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GROWTH WITHOUT INEQUALITY

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Figure 1: Comparative income growth by decile

Average annual income growth rate by income decile from the late 1980s to the mid-2010s, using equivalised disposable income expressed in US dollars using purchasing power exchange rates.

Source: Productivity Commission, Rising Inequality? A stocktake of the evidence, 2018
Figure 2: Tax and transfer effects on income inequality in Australia

Gini coefficients for equivalised private income, gross income and disposable income

Source: Productivity Commission, Rising Inequality? A stocktake of the evidence, 2018

The graph shows the Gini coefficients for equivalised private income, gross income, and disposable income from 1988-89 to 2015-16. The coefficients are lower for disposable income compared to private income and gross income, indicating a greater degree of equality. The equalising effects of government transfers and income tax are also noted for specific years.
Figure 3: Wealth growth by decile


Source: Productivity Commission, Rising Inequality? A stocktake of the evidence, 2018
Figure 4: In-kind transfer effects on consumption inequality in Australia

Gini coefficients for equivalised disposable income, private consumption and final consumption.

Source: Productivity Commission, Rising Inequality? A stocktake of the evidence, 2018
Figure 5: Income mobility over time

Proportion of people in the top, 5th and bottom income deciles in 2000-01, by income decile in 2015-16.

Source: Productivity Commission, Rising Inequality? A stocktake of the evidence, 2018
Figure 6: Contributions to income growth

Source: ABS cat. no. 5206.0 and Treasury.

- Per capita income growth
- Net foreign income
- Labour productivity
- Labour utilisation
- Terms of trade
- Additional labour productivity to hit 30-yr avg

1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010-11 to 2017-18, 2018-19 to 2029-30