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## Languages spoken by residents in the City of Knox<sup>1</sup>.

- There is a total population of 143287 people living in the City of Knox. 81% (115461) of the population speak English at home whilst 16% (22888) do not speak English at home.<sup>2</sup>
- Fifty four different languages are spoken by residents living in Knox.
- The largest Non English Speaking Background (NESB) population speak Cantonese at home, followed by Italian, Greek, German and Mandarin.
- Within the largest 30 NESB communities the oldest population in the Knox is the Dutch speaking population with 55% (340) of the community 60 years of age or more. Other communities with a fifth or more of their population aged 60 years plus are the German speaking community with 52% (770), Hungarian 41% (229) and Italian 22% (516). Across the English speaking population 12% (13574) are aged 60 years plus whilst across NESB communities 16% (3664) of the population is aged 60 years plus. The largest NESB population aged 60 years or over is the German speaking community (770) followed by the Italian community (516).
- Within the largest 30 NESB communities the youngest population in the Knox is the Vietnamese speaking community with 73% (561) of its population under 40 years of age. Other communities with two thirds or more of their population under 40 years of age are, Khmer 70% (243) and Persian 67% (206). Across the English speaking population 61% (69991) are aged 40 years or less whilst across NESB communities 52% (11916) of the population is aged 40 years less. The largest NESB population aged 40 years or less is the Cantonese speaking community (1744) followed by the Greek community (1215) and Italian speaking community (1125).

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<sup>1</sup> All figures are sourced from the ABS Census 2001

<sup>2</sup> A further 3% (4938) of responses were either not stated, non-verbal, auslan, and invented languages or not indicated.

**Table 1 Top 30 languages spoken in the City of Knox**

	Total	% of total NESB population	0-19yrs	% of 0-19 yrs as a % of total language population	20-39yrs	< 40 yrs	% of total < 40 yrs	% 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	115461		36148	31%	33843	69991	61%	29%	31896	28%	13574	12%
NESB	22888		5202	23%	6714	11916	52%	29%	7308	32%	3664	16%
Total	143287		43347	30%	41720	85067	59%	29%	40155	28%	18065	13%
Arabic	951	4%	331	35%	265	596	63%	28%	286	30%	69	7%
Armenian	239	1%	74	31%	70	144	60%	29%	51	21%	44	18%
Cantonese	3220	14%	906	28%	838	1744	54%	26%	1204	37%	272	8%
Chinese, nfd	230	1%	82	36%	62	144	63%	27%	66	29%	20	9%
Croatian	427	2%	101	24%	110	211	49%	26%	150	35%	66	15%
French	355	2%	57	16%	93	150	42%	26%	153	43%	52	15%
German	1480	6%	134	9%	215	349	24%	15%	361	24%	770	52%
Greek	1931	8%	467	24%	748	1215	63%	39%	508	26%	208	11%
Hindi	442	2%	133	30%	155	288	65%	35%	131	30%	23	5%
Hokkien	246	1%	36	15%	50	86	35%	20%	135	55%	25	10%
Hungarian	563	2%	68	12%	96	164	29%	17%	170	30%	229	41%
Indonesian	166	1%	47	28%	58	105	63%	35%	46	28%	15	9%
Italian	2398	10%	303	13%	822	1125	47%	34%	757	32%	516	22%
Khmer	349	2%	100	29%	143	243	70%	41%	92	26%	14	4%
Lao	167	1%	44	26%	61	105	63%	37%	52	31%	10	6%
Macedonian	145	1%	29	20%	59	88	61%	41%	50	34%	7	5%
Mandarin	1347	6%	411	31%	404	815	61%	30%	430	32%	102	8%
Netherlandic	613	3%	16	3%	69	85	14%	11%	188	31%	340	55%
Persian	307	1%	106	35%	100	206	67%	33%	81	26%	20	7%
Polish	742	3%	163	22%	146	309	42%	20%	331	45%	102	14%
Punjabi	295	1%	94	32%	95	189	64%	32%	76	26%	30	10%
Romanian	158	1%	36	23%	46	82	52%	29%	54	34%	22	14%
Serbian	371	2%	96	26%	118	214	58%	32%	117	32%	40	11%
Sinhalese	612	3%	159	26%	183	342	56%	30%	224	37%	46	8%
Spanish	632	3%	135	21%	205	340	54%	32%	231	37%	61	10%
Tagalog	631	3%	118	19%	211	329	52%	33%	253	40%	49	8%
Tamil	455	2%	122	27%	130	252	55%	29%	162	36%	41	9%
Turkish	212	1%	59	28%	77	136	64%	36%	55	26%	21	10%
Vietnamese	773	3%	239	31%	322	561	73%	42%	170	22%	42	5%
Not stated, inadequately described etc	4938		1997	40%	1163	3160	64%	24%	951	19%	827	17%

