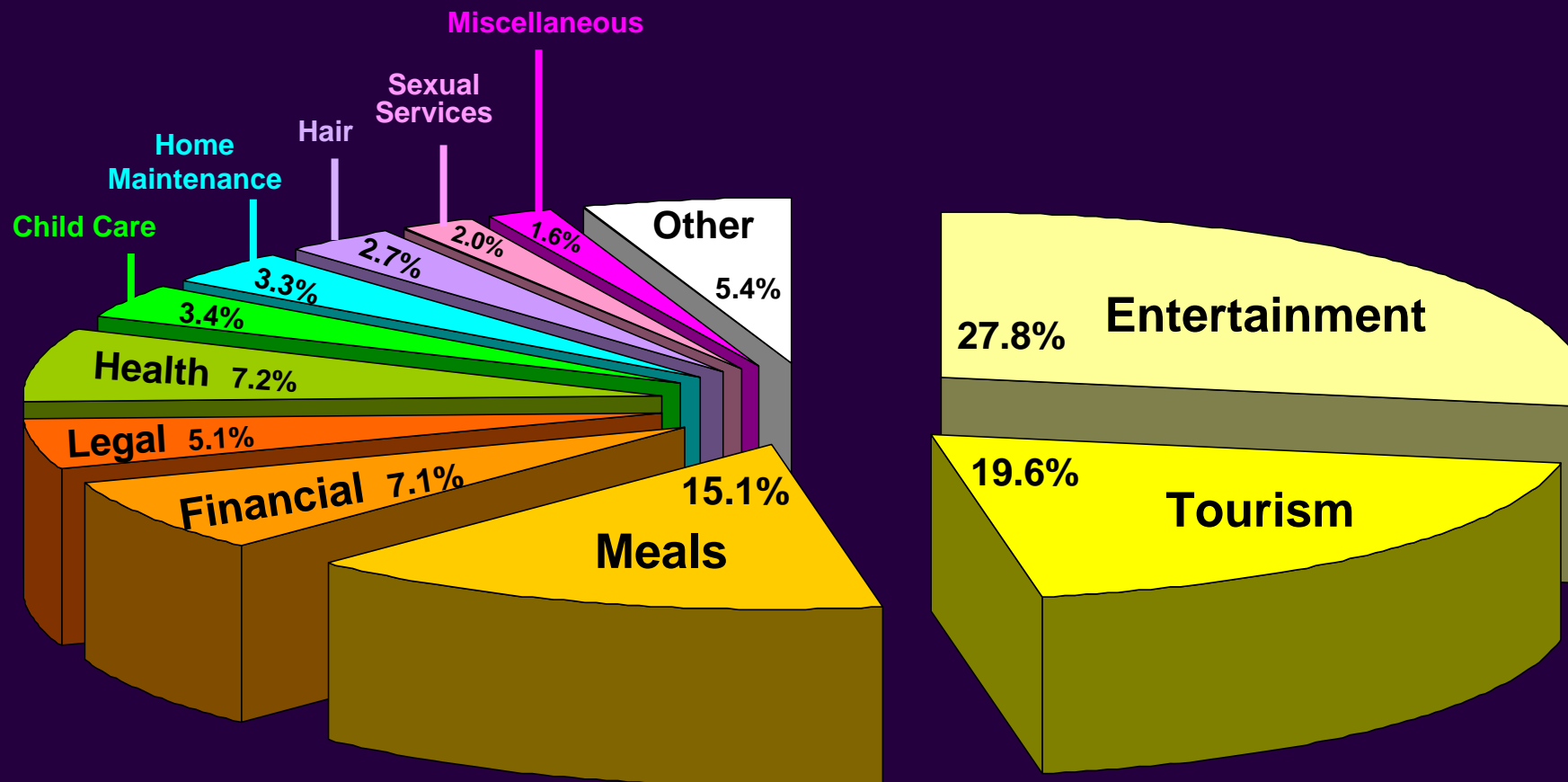
% of total workforce by working hour cohorts



**We are outsourcing more and more household activities to create more leisure time**

# Household Outsourcing In The New Age<sup>1</sup>

F2006 (E)



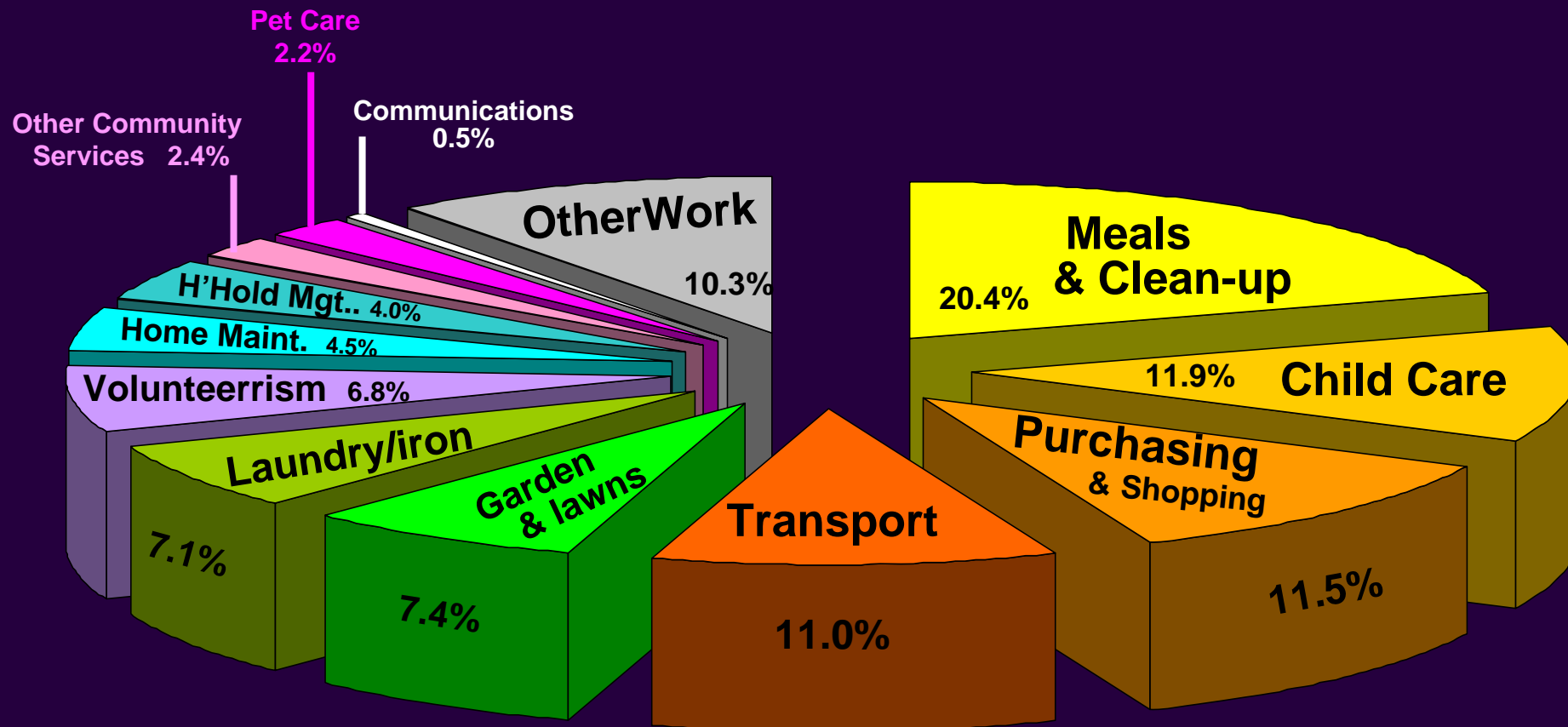
Note: <sup>1</sup> Spending on services, new since 1965

**\$110 billion**  
\$13,700 per Household

Source: ABS, IBISWorld

# Household DIY Work Yet To Be Outsourced

Imputed Value F2006 (E)



