Languages spoken by residents in the City of Knox

- There is a total 149301 people living in the City of Knox. 76% (114025) of people speak English at home whilst 21% (31227) speak a language other than English at home. The number of people who do not speak English at home has risen by 22% (5574) since the ABS Census of 2006.
- One hundred and twelve languages are spoken at home by people residing in Knox.
- The largest number of people speaking a language other than English speak Cantonese (4060) this is a 16% (566) increase in the number of Cantonese speakers from the ABS Census of 2006. The number of people speaking the second largest language group (other than English), Mandarin has increased by 88% (1795) to 3833. The third largest language group other than English is Italian where the number of people speaking Italian at home has decreased by 8% (167) since the last census in 2006. Across the Eastern Region the number of people speaking Italian at home decreased 8% from 22301 in 2006 to 20499 in 2011 Census.
- The Sinhalese speaking community in the City of Knox has increased since the ABS Census of 2006 by 61% (579) to 1523 people. The Hindi speaking community has increased by 51% (339) to 1009 people. The number of people speaking other Indian languages has also increased, Punjabi by 59% (211) to 569 people, Malayalam by 170% (179) to 284 people, Bengali by 15% (18) to 142 people and Gujarati by 406% (329) to 410 people. Other communities where there was a significant increase in population between the 2006 Census and the 2011 Census include Korean 118% (165) to 305 people, Indonesian 68% (174) to 431 people and Russian 46% (65) to 206 people.
- A number of the older communities in the City of Knox who primarily settled in the 1950's and 1960's have seen a decrease in their populations between the 2006 and 2011 Census. For example the Dutch speaking community decreased by 15% (73) and the Polish community by 5% (33).
- Across the region 24% (241729) of the population is 19 years of age or less. Twenty seven percent (31001) of the English speaking and 21% (6426) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged 19 years or less. Twenty seven percent (1016) of the Mandarin, 21% of the Cantonese (865), 10% of the Italian (205) and 20% (396) of the Greek speaking communities are aged 19 years or less.
- Across the region 14% (139301) of the population is aged between 20 and 29 years. In the City of Knox 13% (19586) of the community is in this age group. In the larger communities 14% (533) of the Mandarin speaking community is in this age group, 13% (536) of the Cantonese, 14%(209) of the Sinhalese and 15% (174) of the Arabic speaking communities are in this age cohort.
- Thirty three percent (10356) of people who speak a language other than English at home and 27% (30981) of the English speaking population are aged between 30 and 49 years. In the larger communities including the Mandarin speaking community 38% (1451) of the community are in this age group, 37% (739) of the Greek, 30% (1225) of the Cantonese, 32% (649) of the Italian and 36% (547) of the Sinhalese 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 Knox 28% (42334) is aged between 30 and 49 years.

• Across the City of Knox 9% (12866) of all people are aged 70 years or greater and 23% (3022) of the population is in this age group speak a language other than English at home. Ninety percent (118) of the Latvian speaking community is in this age group, 52% (216) of the Dutch, 53% (668) of the German and 38% (184) of the Hungarian 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.

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

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Afrikaans	111	163	247	122.52%
Arabic (incl. Lebanese)	951	1,125	1,165	22.50%
Armenian	239	208	228	-4.60%
Bengali	42	124	142	238.10%
Bosnian	93	64	64	-31.18%
Cantonese	3,220	3,494	4,060	26.09%
Chinese, nfd	230	104	162	-29.57%
Croatian	427	391	355	-16.86%
Dari		189	195	
Czech	82	69	60	-26.83%
Dutch	613	491	418	-31.81%
English	115,461	116,142	114,025	-1.24%
French	355	331	369	3.94%
German	1,480	1,294	1,260	-14.86%
Greek	1,931	1,998	1,984	2.74%
Gujarati	40	81	410	

