

Languages spoken by residents in the City of Boroondara

- There is a total 159184 people living in the City of Boroondara. 73% (115986) of people speak English at home whilst 23% (37218) speak a language other than English at home. The number of people who do not speak English at home has risen by 19% (5831) since the ABS Census of 2006.
- One hundred and thirteen languages are spoken at home by people residing in Boroondara.
- The largest number of people speaking a language other than English speak Mandarin (7997) this is a 52% (2740) increase in the number of Mandarin speakers from the ABS Census of 2006. The number of people speaking the second largest language group (other than English), Greek has increased by 3% (162) to 5124. The third largest language group other than English is Cantonese where the number of people speaking Cantonese at home has increased by 0.4% (18) since the last census in 2006. Across the Eastern Region the number of people speaking Cantonese at home increased 10% from 31867 in 2006 to 35001 in 2011 Census.
- The Sinhalese speaking community in the City of Boroondara has increased since the ABS Census of 2006 by 41% (162) to 555 people. The Hindi speaking community has increased by 24% (213) to 1118 people. The number of people speaking other Indian languages has also increased, Punjabi by 18% (40) to 262 people, Malayalam by 106% (67) to 130 people, Bengali by 76% (62) to 144 people and Gujarati by 70% (423) to 1028 people. Other community where there was a significant increase in population between the 2006 Census and the 2011 Census include Vietnamese 36% (403) to 1515 people, Spanish 58% (248) to 674 people and Korean 49% (228) to 689 people.
- A number of the older communities in the City of Boroondara who primarily settled in the 1950's and 1960's have seen a decrease in the populations between the 2006 and 2011 Census. For example the Hungarian speaking community decreased by 12% (31) and the Polish community by 3% (12) to 379 people.
- Across the region 24% (241729) of the population is 19 years of age or less. In Boroondara 26% (30524) of the English speaking and 20% (7589) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged 19 years or less. Twenty seven percent (2143) of the Mandarin, 21% of the Cantonese (1004), 31% of the Italian (983) and 7% (355) of the Greek speaking communities are aged 18 years or less.
- Across the region 14% (139301) of the population is aged between 20 and 29 years. In the City of Boroondara 15% (24298) of the community is in this age group. In the larger communities 25% (1980) of the Mandarin speaking community is in this age group, 15% (706) of the Cantonese, 57%(590) of the Gujarati, 42% (468) of the Hindi and 26% (387) of the Vietnamese speaking communities are in this age cohort.
- Across the region 31% (77905) of people who speak a language other than English at home and 25% (184171) of the English speaking population are aged between 30 and 49 years. In the larger communities including the Mandarin speaking community 29% (2338) of the community are in this age group, 33% (1706) of the Greek, 25% (1182) of the Cantonese, 28% (903) of the Italian and 29% (440) of the Vietnamese speaking community are aged between 30 and 49 years. In the Eastern Region 27% (270070) of the population is in this age group and in the City of Boroondara 27% (42327) is aged between 30 and 49 years.

- Across the City of Boroondara 11% (17222) of all people are aged 70 years or greater and 22% (3840) of the population is in this age group speak a language other than English at home. 21% (1088) Greek speaking community is in this age group, 30% (953) of the Italian, 8% (399) of the Cantonese, 3% (249) of the Mandarin speaking community are aged 70 years or greater. Across the region 11% (108507) of the population are in this age group and 25% (27147) of all people in this age cohort speak a language other than English at home.

Table 1: Languages Spoken in the City of Boroondara – ABS Census 2001, 2006 and 2011

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Afrikaans	55	77	83	50.91%
Arabic (incl. Lebanese)	412	447	609	47.82%
Bengali	76	82	144	89.47%
Cantonese	4192	4,769	4,787	14.19%
Chinese, nfd	279	251	437	56.63%
Croatian	258	243	234	-9.30%
Czech	99	71	70	-29.29%
English	117411	115,810	115,986	-1.21%
French	454	578	765	68.50%
German	722	693	638	-11.63%
Greek	4817	4,962	5,124	6.37%
Gujarati	186	605	1,028	452.69%
Hebrew	131	120	124	-5.34%
Hindi	543	905	1,118	105.89%
Hungarian	326	266	235	-27.91%
Indonesian	791	638	646	-18.33%