**\$375 billion**

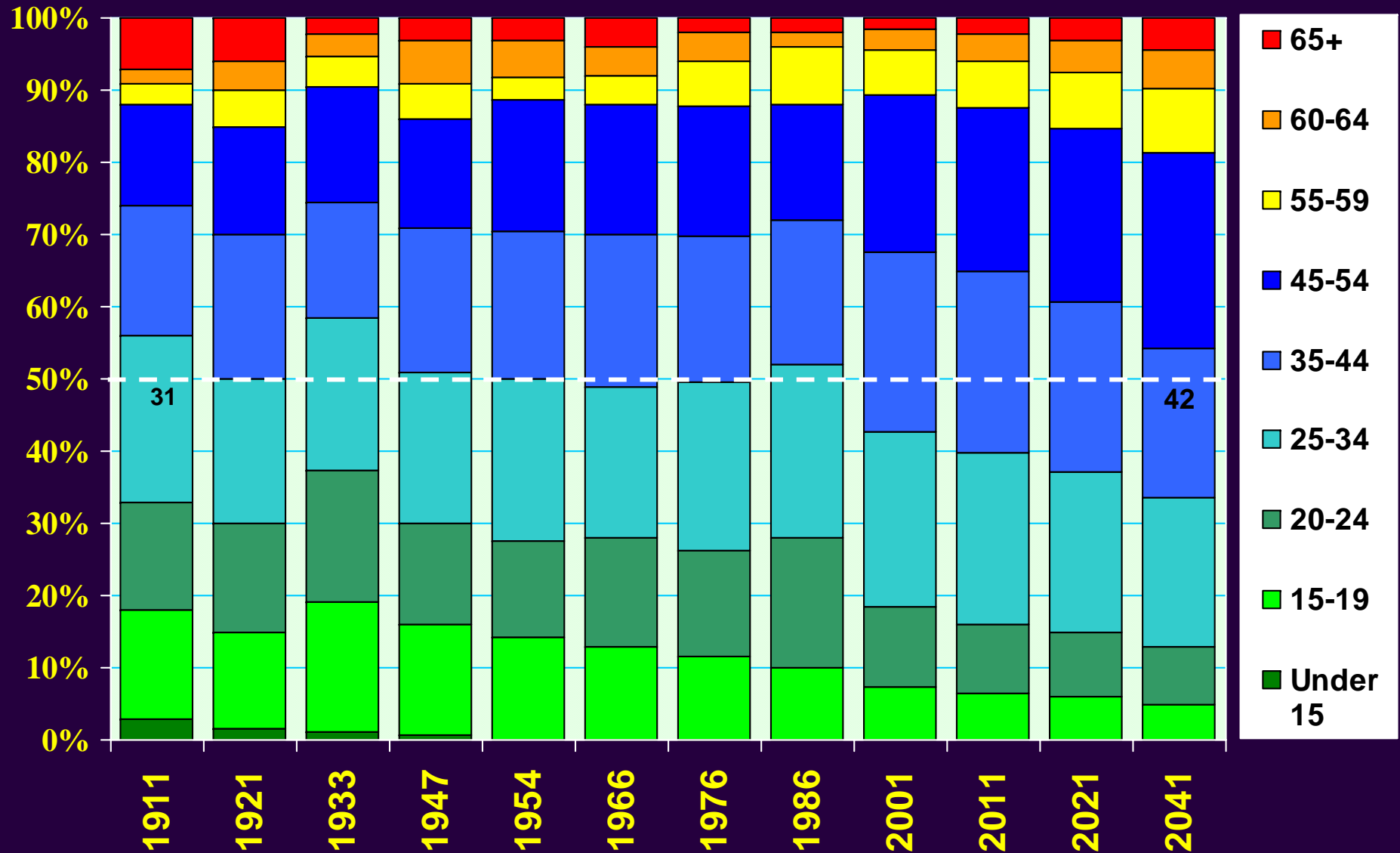
\$46,800/ Household

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**Age Groups,  
Generations  
And Genders**

# Workforce, by Age Group

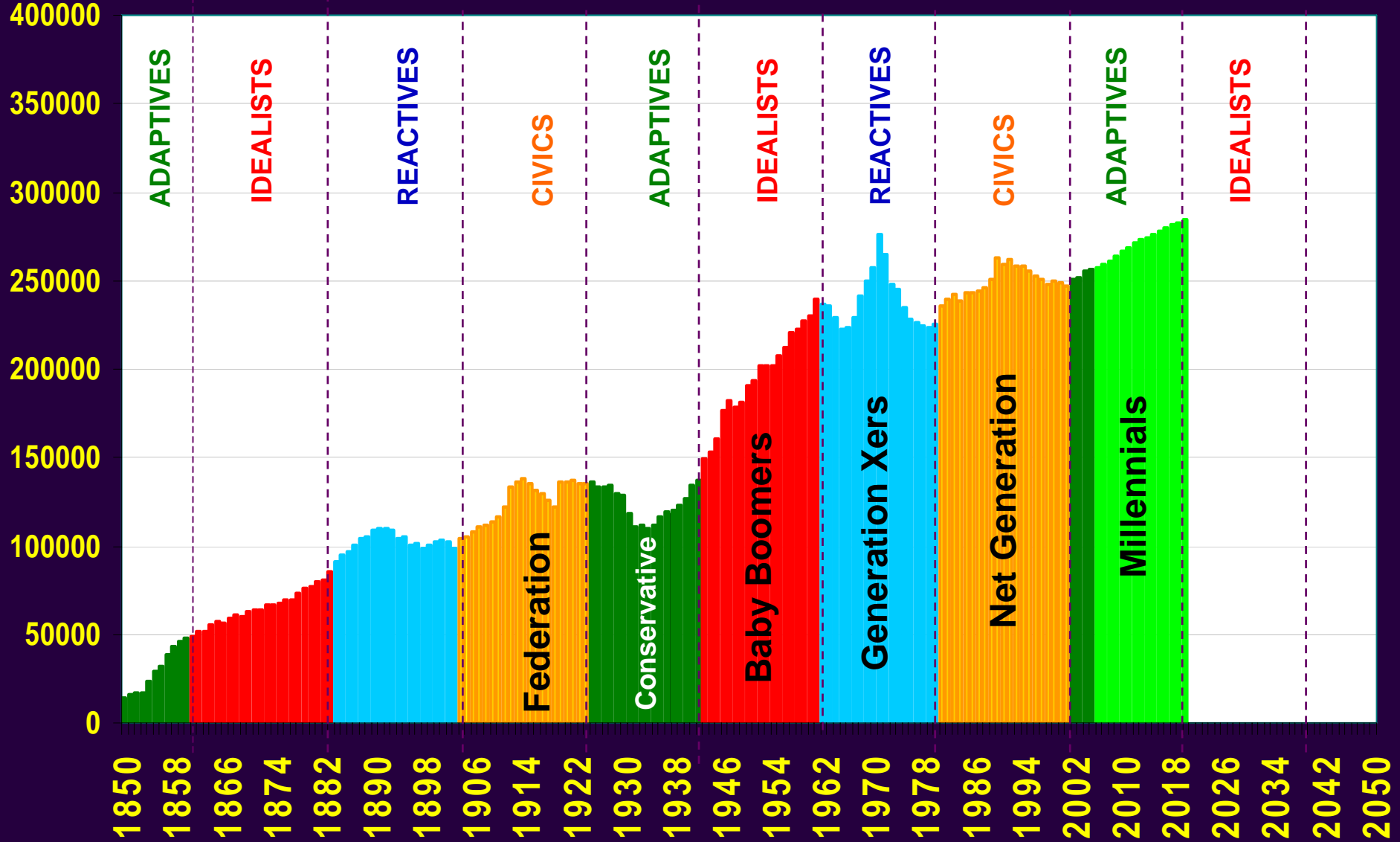
% of Total Basis



Source: ABS and IBISWorld

# Australian Births

By Generational Types 1850-2004



# Four Types of Generations

## Civics

The wealth creators and nation building generation. The can-do generation, pragmatic and rationalist. Not a lot of social graces.

## Adaptives

The generally silent, obedient but more socially aware generation. Adapt wealth-building to other social needs. Can develop scruples.

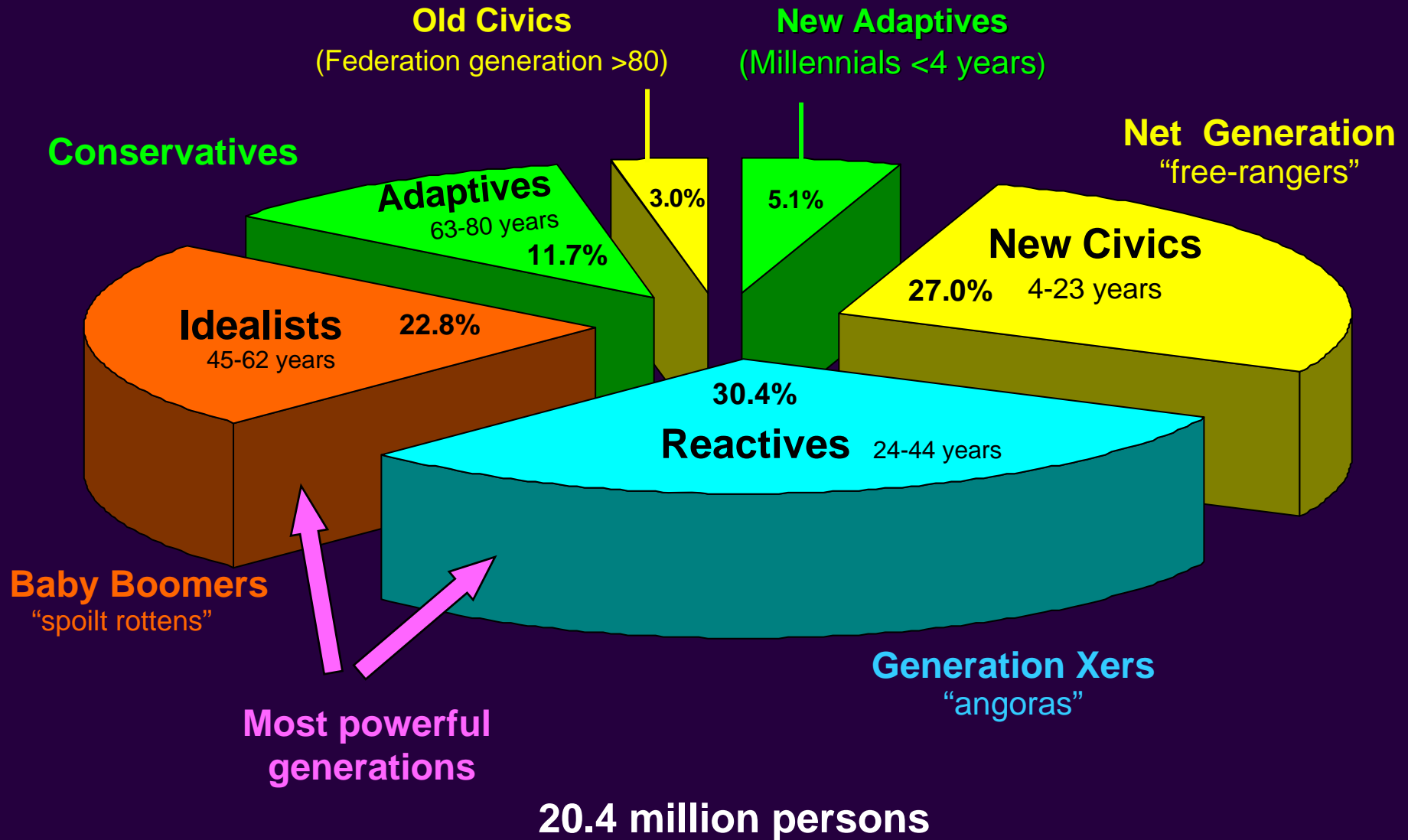
## Idealists

The social visionary and idealistic generation. Want to change the world *now*. Humanists and social re-engineers. Big spenders.

