



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

## Shark Bay Local Government Area

According to the 2011 Census, the Shark Bay LGA has a total population of **857** people:

- 18.4% were born overseas
- approximately 6.2% were born in a non-main English speaking (NMES) country
- 3.1% speak a language other than English at home.

Country of birth				
	2011		2006	
Australia-born	661	77.2%	596	69.5%
Overseas born	158	18.4%	138	16.1%
Birthplace not stated	38	4.4%	123	14.3%

Religion				
		2011	2006	
Religious affiliation (% of local population)	Christianity	57.9%	50.5%	
	No religion	30.4%	27.3%	
	Not stated	9.3%	19.9%	
	Buddhism	1.2%	0.7%	
	Islam	0.4%	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	27	3.1%	27	3.1%
Main languages spoken <sup>1</sup>	French	0.5%	French	0.7%
	Dutch	0.3%	Dutch	0.3%
	Greek	0.3%	Greek	0.3%
	Cantonese	0.3%	Cantonese	0.3%
	Macedonian	0.3%	Macedonian	0.3%

Ancestry				
	2011		2006	
Both parents born overseas	192	39.4%	164	36.6%
Father only	82		62	
Mother only	47		39	

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	9.1%	England	England	Netherlands	Netherlands
New Zealand	1.6%	New Zealand	New Zealand	Germany	Germany
Netherlands	1.1%	Scotland	South Africa	Greece	Macedonia
Germany	1.0%	South Africa	Ireland	France	Malaysia
Greece	0.7%	Wales	Canada	Poland	Fiji

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