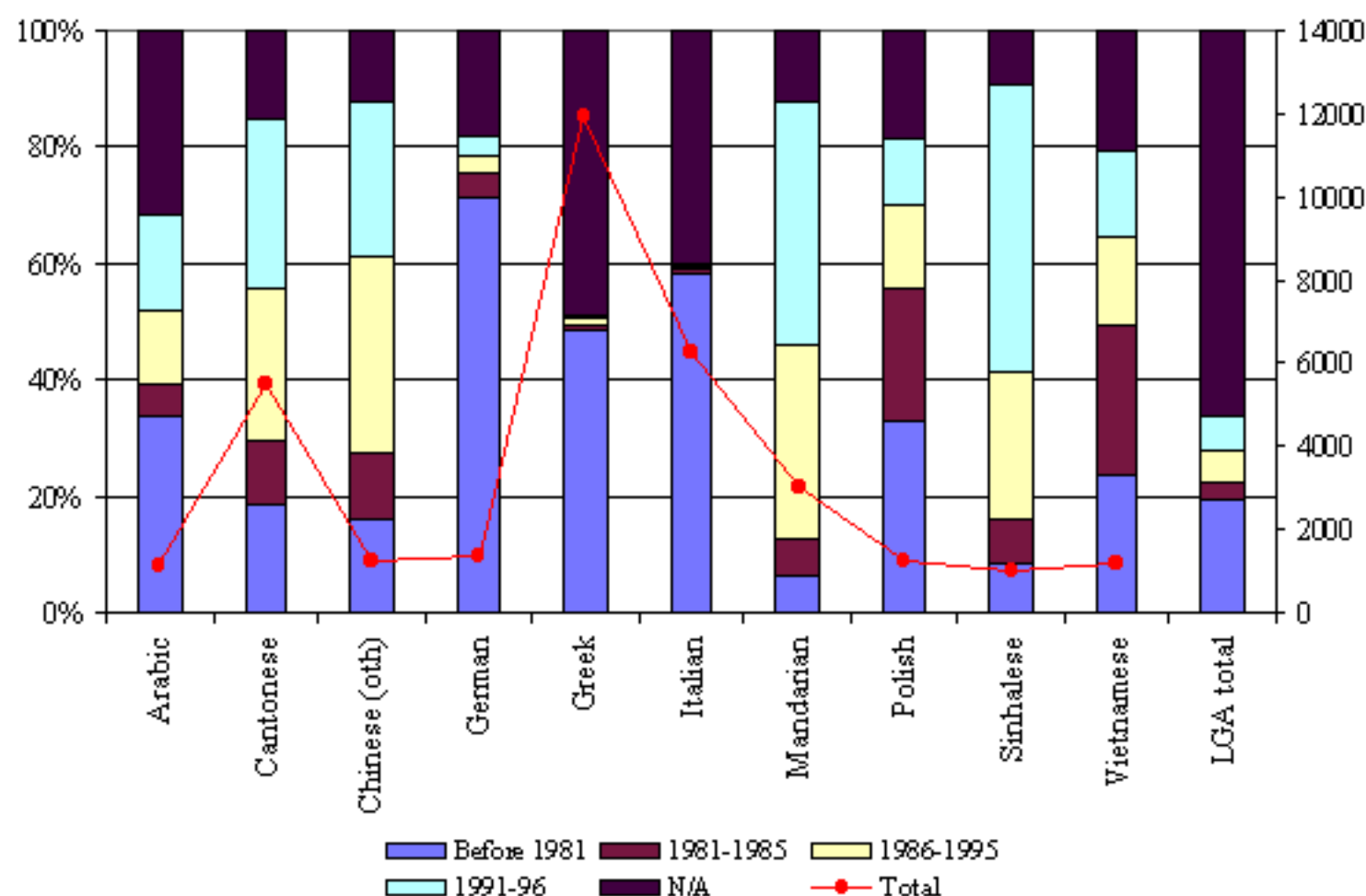


5.4 Year of arrival of the ten largest language groups



Source: ABS Census 1996

	< 1981	1981-85	1986-90	1991-96	N/A	Total
Arabic	365	58	135	178	341	1077
Cantonese	1010	596	1414	1568	825	5413
Chinese (other)	198	147	417	334	153	1249
German	939	53	38	46	239	1315
Greek	5710	119	115	77	5738	11759
Italian	3597	39	18	33	2470	6157
Mandarin	188	191	1002	1261	372	3014
Polish	394	267	171	136	223	1191
Sinhalese	84	76	259	500	92	1011
Vietnamese	270	297	174	167	238	1146
LGA total	28622	4477	7877	8761	97534	147271

* Does not include not stated responses

69% of the German, 57% of the Italian and 47% of the Greek speaking communities settled in Australia prior to 1981. For the region as a whole the corresponding figures are 65%, 54% and 45%. 49% of Sinhalese and 42% of Mandarin speaking people settled in Australia between 1991 and 1996