

Languages spoken by residents in the City of Monash

- There is a total 169284 people living in the City of Monash. 52% (88164) of people speak English at home whilst 44% (74622) speak a language other than English at home. The number of people who do not speak English at home has increased by 21% (12903) since the ABS Census of 2006.
- One hundred and twenty four languages are spoken at home by people residing in Monash.
- The largest number of people speaking a language other than English speak Mandarin (15667) a 5757 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 decreased by 1% (74) to 10982. The third largest language group other than English is Cantonese where the number of people speaking Cantonese at home has increased by 6% (478) 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 Monash has increased since the ABS Census of 2006 by 58% (1369) to 3731 people. The Hindi speaking community has increased by 38% (560) to 2037 people. The number of people speaking other Indian languages has also increased, Punjabi by 152% (865) to 1434 people, Malayalam by 157% (354) to 580 people, Bengali by 36% (181) to 685 people and Gujarati by 126% (376) to 674 people. Other community where there was a significant increase in population between the 2006 Census and the 2011 Census include Korean 101% (1103) to 2194 people, Urdu 77% (189) to 436 people, Telugu 48% (177) to 544 people and Chinese, nfd 130% (517) to 914 people.
- A number of the older communities in the City of Monash 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 24% (115), the German community by 10% (88), the Italian by 10% (497) and the Armenian by 11% (75).
- Across the region 24% (241729) of the population is 19 years of age or less. In the city of Monash 24% (21262) of the English speaking and 19% (14418) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged 19 years or less. Twenty one percent (3291) of the Mandarin, 19% of the Cantonese (1579), 18% of the Greek (1924), 21% of the Sinhalese (796) and 31% (690) of the Korean 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 Monash 17% (29270) of the community is in this age group. In the larger communities 35% (5548) of the Mandarin speaking community is in this age group, 22% (1842) of the Cantonese, 7% (766) of the Greek, 25% (951) of the Sinhalese and 20% (522) of the Vietnamese speaking communities are in this age cohort.
- Thirty percent (22600) of people who speak a language other than English at home and 24% (20853) of the English speaking population are aged between 30 and 49 years. In the larger communities including the Mandarin speaking community 27% (4297) of the community are in this age group, 32% (3481) of the Greek, 26% (2211) of the Cantonese, 23% (1031) of the Italian and 36% (1331) 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 Monash 27% (44851) is aged between 30 and 49 years.

- Across the City of Monash 13% (21329) of all people are aged 70 years or greater and 34% (7216) of the population in this age group speak a language other than English at home. Fifty five percent (37) of the Latvian speaking community is in this age group, 38% (73) of the Dutch, 43% (324) of the German and 39% (139) 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 Monash – ABS Census 2001, 2006 and 2011

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Afrikaans	70	113	160	128.57%
Arabic	1016	1083	1219	19.98%
Armenian	721	681	607	-15.81%
Bengali	366	504	684	86.89%
Bosnian	84	92	109	29.76%
Cantonese	6435	7898	8376	30.16%
Chinese, nfd	404	397	914	126.24%
Croatian	718	541	552	-23.12%
Czech	120	99	71	-40.83%
Dutch	251	213	194	-22.71%
English	97712	91440	88164	-9.77%
French	691	695	772	11.72%
German	974	843	756	-22.38%
Greek	11863	11056	10982	-7.43%
Gujarati	144	298	674	368.06%
Hakka	119	142	150	26.05%
Hindi	919	1477	2037	121.65%
Hungarian	612	475	361	-41.01%
Indo-Aryan, nfd	59	136	8	-86.44%
Indonesian	990	1369	1577	59.29%
Italian	5512	4924	4427	-19.68%
Japanese	413	537	620	50.12%
Kannada	90	121	201	123.33%
Khmer	210	226	281	33.81%
Korean	631	1091	2194	247.70%
Macedonian	254	229	220	-13.39%
Malay	120	356	371	209.17%
Malayalam	101	226	580	474.26%