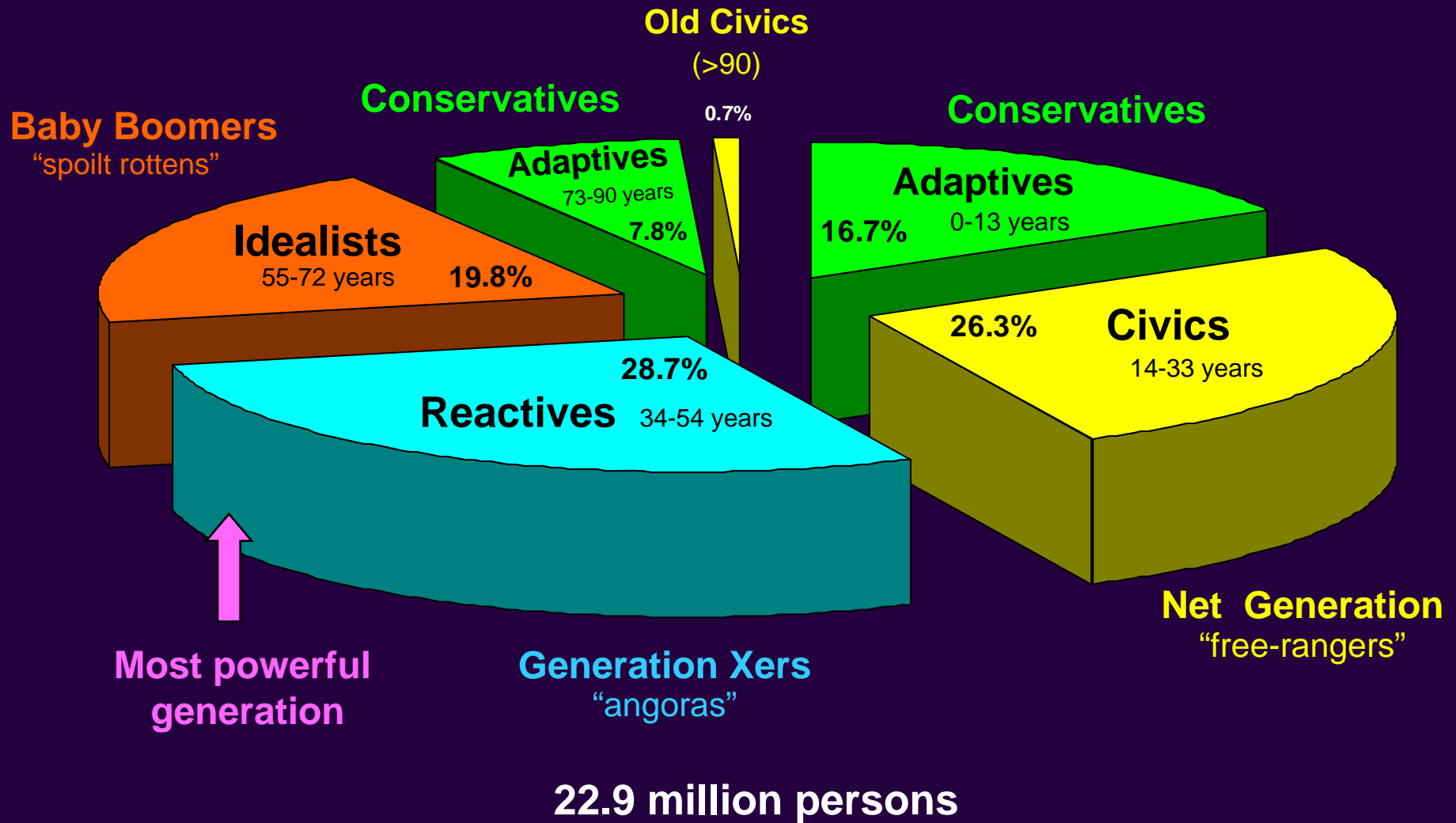
## Reactives

The reactive, conciliatory generation. Consolidators of change and peace-seekers. Repair damage of idealists. Pave way for new civics.

