



Selected 2011 Census data on cultural and linguistic diversity in WA

Perth Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Perth LGA has a total population of **16,714** people:

- ▣ 51.6% were born overseas
- ▣ 33.7% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- ▣ 30.9% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	5,327	31.9%	3,914	33.8%
Overseas born	8,623	51.6%	5,100	44.1%
Birthplace not stated	2,764	16.5%	2,557	22.1%

Religion				
		2011	2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	56.0%	59.6%	
	No religion	25.5%	25.3%	
	Buddhism	5.1%	5.3%	
	Islam	3.6%	3.8%	
	Hinduism	3.1%	2.1%	

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	5,171	30.9%	3,031	26.2%
Main languages spoken ¹	Mandarin	5.0%	Mandarin	3.8%
	Cantonese	2.6%	Cantonese	3.6%
	Korean	1.7%	Indonesian	1.9%
	Indonesian	1.4%	Japanese	1.6%
	Japanese	1.4%	Korean	0.7%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	9,474	77.4%	6,614	67.0%
Father only	692		779	
Mother only	534		435	

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	11.5%	England	England	Malaysia	Malaysia
Malaysia	3.6%	New Zealand	New Zealand	India	Singapore
New Zealand	3.2%	Ireland	Scotland	China	Indonesia
India	2.9%	Scotland	South Africa	Singapore	Japan
Ireland	2.8%	South Africa	United States	South Korea	China

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