

## Western Australia

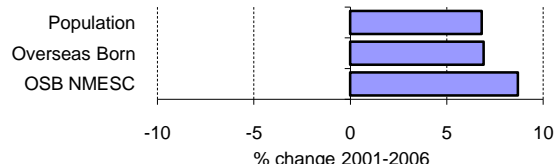
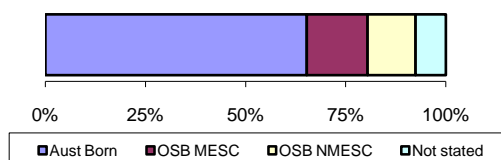


Table 2.22.1

Summary Indicators	2006 Census	% of population	2001 Census	Change 2001-2006	% change
Population	1,959,090	100	1,828,263	130,827	7.2
Australian born	1,279,202	65.3	1,237,683	41,519	3.4
Overseas born	531,765	27.1	495,756	36,009	7.3
Birthplace not stated	148,123	7.6	94,824	53,299	56.2
Overseas born - main English speaking countries	297,715	15.2	280,885	16,830	6.0
Overseas born - non-main English speaking countries	234,050	11.9	214,871	19,179	8.9
Overseas born - Australian citizens	352,286	18.0	329,112	23,174	7.0
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders	58,726	3.0	58,467	259	0.4
Language other than English spoken at home	226,821	11.6	206,840	19,981	9.7
Overseas born arrived since 2001	93,489	4.8	..	..	..
Overseas born arrived since 2001 from NMESC	47,805	2.4	..	..	..
Overseas born with Internet access	363,945	18.6	165,224	198,721	120.3
Australian born with Internet access	872,928	44.6	352,274	520,654	147.8
LOTE spoken at home with Internet access	144,691	7.4	57,612	87,079	151.1

Table 2.22.2

### Overseas born: Birthplace by Gender, 2006, 2001 and 1996 Census

Birthplace	Males	Females	Persons	% of OSB	2001 Census	1996 Census	% change 2001-2006
England	86,724	87,498	174,222	32.8	167,922	170,597	3.8
New Zealand	25,139	22,232	47,371	8.9	44,995	38,912	5.3
Scotland	12,013	12,371	24,384	4.6	24,351	24,865	0.1
South Africa	10,852	11,211	22,063	4.1	15,441	10,687	42.9
Italy	10,929	9,998	20,927	3.9	23,052	25,105	-9.2
Malaysia	8,950	10,757	19,707	3.7	17,412	17,342	13.2
India	7,496	7,669	15,165	2.9	13,098	12,675	15.8
Singapore	5,396	6,416	11,812	2.2	10,257	9,473	15.2
Viet Nam	5,080	5,417	10,497	2.0	10,120	10,073	3.7
Netherlands	5,126	5,010	10,136	1.9	10,494	11,023	-3.4
Germany	4,558	5,321	9,879	1.9	9,939	9,961	-0.6
Ireland	4,429	4,579	9,008	1.7	8,962	9,381	0.5
China (excl. SARS and Taiwan)	3,630	4,367	7,997	1.5	5,244	4,559	52.5
Indonesia	3,352	4,507	7,859	1.5	7,653	6,082	2.7
Philippines	2,191	4,650	6,841	1.3	5,380	4,765	27.2
United States of America	3,587	3,197	6,784	1.3	6,047	5,577	12.2
Zimbabwe	3,060	3,109	6,169	1.2	3,866	3,171	59.6
Poland	2,646	3,088	5,734	1.1	6,433	6,979	-10.9
Burma (Myanmar)	2,578	2,960	5,538	1.0	5,516	5,569	0.4
Wales	2,751	2,603	5,354	1.0	5,394	5,541	-0.7
Croatia	2,651	2,528	5,179	1.0	5,210	4,154	-0.6
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	2,046	2,008	4,054	0.8	3,565	3,528	13.7
Canada	1,969	2,085	4,054	0.8	3,486	3,246	16.3
Thailand	1,006	2,420	3,426	0.6	2,582	2,270	32.7
Northern Ireland	1,667	1,660	3,327	0.6	3,285	3,450	1.3
Sri Lanka	1,709	1,581	3,290	0.6	2,962	2,690	11.1
Japan	980	2,071	3,051	0.6	2,285	1,822	33.5
Kenya	1,573	1,435	3,008	0.6	2,105	1,506	42.9
Greece	1,511	1,497	3,008	0.6	3,153	3,434	-4.6
FYROM	1,520	1,477	2,997	0.6	3,251	3,113	-7.8
Other birthplaces	34,197	34,727	68,924	13.0	62,296	54,018	10.6
<b>Total overseas born</b>	<b>261,316</b>	<b>270,449</b>	<b>531,765</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>495,756</b>	<b>475,568</b>	<b>7.3</b>