# Generations in 2005

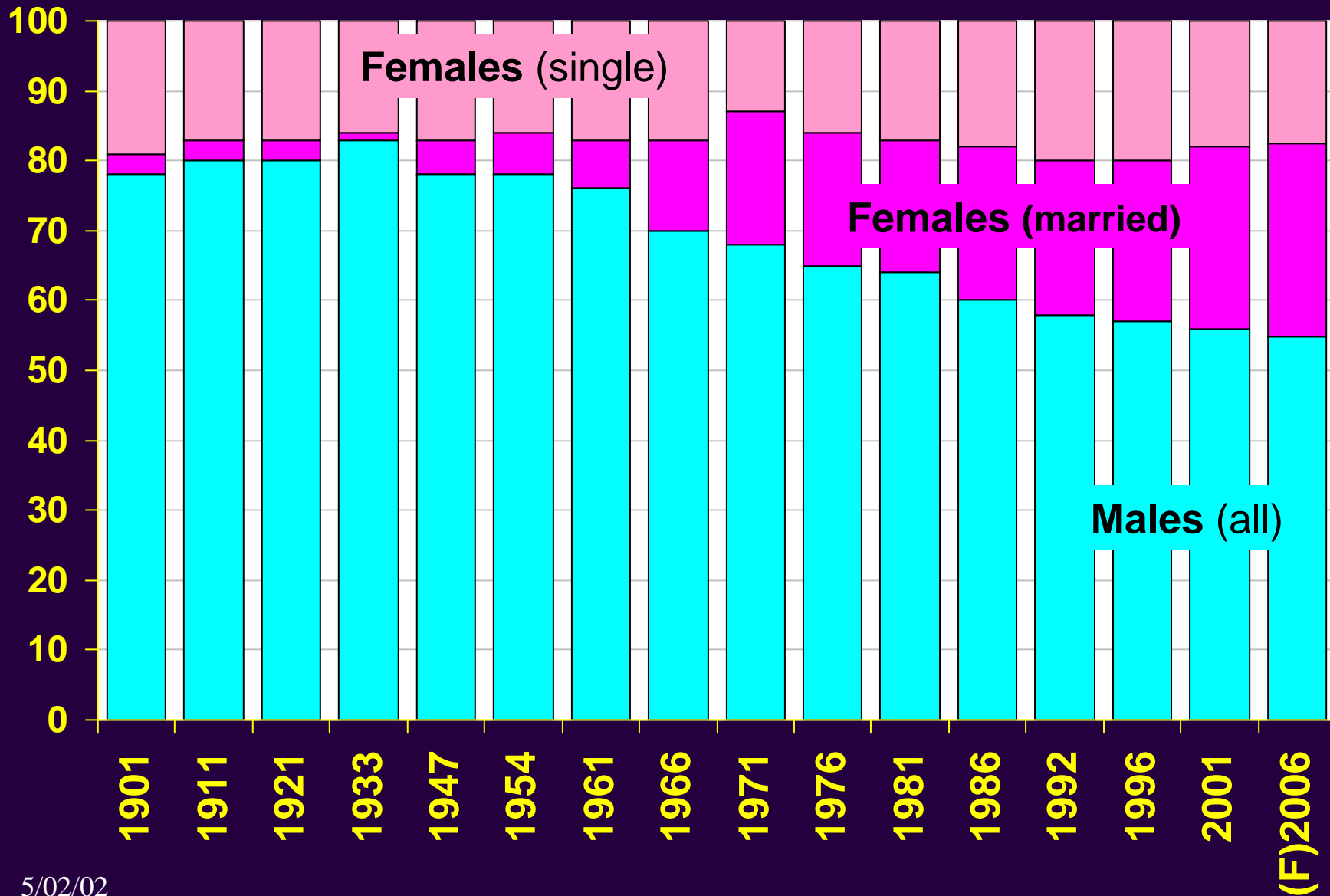


# Generations in 2015



# Australian Labourforce

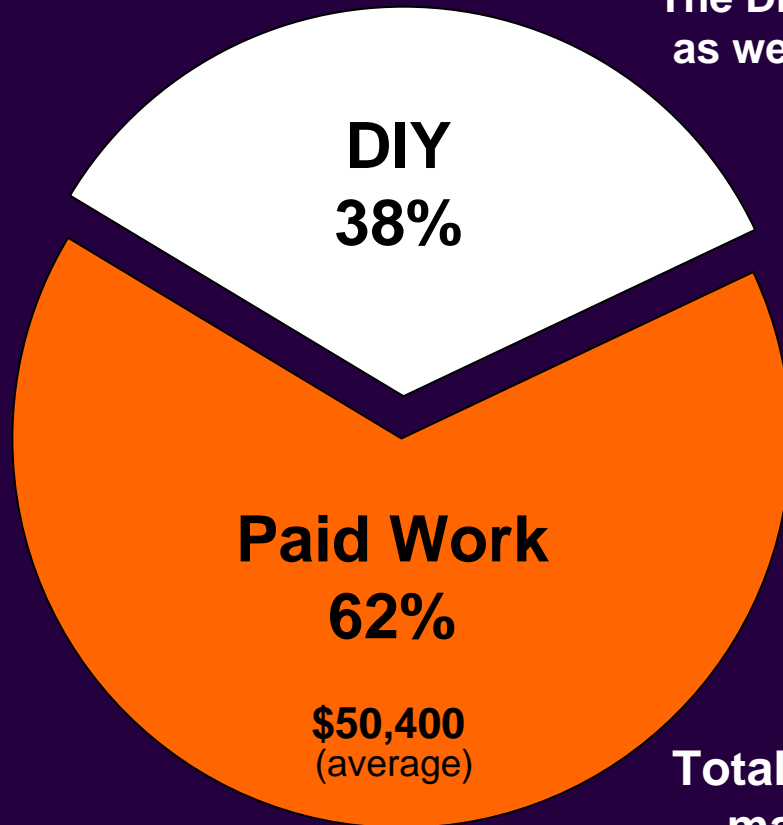
By gender & marital status



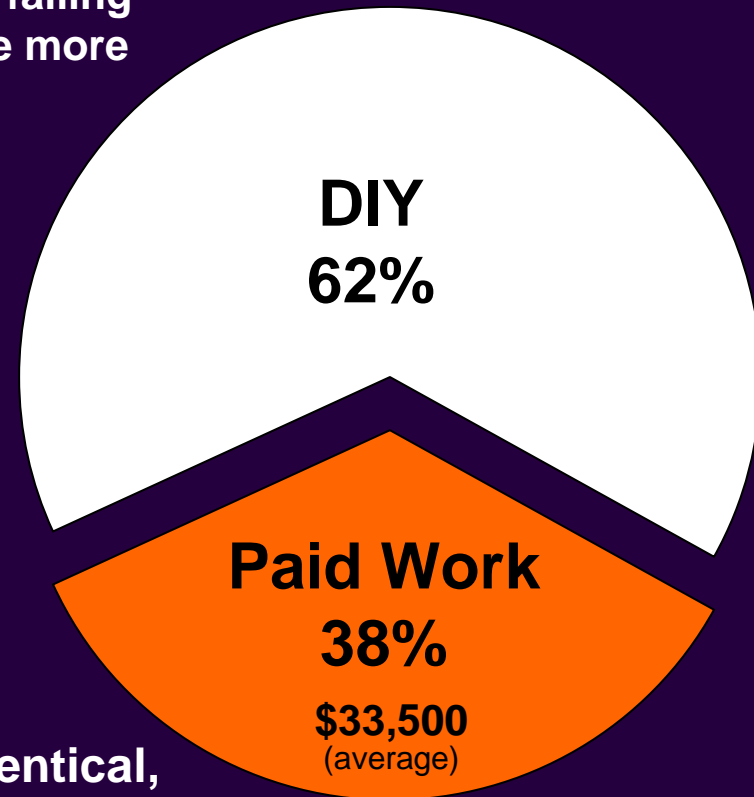
# Do-It-Yourself and Paid Work

2006 (F)

**Males**



**Females**



The DIY share is falling  
as we outsource more

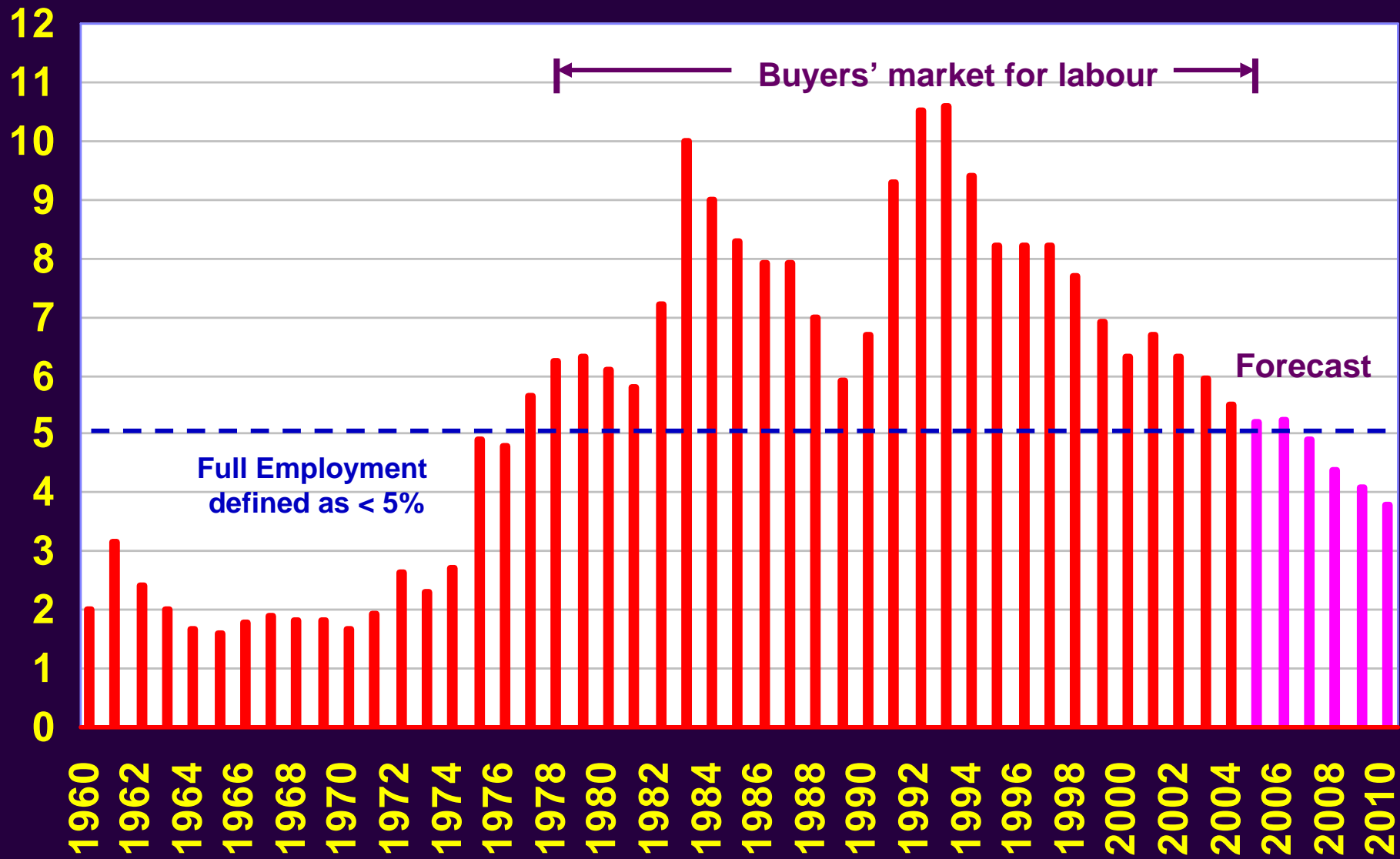
**Note:**  
Total hours identical,  
male and female

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**Full Employment  
And Where The Jobs  
Are**

