

Languages spoken by residents in the Shire of Yarra Ranges

- There is a total 144541 people living in the Shire of Yarra Ranges. 91% (130875) of people speak English at home whilst 6% (8445) speak a language other than English at home. The number of people who do not speak English at home has increased by 16% (1154) since the ABS Census of 2006.
- Ninety languages are spoken at home by people residing in Yarra Ranges.
- The largest number of people speaking a language other than English speak Italian (1548) this is a 1% (10) increase in the number of Italian speakers from the ABS Census of 2006. The number of people speaking the second largest language group (other than English), German has increased by 4% (35) to 1017. The third largest language group other than English is Dutch where the number of people speaking Dutch at home has decreased by 3% (28) since the last census in 2006. Across the Eastern Region the number of people speaking Dutch at home decreased 5% from 2638 in 2006 to 2512 in 2011 Census.
- Communities from Burma settling in the Shire of Yarra Ranges has increased from 3 people speaking languages from Burma in the 2006 Census to 233 in the 2011 Census. Sinhalese speaking community in the Shire of Yarra Ranges has increased since the ABS Census of 2006 by 103% (36) to 71 people. The Hindi speaking community has increased by 51% (37) to 109 people. The number of people speaking other Indian languages has also increased, Punjabi by 225% (54) to 78 people, Malayalam by 85% (11) to 24 people and Gujarati by 87% (13) to 28 people. Other community where there was a significant increase in population between the 2006 Census and the 2011 Census include Vietnamese 124% (51) to 92 people, Romanian 85% (28) to 61 people, Japanese 49% (43) to 131 people, Thai 161% (71) to 115 people and Afrikaans 119% (83) to 153 people.
- A number of the older communities in the Shire of Yarra Ranges 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 Serbo-Croatian speaking community decreased by 71% (17), the Latvian community by 12% (5) and the Croatian community by 12% (17) to 127 people.
- Across the region 24% (241729) of the population is 19 years of age or less. Twenty eight percent (36522) of the English speaking and 17% (1470) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged 19 years or less. Seven percent (114) of the Italian, 12% of the German (127), 8% of the Dutch (74), 28% of the Mandarin (121) and 17% (65) 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 Shire of Yarra Ranges 12% (17157) of the community is in this age group. In the larger communities 25% (47) of the Arabic speaking community is in this age group, 15% (65) of the Mandarin, 4% (42) of the German and 5% (78) of the Italian speaking communities are in this age cohort.
- Thirty percent (2498) of people who speak a language other than English at home and 28% (36439) of the English speaking population are aged between 30 and 49 years. In the larger communities including the Italian speaking community 25% (393) of the community are in this age group, 36% (155) of the Mandarin, 21% (208) of the German, 39% (154) of the Greek and 42% (110) of the Spanish 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 Shire of Yarra Ranges 28% (40235) is aged between 30 and 49 years.

- Across the Shire of Yarra Ranges 8% (11500) of all people are aged 70 years or greater and 13% (1460) of the population is in this age group speak a language other than English at home. Thirty three percent (331) of the German speaking community is in this age group, 28% (428) of the Italian, 11% (44) of the Greek and 41% (365) of the Dutch 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 Shire of Yarra Ranges – ABS Census 2001, 2006 and 2011

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Afrikaans	74	70	153	106.76%
Albanian	34	40	40	17.65%
Arabic	212	175	185	-12.74%
Burmese and related languages	0	3	140	
Cantonese	198	176	208	5.05%
Chin Hakha	0	0	93	
Chinese, nfd	21	64	23	9.52%
Croatian	159	144	127	-20.13%
Czech	59	51	54	-8.47%
Danish	38	27	40	5.26%
Dutch	1110	920	892	-19.64%
English	126222	127221	130875	3.69%
Filipino	139	177	128	-7.91%
Finnish	28	31	34	21.43%
French	149	159	222	48.99%

