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Country of birth and main languages spoken

COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND POPULATION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA (2016 CENSUS)	MAIN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH SPOKEN AT HOME		
Afghanistan 5114	Dari Parsian Hazaraghi Pashto Iranic, nfd Arabic	Bermuda 103	None
Albania 195	Albanian Greek Italian	Bhutan 1305	Other Southern Asian Languages Nepali
Algeria 139	French Arabic Dutch	Bolivia 31	Spanish
Angola 83	Portuguese	Bosnia-Herzegovina 2670	Bosnian Serbian Croatian Serbo-Croatian/ Yugoslavian, so described
Argentina 768	Spanish Italian	Botswana 295	Tswana Shona Afrikaans Malayalam Swahili
Armenia 32	Russian Armenian	Brazil 3494	Portuguese Spanish Italian
Austria 1274	German Polish Hungarian Serbian Croatian	Brunei Darussalam 960	Mandarin Cantonese Malay Hakka Min Nan
Azerbaijan 67	Russian Azeri Turkish	Bulgaria 352	Bulgarian Turkish Macedonian Arabic
Bahrain 236	Arabic Punjabi Malayalam Hindi Sinhalese Urdu	Burkina Faso 9	French French Creole, nfd
Bangladesh 2583	Bengali Indo-Aryan, nec Burmese and related languages, nec Urdu	Burma 8707	Burmese Karen Burmese and related languages, nfd Burmese and related languages, nec Mandarin Chin Haka Mon
Belarus 95	Russian Belorussian	Burundi 354	Kirundi (Rundi) Swahili French Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)
Belgium 809	French Dutch German Afrikaans Italian	Cambodia 1256	Khmer Cantonese Vietnamese Mandarin Min Nan
Belize 12	Spanish	Cameroon 70	French African languages, nec
Benin 11	French	Cape Verde 11	Portuguese

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Central African Republic 13	French
Chad 5	French
Chile 1617	Spanish Italian
China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) 27,077	Mandarin Cantonese Chinese, nfd Min Nan Wu
Colombia 1,704	Spanish Italian Khmer
Congo, Democratic Republic of the 708	Swahili French African languages, nec Dutch Vietnamese
Congo, Republic of the 240	Swahili French Kirundi Kinyarwanda
Cook Islands 458	Maori (Cook Island) Maori (New Zealand)
Costa Rica 49	Spanish
Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) 71	French Dan (Gio-Dan) Krahn
Croatia 4557	Croatian Serbian Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described Italian Bosnian
Cuba 62	Spanish
Curacao 14	Dutch
Cyprus 465	Greek Turkish Armenian Serbian Cypriot, so described
Czech Republic 752	Czech German Serbian Polish Slovak
Denmark 1137	Czech English German Serbian Polish
Djibouti 18	Somali Arabic

	French
Dominican Republic 25	Spanish
Ecuador 105	Spanish
Egypt 2212	Arabic Italian Greek French Dinka
El Salvador 1177	Spanish Italian German Danish
Eritrea 591	Arabic Tigrinya Tigre Italian Amharic
Estonia 521	Estonian German Russian
Ethiopia 1615	Amharic Oromo Tigrinya Arabic Somali
Fiji 1327	Hindi Fijian Gujarati Fijian Hindustani Southern Asian Languages, nfd
Finland 563	Finnish Swedish
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 3061	Macedonian Albanian Greek Italian Romany
France 3820	French Italian Spanish Portuguese Arabic
French Polynesia 22	French
Gabon 4	French
Gambia 8	African languages, nfd Mandinka Bemba
Gaza Strip and West Bank 205	Arabic Assyrian Neo-Aramaic
Georgia 10	Russian
Germany 10,960	German Polish

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	Italian Ukrainian Croatian		German Italian Dutch
Ghana 797	Akan Ewe Ga African languages, nec Mandarin	Italy 19,204	Italian Spanish Croatian French German
Gibraltar 95	Spanish	Japan 4296	Japanese Korean Mandarin German Bengali
Greece 2308	Greek Macedonian Italian German French	Jordan 445	Arabic Assyrian Neo-Aramaic
Guadeloupe 3	French	Kazakhstan 203	Russian Turkic, nec German French
Guatemala 37	Spanish	Kenya 5427	Gujarati Swahili Punjabi Dinka Somali
Guinea 134	French Krio Fulfulde Mandinka African languages, nec	Kiribati 29	Gilbertese
Honduras 20	Spanish	Kosovo 61	Albanian Bosnian
Hungary 1196	Hungarian German Macedonian Italian French	Korea, Democratic Republic of (North) 3	Korean
Hong Kong (SAR of China) 6130	Cantonese Vietnamese Mandarin Hakka French	Korea, Republic of (South) 6865	Korean Japanese Mandarin German
Iceland 124	Icelandic	Kuwait 569	Arabic Malayalam Urdu Hindi Tamil
India 49,384	Hindi Punjabi Gujarati Malayalam Tamil	Kyrgyzstan 63	Russian German Turkic, nec
Indonesia 11,394	Indonesian Mandarin Dutch Min Nan Vietnamese	Laos 233	Lao Vietnamese Mandarin Thai Cantonese
Iran 5814	Farsi Arabic Kurdish Dari Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	Latvia 275	Latvian Russian
Iraq 3426	Arabic Kurdish Assyrian Neo-Aramaic Turkish Farsi	Lebanon 1099	Arabic French Armenian Italian Tigrinya
Israel 701	Hebrew Arabic	Lesotho 21	Dutch African languages, nec Yoruba

