

## Languages spoken by residents in the City of Whitehorse

- There is a total 151334 people living in the City of Whitehorse. 66% (99955) of people speak English at home whilst 30% (45295) speak a language other than English at home. The number of people who do not speak English at home has increased by 25% (9170) since the ABS Census of 2006.
- One hundred and nine languages are spoken at home by people residing in Whitehorse.
- The largest number of people speaking a language other than English speak Mandarin (11355) this is a 80% (5054) 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), Cantonese has increased by 15% (1024) to 7766. The third largest language group other than English is Greek where the number of people speaking Greek at home has decreased by 3% (164) since the last census in 2006. Across the Eastern Region the number of people speaking Greek at home decreased 6% from 31874 in 2006 to 31692 in 2011 Census.
- The Sinhalese speaking community in the City of Whitehorse has increased since the ABS Census of 2006 by 51% (347) to 1022 people. The Hindi speaking community has increased by 59% (443) to 1196 people. The number of people speaking other Indian languages has also increased, Punjabi by 147% (469) to 789 people, Malayalam by 123% (113) to 205 people, Bengali by 76% (84) to 195 people and Gujarati by 82% (237) to 527 people. Other communities where there was a significant increase in population between the 2006 Census and the 2011 Census include Malay 79% (53) to 120 people, Urdu 66% (83) to 233 people, Telugu 83% (66) to 146 people, Shona 64% (45) to 115 people and Chinese, nfd 196% (539) to 814 people.
- A number of the older communities in the City of Whitehorse 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 34% (130), and the Serbian by 9% (26).
- Across the region 24% (241729) of the population is 19 years of age or less. In the City of Whitehorse twenty six percent (25764) of the English speaking and 18% (8237) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged 19 years or less. Twenty percent (2275) of the Mandarin, 19% of the Cantonese (1465), 17% of the Greek (790), 24% of the Vietnamese (438) and 32% (299) 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 Whitehorse 15% (22287) of the community is in this age group. In the larger communities 34% (3913) of the Mandarin speaking community is in this age group, 20% (1551) of the Cantonese, 32% (379) of the Hindi, 36% (366) of the Sinhalese and 19% (358) of the Vietnamese speaking communities are in this age cohort.
- Thirty percent (13834) of people who speak a language other than English at home and 26% (26414) of the English speaking population are aged between 30 and 49 years. In the larger communities including the Mandarin speaking community 29% (3275) of the community are in this age group, 32% (1536) of the Greek, 30% (2307) of the Cantonese, 25% (662) of the Italian and 30% (556) 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 Whitehorse 27% (41529) is aged between 30 and 49 years.

- Across the City of Whitehorse 13% (19621) of all people are aged 70 years or greater and 23% (4575) of the population is in this age group speak a language other than English at home. Thirty eight percent (270) of the German speaking community is in this age group, 7% (566) of the Cantonese, 34% (912) of the Italian and 22% (1045) of the Greek 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 Whitehorse – ABS Census 2001, 2006 and 2011**

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Afrikaans	61	93	131	115%
Arabic	514	578	496	-4%
Armenian	80	80	74	-8%
Auslan	76	106	126	66%
Bengali	74	111	195	164%
Cantonese	5532	6742	7766	40%
Chinese, nfd	405	275	814	101%
Croatian	345	312	320	-7%
Czech	85	74	71	-16%
Dinka	0	66	15	
Dutch	324	276	262	-19%
English	105248	102969	99960	-5%
French	302	330	394	30%
German	772	732	717	-7%
Greek	5347	4927	4763	-11%
Gujarati	158	290	527	234%

<b>Language</b>	<b>ABS Census 2001</b>	<b>ABS Census 2006</b>	<b>ABS Census 2011</b>	<b>% Change between 2001 and 2011</b>
Hakka	106	88	96	-9%
Hindi	405	753	1196	195%
Hungarian	424	380	252	-41%
Indo-Aryan, nfd	13	72	4	
Indonesian	431	615	790	83%
Italian	3446	3062	2652	-23%
Japanese	269	327	456	70%
Khmer	373	340	243	-35%
Korean	247	626	944	282%
Lao	143	99	96	-33%
Latvian	153	124	118	-23%
Macedonian	251	230	212	-16%
Malay	91	67	120	32%
Malayalam	27	92	205	
Maltese	126	100	87	-31%
Mandarin	3529	6301	11355	222%
Persian	364	457	610	68%

