



Selected 2011 Census data on cultural and linguistic diversity in WA

Wanneroo Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Wanneroo LGA has a total population of **152,077** people:

- 39.8% were born overseas
- 15.3% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 17.7% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	83,488	54.9%	64,322	58.0%
Overseas born	60,451	39.8%	39,243	35.4%
Birthplace not stated	8,138	5.3%	7,374	6.6%

Religion			
		2011	2006
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	60.0%	60.4%
	No religion	23.8%	21.7%
	Not stated	8.1%	11.4%
	Buddhism	3.0%	3.0%
	Islam	2.4%	1.8%

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	26,988	17.7%	16,952	15.3%
Main languages spoken ¹	Vietnamese	2.7%	Vietnamese	3.1%
	Italian	1.1%	Italian	1.4%
	Macedonian	1.0%	Macedonian	1.2%
	Arabic	1.0%	Arabic	0.8%
	Spanish	0.5%	Cantonese	0.5%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	75,988	68.0%	50,932	64.7%
Father only	11,430		8,723	
Mother only	8,716		6,548	

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	17.0%	England	England	Vietnam	Vietnam
New Zealand	3.6%	New Zealand	New Zealand	India	Italy
South Africa	2.8%	South Africa	South Africa	Philippines	India
Vietnam	1.8%	Scotland	Scotland	Malaysia	Macedonia
India	1.0%	Ireland	Ireland	Italy	Malaysia

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