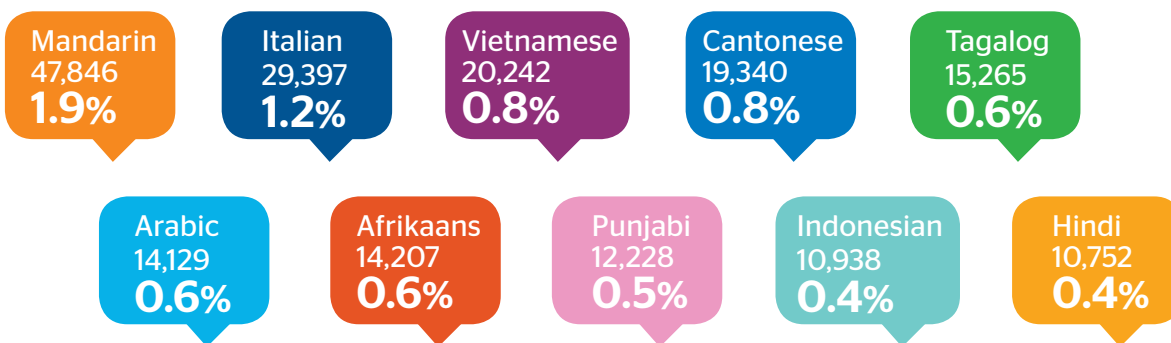


More than **240** languages are spoken in Western Australia (including Aboriginal languages). The **2016** Census shows that **17.7%** of Western Australians speak a language other than English (LOTE) at home. The number of LOTE speakers has increased by **34.7%** since **2011** while the number of Western Australians with low English proficiency has increased slightly from **2%** to **2.5%**.

TOP 10 | LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE) SPOKEN AT HOME

Except for Italian, the largest LOTE groups comprised Asian and African languages.



LANGUAGE GROUPS WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH LOW ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Mandarin	11,500
Vietnamese	6,178
Cantonese	4,062
Italian	3,182
Arabic	2,425
Korean	2,260
Punjabi	1,253
Karen	1,062
Persian	1,027
Burmese	1,011



LANGUAGE GROUPS WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WITH LOW ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Karen	51.3%
Chin Haka	50.8%
Mon	41.1%
Hazaraghi	38.3%
Timorese	34.6%
Korean	31.8%
Vietnamese	30.5%
Khmer	27.9%
Dari	26.9%
Mandarin	24%

