



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

## Cockburn Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Cockburn LGA has a total population of **89,683** people:

- 32.4% were born overseas
- 17.8% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 19.1% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	56,359	62.8%	47,946	64.4%
Overseas born	29,087	32.4%	21,412	28.8%
Birthplace not stated	4,237	4.7%	5,113	6.8%

Religion				
		2011	2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	62.3%	63.2%	
	No religion	24.4%	20.8%	
	Buddhism	1.7%	1.2%	
	Islam	0.9%	0.7%	
	Hinduism	0.7%	0.3%	

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	17,105	19.1%	12,092	16.4%
Main languages spoken <sup>1</sup>	Italian	3.0%	Italian	3.7%
	Mandarin	1.8%	Croatian	2.1%
	Croatian	1.7%	Portuguese	1.8%
	Portuguese	1.6%	Mandarin	1.0%
	Spanish	0.9%	Spanish	0.8%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	37,956	60.8%	28,877	58.7%
Father only	7,728		6,663	
Mother only	5,407		4,344	

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	8.8%	England	England	Italy	Italy
New Zealand	2.0%	New Zealand	New Zealand	Philippines	Croatia
South Africa	1.8%	South Africa	Scotland	Croatia	Portugal
Italy	1.2%	Scotland	South Africa	Malaysia	Malaysia
Philippines	1.1%	Ireland	United States	India	Singapore

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