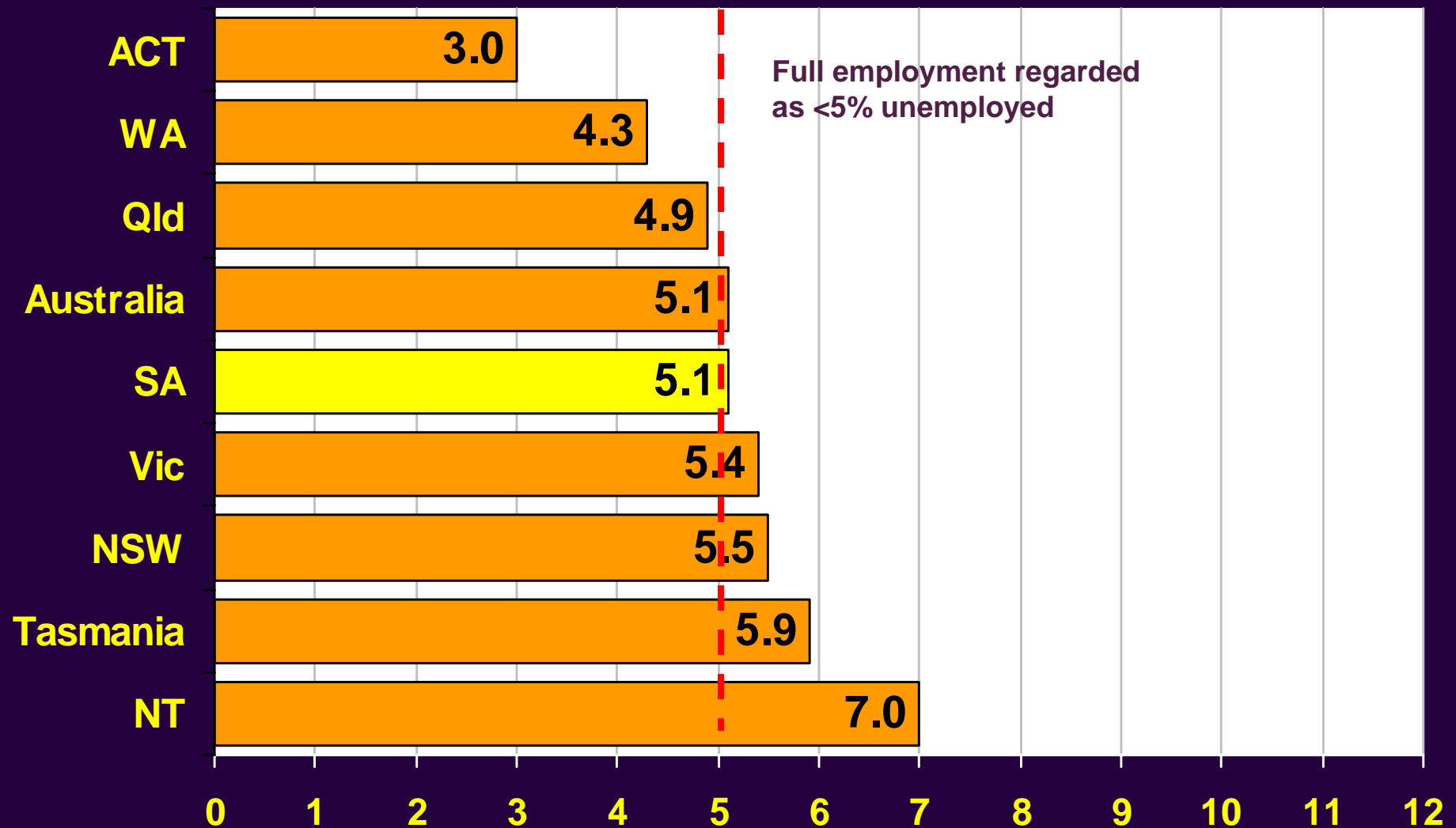
# Unemployment in Australia

Annual, 1960-2004 (with forecasts to 2010)



# Unemployment Across Australia

December 2005 , % (seasonally adjusted)

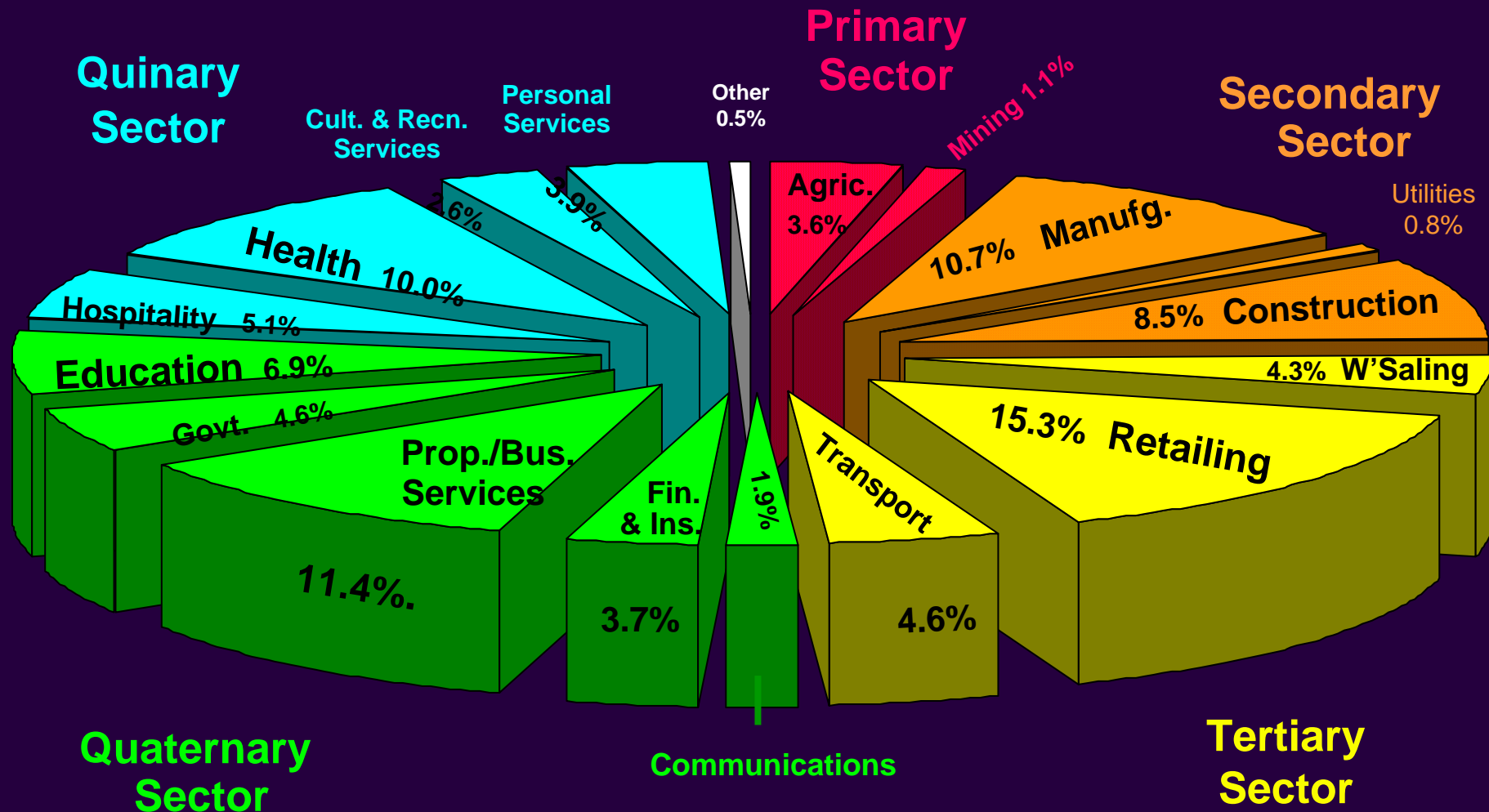


# Shortages Emerging

- ❖ Accountants
- ❖ Engineers
- ❖ Tradespeople
- ❖ Miners
- ❖ Call Centre Operators
- ❖ Hospitality workers

# Employment By Industry Sectors

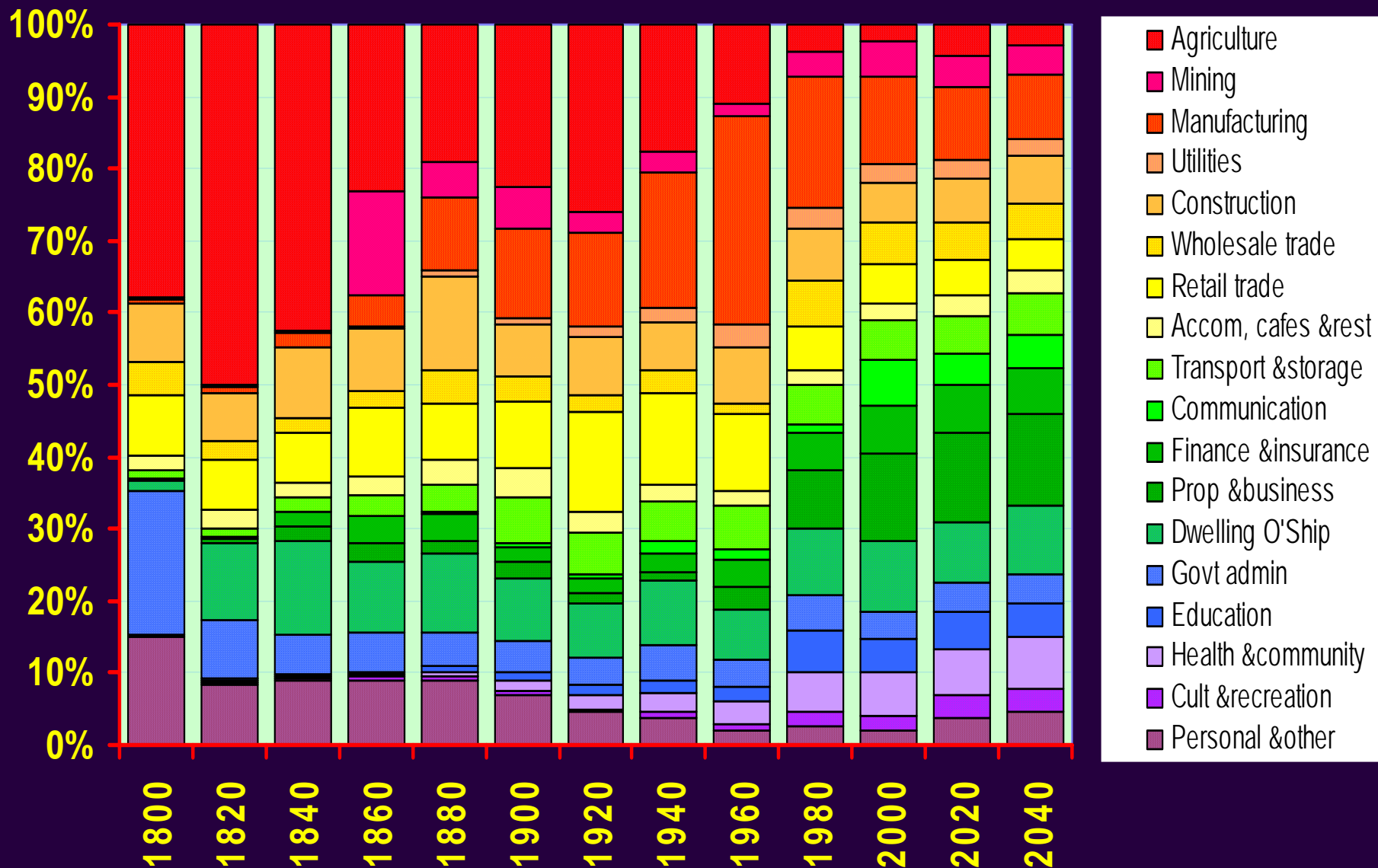
Australia June 2005, Share of Total Employment



