



Selected 2011 Census data on cultural and linguistic diversity in WA

Port Hedland Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Port Hedland LGA has a total population of **15,044** people:

- 17.6% were born overseas
- 7.1% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 11.4% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	9,256	61.5%	6,954	58.1%
Overseas born	2,643	17.6%	1,728	14.4%
Birthplace not stated	3,145	20.9%	3,280	27.4%

Religion					
		2011		2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	54.7%	46.5%		
	No religion	24.9%	22.8%		
	Islam	2.6%	3.5%		
	Buddhism	1.5%	0.9%		
	Hinduism	0.7%	0.4%		

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	1,718	11.4%	1,172	9.8%
Main languages spoken ¹	Malay	1.7%	Malay	2.5%
	Afrikaans	0.5%	Tagalog	1.0%
	Tagalog	0.5%	Afrikaans	0.4%
	Indonesian	0.4%	Indonesian	0.4%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	3,340	41.4%	2,622	40.0%
Father only	828		658	
Mother only	676		505	

Top 5 countries of birth (% of local population)		Top 5 MES countries of birth		Top 5 NMES countries of birth	
		2011	2006	2011	2006
New Zealand	5.2%	New Zealand	New Zealand	Philippines	Philippines
United Kingdom	5.1%	England	England	India	India
South Africa	1.1%	Ireland	South Africa	Zimbabwe	Indonesia
Philippines	1.0%	Scotland	Scotland	Malaysia	Zimbabwe
India	0.7%	South Africa	Ireland	Thailand	Thailand

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