**Immigration and Refugees**

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New Zealand

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During the 1950s, Australia needed more workers to help build large projects such as the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme. Many migrants were recruited from countries devastated by World War II. More than 60,000 migrant workers from over 30 countries came to work on the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

Settler arrivals by region of last residence, Australia, 1947–99

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