10.02 million employed

# Changing Importance of Industry Divisions

Share of GDP\* by Industry Division



Note: \*At market prices to 1940, at factor cost thereafter

Source: N.G Butlin, ABS & IBISWorld

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# Outsourcing Creates Most Industries

- ❑ We outsourced the **growing** of things to create the modern agrarian age industries, aided by new technologies
- ❑ We outsourced the **making** of things to create the industrial age industries of manufacturing, utilities and construction; aided by new technologies
- ❑ We are outsourcing **services** (household services and business functions) to create the infotronics age, aided by new systems & technologies and a new utility sector (IC&T)

# Who Outsources?

**Households** (80-90% of all new jobs and GDP)

- ❑ new industries carry out household activities in a quarter of the time and a third of the (real) cost of the DIY household and improve both our standard of living and our quality of life.

**Businesses** (no net new jobs )

- ❑ businesses are now outsourcing non-core activities and franchising, transferring jobs from one business or industry to another business or industry to be done more efficiently with huge productivity gains.

**Other Nations** (10-20% of all new jobs and GDP)

- ❑ our exports are the result of other nations outsourcing some of their needs of goods and services to us.

# Who Benefits from Outsourcing?

## 1. Households and Individuals

- ★ They do not have to come home to a 3rd and 4th job, now that both partners are working;
- ★ They have more time to enjoy life;
- ★ They have new occupations & industries available to them and their children via the newly-created industries.

## 2. Businesses

- ★ They can remove the distractions and narrow the span of control, by outsourcing the non-core activities;
- ★ They can focus on their core activities and develop their IP and uniqueness which make the real growth & profits;
- ★ They can, in due course, reduce costs.

# Fastest Growing Industry Themes

- ❖ **Business Services** – outsourcing non-core functions.
- ❖ **Financial Services** - outsourcing of transactions/investment.
- ❖ **Property Services** - outsourcing property ownership.
- ❖ **Knowledge Industries** - databases & multi-media services.
- ❖ **Health** - outsourcing home doctoring.
- ❖ **Education** - outsourcing pre-school, plus universities.
- ❖ **Personal & Household Services** - outsourcing chores.
- ❖ **Cafes, Restaurants & Catering** - outsourcing the kitchen.
- ❖ **Tourism** - outsourcing travel and accommodation.
- ❖ **Recreation & Cultural Services** - outsourcing leisure.
- ❖ **Mining** – energy minerals (oil, gas, coal, uranium)
- ❖ **IC&T** - the New Age all-pervasive utility.
- ❖ **Biotechnology & Nanotechnology** – New Age technologies.

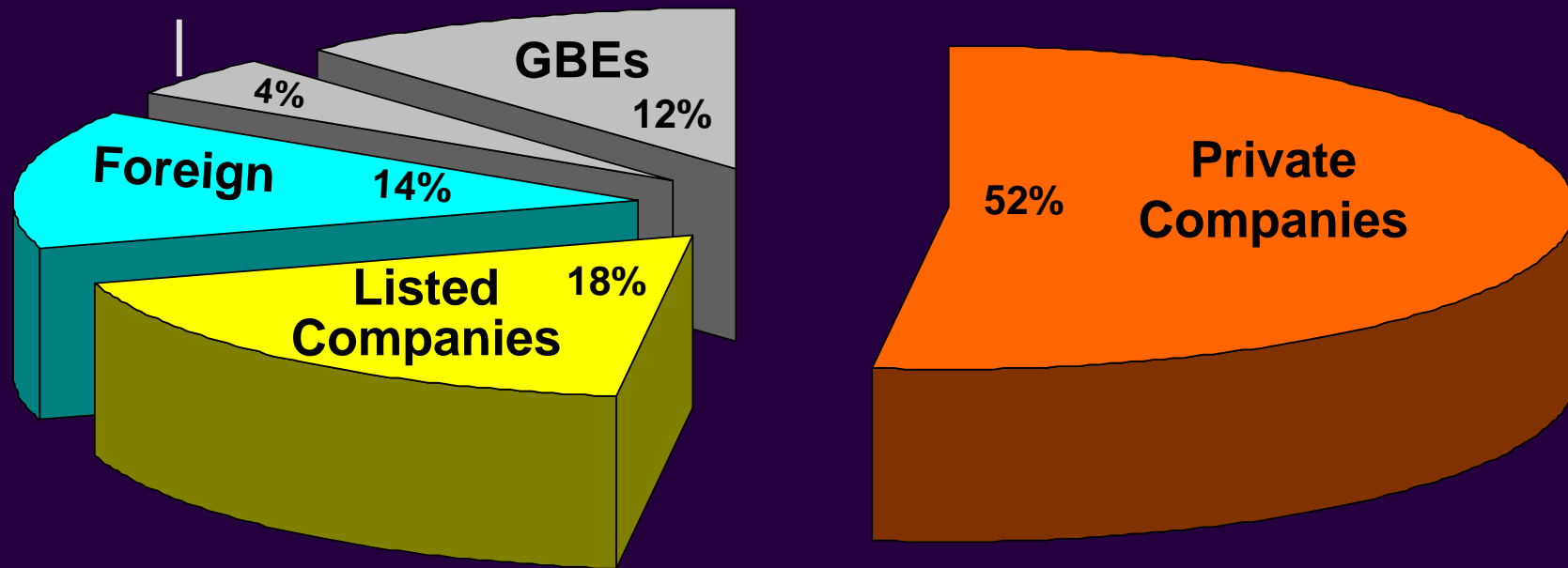
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**Who We Work For  
And How**

# Employment by Sector

June 2004 (E)

