



Selected 2011 Census data on cultural and linguistic diversity in WA

Meekatharra Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Meekatharra LGA has a total population of **1,377** people:

- 13.0% were born overseas
- approximately 4.8% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 7.2% speak a language other than English at home.

| Country of birth | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 2011 | | 2006 | |
| Australia-born | 939 | 68.2% | 784 | 69.2% |
| Overseas born | 180 | 13.0% | 85 | 7.5% |
| Birthplace not stated | 258 | 18.7% | 265 | 23.3% |

| Religion | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------|-------|--|
| | | 2011 | 2006 | |
| Religious affiliation (% of local population) | Christianity | 41.5% | 48.0% | |
| | No religion | 28.4% | 21.0% | |
| | Not stated | 26.1% | 28.9% | |
| | Buddhism | 1.2% | 0.5% | |
| | Other affiliation | 1.7% | 1.1% | |

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 | 99 | 7.2% | 30 | 2.6% |
| Main languages spoken ¹ | German | 0.4% | Tagalog | 0.3% |
| | Tagalog | 0.4% | French | 0.3% |
| | Cantonese | 0.4% | Italian | 0.3% |
| | Mandarin | 0.4% | Japanese | 0.3% |
| | Greek | 0.3% | Arabic | 0.3% |

| Ancestry | | | | |
|----------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 2011 | | 2006 | |
| Both parents born overseas | 224 | 29.7% | 257 | 29.6% |
| Father only | 50 | | 82 | |
| Mother only | 54 | | 51 | |

| 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 | 4.3% | New Zealand | England | Germany | India |
| United Kingdom | 3.5% | England | New Zealand | Zimbabwe | Philippines |
| Germany | 0.8% | Ireland | Ireland | Philippines | Italy |
| Zimbabwe | 0.7% | Scotland | Canada | China | Poland |
| Philippines | 0.6% | Canada | South Africa | Fiji | Netherlands |

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