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Greek	342	343	393	14.91%
Gujarati	6	15	28	
Hebrew	9	20	40	
Hindi	57	72	109	91.23%
Hungarian	172	146	171	-0.58%
Indonesian	55	51	72	30.91%
Italian	1863	1538	1548	-16.91%
Japanese	90	88	131	45.56%
Karen			20	
Khmer	26	37	42	61.54%
Korean	8	22	31	%
Latvian	64	41	36	-43.75%
Macedonian	73	58	69	-5.48%
Malayalam	6	13	24	
Maltese	34	31	41	20.59%
Mandarin	224	322	426	90.18%
Persian	48	29	39	-18.75%

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Portuguese	24	24	29	20.83%
Punjabi	6	24	78	
Romanian	14	33	61	
Russian	41	62	78	90.24%
Samoan	32	31	36	12.50%
Serbian	61	50	64	4.92%
Sinhalese	17	35	71	
Slovene	34	22	26	-23.53%
Spanish	209	218	265	26.79%
Swedish	23	29	30	30.43%
Tamil	3	12	32	
Telugu	30	44	21	-30.00%
Tongan	27	41	48	77.78%
Turkish	43	42	54	25.58%
Ukrainian	31	32	34	9.68%
Vietnamese	68	41	92	35.29%
Other languages	257	229	553	115.18%

Language	ABS Census 2001	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	% Change between 2001 and 2011
Not stated	5191	5650	4971	-4.24%
Non-verbal, so described	87	187	130	49.43%
Inadequately describe	124	41	56	-54.84%
Total	139,219	140,220	144,541	3.82%

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Table 2: Top 50 Languages Spoken in the Shire of Yarra Ranges 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	5	6	23	15	27	28	27	19	3	0	153
Albanian	0	0	4	9	9	10	0	8	0	0	40
Arabic	9	7	21	47	32	28	24	11	6	0	185
Burmese	10	7	39	34	31	16	3	0	0	0	140
Cantonese	13	6	40	21	23	45	18	17	17	8	208
Chin Haka	19	11	19	19	17	8	0	0	0	0	93
Croatian	0	4	9	6	9	18	24	25	17	15	127
Czech	4	0	10	0	11	10	4	9	6	0	54
Danish	3	5	0	0	9	5	9	4	5	0	40
Dutch	13	24	37	7	49	91	119	187	186	179	892
English	8601	8757	19164	15800	16588	19851	18789	14065	5988	3272	130875
Filipino	0	5	8	10	31	35	18	13	8	0	128
Finnish	0	3	0	4	0	5	9	4	9	0	34
French	14	12	26	15	27	26	41	41	11	9	222
German	29	23	75	42	76	132	162	147	224	107	1017
Greek	13	22	30	26	58	96	70	34	24	20	393
Gujarati	0	8	0	6	8	0	0	3	0	3	28
Hakka	4	4	9	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	24
Hebrew	7	3	3	0	5	15	4	0	3	0	40
Hindi	9	3	14	18	27	14	17	4	3	0	109
Hungarian	3	0	11	13	18	16	41	29	28	12	171
Indonesian	3	3	18	5	14	18	7	0	4	0	72
Italian	20	29	65	78	152	241	268	267	258	170	1548
Japanese	12	22	15	17	26	17	11	11	0	0	131
Khmer	0	0	0	15	9	11	3	4	0	0	42
Korean	0	0	4	15	4	4	4	0	0	0	31
Latvian	3	0	8	0	4	8	4	5	4	0	36
Macedonian	0	0	5	12	9	15	12	8	8	0	69
Malayalam	3	0	3	4	8	6	0	0	0	0	24
Maltese	0	3	0	0	6	8	6	8	10	0	41
Mandarin	28	22	71	65	78	77	48	28	3	6	426
Nepali	0	0	0	7	7	11	0	0	0	0	25
Persian	3	0	4	0	14	3	10	5	0	0	39
Polish	10	11	22	27	33	26	67	57	21	19	293
Portuguese	0	4	5	5	4	6	0	5	0	0	29