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Polish	536	454	419	-22%
Punjabi	161	320	789	390%
Romanian	84	92	86	2%
Russian	247	243	239	-3%
Serbian	307	277	252	-18%
Shona	6	70	115	
Sinhalese	432	675	1022	137%
Southern Asian Language	61	85	79	30%
Spanish	522	509	586	12%
Tagalog	351	208	297	-15%
Tamil	427	518	658	54%
Telugu	56	80	146	161%
Thai	230	229	360	57%
Turkish	142	108	96	-32%
Vietnamese	1650	1602	1859	13%
Other languages	1903	1930	2454	29%

<b>Language</b>	<b>ABS Census 2001</b>	<b>ABS Census 2006</b>	<b>ABS Census 2011</b>	
Non-verbal, so described	133	291	209	57%
Inadequately describe	269	66	35	-87%
Total	141,818	144,762	151,334	7%

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**Table 2: Top 50 Languages Spoken in the City of Whitehorse 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	15	7	33	41	15	10	0	0	131
Arabic	20	21	56	122	70	63	55	48	26	15	496
Armenian	5	4	9	3	8	12	15	4	6	8	74
Bengali	16	10	12	34	62	36	16	6	3	0	195
Burmese	3	8	12	16	14	19	7	3	6	0	88
Cantonese	293	251	921	1551	1126	1181	1199	678	363	203	7766
Chinese, nfd	7	18	71	472	72	87	45	15	20	7	814
Croatian	3	17	23	14	38	41	44	50	60	30	320
Dutch	15	15	8	9	21	25	21	30	53	65	262
English	6302	6697	12765	11203	12065	14349	12479	10403	7469	6223	99960
Filipino	4	12	29	27	63	51	37	31	8	4	266
French	23	23	50	48	64	51	38	48	28	21	394
German	14	24	57	45	45	90	78	94	150	120	717
Greek	177	220	393	261	600	936	452	679	744	301	4763
Gujarati	45	24	31	172	127	47	38	33	5	5	527
Hakka	0	0	8	17	19	9	10	18	12	3	96
Hindi	49	70	94	379	296	145	85	38	30	10	1196

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Hungarian	5	4	4	11	19	28	31	30	73	47	252
Indonesian	56	29	110	202	211	97	53	24	8	0	790
Italian	24	46	89	132	232	430	344	443	541	371	2652
Japanese	57	51	49	55	111	64	34	27	0	8	456
Khmer	11	9	17	59	28	45	48	20	3	3	243
Korean	69	68	162	167	218	166	53	24	17	0	944
Lao	0	0	15	7	13	21	20	10	10	0	96
Latvian	3	4	16	0	3	19	20	13	13	27	118
Macedonian	8	3	8	14	21	29	38	37	35	19	212
Malay	0	6	16	21	18	28	14	13	4	0	120
Malayalam	16	15	15	46	45	43	14	11	0	0	205
Maltese	0	0	0	0	5	6	14	26	22	14	87
Mandarin	577	509	1189	3913	1802	1473	1024	451	304	113	11355
Marathi	5	10	7	31	35	12	7	0	4	0	111
Min Nan	13	7	36	86	75	60	102	70	35	25	509
Nepali	9	9	8	62	33	7	0	0	0	0	128
Persian	21	33	63	90	190	88	59	27	27	12	610
Polish	11	9	24	43	42	45	80	76	37	52	419



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Punjabi	25	25	44	394	178	52	35	20	8	8	789
Romanian	3	0	4	9	7	16	28	12	7	0	86
Russian	17	16	20	35	40	35	26	19	19	12	239
Serbian	4	4	24	33	26	33	50	22	44	12	252
Shona	7	5	16	55	22	7	3	0	0	0	115
Sinhalese	37	32	76	366	250	106	86	50	11	8	1022
Southern Asian Language, nfd	0	5	5	32	12	7	10	4	4	0	79
Spanish	38	29	49	82	114	83	60	79	46	6	586
Tagalog	12	0	47	30	54	78	54	15	7	0	297
Tamil	33	28	61	114	103	77	124	70	22	27	659
Telugu	3	7	12	41	42	17	15	6	3	0	146
Thai	24	17	39	93	97	49	29	8	4	0	360
Turkish	4	4	8	9	13	21	9	10	15	3	96
Urdu	19	20	13	98	56	14	10	3	0	0	233
Vietnamese	68	89	281	358	272	284	302	133	54	18	1859
Other Languages	64	51	133	218	196	219	134	91	41	66	1208

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Not stated	405	197	473	981	630	581	545	408	486	860	5566
Auslan/ Inadequately described Non verbal	189	27	22	20	27	43	25	9	5	3	370
<b>Total</b>	<b>8819</b>	<b>8786</b>	<b>17709</b>	<b>22287</b>	<b>19963</b>	<b>21566</b>	<b>18134</b>	<b>14449</b>	<b>10892</b>	<b>8729</b>	<b>151334</b>
% of population who speak a language other than English	22%	21%	25%	45%	36%	30%	28%	25%	27%	19%	30%
% of population in this age group	6%	6%	12%	15%	13%	14%	12%	10%	7%	6%	

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

	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	4.58%	3.05%	11.45%	5.34%	25.19%	31.30%	11.45%	7.63%	0.00%	0.00%
Arabic	4.03%	4.23%	11.29%	24.60%	14.11%	12.70%	11.09%	9.68%	5.24%	3.02%
Armenian	6.76%	5.41%	12.16%	4.05%	10.81%	16.22%	20.27%	5.41%	8.11%	10.81%
Bengali	8.21%	5.13%	6.15%	17.44%	31.79%	18.46%	8.21%	3.08%	1.54%	0.00%
Burmese	3.41%	9.09%	13.64%	18.18%	15.91%	21.59%	7.95%	3.41%	6.82%	0.00%
Cantonese	3.77%	3.23%	11.86%	19.97%	14.50%	15.21%	15.44%	8.73%	4.67%	2.61%
Chinese, nfd	0.86%	2.21%	8.72%	57.99%	8.85%	10.69%	5.53%	1.84%	2.46%	0.86%
Croatian	0.94%	5.31%	7.19%	4.38%	11.88%	12.81%	13.75%	15.63%	18.75%	9.38%
Dutch	5.73%	5.73%	3.05%	3.44%	8.02%	9.54%	8.02%	11.45%	20.23%	24.81%
English	6.30%	6.70%	12.77%	11.21%	12.07%	14.35%	12.48%	10.41%	7.47%	6.23%
Filipino	1.50%	4.51%	10.90%	10.15%	23.68%	19.17%	13.91%	11.65%	3.01%	1.50%
French	5.84%	5.84%	12.69%	12.18%	16.24%	12.94%	9.64%	12.18%	7.11%	5.33%
German	1.95%	3.35%	7.95%	6.28%	6.28%	12.55%	10.88%	13.11%	20.92%	16.74%
Greek	3.72%	4.62%	8.25%	5.48%	12.60%	19.65%	9.49%	14.26%	15.62%	6.32%
Gujarati	8.54%	4.55%	5.88%	32.64%	24.10%	8.92%	7.21%	6.26%	0.95%	0.95%
Hakka	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	17.71%	19.79%	9.38%	10.42%	18.75%	12.50%	3.13%
Hindi	4.10%	5.85%	7.86%	31.69%	24.75%	12.12%	7.11%	3.18%	2.51%	0.84%

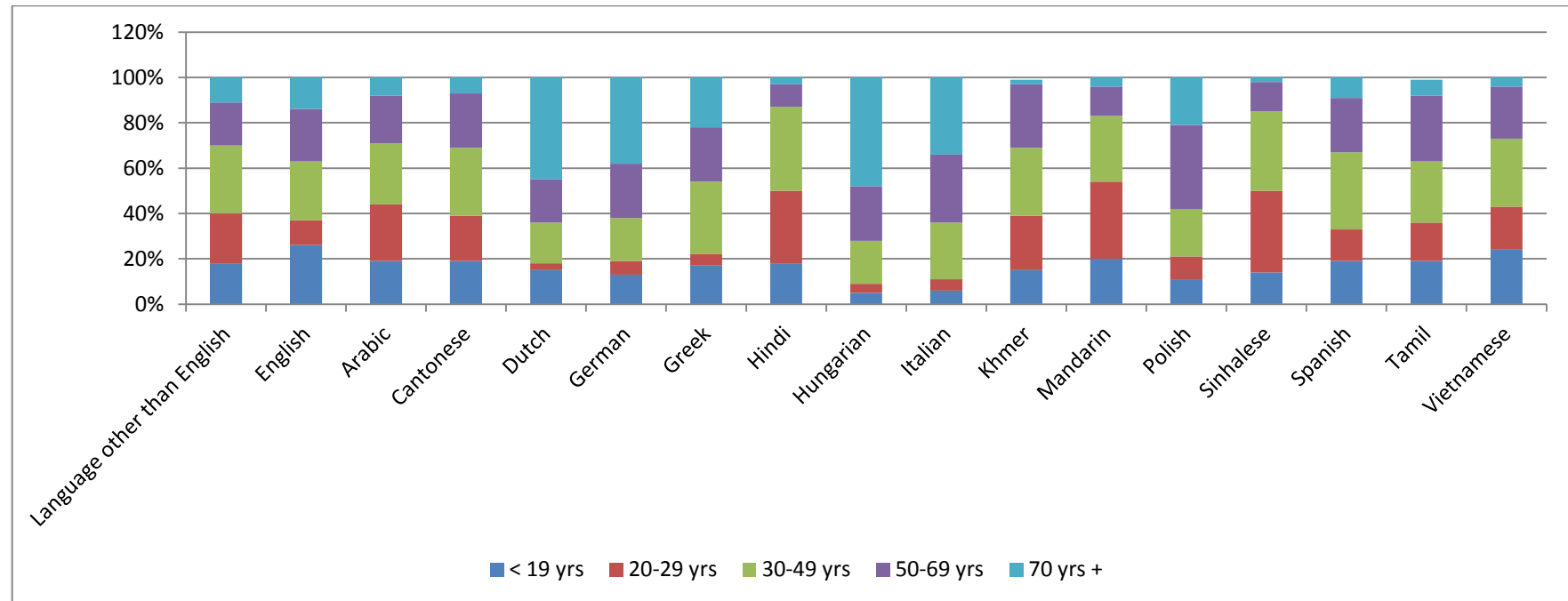
	0-4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80 yrs+
Hungarian	1.98%	1.59%	1.59%	4.37%	7.54%	11.11%	12.30%	11.90%	28.97%	18.65%
Indonesian	7.09%	3.67%	13.92%	25.57%	26.71%	12.28%	6.71%	3.04%	1.01%	0.00%
Italian	0.90%	1.73%	3.36%	4.98%	8.75%	16.21%	12.97%	16.70%	20.40%	13.99%
Japanese	12.50%	11.18%	10.75%	12.06%	24.34%	14.04%	7.46%	5.92%	0.00%	1.75%
Khmer	4.53%	3.70%	7.00%	24.28%	11.52%	18.52%	19.75%	8.23%	1.23%	1.23%
Korean	7.31%	7.20%	17.16%	17.69%	23.09%	17.58%	5.61%	2.54%	1.80%	0.00%
Lao	0.00%	0.00%	15.63%	7.29%	13.54%	21.88%	20.83%	10.42%	10.42%	0.00%
Latvian	2.54%	3.39%	13.56%	0.00%	2.54%	16.10%	16.95%	11.02%	11.02%	22.88%
Macedonian	3.77%	1.42%	3.77%	6.60%	9.91%	13.68%	17.92%	17.45%	16.51%	8.96%
Malay	0.00%	5.00%	13.33%	17.50%	15.00%	23.33%	11.67%	10.83%	3.33%	0.00%
Malayalam	7.80%	7.32%	7.32%	22.44%	21.95%	20.98%	6.83%	5.37%	0.00%	0.00%
Maltese	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	5.75%	6.90%	16.09%	29.89%	25.29%	16.09%
Mandarin	5.08%	4.48%	10.47%	34.46%	15.87%	12.97%	9.02%	3.97%	2.68%	1.00%
Marathi	4.50%	9.01%	6.31%	27.93%	31.53%	10.81%	6.31%	0.00%	3.60%	0.00%
Min Nan	2.55%	1.38%	7.07%	16.90%	14.73%	11.79%	20.04%	13.75%	6.88%	4.91%
Nepali	7.03%	7.03%	6.25%	48.44%	25.78%	5.47%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Persian	3.44%	5.41%	10.33%	14.75%	31.15%	14.43%	9.67%	4.43%	4.43%	1.97%
Polish	2.63%	2.15%	5.73%	10.26%	10.02%	10.74%	19.09%	18.14%	8.83%	12.41%

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Punjabi	3.17%	3.17%	5.58%	49.94%	22.56%	6.59%	4.44%	2.53%	1.01%	1.01%
Romanian	3.49%	0.00%	4.65%	10.47%	8.14%	18.60%	32.56%	13.95%	8.14%	0.00%
Russian	7.11%	6.69%	8.37%	14.64%	16.74%	14.64%	10.88%	7.95%	7.95%	5.02%
Serbian	1.59%	1.59%	9.52%	13.10%	10.32%	13.10%	19.84%	8.73%	17.46%	4.76%
Shona	6.09%	4.35%	13.91%	47.83%	19.13%	6.09%	2.61%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Sinhalese	3.62%	3.13%	7.44%	35.81%	24.46%	10.37%	8.41%	4.89%	1.08%	0.78%
Southern Asian Language, nfd	0.00%	6.33%	6.33%	40.51%	15.19%	8.86%	12.66%	5.06%	5.06%	0.00%
Spanish	6.48%	4.95%	8.36%	13.99%	19.45%	14.16%	10.24%	13.48%	7.85%	1.02%
Tagalog	4.04%	0.00%	15.82%	10.10%	18.18%	26.26%	18.18%	5.05%	2.36%	0.00%
Tamil	5.01%	4.25%	9.26%	17.30%	15.63%	11.68%	18.82%	10.62%	3.34%	4.10%
Telugu	2.05%	4.79%	8.22%	28.08%	28.77%	11.64%	10.27%	4.11%	2.05%	0.00%
Thai	6.67%	4.72%	10.83%	25.83%	26.94%	13.61%	8.06%	2.22%	1.11%	0.00%
Turkish	4.17%	4.17%	8.33%	9.38%	13.54%	21.88%	9.38%	10.42%	15.63%	3.13%
Urdu	8.15%	8.58%	5.58%	42.06%	24.03%	6.01%	4.29%	1.29%	0.00%	0.00%
Vietnamese	3.66%	4.79%	15.12%	19.26%	14.63%	15.28%	16.25%	7.15%	2.90%	0.97%
Other Languages	5.30%	4.22%	11.01%	18.05%	16.23%	18.13%	11.09%	7.53%	3.39%	5.46%

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Not stated	7.28%	3.54%	8.50%	17.62%	11.32%	10.44%	9.79%	7.33%	8.73%	15.45%
Auslan Inadequately described/non verbal	51.08%	7.30%	5.95%	5.41%	7.30%	11.62%	6.76%	2.43%	1.35%	0.81%
<b>Total</b>	5.83%	5.81%	11.70%	14.73%	13.19%	14.25%	11.98%	9.55%	7.20%	5.77%
% of population who speak a language other than English	22.00%	21.00%	25.00%	45.00%	36.00%	30.00%	28.00%	25.00%	27.00%	19.00%
% of population in this age group	6.00%	6.00%	12.00%	15.00%	13.00%	14.00%	12.00%	10.00%	7.00%	6.00%

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



Thirty two percent (299) of the Korean speaking community are aged 19 years or less. Twenty six percent (25764) of the English speaking and 18% (8237) 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 percent (2275) of the Mandarin, 19% of the Cantonese (1465), 18% of the Hindi (213) and 24% (438) of the Vietnamese 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 Whitehorse 23% (35314) of the population are aged 19 years or less and 23% (8237) of all people in this age group speak a language other than English at home.

Across the City of Whitehorse 11% of the English speaking (11203) and 22% (10083) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged between 20 and 29 years of age. Thirty four percent (3913) of the Mandarin speaking community is in this age group, 32% (379) of the Hindi, 50% (344) Punjabi and 58% (472) of the Chinese, nfd 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 Whitehorse 15% (22287) of the community is in this age group.

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