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Hakka	103	98	105	1.94%
Hindi	442	670	1,009	128.28%
Hungarian	563	492	483	-14.21%
Indonesian	166	257	431	159.64%
Italian	2,398	2,212	2,045	-14.72%
Japanese	71	125	157	121.13%
Khmer	349	424	442	26.65%
Korean	42	140	305	
Lao	167	165	155	-7.19%
Latvian	135	139	132	-2.22%
Macedonian	145	136	152	4.83%
Malay	81	63	142	75.31%
Malayalam	33	105	284	
Maltese	117	110	105	-10.26%
Mandarin	1,347	2,038	3,833	184.56%
Marathi	31	68	151	
Pashto	69	64	95	37.68%

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Persian	307	523	458	49.19%
Polish	742	701	668	-9.97%
Punjabi	295	358	569	92.88%
Romanian	158	185	172	8.86%
Russian	103	141	206	100.00%
Serbian	371	347	329	-11.32%
Sinhalese	612	944	1,523	148.86%
Slovak	42	36	28	-33.33%
Slovene	54	54	55	1.85%
Southern Asian, nfd	97	78	81	-16.49%
Spanish	632	654	706	11.71%
Tagalog (Filipino)	631	731	502	-20.44%
Tamil	455	739	1,011	122.20%
Telugu	55	99	140	154.55%
Thai	79	131	200	153.16%
Turkish	212	190	170	-19.81%
Urdu	96	98	206	114.58%

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Other languages	1103	1217	1890	72.29%
Auslan	40	68	95	137.50%
Inadequately described	262	52	65	-75.19%
Non-verbal so described	91	203	175	92.31%
Not stated	4,527	4,618	3712	-18.00%
Total	143,287	146,743	149,301	4.20%

Source: ABS Census 2011

Table 2: Top 50 Languages Spoken in the City of Knox 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	4	6	37	29	44	54	43	22	4	4	247
Arabic	51	62	178	174	156	175	180	125	42	22	1165
Armenian	16	3	34	27	22	43	37	21	18	7	228
Bengali	9	13	20	23	23	23	25	6	0	0	142
Cantonese	158	158	549	536	528	697	839	384	132	79	4060
Chinese, nfd	5	9	29	20	25	38	24	3	5	4	162
Croatian	7	4	23	33	47	47	79	76	34	5	355
Dari	8	13	41	53	16	25	29	10	0	0	195
Dutch	4	4	6	13	16	31	47	81	114	102	418
English	7119	7254	16628	15387	14396	16585	15815	11563	5675	3603	114025
Filipino	10	14	41	42	71	89	85	42	16	8	418
French	11	11	35	29	31	57	85	61	34	15	369
German	18	13	55	47	52	96	127	184	329	339	1260
Greek	76	96	224	193	340	399	267	211	127	51	1984
Gujarati	41	43	32	76	147	24	18	16	9	4	410
Hakka	6	5	8	11	17	16	20	12	5	5	105
Hindi	34	59	135	130	242	191	126	49	37	6	1009

	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
Hungarian	16	4	14	24	31	54	74	82	87	97	483
Indonesian	30	43	44	49	119	69	38	30	9	0	431
Italian	35	59	111	112	217	432	349	305	290	135	2045
Japanese	25	17	13	16	36	32	6	8	4	0	157
Khmer	26	26	39	68	102	74	68	29	10	0	442
Korean	36	37	44	20	80	54	24	6	4	0	305
Lao	4	0	13	26	28	34	32	8	10	0	155
Latvian	0	0	4	0	0	4	3	3	20	98	132
Macedonian	8	9	9	9	42	20	31	14	6	4	152
Malayalam	26	33	35	28	74	60	20	8	0	0	284
Maltese	0	0	3	0	6	18	28	22	20	8	105
Mandarin	258	256	502	533	749	702	462	231	103	37	3833
Marathi	14	10	20	17	49	34	7	0	0	0	151
Nepali	10	8	25	23	32	23	4	3	3	0	131
Pashto	9	11	21	14	20	14	3	0	3	0	95
Persian	25	16	56	89	72	88	59	35	12	6	458
Polish	8	21	55	72	74	72	174	108	23	61	668
Portuguese	7	3	11	16	17	23	6	11	0	0	94

