



Selected 2011 Census data on cultural and linguistic diversity in WA

Melville Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Melville LGA has a total population of **95,700** people:

- 34.1% were born overseas
- 19.4% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 17.9% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	58,758	61.4%	58,107	62.5%
Overseas born	32,643	34.1%	29,537	31.8%
Birthplace not stated	4,299	4.5%	5,354	5.8%

Religion				
		2011	2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	61.2%	63.7%	
	No religion	23.7%	19.3%	
	Buddhism	3.0%	2.7%	
	Hinduism	1.3%	0.9%	
	Islam	1.0%	0.7%	

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	17,151	17.9%	14,351	15.6%
Main languages spoken ¹	Mandarin	3.2%	Mandarin	2.9%
	Cantonese	2.2%	Cantonese	2.2%
	Italian	1.6%	Italian	1.7%
	Indonesian	1.5%	Indonesian	1.5%
	Korean	0.5%	German	0.4%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	40,839	60.6%	37,147	58.5%
Father only	7,966		7,687	
Mother only	5,780		5,379	

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	9.3%	England	England	Malaysia	Malaysia
Malaysia	3.2%	New Zealand	New Zealand	Singapore	Indonesia
New Zealand	2.0%	South Africa	Scotland	Indonesia	Singapore
South Africa	1.8%	Scotland	South Africa	India	India
Singapore	1.7%	Ireland	United States	China	Italy

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