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Maltese	117	124	102	-12.82%
Mandarin	5458	9910	15667	187.05%
Marathi	100	142	318	218.00%
Persian	550	620	534	-2.91%
Polish	1120	1046	851	-24.02%
Portuguese	93	112	155	66.67%
Punjabi	218	569	1434	557.80%
Romanian	181	176	154	-14.92%
Russian	841	966	949	12.84%
Serbian	434	471	448	3.23%
Sinhalese	1475	2362	3371	128.54%
Southern Asian Language	154	165	150	-2.60%
Spanish	831	835	870	4.69%
Tagalog	535	600	400	-25.23%
Tamil	1375	1883	2247	63.42%
Telugu	266	367	544	104.51%
Thai	226	291	356	57.52%
Turkish	309	302	316	2.27%
Urdu	128	247	436	240.63%
Vietnamese	1705	2150	2582	51.44%
Other languages	2455	2570	3852	56.90%
Auslan	50	83	78	56.00%
Inadequately described	307	96	49	-84.04%
Non-verbal so described	132	292	251	90.15%
Not stated	5826	7600	5909	1.42%
Total	156,485	161,241	169,284	8.18%

Source: ABS Census 2011, 2006, 2011

Table 2: Top 50 Languages Spoken in the City of Monash 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	6	4	36	8	38	44	16	8	0	0	160
Arabic	72	66	143	240	188	127	153	139	53	38	1219
Armenian	8	19	66	67	60	84	80	116	78	29	607
Bengali	34	48	75	145	167	110	63	30	10	3	685
Cantonese	243	216	1120	1842	948	1263	1384	838	369	153	8376
Chinese, nfd	22	11	133	447	72	127	66	23	13	0	914
Croatian	4	8	31	43	54	75	72	114	117	34	552
Dari	4	10	32	40	16	25	20	3	3	3	156
Dutch	9	15	3	3	22	28	15	26	36	37	194
English	4824	5200	11238	11870	9628	11225	10941	10046	7443	5749	88164
Filipino	24	18	35	48	73	70	57	31	4	4	364
French	21	24	56	152	103	94	78	111	90	43	772
German	32	23	37	36	70	88	53	93	210	114	756
Greek	475	573	876	766	1503	1978	945	1695	1636	535	10982
Gujarati	39	35	56	213	205	66	32	23	5	0	674
Hakka	0	4	9	21	22	22	33	14	11	14	150

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Hebrew	19	9	14	22	40	15	15	8	0	0	142
Hindi	91	94	207	569	481	333	150	53	40	19	2037
Hungarian	5	8	19	14	29	35	46	66	74	65	361
Indonesian	115	79	240	426	371	171	76	69	26	4	1577
Italian	64	74	177	232	403	628	546	700	1004	599	4427
Japanese	70	69	75	61	134	110	54	30	13	4	620
Kannada	15	11	24	41	49	31	22	8	0	0	201
Khmer	11	7	33	27	61	73	40	19	6	4	281
Korean	157	151	382	391	517	376	151	48	21	0	2194
Macedonian	3	9	23	10	25	39	43	21	31	16	220
Malay	21	23	24	158	67	37	26	12	3	0	371
Malayalam	50	53	53	126	153	100	25	16	5	0	580
Mandarin	688	630	1973	5548	2114	2183	1528	558	333	112	15667
Marathi	22	32	41	38	72	83	20	7	3	0	318
Mauritian Creole	0	3	5	51	24	17	24	7	0	5	136
Min Nan	18	21	52	105	91	98	152	90	33	20	680
Nepali	3	3	13	63	40	14	7	0	0	0	143

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Persian	25	31	65	93	115	94	58	30	17	6	534
Polish	13	13	65	98	61	89	212	144	83	73	851
Portuguese	8	10	9	17	47	22	16	15	11	0	155
Punjabi	67	38	58	827	269	94	44	26	11	0	1434
Romanian	8	7	15	22	19	29	28	18	3	5	154
Russian	51	49	101	123	128	155	143	99	71	29	949
Serbian	22	23	47	50	68	67	70	57	32	12	448
Sinhalese	142	198	456	951	701	630	387	167	62	37	3731
Southern Asian Language, nfd	3	6	10	54	31	16	10	6	5	9	150
Spanish	56	41	78	106	182	132	84	121	47	23	870
Tagalog	9	16	55	41	80	86	81	22	7	3	400
Tamil	82	116	315	326	307	376	363	196	100	66	2247
Telugu	26	32	55	133	111	94	66	19	8	0	544
Thai	20	14	37	69	99	62	30	18	7	0	356
Turkish	12	7	28	46	51	50	56	35	23	8	316

