

Australia's Changing Population and Cultural Landscape: A Snapshot

Australia's population is a dynamic tapestry of cultures, shaped by immigration, diversity, and a rich blend of traditions. The latest Australian census data paints a vivid picture of this evolving demographic landscape.

Population Growth:

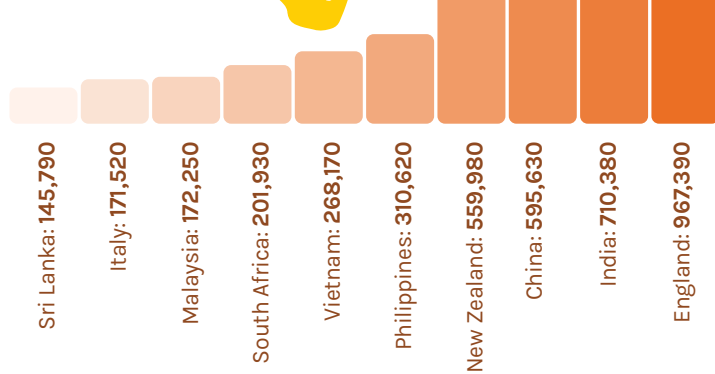
Australia's population has steadily grown over the years. According to the most recent census data, Australia's population estimate for 2024 is around **26,714,292**. This reflects a 13% increase since 10 years ago when the population was 23,633,762.

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Top Ten Birthplaces (Outside Australia):

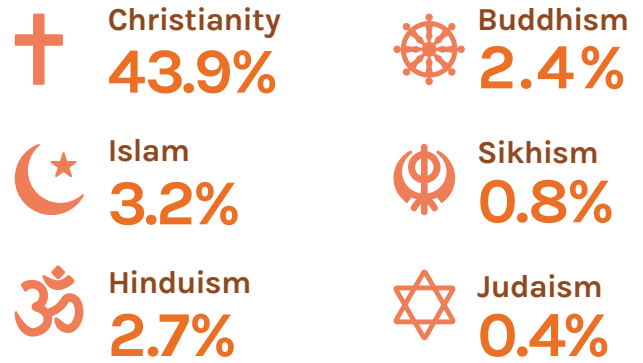
The 2021 Census data shows that **7,502,450** people were born overseas – that is **30%** of the Australia resident population! In the first Census in 1911, the proportion of Australians who were born overseas was only 18%.

Where Were We Born?



Top Six Religions:

The top six religions in Australia, along with their respective percentages of followers, are as follows:



At the 2021 Census, 38.9% of the population identified as having 'no religion,' up from 15.5% in 2001.

Indigenous Australians: Preserving the Rich Cultural Heritage

Australia's cultural landscape is not only shaped by diverse immigrant communities but also by the rich and ancient traditions of Indigenous Australians, who have inhabited the continent for thousands of years. Indigenous Australians have a deep and profound connection to the land and environment.

812,728 Indigenous Australians:

812,728 people identified as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin, representing 3.2% of the total population.

Languages:

Australia's Indigenous communities are custodians of 167 languages, each holding stories, knowledge, and cultural significance. These languages are an integral part of preserving cultural identity and heritage.

Five Facts:

20% of the Australian population speaks a language other than English.

Some of the most commonly spoken languages in Australia are **Italian, Arabic, Vietnamese, Cantonese** and **Greek**.

Australians identify with more than **270** ancestries.

It is estimated that migrants contribute over **\$10 billion** to the Australian economy in their first 10 years of settlement.

The 2022 Mapping Social Cohesion Report found **16%** of people reported experiencing race or religion-based discrimination over the last 12 months. This is why events like **A Taste of Harmony** are so important!