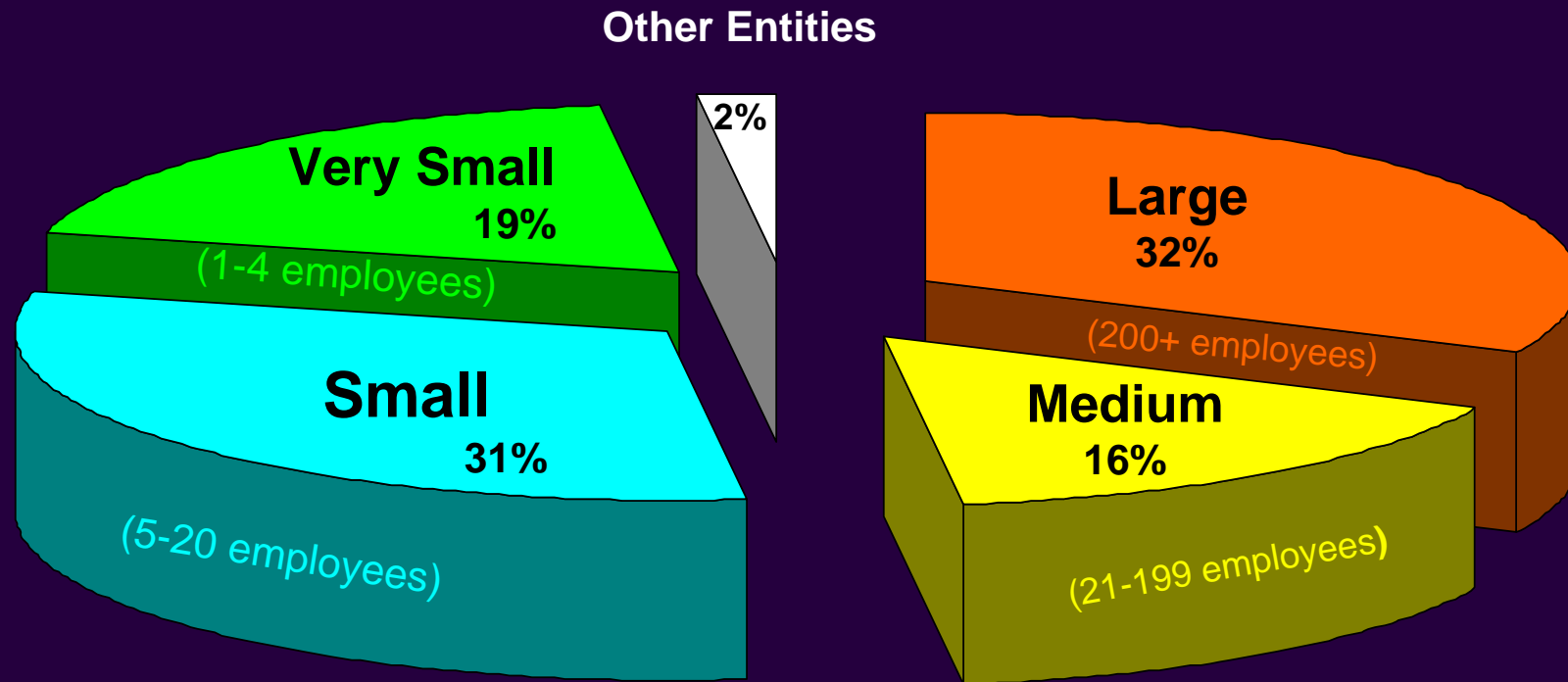
Public Admin. &  
Defence



**9.65 million**  
(employed)

# Employment by Size Of Business

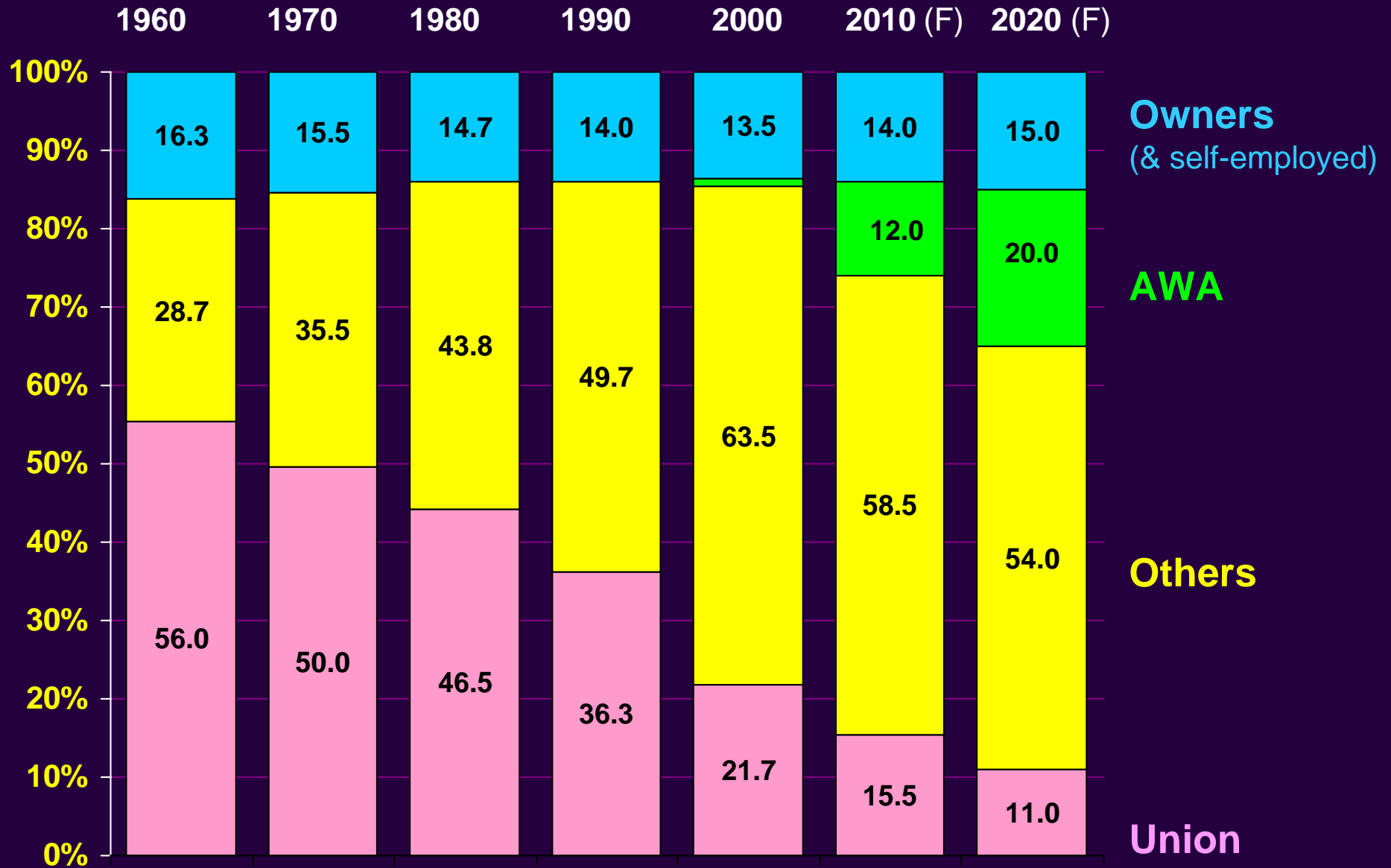
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# Disposition Of Workforce

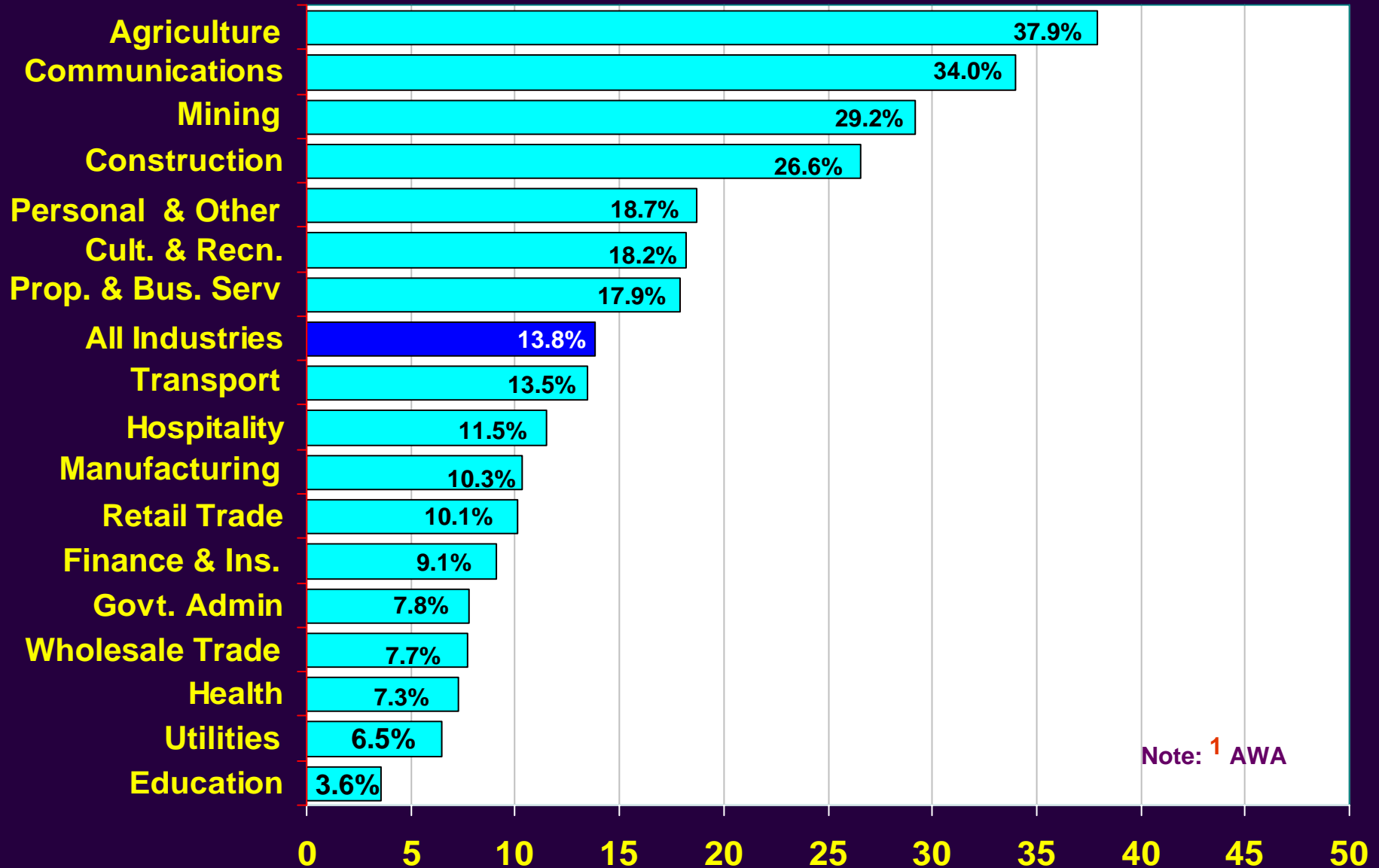
% of total basis



Source: IBISWorld

# Self-employed and Contractors<sup>1</sup>

Share of total employment by industry (%)



Note: <sup>1</sup> AWA

# Contractualism

- ❖ 434,500 AWAs<sup>1</sup> in April 2005
- ❖ 5.1% of employees (excluding self employed)
- ❖ Now growing at around 240,000 per annum in F2006
  
