



Selected 2011 Census data on cultural and linguistic diversity in WA

Belmont Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Belmont LGA has a total population of **35,209** people:

- 37.2% were born overseas
- 24.6% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 23.8% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	19,320	54.9%	18,600	61.3%
Overseas born	13,084	37.2%	8,936	29.5%
Birthplace not stated	2,805	7.9%	2,796	9.2%

Religion				
		2011	2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	54.8%	58.7%	
	No religion	22.4%	21.2%	
	Islam	5.3%	2.9%	
	Buddhism	3.3%	2.2%	
	Hinduism	1.6%	0.3%	

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	8,383	23.8%	4,537	15.0%
Main languages spoken ¹	Mandarin	2.7%	Italian	1.8%
	Arabic	1.8%	Mandarin	1.2%
	Italian	1.5%	Cantonese	1.2%
	Cantonese	1.3%	Arabic	0.9%
	Tagalog	1.1%	Polish	0.6%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	16,050	63.4%	11,593	57.6%
Father only	2,515		2,534	
Mother only	1,774		1,635	

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	6.8%	England	England	India	India
New Zealand	3.9%	New Zealand	New Zealand	China	Italy
India	2.9%	Scotland	Scotland	Philippines	Malaysia
China	1.9%	South Africa	South Africa	Malaysia	China
Philippines	1.8%	Ireland	Ireland	Italy	Singapore

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