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Table 2.22.3

### Birthplace by Age: Selected Birthplace Groups, 2006 Census

Percentage in age group of each birthplace - total expressed as a number

Birthplace	Age:					Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
England	4.8	5.1	28.6	39.2	22.3	174,222
New Zealand	8.3	11.1	42.0	33.2	5.4	47,371
Scotland	4.9	4.8	26.2	40.8	23.2	24,384
South Africa	15.6	15.5	35.7	26.0	7.1	22,063
Italy	0.7	0.7	7.4	39.2	52.0	20,927
Malaysia	5.0	21.0	30.3	34.4	9.4	19,707
India	4.9	7.4	29.6	36.3	21.8	15,165
Singapore	10.9	19.2	30.6	31.2	8.1	11,812
Viet Nam	2.5	8.8	51.0	30.7	7.0	10,497
Netherlands	2.5	2.1	13.2	46.4	35.8	10,136
<i>Australia</i>	<i>26.4</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>27.4</i>	<i>20.9</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>1,279,202</i>
<i>Main English Speaking Countries</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>31.4</i>	<i>37.2</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>297,715</i>
<i>Non-Main English Speaking Countries</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>30.2</i>	<i>33.2</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>234,050</i>

Table 2.22.4

### Birthplace by Year of Arrival: Selected Birthplace Groups, 2006 Census

Percentage in age group of each birthplace - total expressed as a number

Birthplace	Before	1971-	1981-	1991-	2001-	2006	Total
	1971	1980	1990	2000	2005		
England	36.2	18.8	16.9	11.3	10.4	1.8	174,196
India	27.7	15.9	14.3	17.7	16.9	4.0	15,148
Italy	81.6	5.9	2.5	1.9	1.4	0.3	20,918
Malaysia	7.8	12.8	35.4	16.5	19.2	4.4	19,726
Netherlands	69.2	6.4	9.1	5.5	5.6	0.8	10,125
New Zealand	6.8	15.7	28.6	24.7	15.0	3.1	47,382
Scotland	37.1	14.9	19.6	11.9	10.3	1.8	24,393
Singapore	7.5	13.4	21.4	21.0	27.1	5.3	11,810
South Africa	3.9	8.9	19.3	27.9	30.7	5.4	22,061
Viet Nam	0.3	15.4	44.0	24.7	7.5	1.2	10,500

Table 2.22.5

### Languages Other than English Spoken at Home by Gender, 2006, 2001 and 1996 Census

Language				% of LOTE	2001	1996	% change
	Males	Females	Persons	speakers	Census	Census	2001-06
Italian	15,961	16,933	32,894	14.5	36,597	38,609	-10.1
Mandarin	7,829	8,698	16,527	7.3	11,122	9,031	48.6
Cantonese	7,633	8,440	16,073	7.1	15,342	14,542	4.8
Vietnamese	6,560	6,684	13,244	5.8	12,064	10,125	9.8
Arabic	4,098	3,600	7,698	3.4	5,548	3,786	38.8
German	3,362	3,874	7,236	3.2	7,015	8,553	3.2
Indonesian	3,031	3,599	6,630	2.9	6,716	4,549	-1.3
Croatian	2,948	3,153	6,101	2.7	6,705	6,204	-9.0
Polish	2,756	3,329	6,085	2.7	6,929	7,184	-12.2
Spanish	2,719	2,973	5,692	2.5	5,335	5,088	6.7
Macedonian	2,892	2,774	5,666	2.5	6,194	5,995	-8.5
Dutch	2,366	2,906	5,272	2.3	5,610	5,591	-6.0
Greek	2,451	2,581	5,032	2.2	5,354	5,782	-6.0
French	2,416	2,571	4,987	2.2	4,414	4,327	13.0
Malay	2,156	2,379	4,535	2.0	4,209	4,100	7.7
Serbian	2,271	2,175	4,446	2.0	3,841	2,231	15.8
Afrikaans	2,121	2,145	4,266	1.9	..	..	..
Portuguese	1,765	1,864	3,629	1.6	3,655	3,805	-0.7
Other languages	33,684	37,148	70,832	31.2	60,190	54,936	17.7
<b>Total LOTE speakers</b>	<b>109,019</b>	<b>117,826</b>	<b>226,845</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>206,840</b>	<b>194,438</b>	<b>9.7</b>

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Table 2.22.6  
English Language Proficiency by Age: Selected Language Groups, 2006 Census

Language	Age:					Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
<b>Italian</b>						
Speak English well/very well	1,725	1,738	7,727	9,241	7,326	27,757
Speak English not well/not at all	155	52	171	546	3,673	4,597
<b>Total incl. not stated proficiency</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>8,055</b>	<b>9,932</b>	<b>11,123</b>	<b>32,848</b>
<i>Percent not well/not at all</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>14%</i>
<b>Mandarin</b>						
Speak English well/very well	1,866	4,577	4,565	2,520	274	13,802
Speak English not well/not at all	372	333	709	848	347	2,609
<b>Total incl. not stated proficiency</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>3,381</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>16,531</b>
<i>Percent not well/not at all</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>16%</i>
<b>Cantonese</b>						
Speak English well/very well	1,469	2,889	3,854	3,802	605	12,619
Speak English not well/not at all	309	318	614	1,169	886	3,296
<b>Total incl. not stated proficiency</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>3,226</b>	<b>4,488</b>	<b>5,003</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>16,028</b>
<i>Percent not well/not at all</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>21%</i>
<b>Vietnamese</b>						
Speak English well/very well	2,373	1,808	3,149	1,286	92	8,708
Speak English not well/not at all	718	151	1,510	1,445	539	4,363
<b>Total incl. not stated proficiency</b>	<b>3,174</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>4,701</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>13,240</b>
<i>Percent not well/not at all</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>33%</i>
<b>Arabic</b>						
Speak English well/very well	1,510	1,284	2,070	913	177	5,954
Speak English not well/not at all	609	150	526	215	109	1,609
<b>Total incl. not stated proficiency</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>7,698</b>
<i>Percent not well/not at all</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>21%</i>
<b>All Speakers of languages other than English</b>						
Speak English well/very well	25,966	31,526	61,712	48,221	21,041	188,466
Speak English not well/not at all	6,828	2,052	6,959	8,488	9,698	34,025
<b>Total incl. not stated proficiency</b>	<b>34,967</b>	<b>33,971</b>	<b>69,450</b>	<b>57,303</b>	<b>31,123</b>	<b>226,814</b>
<i>Percent not well/not at all</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>15%</i>

Table 2.22.7  
Ancestry by Birthplace of Parent(s): Selected Ancestry Groups, 2006 Census

Ancestry	Australia Born					Overseas born	Not stated birthplace	Total responses
	Both parents born in Australia	Both parents born overseas	One parent OSB/one parent born	One parent OSB/one parent birthplace not stated	Other <sup>1</sup>			
English	285,891	69,091	129,906	1,172	10,110	220,690	14,049	730,909
Australian	496,400	12,178	153,948	627	14,193	14,385	12,507	704,238
Irish	82,287	10,644	20,200	154	2,239	36,548	3,115	155,187
Scottish	63,176	14,692	25,650	246	1,843	45,311	2,687	153,605
Italian	32,256	23,546	18,675	280	1,202	23,995	2,025	101,979
Chinese	1,884	8,611	2,292	79	287	41,711	988	55,852
German	23,672	5,743	7,921	74	724	14,487	1,004	53,625
Dutch	7,323	8,284	9,419	83	333	14,114	535	40,091
Indian	706	3,473	1,951	31	109	15,555	387	22,212
New Zealander	657	3,764	5,730	45	185	10,672	363	21,416

1. One parent Australian born and one parent with a not stated birthplace or both parents with a not stated birthplace.

Note: Census respondents may select one or more Ancestry categories. Where a respondent marks more than one category, only the first two are coded. Care should be taken if adding responses together to achieve subtotals as double counting could occur.

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**Table 2.22.8**  
**Religious Affiliation by Gender, 2006 and 2001 Census**

Religion	Males	Females	Persons	% of population	2001	Change	
					Census	2001-06	% change
Western Catholic	223,440	240,300	463,740	23.7	450,920	12,820	2.8
No religion, nfd	236,655	205,165	441,820	22.6	355,770	86,050	24.2
Anglican	189,461	211,000	400,461	20.4	412,833	-12,372	-3.0
Uniting Church	32,942	41,396	74,338	3.8	81,056	-6,718	-8.3
Presbyterian	19,150	20,326	39,476	2.0	40,839	-1,363	-3.3
Buddhism	16,142	18,206	34,348	1.8	29,963	4,385	14.6
Baptist	15,512	17,210	32,722	1.7	30,300	2,422	8.0
Islam	12,606	11,578	24,184	1.2	19,460	4,724	24.3
Greek Orthodox	6,503	6,592	13,095	0.7	12,564	531	4.2
Lutheran	5,744	6,235	11,979	0.6	11,632	347	3.0
Jehovah's Witnesses	4,609	6,050	10,659	0.5	10,759	-100	-0.9
Churches of Christ (Conference)	3,894	4,995	8,889	0.5	10,765	-1,876	-17.4
Hinduism	4,292	3,821	8,113	0.4	4,971	3,142	63.2
Salvation Army	2,467	3,212	5,679	0.3	6,497	-818	-12.6
Seventh-Day Adventist	2,438	3,110	5,548	0.3	5,477	71	1.3
Assemblies of God	2,565	2,915	5,480	0.3	1,653	3,827	231.5
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS (Mormons)	2,493	2,964	5,457	0.3	5,531	-74	-1.3
Judaism	2,595	2,669	5,264	0.3	5,057	207	4.1
Macedonian Orthodox	2,219	2,106	4,325	0.2	4,715	-390	-8.3
Atheism	2,172	1,342	3,514	0.2	2,842	672	23.6
Serbian Orthodox	1,651	1,566	3,217	0.2	3,437	-220	-6.4
Free Reformed	1,217	1,225	2,442	0.1	2,467	-25	-1.0
Agnosticism	1,308	967	2,275	0.1	1,743	532	30.5
Brethren	1,039	1,021	2,060	0.1	1,620	440	27.2
Baha'i	939	1,003	1,942	0.1	1,738	204	11.7
Reformed	946	942	1,888	0.1	1,324	564	42.6
Born Again Christian	795	997	1,792	0.1	1,900	-108	-5.7
Spiritualism	393	1,098	1,491	0.1	1,433	58	4.0
Paganism	571	909	1,480	0.1	1,142	338	29.6
Sikhism	718	682	1,400	0.1	1,090	310	28.4
Other religions	44,928	44,900	89,828	4.6	110,353	-20,525	-18.6
Not stated	133,757	116,450	250,207	12.8	196,442	53,765	27.4
<b>Total Persons</b>	<b>976,161</b>	<b>982,952</b>	<b>1,959,113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,828,293</b>	<b>130,820</b>	<b>7.2</b>

**Table 2.22.9**  
**Religion by Birthplace and Age: Selected Religious Groups, 2006 Census**

Religion	Birthplace			Age				
	Australia	Overseas	Not stated	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Anglican Church Of Australia	272,806	118,258	9,310	56,072	37,315	100,708	128,030	78,249
Uniting Church	59,406	13,238	1,689	9,565	7,895	16,161	24,500	16,212
Presbyterian	20,636	17,772	1,062	3,095	2,721	8,450	15,042	10,162
Buddhism	9,248	24,262	847	5,025	5,954	11,801	9,538	2,039
Baptist	21,652	10,298	779	6,921	4,583	8,713	8,356	4,156
Islam	7,712	15,526	949	7,287	4,727	7,860	3,587	726
Greek Orthodox	7,632	5,035	451	2,046	1,579	3,700	3,472	2,321
Other religions	453,183	162,702	10,709	153,347	108,077	198,294	128,607	38,269