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Japanese	423	449	532	25.77%
Korean	331	461	690	108.46%
Latvian	124	123	112	-9.68%
Lithuanian	94	59	67	-28.72%
Macedonian	249	254	237	-4.82%
Malay	111	119	111	0.00%
Malayalam	30	63	130	333.33%
Mandarin	3512	5,257	7,997	127.71%
Marathi	33	83	138	
Netherlandic	166	187	0	
Persian	232	246	418	80.17%
Polish	453	391	379	-16.34%
Portuguese	74	73	118	59.46%
Punjabi	138	222	262	89.86%
Romanian	45	74	64	42.22%
Russian	242	195	260	7.44%
Serbian	232	202	199	-14.22%
Slovene	83	67	72	-13.25%

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Spanish	306	426	674	120.26%
Swedish	71	62	85	19.72%
Tagalog (Filipino)	184	188	151	-17.93%
Tamil	228	303	405	77.63%
Telugu	55	88	140	154.55%
Thai	329	375	395	20.06%
Turkish	123	153	162	31.71%
Ukrainian	85	76	62	-27.06%
Urdu	78	141	165	111.54%
Vietnamese	740	1,112	1,515	104.73%
Other languages	1193	1350	1827	53.14%
Inadequately described	164	56	43	-73.78%
Non-verbal so described	105	231	164	56.19%
Auslan	16	35	29	81.25%
Not stated	6469	7032	5741	-11.25%
Total	151261	154,448	159,184	5.24%

Source: ABS Census 2011 (ABS advise that no reliance should be placed on small cells and that cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data)

Table 2: Top 50 Languages Spoken in the City of Boroondara by Age

	0-4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80 yrs+	Total
Afrikaans	0	3	9	12	14	22	19	0	4	0	83
Arabic	19	26	75	180	84	99	57	31	23	15	609
Bengali	13	7	11	64	30	11	4	4	0	0	144
Cantonese	123	135	725	706	515	815	863	506	277	122	4787
Chinese, nfd	7	9	94	140	36	68	55	15	8	5	437
Croatian	7	16	10	24	28	30	27	36	28	28	234
Czech	0	3	3	3	14	5	11	14	3	14	70
Dutch	26	19	18	24	39	38	17	28	13	15	237
English	6358	7675	16491	15833	12875	16543	15929	11732	6107	6443	115986
Filipino	3	3	4	16	18	23	17	6	3	0	93
French	51	69	130	114	112	126	76	49	18	20	765
German	39	30	61	49	71	105	64	70	62	87	638
Greek	170	319	515	298	475	1231	536	492	726	362	5124
Gujarati	49	32	26	590	234	48	25	11	13	0	1028
Hakka	5	0	4	12	14	15	22	0	8	10	90
Hebrew	4	15	20	10	19	26	16	11	0	3	124
Hindi	40	49	74	468	255	112	73	25	16	6	1118
Hungarian	7	8	11	13	17	28	23	36	30	62	235
Indonesian	30	27	68	231	138	62	48	29	5	8	646
Italian	68	98	189	146	259	644	432	396	535	418	3185
Japanese	36	48	75	64	102	111	41	37	14	4	532
Kannada	5	4	14	11	14	14	4	0	0	0	66
Korean	41	40	150	133	140	136	30	15	4	0	689
Latvian	3	9	6	6	3	21	16	23	14	11	112
Macedonian	3	3	13	22	25	46	47	33	28	17	237
Malay	0	0	21	29	18	21	15	7	0	0	111

	0-4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80 yrs+	Total
Malayalam	3	7	10	45	32	22	8	3	0	0	130
Mandarin	310	383	1450	1980	949	1389	934	353	180	69	7997
Marathi	9	0	3	69	37	15	5	0	0	0	138
Min Nan	0	3	15	46	33	55	67	74	25	11	329
Persian	19	17	30	107	102	57	37	30	16	3	418
Polish	8	8	18	44	30	34	96	53	34	54	379
Portuguese	4	7	11	28	38	17	8	0	0	5	118
Punjabi	7	7	10	98	51	16	24	34	0	15	262
Romanian	3	0	4	9	12	8	10	8	5	5	64
Russian	18	12	18	43	41	49	30	19	16	14	260
Serbian	3	8	36	15	19	54	29	15	16	4	199
Sinhalese	15	11	63	173	101	80	51	33	21	7	555
Slovene	0	3	0	0	7	3	8	3	28	20	72
Southern Asian Language, nfd	3	7	7	26	15	9	0	0	5	0	72
Spanish	48	30	67	126	168	95	60	38	24	18	674
Swedish	13	17	10	19	15	7	4	0	0	0	85
Tagalog	0	9	15	23	37	35	21	7	0	4	151
Tamil	15	15	27	104	77	56	54	31	22	4	405
Telugu	5	10	15	45	43	14	3	5	0	0	140
Thai	10	12	45	125	130	43	25	5	0	0	395
Turkish	4	8	26	25	24	37	23	10	0	5	162
Urdu	12	5	9	73	36	15	11	0	4	0	165
Vietnamese	61	84	228	387	204	236	194	73	25	23	1515
Wu	0	0	24	17	4	16	21	0	4	0	86
Other languages	31	48	89	256	180	144	98	92	57	58	1053