	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
Punjabi	40	31	65	110	115	82	70	27	25	4	569
Romanian	12	4	18	20	23	30	38	11	11	5	172
Russian	14	15	20	26	48	37	32	8	6	0	206
Serbian	17	9	29	50	44	46	66	37	23	8	329
Sinhalese	65	81	201	209	264	283	266	106	29	19	1523
Spanish	14	41	59	91	113	110	112	113	42	11	706
Tagalog	14	19	53	57	82	117	92	50	13	5	502
Tamil	48	54	130	118	162	207	160	92	30	10	1011
Telugu	6	13	19	16	32	31	20	3	0	0	140
Thai	5	16	30	15	51	46	24	13	0	0	200
Turkish	4	3	16	22	20	34	25	30	11	5	170
Urdu	19	17	31	33	47	25	18	12	4	0	206
Vietnamese	60	83	179	124	167	226	137	43	9	11	1039
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	4	3	8	11	18	14	10	10	3	0	81
Tongan	0	6	28	8	7	7	5	4	0	0	65
Other languages	32	66	198	225	223	306	308	171	100	31	1555
Not stated	292	191	401	481	445	493	455	393	294	267	3712

	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
Auslan Inadequately described Non verbal	162	17	31	31	36	25	19	11	5	0	337
Total	8922	8989	20610	19586	19818	22516	21091	14903	7790	5076	149301
% of population who speak a language other than English	15%	17%	17%	19%	25%	24%	23%	20%	23%	24%	21%
% of population in this age group	6%	6%	14%	13%	13%	15%	14%	10%	5%	3%	

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 Knox

	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	1.62%	2.43%	14.98%	11.74%	17.81%	21.86%	17.41%	8.91%	1.62%	1.62%
Arabic	4.38%	5.32%	15.28%	14.94%	13.39%	15.02%	15.45%	10.73%	3.61%	1.89%
Armenian	7.02%	1.32%	14.91%	11.84%	9.65%	18.86%	16.23%	9.21%	7.89%	3.07%
Bengali	6.34%	9.15%	14.08%	16.20%	16.20%	16.20%	17.61%	4.23%	0.00%	0.00%
Cantonese	3.89%	3.89%	13.52%	13.20%	13.00%	17.17%	20.67%	9.46%	3.25%	1.95%
Chinese, nfd	3.09%	5.56%	17.90%	12.35%	15.43%	23.46%	14.81%	1.85%	3.09%	2.47%
Croation	1.97%	1.13%	6.48%	9.30%	13.24%	13.24%	22.25%	21.41%	9.58%	1.41%
Dari	4.10%	6.67%	21.03%	27.18%	8.21%	12.82%	14.87%	5.13%	0.00%	0.00%
Dutch	0.96%	0.96%	1.44%	3.11%	3.83%	7.42%	11.24%	19.38%	27.27%	24.40%
English	6.24%	6.36%	14.58%	13.49%	12.63%	14.55%	13.87%	10.14%	4.98%	3.16%
Filipino	2.39%	3.35%	9.81%	10.05%	16.99%	21.29%	20.33%	10.05%	3.83%	1.91%
French	2.98%	2.98%	9.49%	7.86%	8.40%	15.45%	23.04%	16.53%	9.21%	4.07%
German	1.43%	1.03%	4.37%	3.73%	4.13%	7.62%	10.08%	14.60%	26.11%	26.90%
Greek	3.83%	4.84%	11.29%	9.73%	17.14%	20.11%	13.46%	10.64%	6.40%	2.57%
Gujarati	10.00%	10.49%	7.80%	18.54%	35.85%	5.85%	4.39%	3.90%	2.20%	0.98%
Hakka	5.71%	4.76%	7.62%	10.48%	16.19%	15.24%	19.05%	11.43%	4.76%	4.76%
Hindi	3.37%	5.85%	13.38%	12.88%	23.98%	18.93%	12.49%	4.86%	3.67%	0.59%