## Country of Birth of residents in the City of Knox<sup>3</sup>

- People from over 130 countries have settled in the Knox.
- The largest number of people born outside of Australia or England were born in Malaysia 1804, followed by New Zealand 1684, Sri Lanka 1524, Germany 1451, India 1395 and Italy 1375.
- 29% (41426) of the total population were born outside of Australia and 24% (33699) of the total population was born outside of Australia and England.
- Within the largest 30 communities the oldest community is the Hungarian born community with 61% (238) of the population over 60 years of age. Other communities with more than 40% of its population aged 60 years or more are: German 49% (708), Netherlandic 47% (595) and Austria 44% (115). 9% (8985) 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 (2267), Netherlands (595) and Italy (525).
- Within the largest 30 communities the youngest community is the New Zealand born community where 56% (950) of the population is aged under 40 years. Other communities with more than 50% of their population aged less than 40 years of age are Cambodian 55% (285), Vietnamese 53% (519) and Hong Kong 52% (398). 68% (69162) 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 (1957), New Zealand (950), Malaysia (777) and India (639).

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**Table 2 Top 30 Country of Births in the City of Knox<sup>4</sup>**

	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	37,726	37%	31,436	31%	69,162	68%	23,823	23%	8,985	9%	101,970
Austria	10	4%	21	8%	31	12%	117	44%	115	44%	263
Cambodia	32	6%	253	49%	285	55%	184	36%	48	9%	517
China	117	11%	339	33%	456	44%	366	36%	207	20%	1029
Croatia	25	8%	58	18%	83	25%	165	50%	80	24%	328
Egypt	34	8%	88	19%	122	27%	234	52%	96	21%	452
England	316	4%	1,641	21%	1,957	25%	3,503	45%	2,267	29%	7,727
Germany	44	3%	152	10%	196	14%	547	38%	708	49%	1451
Greece	17	3%	119	18%	136	20%	367	54%	174	26%	677
Hong Kong	157	20%	241	31%	398	52%	335	44%	33	4%	766
Hungary	12	3%	26	7%	38	10%	114	29%	238	61%	390
India	193	14%	446	32%	639	46%	553	40%	203	15%	1395
Ireland	35	7%	91	19%	126	26%	223	46%	141	29%	490
Italy	11	1%	145	11%	156	11%	694	50%	525	38%	1375
Malaysia	258	14%	519	29%	777	43%	846	47%	181	10%	1804
Malta	0	0%	17	7%	17	7%	154	65%	67	28%	238
Mauritius	17	4%	109	29%	126	33%	203	54%	50	13%	379
Netherlands	9	1%	83	7%	92	7%	583	46%	595	47%	1270
New Zealand	320	19%	630	37%	950	56%	616	37%	118	7%	1684
Northern Ireland	6	2%	42	16%	48	18%	121	45%	97	36%	266
Philippines	128	16%	272	34%	400	50%	334	42%	59	7%	793
Poland	50	8%	141	22%	191	29%	325	50%	138	21%	654
Scotland	42	3%	198	14%	240	18%	660	48%	468	34%	1,368
Singapore	78	19%	104	25%	182	45%	186	46%	40	10%	408
South Africa	154	17%	296	33%	450	50%	347	38%	109	12%	906
Sri Lanka	160	10%	429	28%	589	39%	722	47%	213	14%	1524
USA	68	26%	88	34%	156	61%	81	32%	20	8%	257
Vietnam	47	5%	472	48%	519	53%	401	41%	65	7%	985
Wales	6	3%	46	19%	52	22%	107	45%	80	33%	239
Yugoslavia FR	21	4%	122	25%	143	29%	245	50%	99	20%	487
Not stated, etc	2586	42%	1396	23%	3,982	65%	1186	19%	940	15%	6108
Total	43349	30%	41747	29%	85,096	59%	40208	28%	18092	13%	143396

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