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Languages spoken by residents in the City of Boroondara¹.

- There is a total population of 151261 people living in the City of Boroondara. 78% (117411) of the population speak English at home whilst 18% (27096) speak a language other than English at home.²
- One hundred and seven languages are spoken at home by people residing in Boroondara.
- The largest number of people speaking a language other than English speak Greek 4817, followed by Cantonese 4192, Mandarin 3512, Italian 3504, Indonesian 791, Vietnamese 740, German 722, Hindi 543, French 454 and Polish 453.
- Within the largest 30 NESB communities the oldest population in the Boroondara is the Hungarian speaking population with 55% (180) of the community 60 years of age or more. Other communities with a 40% or more of their population aged 60 years plus are the German speaking community with 40% (289) and the Italian community with 40% (1389). Across the English speaking population 18% (21609) are aged 60 years plus whilst across NESB communities 20% (5298) of the population is in this age cohort. This compares to the Eastern Region as a whole where 17% (120673) of the English speaking population and 18% (21609) are aged 60 years plus. The largest NESB population aged 60 years or over is the Italian speaking community (1389) followed by the Greek speaking community (1336).
- Within the largest 30 NESB communities the youngest population in the Boroondara is the Thai speaking community with 91% (301) of its population under 40 years of age. Other communities with 70% or more of their population under 40 years of age are, Indonesia 88% (694), Korean 81% (268), Hindi 76% (413), Japanese 74% (314). The largest NESB population aged 40 years or less is the Greek community (2361) followed by the Mandarin speaking community (2313) and Cantonese (2308) speaking community.

¹ All figures are sourced from the ABS Census 2001

² A further 4% (6754) of responses were either not stated, non-verbal, auslan, invented languages or not indicated.

Table 1 Top 30 languages spoken in the City of Boroondara

	Total	% of total NESB population	0-19yrs	% of 0-19 yrs as a % of total language population	20-39yrs	<40yrs	% < 40yrs	% of 20-39 yrs as a % of total language population	40-59 yrs	% 40-59 yrs as a % of total language population	60+ yrs	% 60+ yrs as a % of total language population
English	117411		30494	26%	32349	62843	54%	28%	32959	28%	21609	18%
NESB	27096		5428	20%	9113	14541	54%	34%	7257	27%	5298	20%
Total	151261		38133	25%	43103	81236	54%	28%	41581	27%	28444	19%
Arabic	412	2%	95	23%	141	236	57%	34%	113	27%	63	15%
Cantonese	4192	15%	1005	24%	1303	2308	55%	31%	1379	33%	505	12%
Chinese, nfd	279	1%	85	30%	71	156	56%	25%	97	35%	26	9%
Croatian	258	1%	29	11%	87	116	45%	34%	53	21%	89	34%
French	454	2%	128	28%	118	246	54%	26%	135	30%	73	16%
German	722	3%	78	11%	168	246	34%	23%	187	26%	289	40%
Greek	4817	18%	808	17%	1553	2361	49%	32%	1120	23%	1336	28%
Gujarati	186	1%	21	11%	101	122	66%	54%	42	23%	22	12%
Hebrew	131	0%	39	30%	34	73	56%	26%	40	31%	18	14%
Hindi	543	2%	132	24%	281	413	76%	52%	110	20%	20	4%
Hokkien	306	1%	49	16%	111	160	52%	36%	117	38%	29	9%
Hungarian	326	1%	31	10%	40	71	22%	12%	75	23%	180	55%
Indonesian	791	3%	214	27%	480	694	88%	61%	76	10%	21	3%
Italian	3504	13%	375	11%	877	1252	36%	25%	863	25%	1389	40%
Japanese	423	2%	127	30%	187	314	74%	44%	95	22%	14	3%
Korean	331	1%	111	34%	157	268	81%	47%	60	18%	3	1%
Macedonian	249	1%	33	13%	58	91	37%	23%	89	36%	69	28%
Mandarin	3512	13%	1013	29%	1300	2313	66%	37%	1009	29%	190	5%
Netherlandic	166	1%	18	11%	47	65	39%	28%	46	28%	55	33%
Persian	232	1%	64	28%	77	141	61%	33%	70	30%	21	9%
Polish	453	2%	57	13%	75	132	29%	17%	157	35%	164	36%
Punjabi	138	1%	34	25%	43	77	56%	31%	46	33%	15	11%
Russian	242	1%	51	21%	60	111	46%	25%	58	24%	73	30%
Serbian	232	1%	58	25%	59	117	50%	25%	74	32%	41	18%
Sinhalese	231	1%	29	13%	104	133	58%	45%	67	29%	31	13%
Spanish	306	1%	47	15%	135	182	59%	44%	91	30%	33	11%
Tagalog	184	1%	33	18%	66	99	54%	36%	73	40%	12	7%
Tamil	228	1%	41	18%	93	134	59%	41%	66	29%	28	12%
Thai	329	1%	41	12%	260	301	91%	79%	25	8%	3	1%
Vietnamese	740	3%	216	29%	270	486	66%	36%	199	27%	55	7%
Not stated, etc	6754	25%	2211	299%	1641	3852	521%	222%	1365	184%	1537	208%