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Urdu	33	21	43	152	100	49	19	15	4	0	436
Vietnamese	99	157	408	522	359	471	363	115	46	42	2582
Other languages	74	86	200	464	319	281	237	208	166	118	2160
Auslan/ Inadequately described/ non verbal	241	3	6	34	22	18	22	25	6	7	384
Not stated	521	238	583	1319	750	608	563	419	440	468	5909
Total	8681	8656	19935	29270	21659	23192	19785	16777	12819	8510	169284
% of population who speak a language other than English	36%	37%	41%	55%	52%	49%	42%	37%	38%	27%	44%
% of total population in this age group	5%	5%	12%	17%	13%	14%	12%	10%	8%	5%	

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

	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	3.75%	2.50%	22.50%	5.00%	23.75%	27.50%	10.00%	5.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Arabic	5.91%	5.41%	11.73%	19.69%	15.42%	10.42%	12.55%	11.40%	4.35%	3.12%
Armenian	1.32%	3.13%	10.87%	11.04%	9.88%	13.84%	13.18%	19.11%	12.85%	4.78%
Bengali	4.96%	7.01%	10.95%	21.17%	24.38%	16.06%	9.20%	4.38%	1.46%	0.44%
Cantonese	2.90%	2.58%	13.37%	21.99%	11.32%	15.08%	16.52%	10.00%	4.41%	1.83%
Chinese, nfd	2.41%	1.20%	14.55%	48.91%	7.88%	13.89%	7.22%	2.52%	1.42%	0.00%
Croatian	0.72%	1.45%	5.62%	7.79%	9.78%	13.59%	13.04%	20.65%	21.20%	6.16%
Dari	2.56%	6.41%	20.51%	25.64%	10.26%	16.03%	12.82%	1.92%	1.92%	1.92%
Dutch	4.64%	7.73%	1.55%	1.55%	11.34%	14.43%	7.73%	13.40%	18.56%	19.07%
English	5.47%	5.90%	12.75%	13.46%	10.92%	12.73%	12.41%	11.39%	8.44%	6.52%
Filipino	6.59%	4.95%	9.62%	13.19%	20.05%	19.23%	15.66%	8.52%	1.10%	1.10%
French	2.72%	3.11%	7.25%	19.69%	13.34%	12.18%	10.10%	14.38%	11.66%	5.57%
German	4.23%	3.04%	4.89%	4.76%	9.26%	11.64%	7.01%	12.30%	27.78%	15.08%
Greek	4.33%	5.22%	7.98%	6.98%	13.69%	18.01%	8.60%	15.43%	14.90%	4.87%
Gujarati	5.79%	5.19%	8.31%	31.60%	30.42%	9.79%	4.75%	3.41%	0.74%	0.00%
Hakka	0.00%	2.67%	6.00%	14.00%	14.67%	14.67%	22.00%	9.33%	7.33%	9.33%

