



Selected 2011 Census data on cultural and linguistic diversity in WA

Bassendean Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Bassendean LGA has a total population of **14,404** people:

- 28.2% were born overseas
- 13.9% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 13.0% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	9,586	66.5%	9,002	66.9%
Overseas born	4,057	28.2%	3,695	27.4%
Birthplace not stated	761	5.3%	766	5.7%

Religion				
		2011	2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	56.7%	58.9%	
	No religion	28.1%	24.3%	
	Buddhism	2.1%	1.6%	
	Islam	1.4%	0.7%	
	Hinduism	0.6%	0.2%	

Calculated using the following ABS 2011 Census data sets: QuickStats, Expanded Community, Basic Community and Time Series profiles.

The ABS uses varying counting and calculation methods to produce census data. For consistency, this factsheet uses the total population figure as a fixed variable in all but the ancestry section.

Ancestry is calculated as:

(Total – Not Stated = Fixed Figure).

Percentages are calculated by dividing each variable by the fixed figure, consistent with ABS methodology.

Language				
	2011		2006	
Language other than English spoken at home	1,879	13.0%	1,602	11.9%
Main languages spoken ¹	Italian	2.0%	Italian	2.1%
	Vietnamese	1.0%	Vietnamese	1.0%
	Croatian	0.6%	Croatian	0.7%
	Mandarin	0.5%	French	0.4%
	French	0.5%	Mandarin	0.3%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	5,329	53.1%	4,995	52.5%
Father only	1,354		1,222	
Mother only	969		849	

Top 5 countries of birth (% of local population)		Top 5 MES countries of birth		Top 5 NMES countries of birth	
		2011	2006	2011	2006
United Kingdom	9.0%	England	England	India	Italy
New Zealand	3.2%	New Zealand	New Zealand	Italy	India
India	1.6%	Scotland	Scotland	Vietnam	Vietnam
Italy	1.2%	Ireland	Ireland	Philippines	Netherlands
Ireland	0.8%	South Africa	South Africa	Malaysia	Poland

There may be some statistical variation in the top five languages and countries of birth as Census data sets only list the most common languages spoken at home and the top 50 countries of birth as reported in the 2006 Census.

¹ other than English and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages