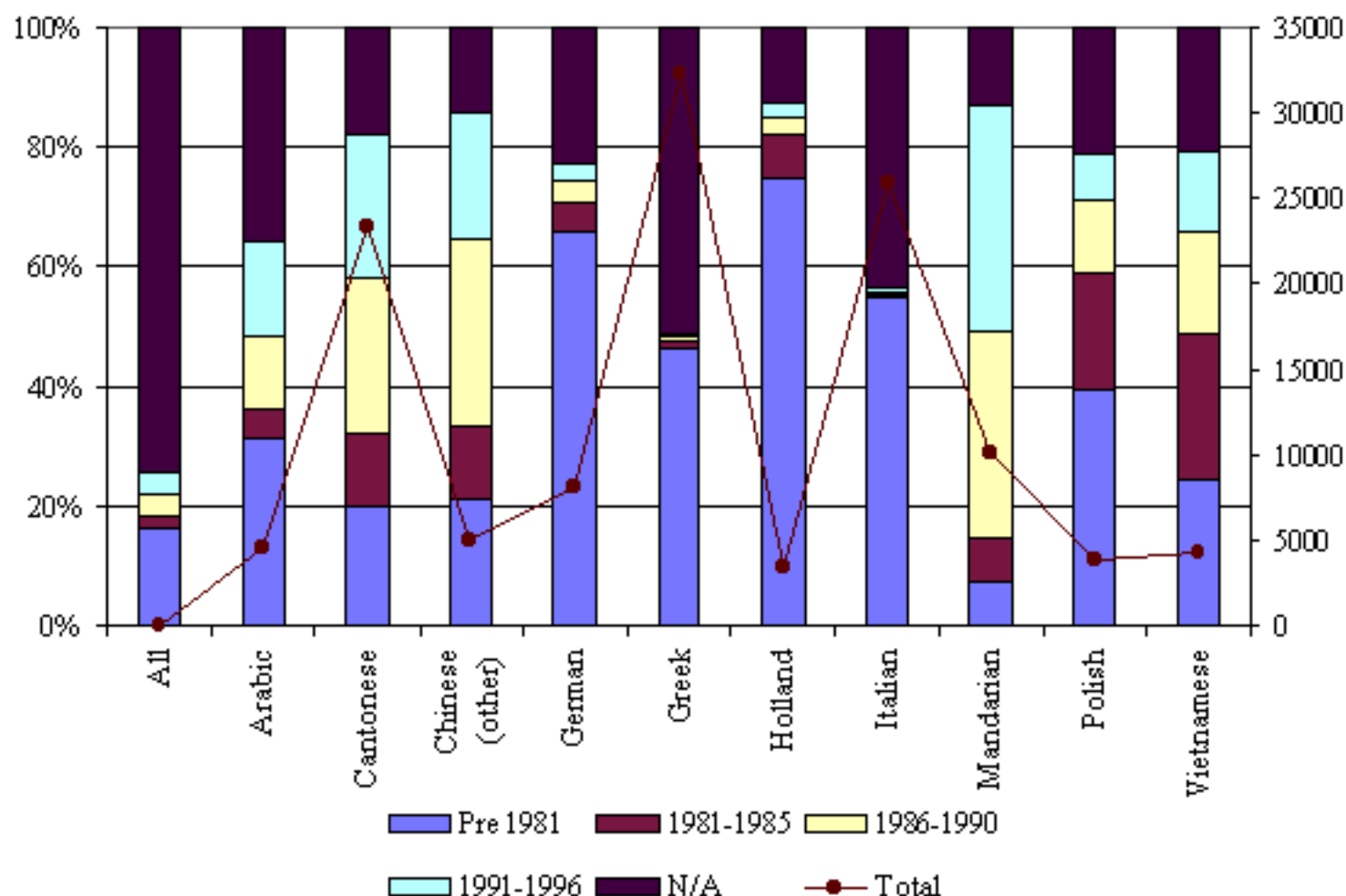


### 8.4 Year of arrival of the ten largest language



Source: ABS Census 1996

	<1981	1981-85	1986-90	1991-96	N/A	Total
All	139718	20412	31813	29716	645743	867402
Arabic	1421	220	549	720	1621	4531
Cantonese	4695	2767	6075	5687	4138	23362
Chinese (oth)	1060	607	1539	1053	714	4973
German	5300	403	274	241	1834	8052
Greek	14961	353	290	180	16526	32310
Dutch	2552	246	107	75	435	3415
Italian	14198	156	110	155	11268	25887
Mandarin	752	736	3483	3849	1304	10124
Polish	1495	736	457	293	804	3785
Vietnamese	1052	1042	724	584	883	4285

74% of Dutch, 65% of German and 54% of Italian speaking people living in the Eastern Region settled in Australia prior to 1981. People speaking Chinese languages, Vietnamese and Arabic settled in Australia later with the figures for settlement prior 1981 being 16%, 24% and 31% respectively.