- ❖ 940,400 self-employed in May 2005
- ❖ 9.1% of workforce
  
- ❖ AWAs and self-employed accounted for 14.4% of workforce in June 2005
- ❖ These will outnumber union members by early 2010s

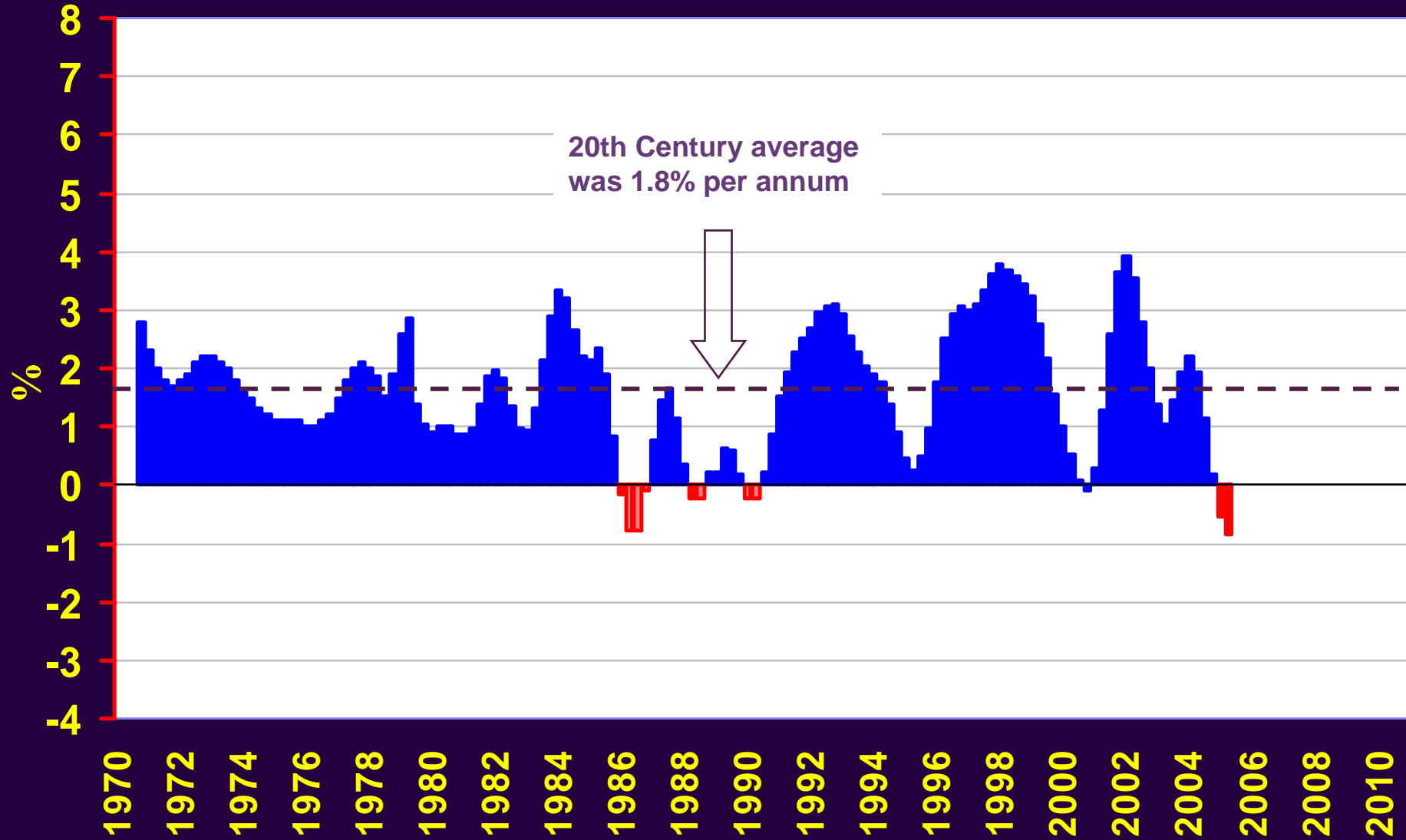
Note: <sup>1</sup> AWA: Australian Workforce Agreement, lodged with the OEA (Office of the Employment Advocate)

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# **The Productivity Challenge**

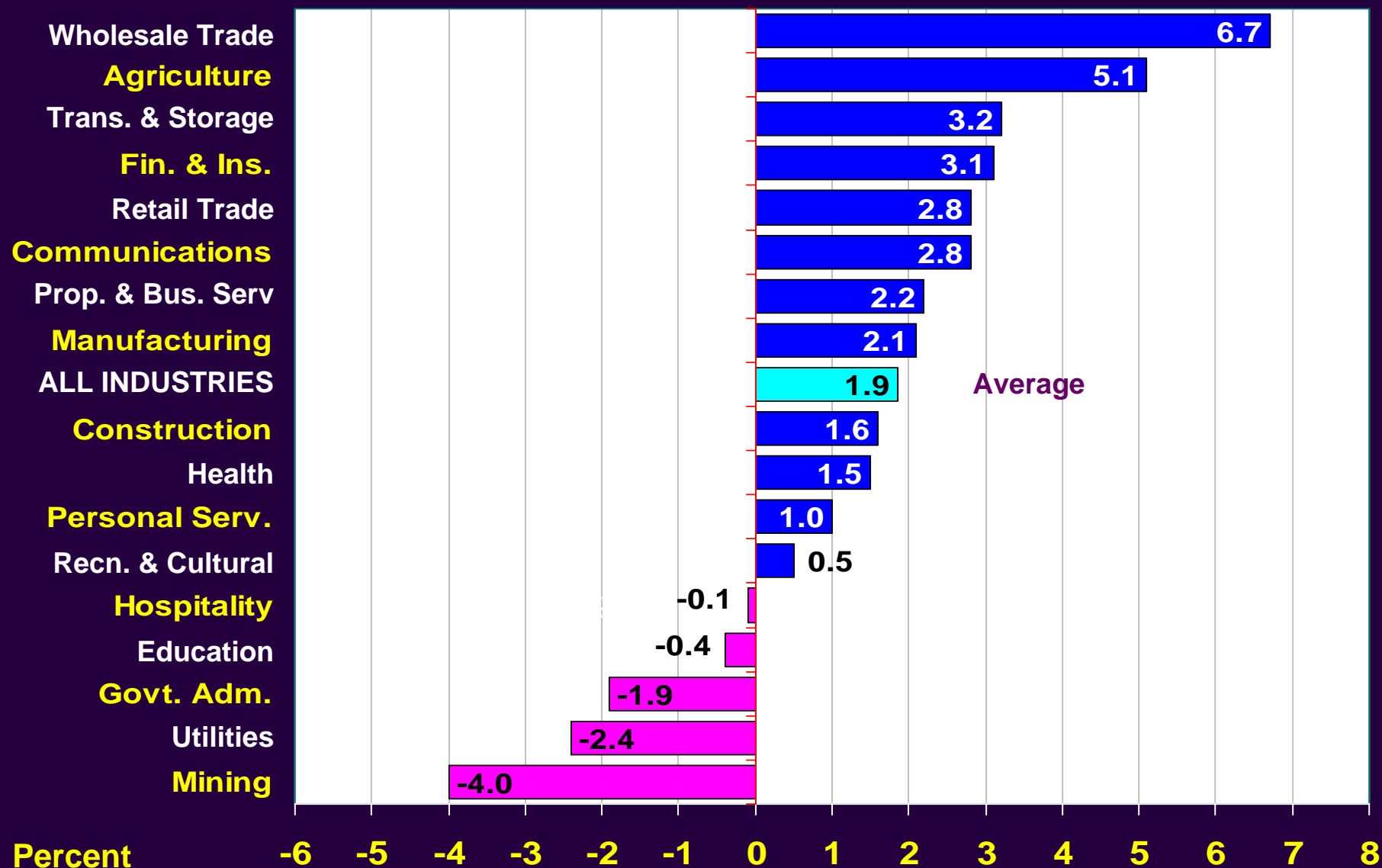
# Productivity

GDP per hours worked (trend) to September 2005



# Australian Industries Productivity Growth

5 year growth to June 2005, % p.a (IGP / employee @ 2003-04 prices)



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**The Management  
Challenges**

# What the Best Enterprises Are Doing

1. They are **focussing on single industries**, not diversifying
2. They are **positioning** as a major, niche or ultra-niche for dominance at some level to become master of their own destiny
3. They are **pursuing unique intellectual property** (directly or as a franchisee) or **monopoly/oligopoly licenses** (banking, media, gaming)
4. They are **outsourcing** non-core activities and functions
5. They are **jettisoning passive (“hard”) assets**, which only provide “rental” returns (which belong to property trusts or leasing institutions)
6. They are **creating virtual corporations & strategic alliances**
7. They are **planning from the outside-in** not the inside-out
8. They are **emulating world best practice** for their industry and, where possible, aggressively **globalising their businesses**
9. They are **developing unique organisational cultures**
10. They are **leading first** and managing second

# Developing A Unique Culture

A unique culture is about attracting and keeping good people to your business, and helping develop ordinary people into extraordinary people.

This is built on a base of world best practice principles of human resources management. But a *unique* culture goes well beyond the basics: it needs to have special elements of both a tangible and intangible nature.

No matter how often we say it, employees are not a firm's most valuable asset, since slavery has been outlawed for some considerable time! But they can be "valued", and a unique culture is vital to this goal.

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