



# Selected 2011 Census data on cultural and linguistic diversity in WA

## Rockingham Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Rockingham LGA has a total population of **104,105** people:

- 31.4% were born overseas
- 6.1% 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	65,430	62.8%	54,014	64.1%
Overseas born	32,727	31.4%	23,776	28.2%
Birthplace not stated	5,948	5.7%	6,517	7.7%

Religion				
		2011	2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	57.4%	56.8%	
	No religion	28.6%	26.1%	
	Buddhism	0.9%	0.5%	
	Islam	0.5%	0.4%	
	Hinduism	0.2%	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	6,066	5.8%	3,423	4.1%
Main languages spoken <sup>1</sup>	Afrikaans	0.6%	Serbian	0.4%
	Serbian	0.4%	Italian	0.4%
	Italian	0.3%	German	0.3%
	German	0.3%	Dutch	0.3%
	Dutch	0.3%	Portuguese	0.2%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	40,550	58.2%	30,008	56.8%
Father only	8,805		7,232	
Mother only	6,939		5,512	

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	18.1%	England	England	Philippines	Netherlands
New Zealand	4.7%	New Zealand	New Zealand	Netherlands	Germany
South Africa	1.6%	Scotland	Scotland	Germany	India
Philippines	0.5%	South Africa	South Africa	India	Italy
Netherlands	0.5%	Wales	Wales	Zimbabwe	Philippines

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.

<sup>1</sup> other than English and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages