



Selected 2011 Census data on cultural and linguistic diversity in WA

Territory of Christmas Island Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Territory of Christmas Island LGA has a total population of **2,072** people:

- 57.0% were born overseas
- 53.9% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 35.8% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	646	31.2%	670	42.9%
Overseas born	1,181	57.0%	643	40.9%
Birthplace not stated	245	11.8%	254	16.2%

Religion			
		2011	2006
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	23.1%	24.0%
	Buddhism	16.8%	25.2%
	Islam	14.8%	17.1%
	No religion	9.2%	12.8%
	Hinduism	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	742	35.8%	813	75.2%
Main languages spoken ¹	Malay	13.0%	Mandarin	19.8%
	Mandarin	11.2%	Cantonese	7.6%
	MinNan	1.0%	Tamil	0.5%
	Thai	0.6%	Italian	0.5%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	742		813	
Father only	83	75.2%	77	75.2%
Mother only	101		80	

Top 5 countries of birth (% of local population)		Top 5 MES countries of birth		Top 5 NMES countries of birth	
		2011	2006	2011	2006
Malaysia	18.0%	England	England	Malaysia	Malaysia
Iran	15.9%	New Zealand	New Zealand	Iran	Singapore
Afghanistan	5.4%	Scotland	United States	Afghanistan	Indonesia
Iraq	4.5%	South Africa	Canada	Iraq	China
Singapore	2.2%		South Africa	Singapore	India

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