# MIXED GRAPHS - OVERVIEW

Writing an overview for mixed graphs (e.g. a table + bar chart, line + pie chart, etc.) in IELTS Writing Task 1 requires summarizing main trends or patterns from *both* visuals, while not going into details or specific data yet.

## ☑ Step-by-Step Guide

**1. Identify the Graph Types and Their Focus**

- Understand what each graph is showing.
  - E.g., a **table** may show actual numbers (e.g., number of doctors).
  - A **bar chart** may show **percentages** by gender or origin.

**2. Look for Key Trends or Comparisons**

- What increased or decreased?
- Is there a **contrast** between categories (e.g., male vs. female, born in Australia vs. born overseas)?
- Is there a trend of **convergence, divergence, or balance**?

**3. Summarize Main Trends Only (No Specific Numbers)**

- Use high-level observations like:
  - ***"Overall, the total number of X rose steadily..."***
  - ***"There was a gradual increase in the proportion of Y..."***
  - ***"By the end of the period, Z had overtaken W."***

**4. Cover All Graphs Briefly**

- Don't ignore one of the visuals.
- Combine trends into one overview paragraph.

## 📌 Useful Phrases for Overviews

- Overall, it is clear that...
- In general, the most noticeable trend is that...
- It is evident that...
- A striking feature is that...
- There was a steady increase in...
- ...remained the dominant group throughout the period.
- The gap between... narrowed over time.

## ✍ Overview Template for Mixed Graphs

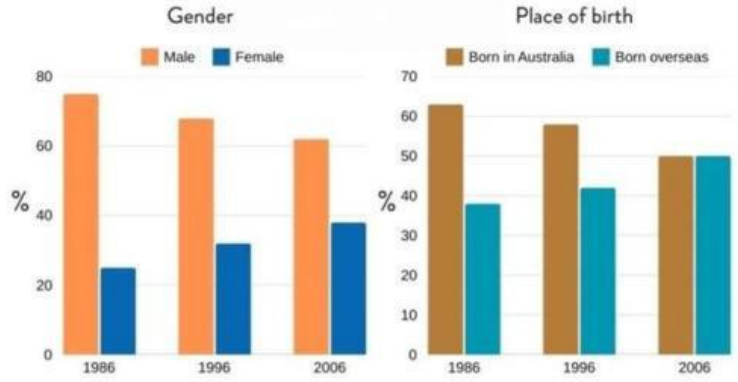
**Overall**, the total number of [main subject from graph 1] showed a consistent [increase/decrease] over the period. **Meanwhile**, the [category breakdown from graph 2] revealed a shift in [gender balance/national origin/age group], with [group A] becoming more/less prevalent.

Number of doctors in Australia (1986, 1996, and 2006)

| 1986 | 1996 | 2006 |
|---|---|---|
| 23.720 | 29.060 | 35.450 |

**Overall**, the number of doctors in Australia **increased steadily** over the 20-year period. **At the same time**, there were **noticeable shifts** in the demographic composition of the medical workforce, with female and overseas-born doctors **making up an increasingly larger share** by 2006.

Percentage of doctors in Australia by gender and place of birth (1986, 1996, and 2006)




**Overview 1 (General Trends Focus)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Australian-born | born overseas |
| narrowed | steadily increased |

**Overall**, the number of doctors in Australia (1)_____ over the 20-year period, **while** the gender gap between male and female doctors (2)_____. **In terms of place of birth**, the proportion of doctors (3)_____ **rose consistently**, **reaching parity with** (4)_____ doctors by 2006.


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### Overview 2 (Gender and Nationality Trends)

| born overseas | clear rise | gender balance | locally born | resulting in |
|---|---|---|---|---|

The charts show **a (1)**_____ in the number of female doctors, indicating **a trend towards (2)**_____ in the profession. **Meanwhile**, the share of doctors **(3)**_____ **gradually grew**, **(4)**_____ **equal representation** with **(5)**_____ doctors by the end of the period.

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### Overview 3 (Numerical and Proportional Change)

| accompanied by | eventually matching | male doctors | rose consistently |
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**Overall**, the number of doctors in Australia increased steadily over the period, **(1)**_____ a gradual decline in the proportion of **(2)**_____. At the same time, the share of doctors born overseas **(3)**_____, **(4)**_____ the percentage of those born in Australia.

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### Overview 4 (Gender-Driven Analysis)

| disappeared | feminization | increasing steadily | majority |
|---|---|---|---|

**Throughout the two decades**, the medical profession in Australia experienced **significant (1)**_____, with the proportion of female doctors **(2)**_____. **Despite this**, males continued to represent the **(3)**_____ in all three years. The gap between Australian-born and overseas-born doctors, **however**, **(4)**_____ by 2006.

| diminished | distinction | even split | majority | steady rise |
|---|---|---|---|---|

**Throughout the period**, the medical profession in Australia **saw** a **(1)**_____ in female participation, though men **remained** the **(2)**_____. **Simultaneously**, the **(3)**_____ between Australian-born and overseas-born doctors **(4)**_____, resulting in an **(5)**_____ by the final year.

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### Overview 5 (Balanced Summary)

| diversification | marked increase | medical workforce | rising proportion |
|---|---|---|---|

**In summary**, the Australian **(1)**_____ **grew considerably** from 1986 to 2006. This growth was accompanied by a **(2)**_____ in female participation and a **(3)**_____ **rising proportion** of overseas-born doctors, both of which suggest a **(4)**_____ in the country's medical sector.

| demographic shifts | more diverse | overseas-born | rising proportion | significant growth |
|---|---|---|---|---|

**In summary**, the Australian medical workforce **experienced (1)**_____ **alongside** notable **(2)**_____. These included a **(3)**_____ of female doctors and an increasing share of **(4)**_____ professionals, pointing to a **(5)**_____ and balanced workforce over time


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