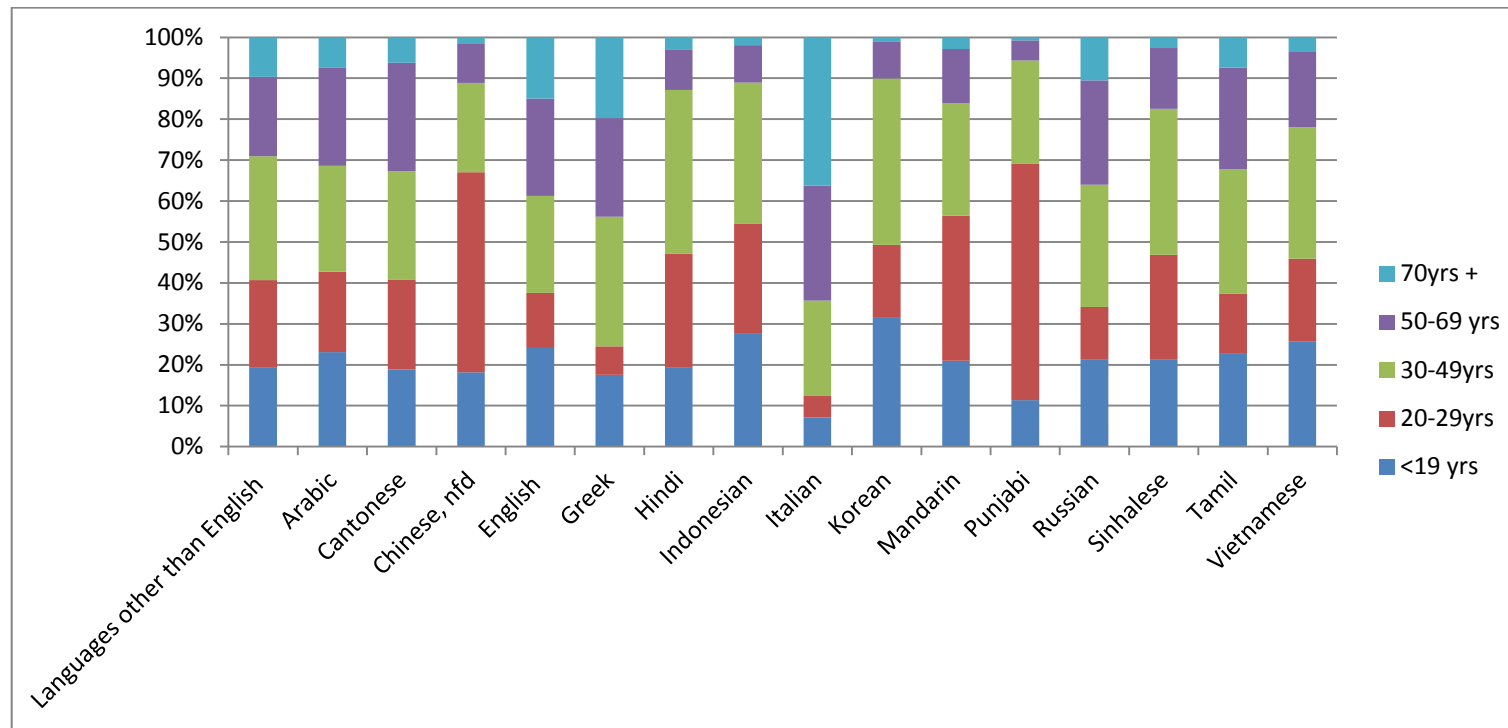
	0-4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80 yrs+
Hebrew	13.38%	6.34%	9.86%	15.49%	28.17%	10.56%	10.56%	5.63%	0.00%	0.00%
Hindi	4.47%	4.61%	10.16%	27.93%	23.61%	16.35%	7.36%	2.60%	1.96%	0.93%
Hungarian	1.39%	2.22%	5.26%	3.88%	8.03%	9.70%	12.74%	18.28%	20.50%	18.01%
Indonesian	7.29%	5.01%	15.22%	27.01%	23.53%	10.84%	4.82%	4.38%	1.65%	0.25%
Italian	1.45%	1.67%	4.00%	5.24%	9.10%	14.19%	12.33%	15.81%	22.68%	13.53%
Japanese	11.29%	11.13%	12.10%	9.84%	21.61%	17.74%	8.71%	4.84%	2.10%	0.65%
Kannada	7.46%	5.47%	11.94%	20.40%	24.38%	15.42%	10.95%	3.98%	0.00%	0.00%
Khmer	3.91%	2.49%	11.74%	9.61%	21.71%	25.98%	14.23%	6.76%	2.14%	1.42%
Korean	7.16%	6.88%	17.41%	17.82%	23.56%	17.14%	6.88%	2.19%	0.96%	0.00%
Macedonian	1.36%	4.09%	10.45%	4.55%	11.36%	17.73%	19.55%	9.55%	14.09%	7.27%
Malay	5.66%	6.20%	6.47%	42.59%	18.06%	9.97%	7.01%	3.23%	0.81%	0.00%
Malayalam	8.62%	9.14%	9.14%	21.72%	26.38%	17.24%	4.31%	2.76%	0.86%	0.00%
Mandarin	4.39%	4.02%	12.59%	35.41%	13.49%	13.93%	9.75%	3.56%	2.13%	0.71%
Marathi	6.92%	10.06%	12.89%	11.95%	22.64%	26.10%	6.29%	2.20%	0.94%	0.00%
Mauritian Creole	0.00%	2.21%	3.68%	37.50%	17.65%	12.50%	17.65%	5.15%	0.00%	3.68%
Min Nan	2.65%	3.09%	7.65%	15.44%	13.38%	14.41%	22.35%	13.24%	4.85%	2.94%
Nepali	2.10%	2.10%	9.09%	44.06%	27.97%	9.79%	4.90%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Persian	4.68%	5.81%	12.17%	17.42%	21.54%	17.60%	10.86%	5.62%	3.18%	1.12%