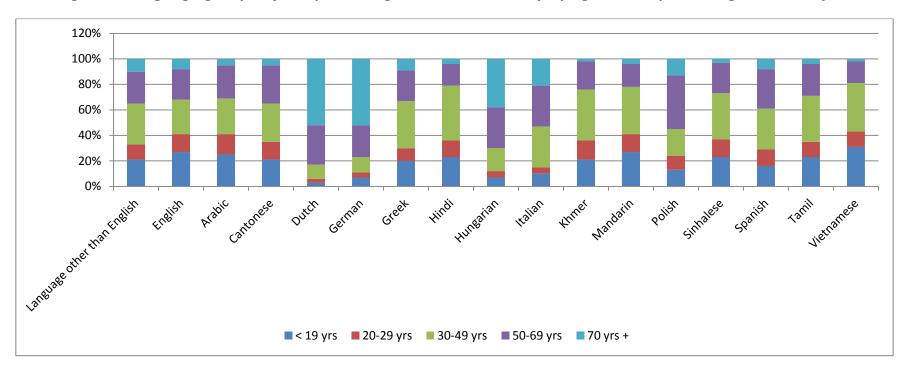
	0-4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80 yrs+
Hungarian	3.31%	0.83%	2.90%	4.97%	6.42%	11.18%	15.32%	16.98%	18.01%	20.08%
Indonesian	6.96%	9.98%	10.21%	11.37%	27.61%	16.01%	8.82%	6.96%	2.09%	0.00%
Italian	1.71%	2.89%	5.43%	5.48%	10.61%	21.12%	17.07%	14.91%	14.18%	6.60%
Japanese	15.92%	10.83%	8.28%	10.19%	22.93%	20.38%	3.82%	5.10%	2.55%	0.00%
Khmer	5.88%	5.88%	8.82%	15.38%	23.08%	16.74%	15.38%	6.56%	2.26%	0.00%
Korean	11.80%	12.13%	14.43%	6.56%	26.23%	17.70%	7.87%	1.97%	1.31%	0.00%
Lao	2.58%	0.00%	8.39%	16.77%	18.06%	21.94%	20.65%	5.16%	6.45%	0.00%
Latvian	0.00%	0.00%	3.03%	0.00%	0.00%	3.03%	2.27%	2.27%	15.15%	74.24%
Macedonian	5.26%	5.92%	5.92%	5.92%	27.63%	13.16%	20.39%	9.21%	3.95%	2.63%
Malayalam	9.15%	11.62%	12.32%	9.86%	26.06%	21.13%	7.04%	2.82%	0.00%	0.00%
Maltese	0.00%	0.00%	2.86%	0.00%	5.71%	17.14%	26.67%	20.95%	19.05%	7.62%
Mandarin	6.73%	6.68%	13.10%	13.91%	19.54%	18.31%	12.05%	6.03%	2.69%	0.97%
Marathi	9.27%	6.62%	13.25%	11.26%	32.45%	22.52%	4.64%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Nepali	7.63%	6.11%	19.08%	17.56%	24.43%	17.56%	3.05%	2.29%	2.29%	0.00%
Pashto	9.47%	11.58%	22.11%	14.74%	21.05%	14.74%	3.16%	0.00%	3.16%	0.00%
Persian	5.46%	3.49%	12.23%	19.43%	15.72%	19.21%	12.88%	7.64%	2.62%	1.31%
Polish	1.20%	3.14%	8.23%	10.78%	11.08%	10.78%	26.05%	16.17%	3.44%	9.13%
Portuguese	7.45%	3.19%	11.70%	17.02%	18.09%	24.47%	6.38%	11.70%	0.00%	0.00%

