



Selected 2011 Census data on cultural and linguistic diversity in WA

Merredin Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Merredin LGA has a total population of **3,284** people:

- 14.6% were born overseas
- approximately 6.5% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 6.2% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	2,615	79.7%	2,647	78.0%
Overseas born	481	14.6%	520	15.3%
Birthplace not stated	188	5.7%	226	6.7%

Religion			
		2011	2006
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	60.4%	58.7%
	No religion	28.0%	24.4%
	Buddhism	0.7%	0.2%
	Islam	0.5%	0.3%
	Hinduism	0.1%	0.1%

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	202	6.2%	119	3.5%
Main languages spoken ¹	Chinese languages—other	1.9%	Italian	1.2%
	Italian	0.8%	Vietnamese	0.2%
	Mandarin	0.4%	Polish	0.2%
	Tagalog	0.3%	German	0.2%
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Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	624	35.1%	563	32.9%
Father only	256		251	
Mother only	190		179	

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	4.0%	England	England	China	Italy
New Zealand	2.6%	New Zealand	New Zealand	Philippines	Netherlands
China	2.2%	South Africa	South Africa	Zimbabwe	Germany
South Africa	1.0%	Scotland	Scotland	Italy	Philippines
Philippines	0.5%	United States	United States	Germany	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