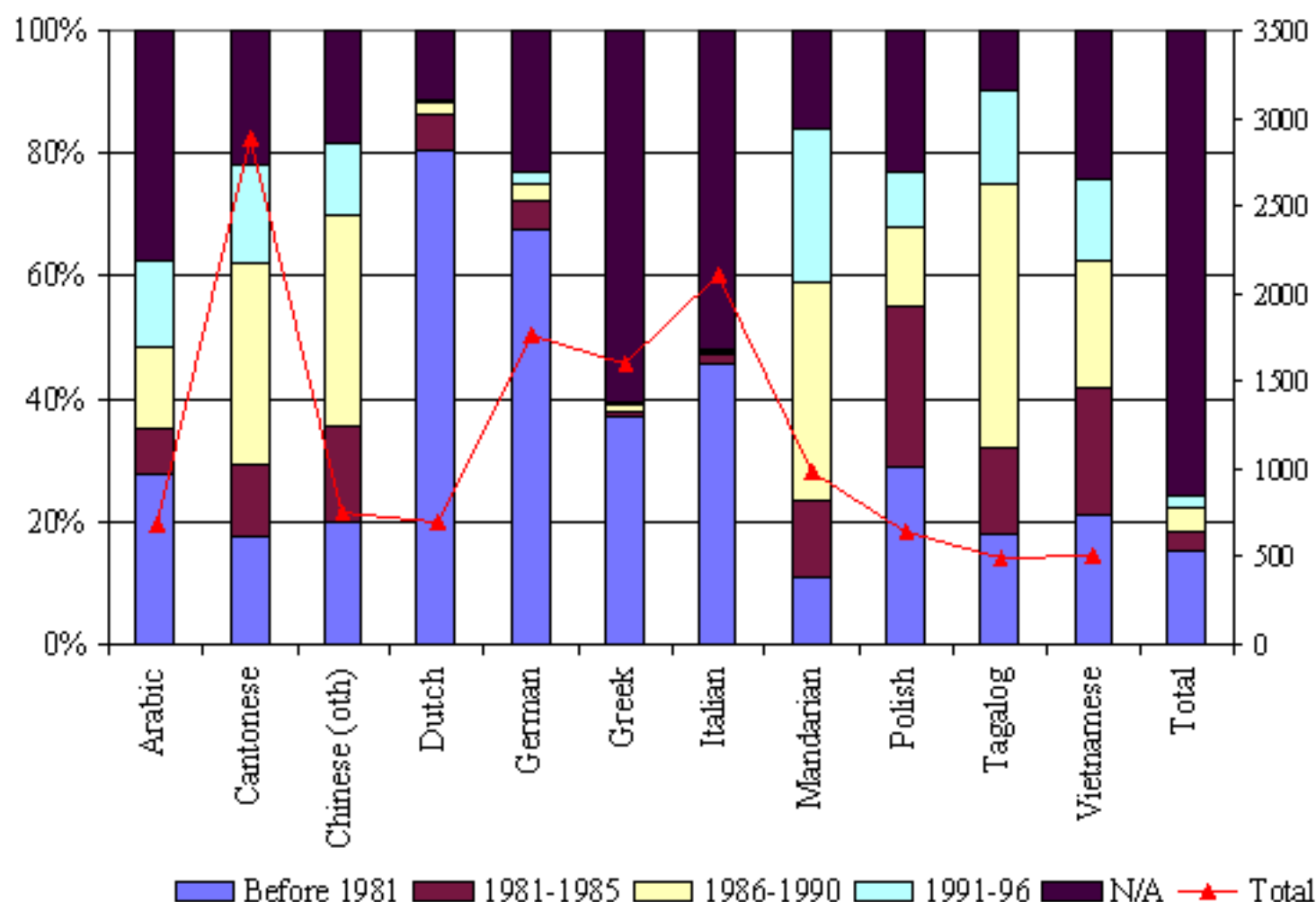


2.4 Year of arrival of the ten largest language groups



Source: ABS Census 1996

	< 1981	1981-85	1986-90	1991-96	N/A	Total
Arabic	188	50	92	94	255	679
Cantonese	504	344	942	456	636	2882
Chinese (oth)	150	116	257	88	139	750
German	1190	82	44	37	405	1758
Greek	592	15	19	3	966	1595
Holland	560	40	15	3	78	696
Italian	963	30	12	9	1093	2107
Mandarin	108	122	350	243	158	981
Polish	186	169	83	59	148	645
Tagalog	88	69	212	74	49	492
Vietnamese	106	104	104	74	121	501
Total	19613	3665	5243	2590	96490	127601 *

* Does not include not stated responses

The majority of northern European migrants settled in Australia prior to 1981 with 67% of German and 80% of Dutch speaking people settling in this period. A further 23% of German and 11% of Dutch speaking people were born in Australia. Migrants speaking Chinese languages primarily settled in the 10 year period ending 1996.