	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+
Punjabi	7.03%	5.45%	11.42%	19.33%	20.21%	14.41%	12.30%	4.75%	4.39%	0.70%
Romanian	6.98%	2.33%	10.47%	11.63%	13.37%	17.44%	22.09%	6.40%	6.40%	2.91%
Russian	6.80%	7.28%	9.71%	12.62%	23.30%	17.96%	15.53%	3.88%	2.91%	0.00%
Serbian	5.17%	2.74%	8.81%	15.20%	13.37%	13.98%	20.06%	11.25%	6.99%	2.43%
Sinhalese	4.27%	5.32%	13.20%	13.72%	17.33%	18.58%	17.47%	6.96%	1.90%	1.25%
Spanish	1.98%	5.81%	8.36%	12.89%	16.01%	15.58%	15.86%	16.01%	5.95%	1.56%
Tagalog	2.79%	3.78%	10.56%	11.35%	16.33%	23.31%	18.33%	9.96%	2.59%	1.00%
Tamil	4.75%	5.34%	12.86%	11.67%	16.02%	20.47%	15.83%	9.10%	2.97%	0.99%
Telugu	4.29%	9.29%	13.57%	11.43%	22.86%	22.14%	14.29%	2.14%	0.00%	0.00%
Thai	2.50%	8.00%	15.00%	7.50%	25.50%	23.00%	12.00%	6.50%	0.00%	0.00%
Turkish	2.35%	1.76%	9.41%	12.94%	11.76%	20.00%	14.71%	17.65%	6.47%	2.94%
Urdu	9.22%	8.25%	15.05%	16.02%	22.82%	12.14%	8.74%	5.83%	1.94%	0.00%
Vietnamese	5.77%	7.99%	17.23%	11.93%	16.07%	21.75%	13.19%	4.14%	0.87%	1.06%
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	4.94%	3.70%	9.88%	13.58%	22.22%	17.28%	12.35%	12.35%	3.70%	0.00%
Tongan	0.00%	9.23%	43.08%	12.31%	10.77%	10.77%	7.69%	6.15%	0.00%	0.00%
Other languages	2.06%	4.24%	12.73%	14.47%	14.34%	19.68%	19.81%	11.00%	6.43%	1.99%
Not stated	7.87%	5.15%	10.80%	12.96%	11.99%	13.28%	12.26%	10.59%	7.92%	7.19%

	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+
Auslan Inadequately described Non verbal	48.07%	5.04%	9.20%	9.20%	10.68%	7.42%	5.64%	3.26%	1.48%	0.00%
Total	8922	8989	20610	19586	19818	22516	21091	14903	7790	5076
% of population who speak a language other than English	15%	17%	17%	19%	25%	24%	23%	20%	23%	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)

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



Thirty eight percent (117) of the Korean speaking community are aged 19 years or less. Twenty seven percent (31001) of the English speaking and 21% (6426) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged 19 years or less. Twenty four percent (241739) of the total regional population is aged 19 years or less. Twenty seven percent (1016) of the Mandarin, 21% of the Cantonese (865), 31% of the Vietnamese (322) and 20% (396) of the Greek speaking communities are aged 19 years or less. Across the City of Knox 26% (38521) of the population are aged 19 years or less and 17% (6426) of all people in this age group speak a language other than English at home.

Across the City of Knox 13% of the English speaking (15387) and 12% (3687) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged between 20 and 29 years of age. Fourteen percent (533) of the Mandarin speaking community is in this age group, 15% (174) of the Arabic, 13% (536) Cantonese, 14%

(209) of the Sinhalese and 10% (193) 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 Knox 13% (19586) of the community is in this age group.

Twenty seven percent (30981) of people who speak English at home and 33% (10356) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged between 30 and 49 years. In the Mandarin speaking community 38% (1451) of the community is in this age group, 37% (739) of the Greek, 30% (1225) of the Cantonese, 28% (331) of the Arabic and 32% (649) 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 Knox 28% (42334) of people are aged between 30 and 49 years.

Across the City of Knox 9% (12866) of all people are aged 70 years or greater and 23% (3022) of the population in this age group speak a language other than English at home. Fifty three percent (668) of the German speaking community is in this age group, 89% (118) of the Latvian, 52% (216) of the Dutch, 38% (184) of the Hungarian and 21% (425) of the Italian 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.