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Languages spoken by residents in the City of Whitehorse¹.

- There is a total population of 141818 people living in the City of Whitehorse. 74% (105248) of these speak English at home whilst 22% (31276) do not speak English at home.²
- One hundred and eleven languages are spoken at home by people residing in Whitehorse.
- The largest number of people speaking a language other than English speak Cantonese 5532, followed by Greek 5347, Mandarin 3529, Italian 3446, Vietnamese 1650, German 772, Polish 536, Spanish 522, Arabic 514 and Sinhalese 432.
- Within the largest 30 communities the oldest population in Whitehorse is the Hungarian speaking population with 57% (243) of the community 60 years of age or more. Other communities with 50% or more of their population aged 60 years plus are the Netherlandic speaking community with 57% (185) and German 50% (388). Across the English speaking population 22% (23015) are aged 60 years plus whilst across NESB communities 20% (6183) of the population is aged 60 years plus. The largest NESB population aged 60 years or over is the Italian community (1320) followed by the Greek community (1300).
- Within the largest 30 communities the youngest population in the Whitehorse is the Indonesian speaking community with 83% (359) of its population under 40 years of age. Other communities with two thirds or more of their population under 40 years of age are, Thai 81% (186), Korean 76% (188), Japanese 70% (187), Khmer 67% (249) and Hindi 67% (270). Across the English speaking population 53% (55369) are aged under 40 years plus whilst across NESB communities 53% (16520) of the population is aged in this cohort. The largest NESB population aged under 40 years is the Cantonese speaking community (3243) followed by the Greek community (2762) and the Mandarin speaking community (2217).

¹ All figures are sourced from the ABS Census 2001

² A further 4% (5294) 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 Whitehorse

	Total	% of total NESB population	0-19yrs	% of 0-19 yrs as a % of total language population	20-39yrs	% of 20-39 yrs as a % of total language population	<40 yrs	% of total < 40	40-59 yrs	% 40-59 yrs as a % of total language population	60+ yrs	% 60+ yrs as a % of total language population
English	105248		25251	24%	30118	29%	55369	53%	26864	26%	23015	22%
NESB	31276	100%	6385	20%	10135	32%	16520	53%	8573	27%	6183	20%
Total	141818		33530	24%	41371	29%	74901	53%	36348	26%	30569	22%
Arabic	514	2%	143	28%	180	35%	323	63%	133	26%	58	11%
Cantonese	5532	18%	1301	24%	1942	35%	3243	59%	1611	29%	678	12%
Chinese	405	1%	130	32%	134	33%	264	65%	102	25%	39	10%
Croatian	345	1%	35	10%	98	28%	133	39%	99	29%	113	33%
French	302	1%	56	19%	74	25%	130	43%	98	32%	74	25%
German	772	2%	68	9%	138	18%	206	27%	178	23%	388	50%
Greek	5347	17%	944	18%	1818	34%	2762	52%	1285	24%	1300	24%
Hindi	405	1%	96	24%	174	43%	270	67%	94	23%	41	10%
Hokkien	277	1%	39	14%	68	25%	107	39%	129	47%	41	15%
Hungarian	424	1%	29	7%	56	13%	85	20%	96	23%	243	57%
Indonesian	431	1%	151	35%	208	48%	359	83%	60	14%	12	3%
Italian	3446	11%	327	9%	900	26%	1227	36%	899	26%	1320	38%
Japanese	269	1%	84	31%	103	38%	187	70%	64	24%	18	7%
Khmer	373	1%	125	34%	124	33%	249	67%	88	24%	36	10%
Korean	247	1%	68	28%	120	49%	188	76%	45	18%	14	6%
Macedonian	251	1%	29	12%	81	32%	110	44%	77	31%	64	25%
Mandarin	3529	11%	988	28%	1229	35%	2217	63%	968	27%	344	10%
Netherlandic	324	1%	19	6%	40	12%	59	18%	80	25%	185	57%
Persian	364	1%	117	32%	125	34%	242	66%	88	24%	34	9%
Polish	536	2%	98	18%	93	17%	191	36%	198	37%	147	27%
Russian	247	1%	50	20%	77	31%	127	51%	69	28%	51	21%
Serbian	307	1%	61	20%	85	28%	146	48%	91	30%	70	23%
Sinhalese	432	1%	90	21%	159	37%	249	58%	147	34%	36	8%
Spanish	522	2%	102	20%	163	31%	265	51%	166	32%	91	17%
Tagalog	351	1%	65	19%	114	32%	179	51%	148	42%	24	7%
Tamil	427	1%	89	21%	99	23%	188	44%	179	42%	60	14%
Thai	230	1%	63	27%	123	53%	186	81%	44	19%	0	0%
Vietnamese	1650	5%	423	26%	612	37%	1035	63%	470	28%	145	9%
Not stated, etc	5294	17%	1894	36%	1118	21%	3012	57%	911	17%	1371	26%