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Punjabi	0	9	18	12	13	15	7	4	0	0	78
Romanian	3	8	10	4	11	12	4	5	0	4	61
Russian	5	6	7	5	22	9	13	7	4	0	78
Samoan	6	4	9	0	9	8	0	0	0	0	36
Serbian	4	4	4	6	5	9	17	12	3	0	64
Sinhalese	5	0	7	9	17	8	12	10	3	0	71
Slovene	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	9	9	0	26
Spanish	28	15	14	21	43	67	45	17	9	6	265
Swedish	9	0	0	0	12	5	0	0	4	0	30
Tagalog	4	10	15	7	27	32	18	4	0	0	117
Tamil	0	7	0	4	9	9	0	3	0	0	32
Thai	7	6	11	16	33	27	10	5	0	0	115
Tongan	7	0	13	12	0	13	0	3	0	0	48
Turkish	0	3	6	13	10	10	3	9	0	0	54
Ukrainian	0	4	5	4	4	3	4	6	4	0	34
Vietnamese	8	6	21	13	21	9	7	7	0	0	92
Other languages	20	23	37	63	77	57	29	20	14	0	340
Auslan Inadequately described Non verbal	87	9	27	35	29	40	14	6	3	0	250
Not stated	350	288	573	588	577	652	631	541	321	450	4971
Total	9381	9406	20539	17157	18346	21889	20637	15686	7220	4280	144541
% of population who speak a language other than English	4%	4%	4%	4%	6%	6%	6%	7%	13%	13%	6%
% of population in this age group	6%	7%	14%	12%	13%	15%	14%	11%	5%	3%	

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**Table 3: Percentage of Language Group within Age Cohorts for the Top 50 Languages Spoken in the Shire of Yarra
Ranges**

	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	3.27%	3.92%	15.03%	9.80%	17.65%	18.30%	17.65%	12.42%	1.96%	0.00%
Albanian	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	22.50%	22.50%	25.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Arabic	4.86%	3.78%	11.35%	25.41%	17.30%	15.14%	12.97%	5.95%	3.24%	0.00%
Burmese	7.14%	5.00%	27.86%	24.29%	22.14%	11.43%	2.14%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Cantonese	6.25%	2.88%	19.23%	10.10%	11.06%	21.63%	8.65%	8.17%	8.17%	3.85%
Chin Haka	20.43%	11.83%	20.43%	20.43%	18.28%	8.60%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Croatian	0.00%	3.15%	7.09%	4.72%	7.09%	14.17%	18.90%	19.69%	13.39%	11.81%
Czech	7.41%	0.00%	18.52%	0.00%	20.37%	18.52%	7.41%	16.67%	11.11%	0.00%
Danish	7.50%	12.50%	0.00%	0.00%	22.50%	12.50%	22.50%	10.00%	12.50%	0.00%
Dutch	1.46%	2.69%	4.15%	0.78%	5.49%	10.20%	13.34%	20.96%	20.85%	20.07%
English	6.57%	6.69%	14.64%	12.07%	12.67%	15.17%	14.36%	10.75%	4.58%	2.50%
Filipino	0.00%	3.91%	6.25%	7.81%	24.22%	27.34%	14.06%	10.16%	6.25%	0.00%
Finnish	0.00%	8.82%	0.00%	11.76%	0.00%	14.71%	26.47%	11.76%	26.47%	0.00%
French	6.31%	5.41%	11.71%	6.76%	12.16%	11.71%	18.47%	18.47%	4.95%	4.05%
German	2.85%	2.26%	7.37%	4.13%	7.47%	12.98%	15.93%	14.45%	22.03%	10.52%
Greek	3.31%	5.60%	7.63%	6.62%	14.76%	24.43%	17.81%	8.65%	6.11%	5.09%