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Liberia 577	Loma (Lorma) Dan (Gio-Dan) Krahn Krio Mandinka
Libya 340	Arabic Italian Hindi
Liechtenstein 3	German Polish
Lithuania 206	Lithuanian Russian German Polish
Luxembourg 41	Letzeburgish French
Macau (SAR of China) 187	Cantonese Mandarin
Madagascar 37	French
Malawi 286	Nyanja (Chichewa) Swahili African languages, nec Somali French
Malaysia 29,124	Mandarin Cantonese Malay Min Nan Tamil
Maldives 154	Dhivehi
Malta 899	Maltese Italian
Mauritania 12	Fulfulde French
Mauritius 4607	French Mauritian Creole French Creole Mandarin Hindi
Mexico 358	Spanish
Moldova 54	Russian Hebrew Romanian
Mongolia 129	Mongol Mandarin
Montenegro 143	Serbian Croatian Serbo-Croatian/ Yugoslavian, so described Bosnian Macedonian
Morocco 162	French Arabic Hebrew African languages, nfd

	Tigrinya
Mozambique 188	Portuguese
Namibia 365	Afrikaans German Ndebele
Nepal 2621	Nepali Hindi Other Southern Asian languages Urdu
Netherlands 9130	Dutch German French Italian Afrikaans
New Caledonia 42	French
Nicaragua 44	Spanish
Nigeria 1346	Yoruba Igbo African languages, nec Italian African languages, nfd
Niue 65	Niue
Norway 552	Norwegian Swedish Dutch French Spanish
Oman 211	Arabic Dutch Malayalam Urdu Farsi
Pakistan 5442	Urdu Pashto Dari Punjabi Balochi
Panama 38	Spanish
Papua New Guinea 2032	Tok Pisin Hiri Motu Yumplatok Cantonese Dutch
Paraguay 40	Spanish
Peru 683	Spanish
Philippines 30,853	Tagalog Filipino Bisaya Cebuano Min Nan
Poland 5575	Polish German Ukrainian Russian

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Portugal 2512	Portuguese Italian Spanish German French	14,987	Malay Cantonese Tamil Min Nan
Puerto Rico 25	Spanish	Slovakia 380	Slovak Hungarian German Czech Polish
Qatar 227	Arabic Malayalam Urdu Tagalog Sinhalese	Slovenia 310	Slovene Serbian Croatian Bosnian Serbo-Croatian/ Yugoslavian, so described
Reunion 67	French	Solomon Islands 105	Solomon Islands Pijin Cantonese Tok Pisin Gilbertese
Romania 1792	Romanian Hungarian German Greek Italian	Somalia 1335	Somali Arabic Italian Gujarati
Russian Federation 1767	Russian Polish Italian Greek Latvian	South Sudan 1202	Dinka Arabic Bari Nuer Acholi
Rwanda 147	Kinyarwanda Kirundi Swahili French	Spain 1368	Spanish Italian French Catalan Dutch
Samoa 537	Samoan	Sri Lanka 7794	Sinhalese Tamil Southern Asian languages, nfd Dhivehi German
American Samoa 11	Samoan Niue Tongan	Sudan 2194	Arabic Dinka Acholi Tigrinya Bari
São Tomé and Príncipe 5	Portuguese	Suriname 27	Dutch
Saudi Arabia 1192	Arabic Malayalam Urdu Tagalog Bengali	Swaziland 95	African languages, nec
Senegal 63	Fulfulde French African languages, nec	Sweden 1023	Swedish Farsi Spanish Arabic Danish
Serbia 1656	Serbian Hungarian Bosnian Croatian Macedonian	Switzerland 1839	German French Swiss, so described Italian
Seychelles 746	Seychelles Creole French French Creole Sinhalese German		
Sierra Leone 502	Krio Fulfulde French Mandinka Themne		
Singapore	Mandarin		

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	Spanish
Syria 606	Arabic Armenian Kurdish Assyrian Neo-Aramaic
Tajikistan 12	Farsi Russian
Tanzania 871	Kirundi Swahili Gujarati Punjabi Konkani
Thailand 7806	Thai Karen Khmer Burmese Vietnamese
Timor-Leste 418	Portuguese Tetum Mandarin Timorese Hakka
Togo 59	French Ewe
Tokelau 24	Tuvaluan
Tonga 266	Tongan
Trinidad and Tobago 431	Spanish
Tunisia 57	French Italian Maltese Arabic
Turkey 1196	Turkish Kurdish Greek German Armenian
Turkmenistan 10	Russian
Tuvalu 9	Tuvaluan
Uganda 653	Acholi Madi Luganda Gujarati Swahili
Ukraine 731	Ukrainian Russian Polish Italian German
United Arab Emirates 1123	Arabic Malayalam Urdu Hindi Sinhalese
Uruguay 193	Spanish Italian

Uzbekistan 128	Russian Greek Uzbek
Vanuatu 54	French Bislama
Venezuela 639	Spanish Portuguese French Italian German
Vietnam 15,840	Vietnamese Cantonese Min Nan Mandarin Khmer
Yemen 104	Arabic Somali
Zambia 2403	Bemba Nyanja (Chichewa) Gujarati Afrikaans Shona
Zimbabwe 11,649	Shona Ndebele Afrikaans Gujarati Portuguese

- Languages are listed in order of highest number of speakers and are limited to the top five languages spoken where five languages or more are spoken. For selected countries, languages with nfd and nec (see third bullet point below) are excluded from top five where other languages are listed beneath.
- List excludes main English speaking countries. These are the United Kingdom, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, the United States and Ireland. The list also excludes countries in which English was the only language spoken at home as indicated in the 2016 Census.
- ‘nec’ refers to languages that are ‘not elsewhere classified’ and ‘nfd’ refers to languages that are ‘not further defined’ as defined by the ABS. Further details of classifications of languages and the use of supplementary codes can be found on the ABS website.