Country of Birth of residents in the City of Whitehorse³

- People from over 140 countries have settled in the City of Whitehorse.
- The largest number of people born outside of Australia or England were born in China 3473, followed by Greece 2240, Italy 2207, Malaysia 2094, Vietnam 2027, New Zealand 1911 and Hong Kong 1511.
- 31% (44233) of the total population were born outside of Australia and 28% (39111) 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 70% (258) of the population over 60 years of age. Other communities with more than 50% of its population aged 60 years or more were born in Italy 58% (1274) and in the Netherlands (56%) 377. 19% (18494) 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 (1992), Italy (1274), Greece (1104) and China (695).
- Within the largest 30 communities the youngest community is the Thai born community where 84% (278) of the population is aged under 40 years. Other communities with 60% or of their population aged less than 40 years of age are: Taiwanese 73% (287), Indonesian 69% (369), Hong Kong 63% (956) 59% (57336) of the Australian born population is aged less than 40 years. The largest number of people aged under 40 years were born in China (1741), England (1251) and Malaysia (1064).

³All figures are sourced from the ABS Census 2001

Table 2 Top 30 Country of Births in the City of Whitehorse⁴

	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	27911	29%	29425	30%	57336	59%	21772	22%	18494	19%	97602
Cambodia	45	8%	241	43%	286	50%	223	39%	58	10%	567
China	542	16%	1199	35%	1741	50%	1037	30%	695	20%	3473
Croatia	7	2%	43	14%	50	16%	117	38%	138	45%	305
Cyprus	6	2%	51	16%	57	17%	137	42%	133	41%	327
Egypt	16	4%	40	10%	56	15%	168	44%	162	42%	386
England	224	4%	1027	20%	1251	24%	1879	37%	1992	39%	5122
Germany	41	4%	93	10%	134	14%	366	40%	426	46%	926
Greece	20	1%	194	9%	214	10%	922	41%	1104	49%	2240
Hong Kong	275	18%	681	45%	956	63%	439	29%	116	8%	1511
Hungary	3	1%	16	4%	19	5%	94	25%	258	70%	371
India	161	13%	497	39%	658	51%	408	32%	221	17%	1287
Indonesia	115	21%	254	47%	369	69%	106	20%	60	11%	535
Iran	62	21%	113	38%	175	58%	91	30%	35	12%	301
Ireland	11	3%	87	22%	98	25%	125	32%	166	43%	389
Italy	13	1%	112	5%	125	6%	808	37%	1274	58%	2207
Malaysia	242	12%	822	39%	1064	51%	829	40%	201	10%	2094
Netherlands	7	1%	43	6%	50	7%	250	37%	377	56%	677
New Zealand	334	17%	718	38%	1052	55%	645	34%	214	11%	1911
Philippines	90	18%	189	37%	279	55%	194	38%	32	6%	505
Poland	30	5%	86	16%	116	21%	215	39%	222	40%	553
Scotland	19	2%	137	13%	156	15%	386	38%	487	47%	1029
Singapore	72	15%	202	43%	274	58%	147	31%	51	11%	472
South Africa	100	17%	180	30%	280	47%	203	34%	115	19%	598
Sri Lanka	101	8%	326	27%	427	35%	505	41%	294	24%	1226
Taiwan	84	21%	203	52%	287	73%	102	26%	3	1%	392
Thailand	111	34%	167	51%	278	84%	49	15%	3	1%	330
USA	93	23%	146	37%	239	60%	113	28%	45	11%	397
Vietnam	79	4%	930	46%	1009	50%	798	39%	220	11%	2027
Yugoslavia	26	7%	61	15%	87	22%	140	35%	173	43%	400
Not Stated etc	2118		1381		3499		1148		1403		6050
Total	33547	24%	41344	29%	74891	53%	36357	26%	30587	22%	141835

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