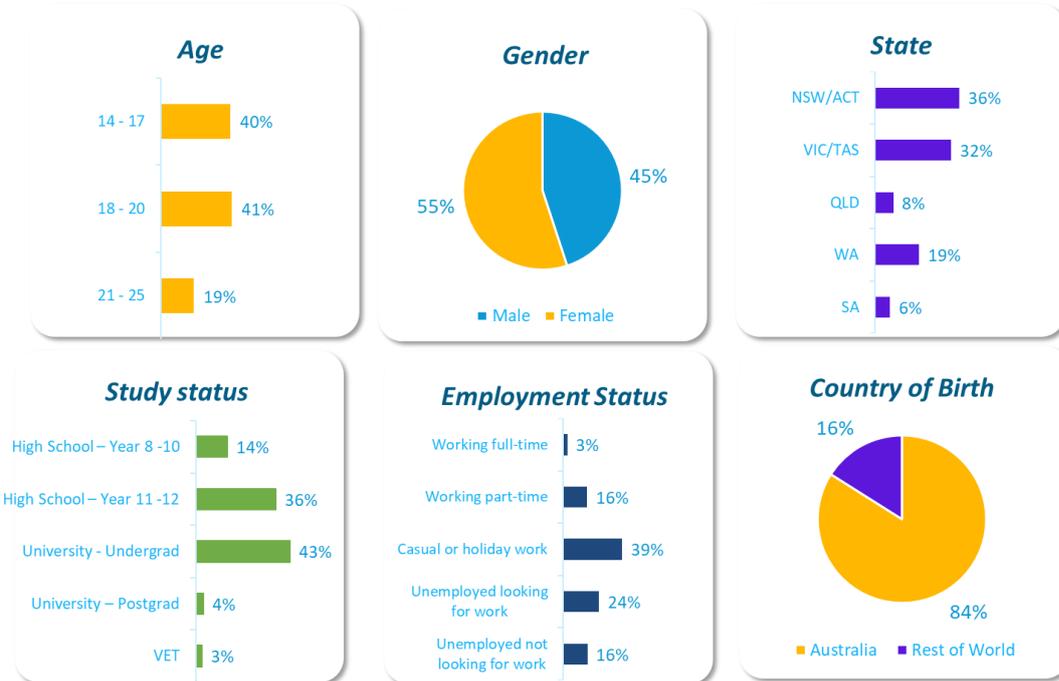


Youth Insights for the AICC Conference

Research overview

YouthInsight surveyed over 900 young people aged 14-25 across Australia to get their thoughts and opinions around issues concerning the six challenges identified in the 2019 Australian National Outlook Report.

Below is the breakdown of the sample demographics.



General findings

- Less than one in five young Australians have heard about the 4th industrial revolution
 - A higher proportion of males claim to know what its all about compared to only 11% of females
 - Awareness was also higher among people aged 18-20 (23%) compared to their younger and older counterparts (12% and 18% respectively)

Rise of China

- Young people have polarized views on Australia's future reliance on China for trade with 45% saying we will rely on China about the same as now or less and the other 45% saying it will be more. Around 10% are not sure.
- When asked about Australia's main exports, young people are well aware of the economy's dependence on minerals with Coal and Iron ore the most well-known exports followed by gold, livestock and natural gas.

Technological change

- Just under half (45%) of all young people surveyed say are strongly or somewhat pessimistic about the technological change in the future. On the flip side, one in five young people feel strongly optimistic about the technological change in the future, with males showing higher signs of optimism (28%) compared to females (14%).
 - Residents of NSW had the highest levels of optimism with 26% compared to all other states while people who have already joined the workforce with either full time or part time rolls showed highest levels of pessimism about the technological change in the future (20%).
- When it comes to technological advancements and the impact this will have on jobs, 41% of young males believe it will create more jobs in the future compared to only 30% of females.
 - The youngest group surveyed, people aged 14-17 had the highest levels of concern about technological advancements resulting in less jobs for them in the future compared to all other age groups – 14-17 yr olds - 47%, 18-20 yr olds 35%, 21-25yr olds 31%.

Climate change and environment

- Nine out of ten young people believe climate change is real and 77% say the Australian government needs to be doing more about it.
- There are higher levels of scepticism among young males with 12% saying climate change is not real compared to only 3% of females
- 84% of all young people believe climate change will impact Australia in the next 40 years.

Demographics

- Young people's top four concerns regarding Australia's growing population include

	Somewhat concerned + Very concerned
Increase in pollution	81%
Increase the cost of living	80%
Increase in the prices of homes	79%
Increased competition for jobs	74%

- Young people also had concerns for the increase in welfare to Australia's aging population (62%), increase requirements of infrastructure (62%) and the increase of the age they can retire at (62%)

Trust

- When it comes to young's people trust for institutions to do what is right, only one third of young people say they trust the Australian government and even less (23%) say they trust the Australian media and Businesses (the private sector). Social media organisations had the lowest levels of trust among young people with only 21%.

Social cohesion

- More than two thirds (67%) of young people believe their financial stresses will increase in the future, a feeling that is significantly driven by young females (76% females compared to 56% males)
- 60% of young people are uncertain if they'll ever be able to afford their own homes. Again, this sentiment is stronger among females (69%) compared to males (50%)