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Polish	1.53%	1.53%	7.64%	11.52%	7.17%	10.46%	24.91%	16.92%	9.75%	8.58%
Portuguese	5.16%	6.45%	5.81%	10.97%	30.32%	14.19%	10.32%	9.68%	7.10%	0.00%
Punjabi	4.67%	2.65%	4.04%	57.67%	18.76%	6.56%	3.07%	1.81%	0.77%	0.00%
Romanian	5.19%	4.55%	9.74%	14.29%	12.34%	18.83%	18.18%	11.69%	1.95%	3.25%
Russian	5.37%	5.16%	10.64%	12.96%	13.49%	16.33%	15.07%	10.43%	7.48%	3.06%
Serbian	4.91%	5.13%	10.49%	11.16%	15.18%	14.96%	15.63%	12.72%	7.14%	2.68%
Sinhalese	3.81%	5.31%	12.22%	25.49%	18.79%	16.89%	10.37%	4.48%	1.66%	0.99%
Southern Asian Language, nfd	2.00%	4.00%	6.67%	36.00%	20.67%	10.67%	6.67%	4.00%	3.33%	6.00%
Spanish	6.44%	4.71%	8.97%	12.18%	20.92%	15.17%	9.66%	13.91%	5.40%	2.64%
Tagalog	2.25%	4.00%	13.75%	10.25%	20.00%	21.50%	20.25%	5.50%	1.75%	0.75%
Tamil	3.65%	5.16%	14.02%	14.51%	13.66%	16.73%	16.15%	8.72%	4.45%	2.94%
Telugu	4.78%	5.88%	10.11%	24.45%	20.40%	17.28%	12.13%	3.49%	1.47%	0.00%
Thai	5.62%	3.93%	10.39%	19.38%	27.81%	17.42%	8.43%	5.06%	1.97%	0.00%
Turkish	3.80%	2.22%	8.86%	14.56%	16.14%	15.82%	17.72%	11.08%	7.28%	2.53%
Urdu	7.57%	4.82%	9.86%	34.86%	22.94%	11.24%	4.36%	3.44%	0.92%	0.00%
Vietnamese	3.83%	6.08%	15.80%	20.22%	13.90%	18.24%	14.06%	4.45%	1.78%	1.63%
Other languages	3.43%	3.98%	9.26%	21.48%	14.77%	13.01%	10.97%	9.63%	7.69%	5.46%

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Auslan Inadequately described Non verbal	62.76%	0.78%	1.56%	8.85%	5.73%	4.69%	5.73%	6.51%	1.56%	1.82%
Not stated	8.82%	4.03%	9.87%	22.32%	12.69%	10.29%	9.53%	7.09%	7.45%	7.92%
% of population who speak a language other than English	36%	37%	41%	55%	52%	49%	42%	37%	38%	27%
% of total population in this age group	5%	5%	12%	17%	13%	14%	12%	10%	8%	5%

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



Thirty one percent (690) of the Korean speaking community are aged 19 years or less. Twenty four percent (21262) of the English speaking and 19% (14418) 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 one percent (3291) of the Mandarin, 19% of the Cantonese (1579), 23% of the Tamil (513) and 26% (664) of the Vietnamese speaking communities are aged 19 years or less. Across the City of Monash 22% (37272) of the population are aged 19 years or less and 38% (14418) of all people in this age group speak a language other than English at home.

Across the City of Monash 13% of the English speaking (11179) and 21% (16047) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged between 20 and 29 years of age. Twenty five percent (95) of the Sinhalese speaking community is in this age group, 28% (569) of the Hindi, 27% (426)

Indonesian and 20% (522) of the Vietnamese 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 Monash 17% (29270) of the community is in this age group.

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