	0-4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80 yrs+	Total
Not stated	309	225	594	1178	739	725	642	497	357	475	5741
Auslan Inadequately described Non verbal	153	3	17	39	11	12	4	0	0	0	239
Total	8170	9586	21658	24298	18684	23643	20934	14989	8778	8444	159184
% of population who speak a language other than English	17%	18%	21%	30%	27%	27%	21%	18%	26%	18%	23%
% of population in this age group	5%	6%	14%	15%	12%	15%	13%	9%	6%	5%	

Source: ABS Census 2011 (ABS advise that no reliance should be placed on small cells and that cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data)

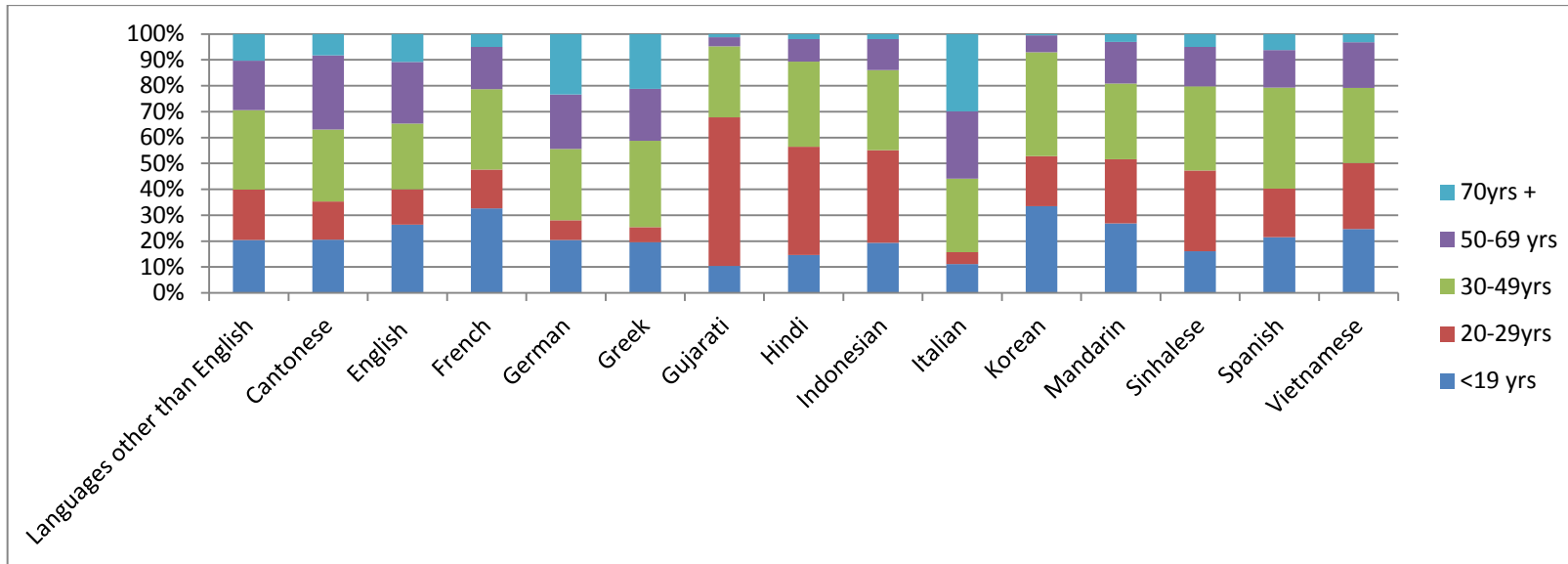
Table 3: Percentage of Language Group within Age Cohorts for the Top 50 Languages Spoken in the City of Boroondara

