



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

## Stirling Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Stirling LGA has a total population of **195,702** people:

- 35.8% were born overseas
- 22.4% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 24.2% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	112,873	57.7%	106,546	60.2%
Overseas born	70,003	35.8%	56,874	32.2%
Birthplace not stated	12,826	6.5%	13,447	7.6%

Religion				
		2011	2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	57.4%	60.4%	
	No religion	22.1%	18.4%	
	Buddhism	2.9%	2.5%	
	Islam	2.9%	2.2%	
	Hinduism	1.8%	0.0%	

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	47,343	24.2%	36,434	20.6%
Main languages spoken <sup>1</sup>	Italian	3.5%	Italian	4.1%
	Vietnamese	1.9%	Vietnamese	1.8%
	Macedonian	1.4%	Macedonian	1.5%
	Mandarin	1.2%	Cantonese	1.1%
	Cantonese	1.2%	Mandarin	0.8%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	90,139	64.2%	74,702	61.6%
Father only	15,457		14,359	
Mother only	10,608		9,357	

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	7.1%	England	England	India	Italy
New Zealand	2.6%	New Zealand	New Zealand	Italy	Vietnam
India	2.4%	South Africa	South Africa	Vietnam	Malaysia
Italy	2.1%	Ireland	Scotland	Malaysia	India
South Africa	1.9%	Scotland	Ireland	China	Macedonia

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