Community Information Summary

Australia-born

Today

Geographic Distribution

The latest Census in 2011 recorded 15,017,845 Australia-born people in Australia, an increase of 6.7 per cent from the 2006 Census. The 2011 distribution by state and territory showed New South Wales had the largest number with 4,747,374 followed by Victoria (3,670,935), Queensland (3,192,114) and Western Australia (1,407,808).

Refer to Figure 1.

Age and Sex

The median age of the Australia-born in 2011 was 33 years compared with 45 years for all overseas-born and 37 years for the total Australian population.

The age distribution showed 24.2 per cent were aged 0-14 years, 14.7 per cent were 15-24 years, 26.2 per cent were 25-44 years, 22.9 per cent were 45-64 years and 11.9 per cent were 65 years and over.

Of the Australia-born in Australia, there were 7,412,598 males (49.4 per cent) and 7,605,247 females (50.6 per cent). The sex ratio was 97.5 males per 100 females.
**Ancestry**

In the 2011 Census, the top ancestry responses* that Australia-born people reported were Australian (6,870,148), English (5,839,624) and Irish (1,799,207).

In the 2011 Census, Australians reported around 300 different ancestries. Of the total ancestry responses*, 7,098,486 responses were towards Australian ancestry while 127,668 responses were towards Australian Aboriginal ancestry and 13,354 responses were towards Torres Strait Islander ancestry.

*At the 2011 Census up to two responses per person were allowed for the Ancestry question; therefore providing the total responses and not persons count.

**Language**

The main languages spoken at home by Australia-born people were English (13,801,992), Greek (137,198) and Italian (129,037).

Of the 1,215,850 Australia-born who spoke a language other than English at home, 79.4 per cent spoke English very well or well, and 10.5 per cent spoke English not well or not at all.

**Religion**

At the 2011 Census the major religious affiliations amongst Australia-born were Catholic (4,065,062), Anglican (2,983,579) and Uniting Church (928,226).

Of the Australia-born, 24.5 per cent stated 'No Religion' which was higher than the total Australian population (22.3 per cent), and 4.9 per cent did not state a religion.
**Median Income**

At the time of the 2011 Census, the median individual weekly income for the Australia-born in Australia aged 15 years and over was $597, compared with $538 for all overseas-born. The total Australian population had a median individual weekly income of $577.

**Qualifications**

At the 2011 Census, 52.1 per cent of the Australia-born aged 15 years and over had some form of higher non-school qualifications compared to 55.9 per cent of the Australian population.

Of the Australia-born aged 15 years and over, 10.1 per cent were still attending an educational institution. The corresponding rate for the total Australian population was 8.6 per cent.

**Employment**

Among Australia-born people aged 15 years and over, the participation rate in the labour force was 67.2 per cent and the unemployment rate was 5.3 per cent. The corresponding rates in the total Australian population were 65 per cent and 5.6 per cent respectively.

Of the 7,150,794 Australia-born who were employed, 47.8 per cent were employed in either a skilled managerial, professional or trade occupation. The corresponding rate in the total Australian population was 48.4 per cent.