	0-4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80 yrs+
Afrikaans	0.00%	3.61%	10.84%	14.46%	16.87%	26.51%	22.89%	0.00%	4.82%	0.00%
Arabic	3.12%	4.27%	12.32%	29.56%	13.79%	16.26%	9.36%	5.09%	3.78%	2.46%
Bengali	9.03%	4.86%	7.64%	44.44%	20.83%	7.64%	2.78%	2.78%	0.00%	0.00%
Cantonese	2.57%	2.82%	15.15%	14.75%	10.76%	17.03%	18.03%	10.57%	5.79%	2.55%
Chinese, nfd	1.60%	2.06%	21.51%	32.04%	8.24%	15.56%	12.59%	3.43%	1.83%	1.14%
Croatian	2.99%	6.84%	4.27%	10.26%	11.97%	12.82%	11.54%	15.38%	11.97%	11.97%
Czech	0.00%	4.29%	4.29%	4.29%	20.00%	7.14%	15.71%	20.00%	4.29%	20.00%
Dutch	10.97%	8.02%	7.59%	10.13%	16.46%	16.03%	7.17%	11.81%	5.49%	6.33%
English	5.48%	6.62%	14.22%	13.65%	11.10%	14.26%	13.73%	10.12%	5.27%	5.55%
Filipino	3.23%	3.23%	4.30%	17.20%	19.35%	24.73%	18.28%	6.45%	3.23%	0.00%
French	6.67%	9.02%	16.99%	14.90%	14.64%	16.47%	9.93%	6.41%	2.35%	2.61%
German	6.11%	4.70%	9.56%	7.68%	11.13%	16.46%	10.03%	10.97%	9.72%	13.64%
Greek	3.32%	6.23%	10.05%	5.82%	9.27%	24.02%	10.46%	9.60%	14.17%	7.06%
Gujarati	4.77%	3.11%	2.53%	57.39%	22.76%	4.67%	2.43%	1.07%	1.26%	0.00%
Hakka	5.56%	0.00%	4.44%	13.33%	15.56%	16.67%	24.44%	0.00%	8.89%	11.11%
Hebrew	3.23%	12.10%	16.13%	8.06%	15.32%	20.97%	12.90%	8.87%	0.00%	2.42%
Hindi	3.58%	4.38%	6.62%	41.86%	22.81%	10.02%	6.53%	2.24%	1.43%	0.54%
Hungarian	2.98%	3.40%	4.68%	5.53%	7.23%	11.91%	9.79%	15.32%	12.77%	26.38%
Indonesian	4.64%	4.18%	10.53%	35.76%	21.36%	9.60%	7.43%	4.49%	0.77%	1.24%
Italian	2.14%	3.08%	5.93%	4.58%	8.13%	20.22%	13.56%	12.43%	16.80%	13.12%
Japanese	6.77%	9.02%	14.10%	12.03%	19.17%	20.86%	7.71%	6.95%	2.63%	0.75%
Kannada	7.58%	6.06%	21.21%	16.67%	21.21%	21.21%	6.06%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Korean	5.95%	5.81%	21.77%	19.30%	20.32%	19.74%	4.35%	2.18%	0.58%	0.00%
Latvian	2.68%	8.04%	5.36%	5.36%	2.68%	18.75%	14.29%	20.54%	12.50%	9.82%
Macedonian	1.27%	1.27%	5.49%	9.28%	10.55%	19.41%	19.83%	13.92%	11.81%	7.17%
Malay	0.00%	0.00%	18.92%	26.13%	16.22%	18.92%	13.51%	6.31%	0.00%	0.00%
Malayalam	2.31%	5.38%	7.69%	34.62%	24.62%	16.92%	6.15%	2.31%	0.00%	0.00%
Mandarin	3.88%	4.79%	18.13%	24.76%	11.87%	17.37%	11.68%	4.41%	2.25%	0.86%
Marathi	6.52%	0.00%	2.17%	50.00%	26.81%	10.87%	3.62%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Min Nan	0.00%	0.91%	4.56%	13.98%	10.03%	16.72%	20.36%	22.49%	7.60%	3.34%
Persian	4.55%	4.07%	7.18%	25.60%	24.40%	13.64%	8.85%	7.18%	3.83%	0.72%
Polish	2.11%	2.11%	4.75%	11.61%	7.92%	8.97%	25.33%	13.98%	8.97%	14.25%
Portuguese	3.39%	5.93%	9.32%	23.73%	32.20%	14.41%	6.78%	0.00%	0.00%	4.24%
Punjabi	2.67%	2.67%	3.82%	37.40%	19.47%	6.11%	9.16%	12.98%	0.00%	5.73%
Romanian	4.69%	0.00%	6.25%	14.06%	18.75%	12.50%	15.63%	12.50%	7.81%	7.81%

