



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

## Northam Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Northam LGA has a total population of **10,555** people:

- 16.0% were born overseas
- approximately 6.5% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 5.2% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	7,957	75.4%	7,386	76.5%
Overseas born	1,687	16.0%	1511	15.6%
Birthplace not stated	911	8.6%	755	7.8%

Religion				
		2011	2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	61.0%	60.8%	
	No religion	25.0%	23.0%	
	Buddhism	0.6%	0.2%	
	Hinduism	0.1%	0.1%	
	Islam	0.1%	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	550	5.2%	376	3.9%
Main languages spoken <sup>1</sup>	Polish	0.5%	Polish	0.7%
	Filipino	0.5%	Dutch	0.2%
	Tagalog	0.5%	German	0.6%
	German	0.4%	Tagalog	0.5%
	Italian	0.3%	Italian	0.4%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	2,204	37.6%	1,959	36.8%
Father only	783		719	
Mother only	578		524	

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	Philippines	Germany
New Zealand	2.1%	New Zealand	New Zealand	Germany	Netherlands
Philippines	1.1%	South Africa	Ireland	Netherlands	Poland
Germany	0.8%	Scotland	South Africa	Poland	Italy
South Africa	0.6%	Ireland	United States	India	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