

**Table 1.1****Australia Key Facts****1996, 2001 and 2006 Census**

Key Facts	Australia		
	1996	2001	2006
<b>Population</b>	17,752,874	18,769,271	19,855,287
<b>Overseas Born (OSB)</b>			
Total	3,908,257	4,105,616	4,416,029
As a % of population	22.0	21.9	22.2
Born in a Non-Main English Speaking Country (NMESC) <sup>1</sup>	2,362,535	2,502,964	2,740,709
Born in a NMESC as a % of population	13.3	13.3	13.8
Born in a NMESC as a % of OSB	60.4	61.0	62.1
<b>Australian Born</b>			
Total	13,227,776	13,629,685	14,072,949
As a % of population	74.5	72.6	70.9
with both parents born overseas	1,473,785	1,503,689	1,586,390
with both parents OSB as a % of population	8.3	8.0	8.0
with one parent born overseas <sup>2</sup>	1,915,946	1,973,500	2,056,650
with one parent OSB as a % of population	10.8	10.5	10.4
<b>Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islanders</b>			
Total	352,970	410,003	455,026
As a % of population	2.0	2.2	2.3
<b>Language other than English (LOTE) Speakers</b>			
Speak a Language other than English At Home	2,657,751	2,853,829	3,146,183
LOTE Speakers as a % of population	15.0	15.2	15.8
<b>English Proficiency</b>			
Speak English not well or not at all	534,580	531,835	561,414
As a % of population	3.0	2.8	2.8

1. NMESC excludes people born in Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America

2. Includes people who had one parent born overseas and one parent with a not stated birthplace