	0-4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80 yrs+
Russian	6.92%	4.62%	6.92%	16.54%	15.77%	18.85%	11.54%	7.31%	6.15%	5.38%
Serbian	1.51%	4.02%	18.09%	7.54%	9.55%	27.14%	14.57%	7.54%	8.04%	2.01%
Sinhalese	2.70%	1.98%	11.35%	31.17%	18.20%	14.41%	9.19%	5.95%	3.78%	1.26%
Slovene	0.00%	4.17%	0.00%	0.00%	9.72%	4.17%	11.11%	4.17%	38.89%	27.78%
Southern Asian Language, nfd	4.17%	9.72%	9.72%	36.11%	20.83%	12.50%	0.00%	0.00%	6.94%	0.00%
Spanish	7.12%	4.45%	9.94%	18.69%	24.93%	14.09%	8.90%	5.64%	3.56%	2.67%
Swedish	15.29%	20.00%	11.76%	22.35%	17.65%	8.24%	4.71%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Tagalog	0.00%	5.96%	9.93%	15.23%	24.50%	23.18%	13.91%	4.64%	0.00%	2.65%
Tamil	3.70%	3.70%	6.67%	25.68%	19.01%	13.83%	13.33%	7.65%	5.43%	0.99%
Telugu	3.57%	7.14%	10.71%	32.14%	30.71%	10.00%	2.14%	3.57%	0.00%	0.00%
Thai	2.53%	3.04%	11.39%	31.65%	32.91%	10.89%	6.33%	1.27%	0.00%	0.00%
Turkish	2.47%	4.94%	16.05%	15.43%	14.81%	22.84%	14.20%	6.17%	0.00%	3.09%
Urdu	7.27%	3.03%	5.45%	44.24%	21.82%	9.09%	6.67%	0.00%	2.42%	0.00%
Vietnamese	4.03%	5.54%	15.05%	25.54%	13.47%	15.58%	12.81%	4.82%	1.65%	1.52%
Wu	0.00%	0.00%	27.91%	19.77%	4.65%	18.60%	24.42%	0.00%	4.65%	0.00%
Other languages	2.94%	4.56%	8.45%	24.31%	17.09%	13.68%	9.31%	8.74%	5.41%	5.51%
Not stated	5.38%	3.92%	10.35%	20.52%	12.87%	12.63%	11.18%	8.66%	6.22%	8.27%
Auslan Inadequately described Not stated	64.02%	1.26%	7.11%	16.32%	4.60%	5.02%	1.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total	8170	9586	21658	24298	18684	23643	20934	14989	8778	8444
% of population who speak a language other than English	17%	18%	21%	30%	27%	27%	21%	18%	26%	18%

Source: ABS Census 2011 (ABS advise that no reliance should be placed on small cells and that cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data)

The largest 15 language groups by the percentage of the community by age cohort percentage in the City of Boroondara



Thirty four percent (231) of the Korean speaking community are aged 19 years or less. Twenty six percent (30524) of the English speaking and 20% (7589) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged 19 years or less. Twenty four percent (241729) of the total regional population is aged 19 years or less. Twenty seven percent (2143) of the Mandarin, 21% of the Cantonese (983), 11% of the Italian (355) and 20% (1004) of the Greek speaking communities are aged 19 years or less. In some smaller communities the percentage of the population in this age cohort is significantly larger. Across the City of Boroondara 25% (39414) of the population are aged 19 years or less and 19% (7589) of all people in this age group speak a language other than English at home.

Across the City of Boroondara 14% of the English speaking (15833) and 19% (7248) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged between 20 and 29 years of age. Twenty five percent (1980) of the Mandarin speaking community is in this age group, 30% (180) of the Arabic, 15% (706) Cantonese, 5% (146) of the Italian and 6% (298) of the Greek speaking communities are in this age cohort. In the Eastern Region 14% (139301) of the population are aged between 20 and 29 years and in the City of Boroondara 15% (24298) of the community is in this age group.

Twenty five percent (29418) of people who speak English at home and 31% (11422) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged between 30 and 49 years. In the Mandarin speaking community 29% (2338) of the community is in this age group, 33% (1706) of the Greek, 28% (1330) of the Cantonese, 30% (183) of the Arabic and 28% (903) of the Italian speaking communities are aged between 30 and 49 years. In the Eastern Region 27% (270070) of the population is in this age group and in the City of Boroondara 27% (42327) of people are aged between 30 and 49 years.

Across the City of Boroondara 11% (17222) of all people are aged 70 years or greater and 22% (3840) of the population in this age group speak a language other than English at home. Sixty seven percent (48) of the Slovene speaking community is in this age group, 39% (92) of the Hungarian, 38% (20) of the Maltese, 30% (953) of the Italian and 23% (149) of the German speaking communities are aged 70 years or greater. Across the region 11% (108507) of the population are in this age group and 25% (27147) of all people in this age cohort speak a language other than English at home.