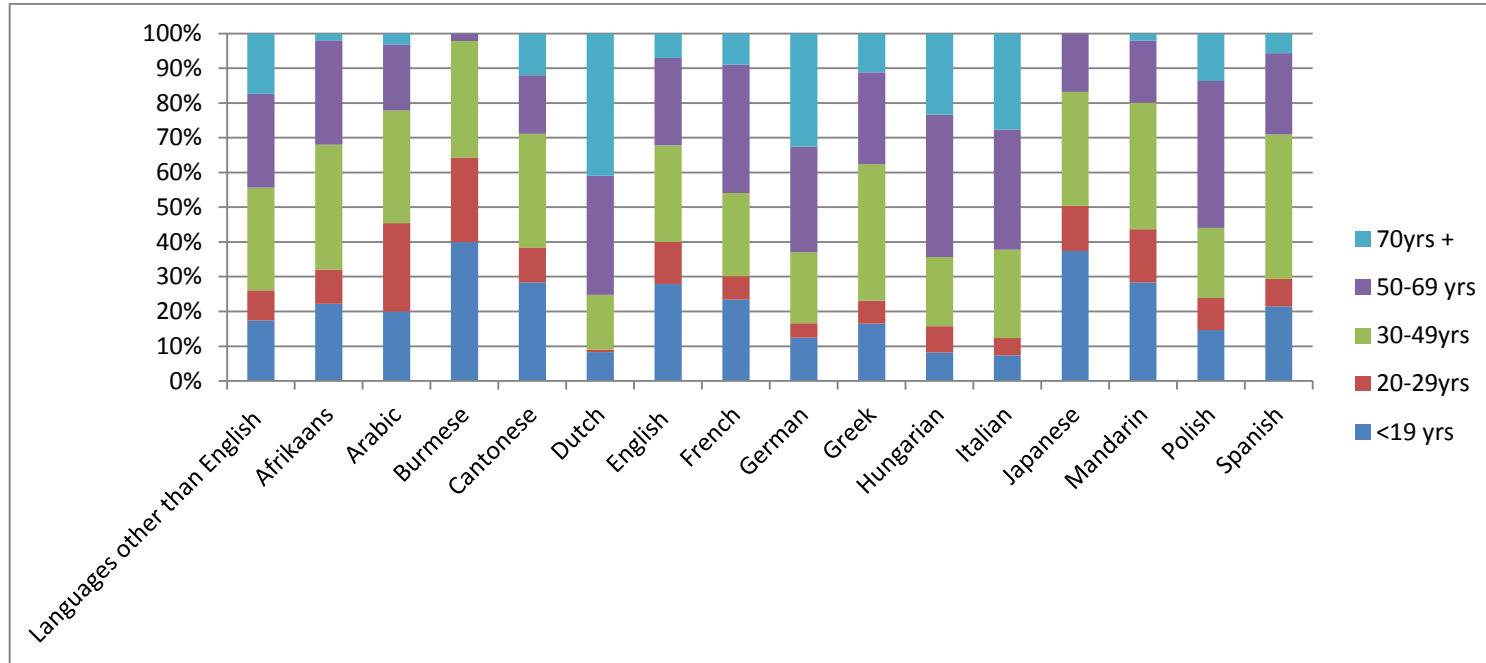
	0-4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80 yrs+
Gujarati	0.00%	28.57%	0.00%	21.43%	28.57%	0.00%	0.00%	10.71%	0.00%	10.71%
Hakka	16.67%	16.67%	37.50%	12.50%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Hebrew	17.50%	7.50%	7.50%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	10.00%	0.00%	7.50%	0.00%
Hindi	8.26%	2.75%	12.84%	16.51%	24.77%	12.84%	15.60%	3.67%	2.75%	0.00%
Hungarian	1.75%	0.00%	6.43%	7.60%	10.53%	9.36%	23.98%	16.96%	16.37%	7.02%
Indonesian	4.17%	4.17%	25.00%	6.94%	19.44%	25.00%	9.72%	0.00%	5.56%	0.00%
Italian	1.29%	1.87%	4.20%	5.04%	9.82%	15.57%	17.31%	17.25%	16.67%	10.98%
Japanese	9.16%	16.79%	11.45%	12.98%	19.85%	12.98%	8.40%	8.40%	0.00%	0.00%
Khmer	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	35.71%	21.43%	26.19%	7.14%	9.52%	0.00%	0.00%
Korean	0.00%	0.00%	12.90%	48.39%	12.90%	12.90%	12.90%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Latvian	8.33%	0.00%	22.22%	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	11.11%	13.89%	11.11%	0.00%
Macedonian	0.00%	0.00%	7.25%	17.39%	13.04%	21.74%	17.39%	11.59%	11.59%	0.00%
Malayalam	12.50%	0.00%	12.50%	16.67%	33.33%	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Maltese	0.00%	7.32%	0.00%	0.00%	14.63%	19.51%	14.63%	19.51%	24.39%	0.00%
Mandarin	6.57%	5.16%	16.67%	15.26%	18.31%	18.08%	11.27%	6.57%	0.70%	1.41%
Nepali	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.00%	28.00%	44.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Persian (excluding Dari)	7.69%	0.00%	10.26%	0.00%	35.90%	7.69%	25.64%	12.82%	0.00%	0.00%
Polish	3.41%	3.75%	7.51%	9.22%	11.26%	8.87%	22.87%	19.45%	7.17%	6.48%

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Portuguese	0.00%	13.79%	17.24%	17.24%	13.79%	20.69%	0.00%	17.24%	0.00%	0.00%
Punjabi	0.00%	11.54%	23.08%	15.38%	16.67%	19.23%	8.97%	5.13%	0.00%	0.00%
Romanian	4.92%	13.11%	16.39%	6.56%	18.03%	19.67%	6.56%	8.20%	0.00%	6.56%
Russian	6.41%	7.69%	8.97%	6.41%	28.21%	11.54%	16.67%	8.97%	5.13%	0.00%
Samoan	16.67%	11.11%	25.00%	0.00%	25.00%	22.22%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Serbian	6.25%	6.25%	6.25%	9.38%	7.81%	14.06%	26.56%	18.75%	4.69%	0.00%
Sinhalese	7.04%	0.00%	9.86%	12.68%	23.94%	11.27%	16.90%	14.08%	4.23%	0.00%
Slovene	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15.38%	0.00%	15.38%	34.62%	34.62%	0.00%
Spanish	10.57%	5.66%	5.28%	7.92%	16.23%	25.28%	16.98%	6.42%	3.40%	2.26%
Swedish	30.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	13.33%	0.00%
Tagalog	3.42%	8.55%	12.82%	5.98%	23.08%	27.35%	15.38%	3.42%	0.00%	0.00%
Tamil	0.00%	21.88%	0.00%	12.50%	28.13%	28.13%	0.00%	9.38%	0.00%	0.00%
Thai	6.09%	5.22%	9.57%	13.91%	28.70%	23.48%	8.70%	4.35%	0.00%	0.00%
Tongan	14.58%	0.00%	27.08%	25.00%	0.00%	27.08%	0.00%	6.25%	0.00%	0.00%
Turkish	0.00%	5.56%	11.11%	24.07%	18.52%	18.52%	5.56%	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%
Ukrainian	0.00%	11.76%	14.71%	11.76%	11.76%	8.82%	11.76%	17.65%	11.76%	0.00%
Vietnamese	8.70%	6.52%	22.83%	14.13%	22.83%	9.78%	7.61%	7.61%	0.00%	0.00%
Other languages	5.88%	6.76%	10.88%	18.53%	22.65%	16.76%	8.53%	5.88%	4.12%	0.00%

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Not stated	7.04%	5.79%	11.53%	11.83%	11.61%	13.12%	12.69%	10.88%	6.46%	9.05%
% of population who speak a language other than English	4%	4%	4%	4%	6%	6%	6%	7%	13%	13%
% of population in this age group	6%	7%	14%	12%	13%	15%	14%	11%	5%	3%

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The largest 15 language groups by the percentage of the community by age cohort percentage in the Shire of Yarra Ranges



Twenty eight percent (36522) of the English speaking and 17% (1470) 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 eight percent (121) of the Mandarin, 28% of the Cantonese (59), 37% of the Japanese (49), 7% of the Italian (114) and 17% (65) of the Greek speaking communities are aged 19 years or less. Across the Shire of Yarra Ranges 27% (39326) of the population are aged 19 years or less and 4% (1470) of all people in this age group speak a language other than English at home.

Across the Shire of Yarra Ranges 12% of the English speaking (15800) and 9% (734) of people who speak a language other than English at home are aged between 20 and 29 years of age. Twenty five percent (47) of the Arabic speaking community is in this age group, 15% (65) of the Mandarin, 4% (42) of the German and 5% (78) of the Italian 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 Shire of Yarra Ranges 12% (17157) of the community is in this age group.

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