Country of Birth of residents in the City of Boroondara³

- People from over 130 countries have settled in the Boroondara.
- The largest number of people born outside of Australia or England were born in China 2615 followed by New Zealand 2416, Malaysia 2326, Greece 2172, Italy 2159, Hong Kong 1652 and India 1447.
- 29% (44225) of the total population were born outside of Australia and 26% (39103) of the total population was born outside of Australia and England.
- Within the largest 30 communities the Austrian and Hungarian born communities are the oldest with 65% (154) and 65% (220) respectively of the population aged over 60 years. Other communities with more than 50% of their population aged 60 years or more are: Italian 61% (1319), Polish 57% (346), Greek 56% (1207), and Croatian 53% (123). 17% (17969) of the Australian born population is aged 60 years or more. The largest number of people aged 60 years or over were born in England (1343), Italy (1319) and Greece (1207).
- Within the largest 30 communities the youngest community is the Thai born community where 90% (348) of the population is aged under 40 years. Other communities with 60% or more of their population aged less than 40 years of age are: Indonesian 83% (770), Sth Korean 81% (296), Taiwanese 72% 730, Japanese 69% (288), Hong Kong 60% (991). 58% (61965) of the Australian born population is aged less than 40 years. The largest number of people aged 40 years or less were born in England (1679), New Zealand (1303), China (1190) and Malaysia (1155).

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Table 2 Top 30 Country of Births in the City of Boroondara⁴

	0-19yrs	% of 0-19 yrs as a % of total COB population	20-39yrs	% of 20-39 yrs as a % of total COB population	< 40 yrs	% of total < 40 yrs	40-59 yrs	% 40-59 yrs as a % of total COB population	60+ yrs	% 60+ yrs as a % of total COB population	Total
Australia	31430	29%	30535	29%	61965	58%	27137	25%	17969	17%	107071
Austria	0	0%	20	8%	20	8%	63	27%	154	65%	237
Canada	54	17%	118	37%	172	54%	116	36%	31	10%	319
China	417	16%	773	30%	1190	46%	950	36%	475	18%	2615
Croatia	0	0%	33	14%	33	14%	75	32%	123	53%	231
Egypt	8	3%	24	8%	32	11%	144	51%	108	38%	284
England	397	8%	1282	25%	1679	33%	2100	41%	1343	26%	5122
France	27	12%	66	29%	93	41%	90	40%	44	19%	227
Germany	27	3%	118	14%	145	18%	356	43%	327	39%	828
Greece	13	1%	131	6%	144	7%	821	38%	1207	56%	2172
Hong Kong	408	25%	583	35%	991	60%	523	32%	138	8%	1652
Hungary	6	2%	6	2%	12	4%	108	32%	220	65%	340
India	166	11%	674	47%	840	58%	441	30%	166	11%	1447
Indonesia	206	22%	564	61%	770	83%	114	12%	44	5%	928
Iran	26	13%	65	33%	91	46%	81	41%	25	13%	197
Ireland	19	4%	114	26%	133	31%	151	35%	149	34%	433
Italy	24	1%	103	5%	127	6%	713	33%	1319	61%	2159
Japan	91	22%	197	47%	288	69%	108	26%	23	5%	419
Malaysia	262	11%	893	38%	1155	50%	979	42%	192	8%	2326
Netherlands	22	6%	59	16%	81	22%	185	49%	108	29%	374
New Zealand	388	16%	915	38%	1303	54%	820	34%	293	12%	2416
Philippines	50	17%	109	37%	159	53%	112	38%	27	9%	298
Poland	17	3%	57	9%	74	12%	192	31%	346	57%	612
Singapore	142	22%	210	33%	352	55%	225	35%	58	9%	635
South Africa	146	18%	289	35%	435	53%	302	37%	84	10%	821
Sri Lanka	58	8%	241	33%	299	41%	257	36%	165	23%	721
Sth Korea	124	34%	172	47%	296	81%	62	17%	9	2%	367
Taiwan	253	25%	477	47%	730	72%	265	26%	23	2%	1018
Thailand	52	14%	296	77%	348	90%	34	9%	3	1%	385
Vietnam	41	5%	373	47%	414	52%	321	40%	66	8%	801
Yugoslavia FR	27	8%	71	22%	98	30%	127	39%	98	30%	323
Not stated, etc	2499	33%	1920	25%	4419	58%	1555	20%	1667	22%	7641
Total	38141	25%	43155	29%	81296	54%	41563	27%	28437	19%	151296

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