



Selected 2011 Census data on cultural and linguistic diversity in WA

Greater Geraldton Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Greater Geraldton LGA has a total population of **37,161¹** people:

- 14.4% were born overseas
- approximately 6.0% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 5.8% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	29,599	79.6%	26,693	79.4%
Overseas born	5,347	14.4%	4,004	11.9%
Birthplace not stated	2,215	6.0%	2,914	8.7%

Religion				
		2011	2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	64.5%	62.3%	
	No religion	22.8%	21.0%	
	Islam	1.1%	1.1%	
	Buddhism	0.8%	0.6%	
	Hinduism	0.1%	0.1%	

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	2,157	5.8%	1,392	4.1%
Main languages spoken ²	SE Asian–other	0.8%	Italian	0.7%
	Italian	0.7%	Tagalog	0.2%
	Tagalog	0.4%	German	0.2%
	Filipino	0.3%	French	0.1%
	Vietnamese	0.3%		

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	6,550	32.7%	5,281	28.6%
Father only	2,529		2,363	
Mother only	1,896		1,712	

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	5.0%	England	England	Philippines	Italy
New Zealand	2.2%	New Zealand	New Zealand	Italy	Netherlands
South Africa	1.0%	South Africa	South Africa	Germany	Philippines
Philippines	0.9%	Scotland	Scotland	Netherlands	Germany
Italy	0.4%	Ireland	Ireland	India	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 combined data for Mullewa and Geraldton-Greenough which are listed as separate LGAs on the 2011 Census.

2 other than English and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages