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Australia (Australia)

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME(a) BY PROFICIENCY IN SPOKEN ENGLISH/LANGUAGE BY SEX

Count of persons

Based on place of usual residence

	Speaks English only	Speaks other language and speaks English			Total	Not stated(b)	Total
		Very well or well	Not well or not at all	Total			
MALES							
Speaks English only	7,671,501	..	..	..	..	7,671,501
Speaks other language:							
Arabic	..	105,789	17,394	123,183	1,789	124,972	
Australian Indigenous Languages	..	21,147	5,309	26,456	650	27,106	
Chinese languages:							
Cantonese	..	88,233	26,554	114,787	922	115,709	
Mandarin	..	80,514	21,875	102,389	925	103,314	
Other(c)	..	12,440	3,932	16,372	224	16,596	
<i>Total</i>	..	181,187	52,361	233,548	2,071	235,619	
Croatian	..	26,603	4,322	30,925	389	31,314	
Dutch	..	15,648	406	16,054	190	16,244	
Filipino (excludes Tagalog)(d)	..	14,415	482	14,897	248	15,145	
French	..	19,403	874	20,277	270	20,547	
German	..	33,227	1,059	34,286	441	34,727	
Greek	..	104,181	18,659	122,840	1,417	124,257	
Hindi	..	34,662	1,300	35,962	454	36,416	
Hungarian	..	8,802	869	9,671	105	9,776	
Indonesian	..	17,765	1,461	19,226	260	19,486	
Iranic languages:							
Persian (excluding Dari)	..	9,683	1,786	11,469	184	11,653	
Dari	..	5,557	1,884	7,441	228	7,669	
Other(e)	..	2,818	643	3,461	81	3,542	
<i>Total</i>	..	18,058	4,313	22,371	493	22,864	
Italian	..	131,634	20,077	151,711	2,266	153,977	
Japanese	..	11,290	2,901	14,191	172	14,363	
Khmer	..	8,158	3,374	11,532	189	11,721	
Korean	..	17,216	7,987	25,203	402	25,605	
Macedonian	..	28,470	5,123	33,593	458	34,051	
Maltese	..	16,191	1,373	17,564	205	17,769	
Polish	..	21,127	2,402	23,529	284	23,813	
Portuguese	..	10,257	2,283	12,540	186	12,726	
Russian	..	12,967	2,765	15,732	184	15,916	
Samoan	..	12,120	1,384	13,504	335	13,839	
Serbian	..	20,701	5,126	25,827	339	26,166	
Sinhalese	..	14,149	571	14,720	230	14,950	
Spanish	..	40,274	5,729	46,003	610	46,613	
Tagalog (excludes Filipino)(d)	..	20,081	708	20,789	308	21,097	
Tamil	..	15,786	727	16,513	182	16,695	
Turkish	..	21,673	5,071	26,744	367	27,111	
Vietnamese	..	65,318	27,910	93,228	1,103	94,331	
Other(f)	..	192,062	30,152	222,214	11,312	233,526	
<i>Total</i>	..	1,260,361	234,472	1,494,833	27,909	1,522,742	
Language spoken at home not stated	..	24,926	5,860	30,786	574,218	605,004	
Total	7,671,501	1,285,287	240,332	1,525,619	602,127	9,799,247	

FEMALES

Speaks English only	7,909,832	..	..	..	..	7,909,832
Speaks other language:						
Arabic	..	94,685	22,291	116,976	1,714	118,690
Australian Indigenous Languages	..	22,516	5,368	27,884	708	28,592
Chinese languages:						
Cantonese	..	92,022	35,811	127,833	1,013	128,846
Mandarin	..	87,443	28,824	116,267	1,020	117,287
Other(c)	..	13,310	5,171	18,481	238	18,719
<i>Total</i>	..	192,775	69,806	262,581	2,271	264,852
Croatian	..	26,535	5,325	31,860	441	32,301
Dutch	..	19,035	642	19,677	264	19,941
Filipino (excludes Tagalog)(d)	..	22,686	843	23,529	367	23,896
French	..	21,239	1,129	22,368	302	22,670
German	..	39,018	1,363	40,381	525	40,906
Greek	..	101,119	25,454	126,573	1,401	127,974
Hindi	..	31,187	2,023	33,210	385	33,595
Hungarian	..	10,234	1,405	11,639	147	11,786
Indonesian	..	20,061	2,231	22,292	257	22,549
Iranic languages:						
Persian (excluding Dari)	..	8,815	2,210	11,025	167	11,192
Dari	..	4,073	2,422	6,495	146	6,641
Other(e)	..	2,113	897	3,010	68	3,078
<i>Total</i>	..	15,001	5,529	20,530	381	20,911
Italian	..	131,430	29,155	160,585	2,332	162,917
Japanese	..	16,353	4,107	20,460	286	20,746
Khmer	..	7,536	5,256	12,792	198	12,990
Korean	..	17,503	11,044	28,547	474	29,021
Macedonian	..	26,111	7,204	33,315	466	33,781
Maltese	..	16,699	1,825	18,524	223	18,747
Polish	..	24,939	4,245	29,184	390	29,574
Portuguese	..	10,464	2,442	12,906	146	13,052
Russian	..	16,067	4,237	20,304	280	20,584
Samoan	..	13,187	1,203	14,390	299	14,689
Serbian	..	20,344	5,684	26,028	335	26,363
Sinhalese	..	12,989	927	13,916	186	14,102
Spanish	..	43,081	7,720	50,801	587	51,388
Tagalog (excludes Filipino)(d)	..	30,610	1,113	31,723	464	32,187
Tamil	..	14,459	1,358	15,817	191	16,008
Turkish	..	19,885	6,514	26,399	349	26,748
Vietnamese	..	59,202	40,226	99,428	1,095	100,523
Other(f)	..	183,464	37,458	220,922	10,448	231,370
<i>Total</i>	..	1,280,414	315,127	1,595,541	27,912	1,623,453
Language spoken at home not stated	..	25,959	5,957	31,916	490,839	522,755
Total	7,909,832	1,306,373	321,084	1,627,457	518,751	10,056,040

PERSONS

Speaks English only	15,581,333	..	..	..	..	15,581,333
Speaks other language:							
Arabic	..	200,474	39,685	240,159	3,503	243,662	
Australian Indigenous Languages	..	43,663	10,677	54,340	1,358	55,698	
Chinese languages:							
Cantonese	..	180,255	62,365	242,620	1,935	244,555	
Mandarin	..	167,957	50,699	218,656	1,945	220,601	
Other(c)	..	25,750	9,103	34,853	462	35,315	
<i>Total</i>	..	373,962	122,167	496,129	4,342	500,471	
Croatian	..	53,138	9,647	62,785	830	63,615	
Dutch	..	34,683	1,048	35,731	454	36,185	
Filipino (excludes Tagalog)(d)	..	37,101	1,325	38,426	615	39,041	
French	..	40,642	2,003	42,645	572	43,217	
German	..	72,245	2,422	74,667	966	75,633	
Greek	..	205,300	44,113	249,413	2,818	252,231	
Hindi	..	65,849	3,323	69,172	839	70,011	
Hungarian	..	19,036	2,274	21,310	252	21,562	
Indonesian	..	37,826	3,692	41,518	517	42,035	
Iranic languages:							
Persian (excluding Dari)	..	18,498	3,996	22,494	351	22,845	
Dari	..	9,630	4,306	13,936	374	14,310	
Other(e)	..	4,931	1,540	6,471	149	6,620	
<i>Total</i>	..	33,059	9,842	42,901	874	43,775	
Italian	..	263,064	49,232	312,296	4,598	316,894	
Japanese	..	27,643	7,008	34,651	458	35,109	
Khmer	..	15,694	8,630	24,324	387	24,711	
Korean	..	34,719	19,031	53,750	876	54,626	
Macedonian	..	54,581	12,327	66,908	924	67,832	
Maltese	..	32,890	3,198	36,088	428	36,516	
Polish	..	46,066	6,647	52,713	674	53,387	
Portuguese	..	20,721	4,725	25,446	332	25,778	
Russian	..	29,034	7,002	36,036	464	36,500	
Samoan	..	25,307	2,587	27,894	634	28,528	
Serbian	..	41,045	10,810	51,855	674	52,529	
Sinhalese	..	27,138	1,498	28,636	416	29,052	
Spanish	..	83,355	13,449	96,804	1,197	98,001	
Tagalog (excludes Filipino)(d)	..	50,691	1,821	52,512	772	53,284	
Tamil	..	30,245	2,085	32,330	373	32,703	
Turkish	..	41,558	11,585	53,143	716	53,859	
Vietnamese	..	124,520	68,136	192,656	2,198	194,854	
Other(f)	..	375,526	67,610	443,136	21,760	464,896	
<i>Total</i>	..	2,540,775	549,599	3,090,374	55,821	3,146,195	
Language spoken at home not stated	..	50,885	11,817	62,702	1,065,057	1,127,759	
Total		15,581,333	2,591,660	561,416	3,153,076	1,120,878	19,855,287

... Not applicable

(a) This list of languages consists of the most common Language Spoken at Home responses reported in the 2001 Census.

(b) Includes the categories 'Proficiency in English not stated' and 'Language and proficiency in English not stated'.

(c) Comprises 'Chinese nfd', Hakka, Hokkien, Teochew, Wu and Chinese nec.

(d) In 2006 'Tagalog' and 'Filipino' have been identified individually, in 2001 they were classed as one language.

(e) Comprises Iranic nfd, Kurdish, Pashto, Balochi and Iranic nec.

(f) Comprises languages not identified individually, inadequately described and Non-verbal so described.