

Historic Australian Sharemarket Returns

ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index 1900—2019

As investors we can spend a lot of time concerned with the 'red' years, when historically the Australian sharemarket has delivered 'green' years 80 per cent of the time.

There is no secret to investing, just a willingness to accept that as we continue to progress and our lives improve, those outcomes are reflected in sharemarket returns over the long term.

80.9%

Positive years: 97

19.1%

Negative years: 23



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All Ordinaries Accumulation Index History

Annual Returns 1900—2019

13.1% Average return from 1900—2019

Year	%	Decade	Year	%	Decade	Year	%	Decade
1900	16.1%	Ave	1940	5.3%	Ave	1980	48.9%	Ave
1901	-1.7%		1941	-3.8%		1981	-12.9%	
1902	17.7%		1942	20.4%		1982	-13.9%	
1903	23.9%		1943	10.5%		1983	66.8%	
1904	9.4%		1944	9.6%		1984	-2.3%	
1905	16.4%		1945	15.5%		1985	44.1%	
1906	11.8%		1946	14.8%		1986	52.2%	
1907	10.2%		1947	18.0%		1987	-7.9%	
1908	18.8%		1948	3.6%		1988	17.9%	
1909	15.1%		13.8%	1949		9.6%	10.4%	
1910	8.2%		1950	32.9%		1990	-17.5%	
1911	12.3%		1951	-3.3%		1991	34.2%	
1912	10.4%		1952	-11.8%		1992	0.5%	
1913	10.7%		1953	14.8%		1993	40.5%	
1914	13.4%		1954	20.6%		1994	-8.2%	
1915	-1.9%		1955	12.1%		1995	20.2%	
1916	-1.7%		1956	10.3%		1996	14.0%	
1917	17.6%		1957	18.3%		1997	11.4%	
1918	11.6%		1958	22.8%		1998	8.5%	
1919	18.4%		9.9%	1959		47.1%	16.4%	
1920	10.0%		1960	-7.3%		2000	5.0%	
1921	22.4%		1961	16.0%		2001	10.1%	
1922	23.6%		1962	5.0%		2002	-8.1%	
1923	18.3%		1963	28.6%		2003	15.9%	
1924	17.1%		1964	6.6%		2004	27.6%	
1925	18.5%		1965	-7.1%		2005	21.1%	
1926	16.2%		1966	10.2%		2006	25.0%	
1927	19.8%		1967	42.9%		2007	18.0%	
1928	14.6%		1968	42.5%		2008	-40.4%	
1929	-3.6%		15.7%	1969		14.7%	15.2%	
1930	-28.1%		1970	-16.2%		2010	3.3%	
1931	20.0%		1971	4.3%		2011	-11.4%	
1932	26.5%		1972	26.4%		2012	18.8%	
1933	27.1%		1973	-23.3%		2013	19.7%	
1934	24.6%		1974	-26.9%		2014	5.0%	
1935	11.4%		1975	62.9%		2015	3.8%	
1936	18.8%		1976	5.2%		2016	11.7%	
1937	6.2%		1977	20.2%		2017	12.5%	
1938	1.0%		1978	22.2%		2018	-3.5%	
1939	7.2%		11.5%	1979		46.3%	12.1%	

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