



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

## Ashburton Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Ashburton LGA has a total population of **10,004** people:

- 19.5% were born overseas
- approximately 15.4% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 7.0% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	6,610	66.1%	5,636	69.2%
Overseas born	1,947	19.5%	1,404	17.2%
Birthplace not stated	1,447	14.4%	1,099	13.5%

Religion				
		2011	2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	48.2%	46.9%	
	No religion	29.8%	31.7%	
	Not stated	18.4%	17.7%	
	Buddhism	1.3%	0.6%	
	Islam	0.5%	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	707	7.0%	474	7.7%
Main languages spoken <sup>1</sup>	Indonesian	0.4%	Cantonese	0.4%
	Mandarin	0.3%	Spanish	0.3%
	Thai	0.3%	Tagalog	0.2%
	Italian	0.3%	Italian	0.2%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	2,320	40.9%	1,169	35.2%
Father only	614		377	
Mother only	541		324	

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	7.6%	New Zealand	England	Philippines	Philippines
United Kingdom	4.8%	England	New Zealand	Zimbabwe	Netherlands
South Africa	0.8%	South Africa	South Africa	India	Germany
Philippines	0.6%	Ireland	United States	Netherlands	Thailand
Ireland	0.6%	United States	Ireland	Indonesia	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.

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