

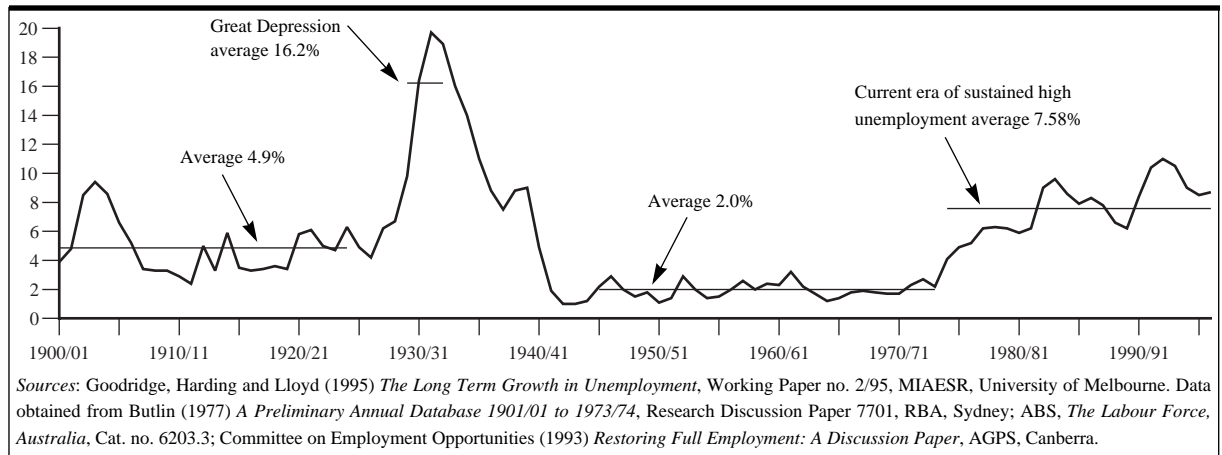
Snapshots

In each issue we will provide snapshots on various social topics. There are three snapshots below and two more on pages 14 and 16 earlier in the journal.

Unemployment in Australia since 1900

Over the last twenty five years unemployment has averaged 7.58%. This is a much longer period of high unemployment than the period of the great depression.

Unemployment: Australia 1900–1998



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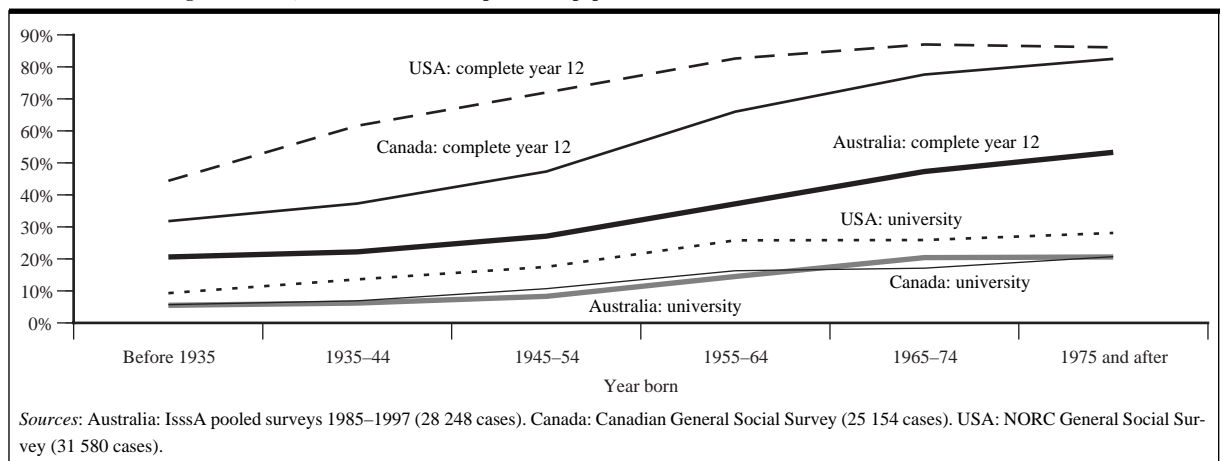
Education in Australia, Canada and USA

The percentage of Australians finishing secondary school is well below Canada and the USA. Rapid increases in the percentage of Americans completing secondary school throughout the thirties and forties were never replicated in Australia. The gap has only

begun to close after American secondary school education rates reached a ceiling in the seventies.

However, rates of university completion in Australia are high—as high as Canada and almost as high as the USA. Although not as many Australians complete year 12, an unusually high proportion of those who do then go on to university, while many Canadians and Americans drop out after year 12.

Education and training in Australia, Canada and the USA (per cent of population)



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