



# Selected 2011 Census data on cultural and linguistic diversity in WA

## Dowerin Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Dowerin LGA has a total population of **676** people:

- 7.4% were born overseas
- approximately 3.0% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 2.7% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	605	89.5%	603	85.4%
Overseas born	50	7.4%	63	8.9%
Birthplace not stated	21	3.1%	40	5.7%

Religion				
		2011	2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	65.8%	63.9%	
	No religion	25.8%	23.1%	
	Not stated	7.1%	11.3%	
	Other affiliation	1.3%	1.0%	
	Buddhism	0.0%	0.4%	

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	18	2.7%	11	1.6%
Main languages spoken <sup>1</sup>	Dutch	1.1%	Dutch	0.4%
			French	0.4%
			Italian	0.4%
			Other	0.4%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	78	24.5%	85	25.1%
Father only	34		46	
Mother only	44		36	

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	3.4%	England	England	Netherlands	Netherlands
New Zealand	1.3%	New Zealand	New Zealand	Austria	Germany
Netherlands	0.8%	Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland	Malaysia	Poland
Austria	0.4%	South Africa			
Malaysia	0.4%				

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.

<sup>1</sup> other than English and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages