



# Marrickville

## Community Cultures Portrait

This Community Cultures Portrait uses data from the 2006 Census to examine aspects of community cultures in Marrickville, looking at how these differs from Sydney, and how they have changed since 2001.

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# The Community Culture of Marrickville

## Introduction

A community's culture arises from the heritage of its residents, as beliefs and practices are handed down the generations, and mixed in a social environment. It will be complex and nuanced; every resident will have their unique perspective. This Portrait does not attempt to identify the essence of this community's culture. Instead, it reveals what is shown by the most detailed set of statistics available on the residents, the Census. Data from the 2001 and 2006 Censuses are used.

The Census collects information from about 96% of the residents of most areas, asking about people's living arrangements, education, employment, dwellings, and practices. The questions used in this Portrait asked about people's religion, birthplace, ancestry, and language. These aspects of resident's lives affect their beliefs, values and approaches to life. This Portrait examines the statistics about these four aspects of community culture without making interpretations about how daily life is affected.

The 2006 Census data used in this Portrait is extracted from two profiles, or sets of tables, published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). These are the Basic Community Profile (BCP) and the Expanded Community Profile (XCP). Both profiles report on the permanent residents of a community – visitors are not included, but residents who were away Census night are (if they completed a Census form). The 2001 Census data is from the Usual Residents Profile (URP), which similarly reports on residents. The 2001 BCP reported on the Census night population, including visitors but not absent residents, so is used in this Portrait only when URP data is unavailable.

This Community Cultures Portrait has four sections – birthplaces, ancestry, language and religion.

A person's birthplace can be a useful indicator of their culture, particularly if that place has distinctive language, customs and religion. The two Censuses give information on both the countries and regions of birth, and how these vary across age groups and gender. The Portrait looks at the number of males and females born in different places, making comparisons with 2001 and Sydney.

A person's ancestry is not defined by birthplace but by themselves, in an open-ended Census question asked in 2006. Because it is self-defined, ancestry might be a stronger indicator of community culture than birthplace. However, caution must be exercised because of data restrictions. The Portrait examines the number and proportion of males and females with different ancestries, looking at changes and comparisons, parental birthplaces and children's ancestry.

The third section of the Portrait examines languages. In some ways, the proportion of people still speaking their native language is an indicator of the strength of that original culture. Using Census data, the Portrait looks at the number and proportion of residents speaking a language other than English at home, and how this has changed. It also looks at their English-speaking proficiency, focussing on those with poor English skills.

Finally, the Portrait looks at religious beliefs, and how these vary compared with Sydney, from 2001, and across the age groups.

# Birthplaces

## Countries of birth

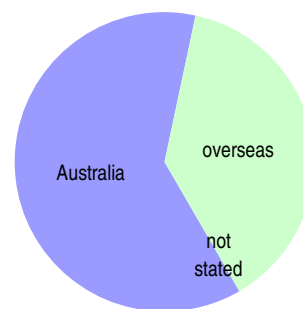
In 2006, of 71,812 Marrickville residents, 62% were born in Australia and 38% were born overseas (from all of the 35 places listed in the Census table), while 7,356 did not say. The proportion born overseas was 4% more than Sydney, but 4% lower than in 2001.

The table below shows the number and proportion of Marrickville residents born in Australia and overseas, and in the most common countries, in 2006. It then shows the proportion born in Sydney, and Marrickville's difference (by subtraction).

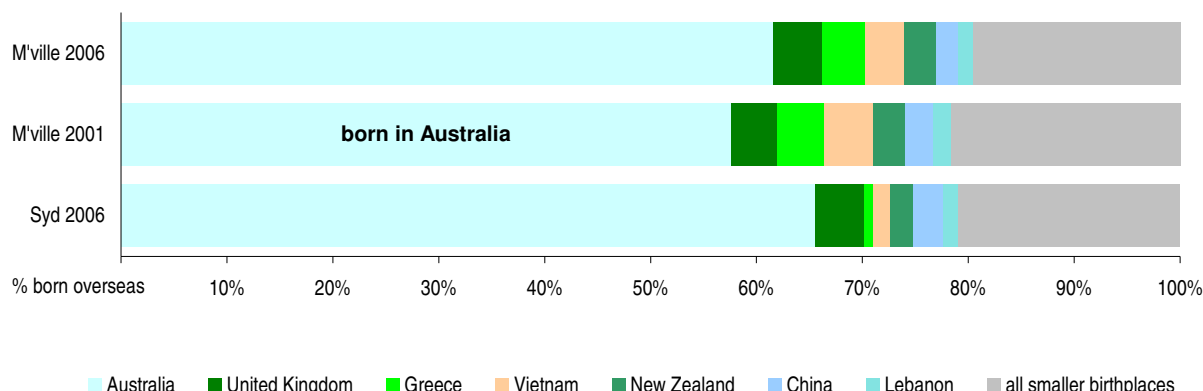
The main overseas birthplaces, and the number and proportion of residents born there, were:

- United Kingdom – 2,950 or 4.6%;
- Greece – 2,613 or 4.1%;
- Vietnam – 2,388 or 3.7%;
- New Zealand – 1,964 or 3.0%;
- China – 1,341 or 2.1%;
- Lebanon – 869 or 1.3%.

**Birthplaces of Marrickville residents**



**Most common birthplaces**



The table also shows the number of males and females in Marrickville born in each place, and the gender ratio. There were 1.06 females per male among Australian-born residents and 1.01 females per male among overseas born. Among the largest countries of birth, the gender ratio varied from 1.26 males per female among those born in United Kingdom to 1.25 females per male among those born in China.

The final two columns show the proportion born in each place in 2001, and the change over 2001 to 2006 in this proportion. The proportion of Marrickville residents born overseas was 4% less than in 2001.

Birthplaces of residents	Marrickville 2006				Marrickville 2006			M'ville in 2001	change 2001-2006
	people	percent	% in Syd	M'ville's difference	males	females	ratio		
Australia	39,721	61.6%	65.5%	4% less	19,284	20,437	1.06 F:M	57.6%	4% more
overseas	24,735	38.4%	34.5%	4% more	12,320	12,415	1.01 F:M	42.4%	4% less
not stated	7,356				3,901	3,455	1.13 M:F		
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,812</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		<b>35,505</b>	<b>36,307</b>	<b>1.02 F:M</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
United Kingdom	2,950	4.6%	4.6%	0.0% less	1,647	1,303	1.26 M:F	4.4%	0% more
Greece	2,613	4.1%	0.8%	3.2% more	1,211	1,402	1.16 F:M	4.4%	0% less
Vietnam	2,388	3.7%	1.6%	2.1% more	1,113	1,275	1.15 F:M	4.6%	1% less
New Zealand	1,964	3.0%	2.1%	0.9% more	1,040	924	1.13 M:F	3.1%	0% less
China	1,341	2.1%	2.9%	0.8% less	597	744	1.25 F:M	2.6%	1% less
Lebanon	869	1.3%	1.4%	0.1% less	416	453	1.09 F:M	1.7%	0% less

Percentages exclude 'not stated' responses. Source: Census 2006 Table B09; 2001 Table U08.

## Variations between birthplaces

The table below lists all of the 35 birthplaces reported in the Census from which Marrickville had residents in 2006, showing the number and proportion of the population, and how this compares with Sydney. The table also shows how gender ratios vary across birthplaces, and how the number of residents born in each place changed from 2006.

The birthplace that increased most over the previous five years, per 1,000 population, was Australia, up 40 per 1,000, with United Kingdom up 2, then the USA up 2; Thailand up 1 residents.

Meanwhile, the birthplaces that decreased most over the five years were Vietnam with 9 fewer in every 1,000 residents than in 2001, with China having 6 fewer; SE Europe having 5 fewer; Greece having 3 fewer, and Indonesia having 3 fewer residents.

The birthplace which was significantly more common in Marrickville than in Sydney was Greece with 3.2% more of the population. Vietnam was also larger (2.1% more), as was New Zealand (0.9% more) and Thailand (0.4% more).

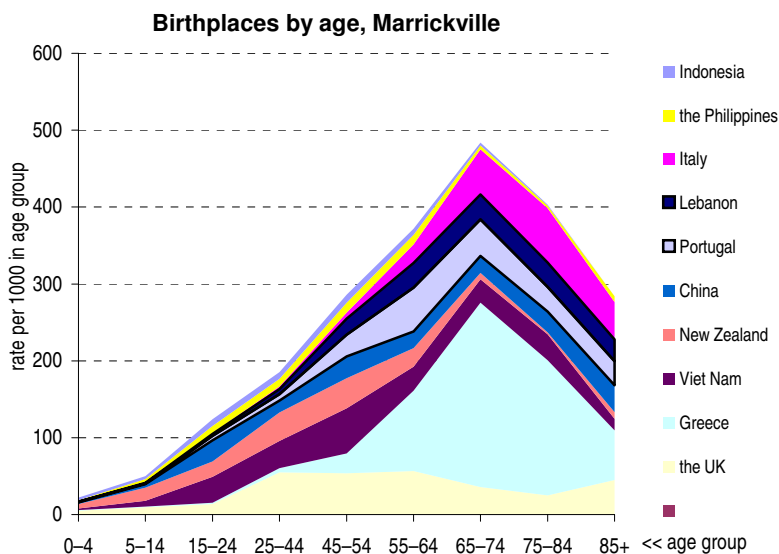
In Marrickville, birthplaces whose males most outnumbered females included United Kingdom with 1.3 males per female and India with 1.3 males per female, while there were 1.5 females per male born in Thailand and 1.4 females per male born in the Philippines.

Birthplaces of residents	Marrickville 2006		% in Syd	M'ville's difference	Marrickville 2006			M'ville in 2001	diff 2001-06 rate /1000
	people	percent			males	females	ratio		
Australia	39,721	61.6%	65.5%	3.9% less	19,284	20,437	1.1 F:M	57.6%	+ 40
United Kingdom	2,950	4.6%	4.6%	0.0% less	1,647	1,303	1.3 M:F	4.4%	+ 2
Greece	2,613	4.1%	0.8%	3.2% more	1,211	1,402	1.2 F:M	4.4%	- 3
Vietnam	2,388	3.7%	1.6%	2.1% more	1,113	1,275	1.1 F:M	4.6%	- 9
New Zealand	1,964	3.0%	2.1%	0.9% more	1,040	924	1.1 M:F	3.1%	- 0
China	1,341	2.1%	2.9%	0.8% less	597	744	1.2 F:M	2.6%	- 6
Lebanon	869	1.3%	1.4%	0.1% less	416	453	1.1 F:M	1.7%	- 3
Italy	823	1.3%	1.2%	0.1% more	420	403	1.0 M:F	1.4%	- 2
the Philippines	642	1.0%	1.4%	0.4% less	272	370	1.4 F:M	1.2%	- 2
Indonesia	541	0.8%	0.5%	0.3% more	268	273	1.0 F:M	1.2%	- 3
Thailand	440	0.7%	0.3%	0.4% more	177	263	1.5 F:M	0.6%	+ 1
India	390	0.6%	1.4%	0.8% less	217	173	1.3 M:F	0.6%	+ 0
the USA	368	0.6%	0.4%	0.1% more	185	183	1.0 M:F	0.4%	+ 2
Macedonia (FYROM)	336	0.5%	0.3%	0.2% more	166	170	1.0 F:M	0.6%	- 1
Ireland	331	0.5%	0.4%	0.1% more	175	156	1.1 M:F	0.5%	+ 0
Malaysia	316	0.5%	0.6%	0.1% less	164	152	1.1 M:F	0.4%	+ 1
Fiji	310	0.5%	0.7%	0.2% less	150	160	1.1 F:M	0.7%	- 2
Hong Kong	292	0.5%	1.0%	0.5% less	146	146	=	0.5%	- 0
Germany	289	0.4%	0.5%	0.1% less	158	131	1.2 M:F	0.4%	+ 0
Turkey	275	0.4%	0.3%	0.1% more	154	121	1.3 M:F	0.5%	- 1
Japan	242	0.4%	0.3%	0.1% more	87	155	1.8 F:M	0.3%	+ 1
South Africa	213	0.3%	0.7%	0.4% less	112	101	1.1 M:F	0.3%	+ 0
Egypt	211	0.3%	0.4%	0.1% less	112	99	1.1 M:F	0.4%	- 1
Canada	191	0.3%	0.2%	0.1% more	82	109	1.3 F:M	0.2%	+ 1
SE Europe	169	0.3%	0.2%	0.0% more	77	92	1.2 F:M	0.8%	- 5
Croatia	168	0.3%	0.4%	0.1% less	77	91	1.2 F:M	0.3%	- 0
Poland	158	0.2%	0.3%	0.1% less	69	89	1.3 F:M	0.2%	+ 0
South Korea	156	0.2%	0.8%	0.6% less	64	92	1.4 F:M	0.2%	+ 0
Malta	137	0.2%	0.4%	0.2% less	67	70	1.0 F:M	0.3%	- 0
Singapore	135	0.2%	0.2%	0.0% less	67	68	1.0 F:M	0.2%	- 0
the Netherlands	97	0.2%	0.3%	0.1% less	60	37	1.6 M:F	0.2%	- 0
Sri Lanka	94	0.1%	0.5%	0.3% less	46	48	1.0 F:M	0.2%	- 0
Papua New Guinea	75	0.1%	0.1%	0.0% more	32	43	1.3 F:M	0.2%	- 0
Bosnia / Herzegovina	56	0.1%	0.2%	0.1% less	27	29	1.1 F:M	0.1%	+ 0
Iraq	30	0.0%	0.5%	0.5% less	18	12	1.5 M:F	0.1%	- 0
a non-listed place	5,125	8.0%	6.3%	1.6% more	2,647	2,478	1.1 M:F	8.7%	- 8
not stated	7,356	10.2%	7.9%	2.4% more	3,901	3,455	1.1 M:F	8.8%	+ 14
<b>overseas born</b>	<b>24,735</b>	<b>38.4%</b>	<b>34.5%</b>	<b>35 places</b>	<b>12,320</b>	<b>12,415</b>	<b>1.01 F:M</b>	<b>42.4%</b>	<b>- 40</b>

Percentages exclude 'not stated' responses. Source: Census 2006 Table B09; 2001 Table U08.

## Birthplaces by age

The graph shows how the proportion of residents (per 1,000) from 10 birthplaces changes with age, reflecting different waves of migration. Post-war immigrants tend to be over 60, while more recent arrivals tend to be prime age with some children. The graph and table are interactive, and can be set to show different countries and genders.



Birthplaces of residents by age	No of residents per 1000 in age group, in Marrickville									
	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	
Australia	864	824	665	568	464	339	225	315	504	
the UK	5	10	14	55	54	57	36	25	45	
Greece	1	1	2	5	26	104	240	176	65	
Viet Nam	2	7	34	36	59	32	30	34	15	
New Zealand	6	17	20	37	39	24	9	3	9	
China	2	5	28	16	29	22	22	27	35	
Portugal	1	1	6	8	28	57	47	32	31	
Lebanon	0	1	3	6	21	32	32	32	29	
Italy	1	1	1	4	8	24	59	71	49	
the Philippines	1	4	9	10	13	13	5	3	7	
Indonesia	3	4	9	9	10	8	3	1	0	
Thailand	1	3	7	9	7	4	1	0	0	
India	2	1	6	7	4	4	4	5	7	
the USA	2	4	5	6	5	7	2	1	4	
Macedonia (FYROM)	0	0	1	2	8	12	20	13	0	
Ireland	0	1	1	7	4	5	2	5	6	
Malaysia	0	2	5	5	7	5	3	1	0	
Fiji	0	1	3	5	7	9	4	1	4	
Hong Kong	0	2	10	4	4	2	4	2	0	
Germany	1	1	2	4	6	7	8	4	0	
Turkey	0	1	3	4	5	7	4	3	6	
Japan	1	1	2	6	2	2	1	0	4	
South Africa	0	0	2	5	4	2	3	0	4	
Egypt	0	1	0	1	3	9	11	14	7	
Canada	0	1	2	4	3	2	2	2	0	
Chile	1	0	2	3	3	5	3	3	0	
Croatia	0	0	1	1	2	7	11	8	0	
South Eastern Europe	0	0	0	1	3	5	11	7	4	
Poland	0	0	1	2	3	2	2	13	10	
Spain	0	1	0	1	3	5	7	10	0	
South Korea	1	1	4	3	1	0	4	2	0	
Cyprus	0	0	0	1	2	7	6	9	10	
France	0	1	2	2	2	3	1	2	0	
Malta	0	0	0	1	2	7	8	9	6	
Singapore	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	
the Netherlands	1	0	1	1	1	4	2	2	0	
Sri Lanka	0	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	
Hungary	0	0	0	1	1	2	6	8	4	
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	
Taiwan	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Cambodia	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	
Samoa	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	
Iran	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
a non-listed place	5	14	36	45	42	42	36	26	25	
not stated	99	86	106	101	101	105	119	120	106	
<b>overseas born</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>390</b>	

Numbers are the rate per 1,000 residents including 'not stated' responses. Source: Census 2006 Table X01.

## Birthplaces of age groups

This interactive table shows details on the birthplaces of people of a selected age group in Marrickville, and how these differ from birthplaces in Sydney. The table also shows the gender ratio of this age group, their proportion of the population in 2001, and the change from then to 2006. The change can be shown in either absolute numbers or rates per 1,000 residents. Birthplaces are listed in order of size for all residents.

Here, details on the birthplaces of those aged 45–54 yrs are shown. For example, the second row shows that of the 4,166 residents born overseas, 515 were born in the UK, representing 5.4% of this age group (versus 5.6% in 2001).

Main birthplaces of residents 45–54 yrs	Marrickville 2006				Marrickville 2006			Marrickville 2006		diff 2001–06 number
	people	percent	% in Syd	M'ville's difference	males	females	ratio	M'ville in 2001		
Australia	4,437	46.4%	49.3%	3% less	2,215	2,222	1.0 F:M	40.1%	- 5,409	
the UK	515	5.4%	5.9%	1% less	297	218	1.4 M:F	5.6%	- 228	
Greece	246	2.6%	0.8%	2% more	105	141	1.3 F:M	4.6%	+ 160	
Viet Nam	564	5.9%	2.7%	3% more	257	307	1.2 F:M	5.3%	- 187	
New Zealand	371	3.9%	2.6%	1% more	194	177	1.1 M:F	3.4%	- 232	
China	273	2.9%	3.5%	1% less	125	148	1.2 F:M	3.5%	+ 10	
Portugal	270	2.8%	0.3%	3% more	130	140	1.1 F:M	0.0%		
Lebanon	199	2.1%	2.2%	0% less	81	118	1.5 F:M	2.9%	+ 49	
Italy	78	0.8%	1.2%	0% less	41	37	1.1 M:F	1.4%	+ 31	
the Philippines	123	1.3%	2.1%	1% less	43	80	1.9 F:M	1.8%	- 63	
Indonesia	98	1.0%	0.5%	1% more	47	51	1.1 F:M	1.5%	- 91	
Thailand	68	0.7%	0.3%	0% more	24	44	1.8 F:M	0.0%		
India	40	0.4%	1.2%	1% less	24	16	1.5 M:F	0.6%	- 84	
the USA	48	0.5%	0.5%	0% more	26	22	1.2 M:F	0.6%	- 30	
Macedonia (FYROM)	73	0.8%	0.5%	0% more	36	37	1.0 F:M	1.2%	+ 35	
Ireland	38	0.4%	0.4%	0% more	18	20	1.1 F:M	0.4%	- 62	
Malaysia	66	0.7%	0.9%	0% less	32	34	1.1 F:M	0.7%	- 10	
Fiji	69	0.7%	1.0%	0% less	30	39	1.3 F:M	1.3%	- 19	
Hong Kong	43	0.4%	1.6%	1% less	21	22	1.0 F:M	0.4%	- 26	
Germany	56	0.6%	0.4%	0% more	36	20	1.8 M:F	0.7%	+ 12	
Turkey	44	0.5%	0.4%	0% more	23	21	1.1 M:F	0.6%	- 39	
Japan	19	0.2%	0.2%	0% less	10	9	1.1 M:F	0.0%		
South Africa	37	0.4%	1.0%	1% less	17	20	1.2 F:M	0.3%	- 46	
Egypt	32	0.3%	0.6%	0% less	13	19	1.5 F:M	0.6%	+ 16	
Canada	25	0.3%	0.2%	0% more	8	17	2.1 F:M	0.3%	- 38	
Chile	32	0.3%	0.4%	0% less	12	20	1.7 F:M	0.0%		
Croatia	21	0.2%	0.5%	0% less	12	9	1.3 M:F	0.3%	+ 9	
South Eastern Europe	31	0.3%	0.4%	0% less	17	14	1.2 M:F	0.0%		
Poland	26	0.3%	0.5%	0% less	12	14	1.2 F:M	0.2%	- 1	
Spain	26	0.3%	0.1%	0% more	14	12	1.2 M:F	0.0%		
South Korea	13	0.1%	0.9%	1% less	6	7	1.2 F:M	0.1%	- 38	
Cyprus	22	0.2%	0.2%	0% less	9	13	1.4 F:M	0.0%	+ 22	
France	19	0.2%	0.1%	0% more	10	9	1.1 M:F	0.3%	- 27	
Malta	20	0.2%	0.5%	0% less	9	11	1.2 F:M	0.4%	+ 16	
Singapore	17	0.2%	0.3%	0% less	6	11	1.8 F:M	0.2%	- 30	
the Netherlands	14	0.1%	0.3%	0% less	7	7	=	0.3%	- 14	
Sri Lanka	8	0.1%	0.7%	1% less	0	8	F	0.2%	- 9	
Hungary	8	0.1%	0.1%	0% less	5	3	1.7 M:F	0.0%		
Papua New Guinea	10	0.1%	0.1%	0% less	4	6	1.5 F:M	0.0%		
Taiwan	6	0.1%	0.2%	0% less	3	3	=	0.0%		
Cambodia	15	0.2%	0.4%	0% less	9	6	1.5 M:F	0.0%		
Samoa	13	0.1%	0.3%	0% less	7	6	1.2 M:F	0.0%		
Iran	13	0.1%	0.4%	0% less	9	4	2.3 M:F	0.0%		
Bosnia-Herzegovina	4	0.0%	0.2%	0% less	0	4	F	0.0%		
Austria	0	0.0%	0.1%	0% less	0	0	=	0.0%		
Romania	12	0.1%	0.1%	0% more	6	6	=	0.0%		
Russia	9	0.1%	0.1%	0% less	3	6	2.0 F:M	0.0%		
Mauritius	10	0.1%	0.2%	0% less	4	6	1.5 F:M	0.0%		
Ukraine	3	0.0%	0.1%	0% less	0	3	F	0.0%		
Iraq	13	0.1%	0.6%	0% less	5	8	1.6 F:M	0.0%		
a non-listed place	406	4.2%	4.2%	0% more	233	173	1.3 M:F	11.9%	- 1,073	
not stated	969	10.1%	7.7%	2% more	515	454	1.1 M:F	8.2%	- 19	
<b>overseas born</b>	<b>4,166</b>	<b>43.5%</b>	<b>43.0%</b>	<b>49 places</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>2,126</b>	<b>1.04 F:M</b>	<b>51.8%</b>	<b>- 1,425</b>	

Numbers are the rate per 1,000 residents including 'not stated' responses. Source: Census 2006 Table X01; 2001 Table U09.

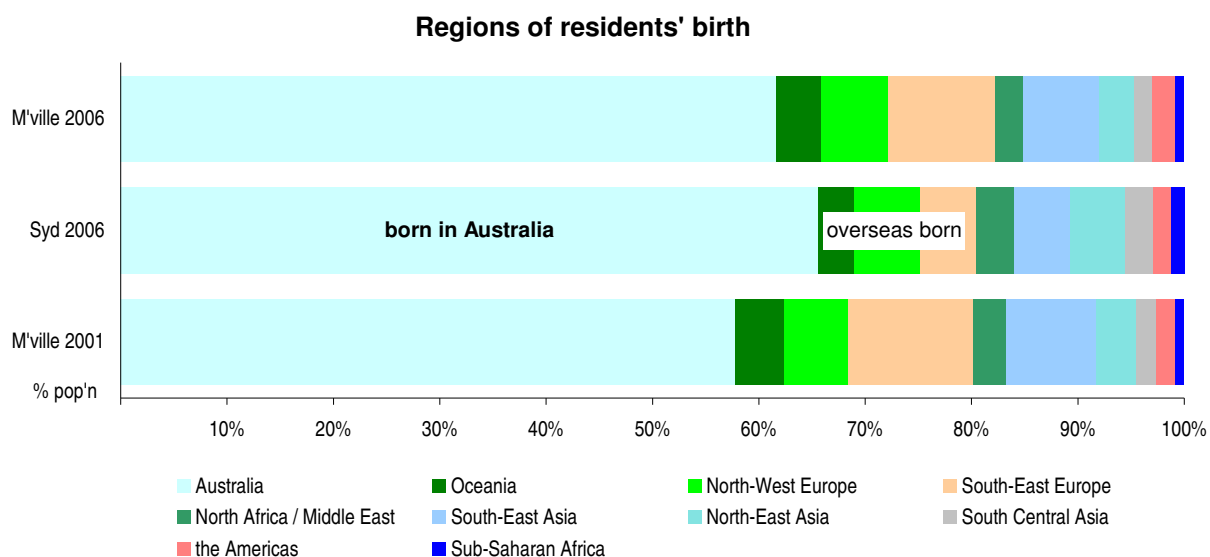
## Birthplace regions

The table and graph below show the regions of the world where Marrickville residents were born. The most common was Australia, where 62% of residents were born, followed by South-East Europe with 10%, South-East Asia with 7%, and North-West Europe with 6%.

Compared with Sydney, Marrickville had 5% more residents were born in South-East Europe and 2% more residents born in South-East Asia, but 4% fewer born in Australia.

Over 2001 to 2006, the proportion of residents born in Australia rose by 39 per 1,000. There were increases in the proportions born in the Americas (up by 3 per 1,000) and in North-West Europe (up by 3 per 1,000), and decreases in the proportions born in South-East Europe (down by 16 per 1,000) and in South-East Asia (down by 13 per 1,000).

The overall gender ratio in Marrickville in 2006 was 102 females per 100 males. It was 106 females per 100 males among Australian-born residents, and varied among overseas-born residents from 157 males per 100 females born in South Central Asia to 129 females per 100 males born in North-East Asia.

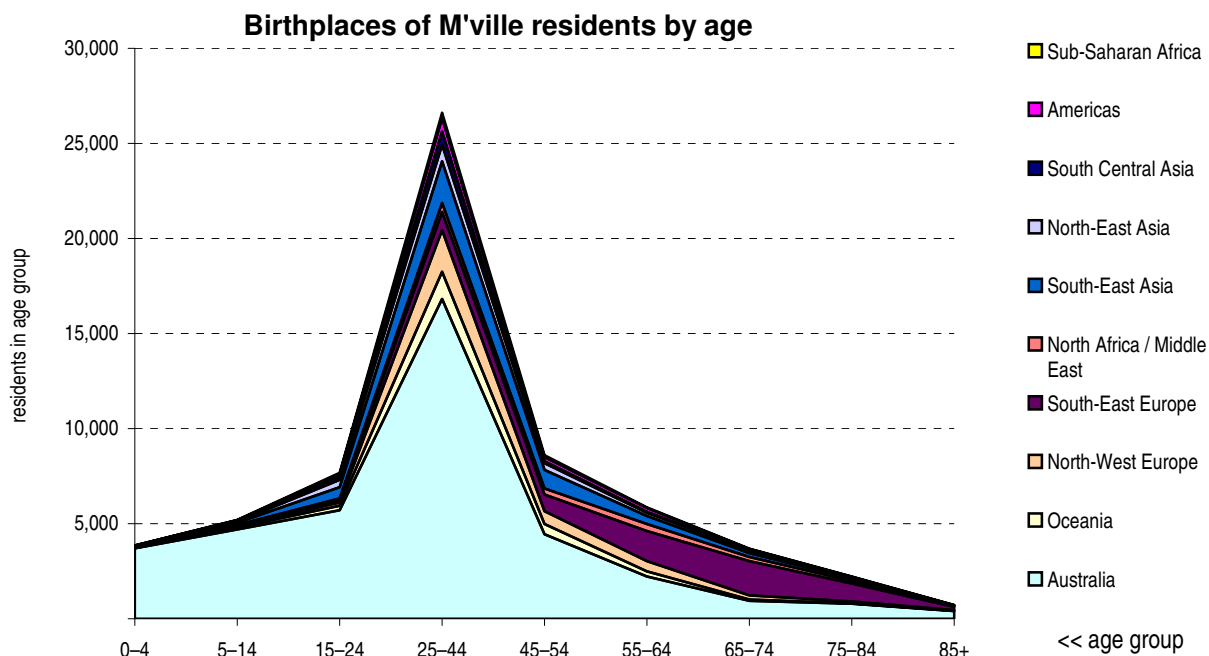


Birthplaces regions of residents	Marrickville 2006		% in Syd	M'ville's difference	Marrickville 2006			M'ville diff 2001-06	
	people	percent			males	females	ratio	in 2001	rate /1000
Australia	39,720	61.7%	65.6%	4% less	19,284	20,436	1.1 F:M	57.7%	+ 39
Oceania	2,717	4.2%	3.3%	1% more	1,393	1,324	1.1 M:F	4.7%	- 5
North-West Europe	4,041	6.3%	6.3%	0% less	2,223	1,818	1.2 M:F	6.0%	+ 3
South-East Europe	6,513	10.1%	5.3%	5% more	3,126	3,387	1.1 F:M	11.7%	- 16
North Africa / Middle East	1,634	2.5%	3.6%	1% less	849	785	1.1 M:F	3.0%	- 5
South-East Asia	4,661	7.2%	5.2%	2% more	2,157	2,504	1.2 F:M	8.6%	- 13
North-East Asia	2,104	3.3%	5.2%	2% less	918	1,186	1.3 F:M	3.8%	- 5
South Central Asia	1,114	1.7%	2.7%	1% less	681	433	1.6 M:F	1.8%	- 1
the Americas	1,402	2.2%	1.7%	1% more	691	711	1.0 F:M	1.9%	+ 3
Sub-Saharan Africa	517	0.8%	1.2%	0% less	264	253	1.0 M:F	0.8%	+ 0
not stated	7,390			same	3,918	3,472	1.1 M:F		
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,813</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		<b>35,504</b>	<b>36,309</b>	<b>1.02 F:M</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>+ 0</b>

Percentages exclude 'not stated' responses. Source: Census 2006 Table X02; 2001 Table U13.

## Regions of birth, by age

The graph below shows how the number of residents from the birthplace regions changes with age, reflecting different waves of migration. Post-war immigrants tend to be over 60, while more recent arrivals tend to be prime age with some children. The graph and table are interactive, and can be set to show males, females or residents, and Australia can be included or excluded.



Birthplaces of M'ville residents by age	No of residents in age group, in Marrickville									
	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	
Australia	3,696	4,690	5,713	16,815	4,440	2,225	940	798	403	
Oceania	26	115	231	1,437	538	268	71	18	13	
North-West Europe	36	77	165	2,184	673	538	221	101	46	
South-East Europe	9	27	147	961	875	1,581	1,801	943	169	
North Africa / Middle East	3	25	72	465	323	363	221	129	33	
South-East Asia	34	121	586	2,192	977	427	196	108	20	
North-East Asia	16	53	390	886	360	166	128	75	30	
South Central Asia	22	36	189	677	98	53	20	19	0	
Americas	13	42	129	709	221	197	69	22	0	
Sub-Saharan Africa	0	10	52	297	98	37	12	6	5	
not stated	421	493	921	2,992	968	698	505	309	83	
<b>overseas born</b>	<b>4,276</b>	<b>5,689</b>	<b>8,595</b>	<b>29,615</b>	<b>9,571</b>	<b>6,553</b>	<b>4,184</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>802</b>	

	No of residents per 1,000 in age group, in Marrickville									
	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	
Australia	864	824	665	568	464	340	225	316	502	
Oceania	6	20	27	49	56	41	17	7	16	
North-West Europe	8	14	19	74	70	82	53	40	57	
South-East Europe	2	5	17	32	91	241	430	373	211	
North Africa / Middle East	1	4	8	16	34	55	53	51	41	
South-East Asia	8	21	68	74	102	65	47	43	25	
North-East Asia	4	9	45	30	38	25	31	30	37	
South Central Asia	5	6	22	23	10	8	5	8	0	
Americas	3	7	15	24	23	30	16	9	0	
Sub-Saharan Africa	0	2	6	10	10	6	3	2	6	
not stated	98	87	107	101	101	107	121	122	103	
<b>overseas born</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	

Numbers are the rate per 1,000 residents including 'not stated' responses. Source: Census 2006 Table X02.

# Ancestry

## Most common ancestries

People's ancestry is a good indicator of their cultural heritage. While many people now give their heritage as 'Australian' (24% in Marrickville in 2006), most people name other ancestries.

People could give at most two ancestries on the Census form, which limits information on ancestry. About 28% of residents here named two ancestries.

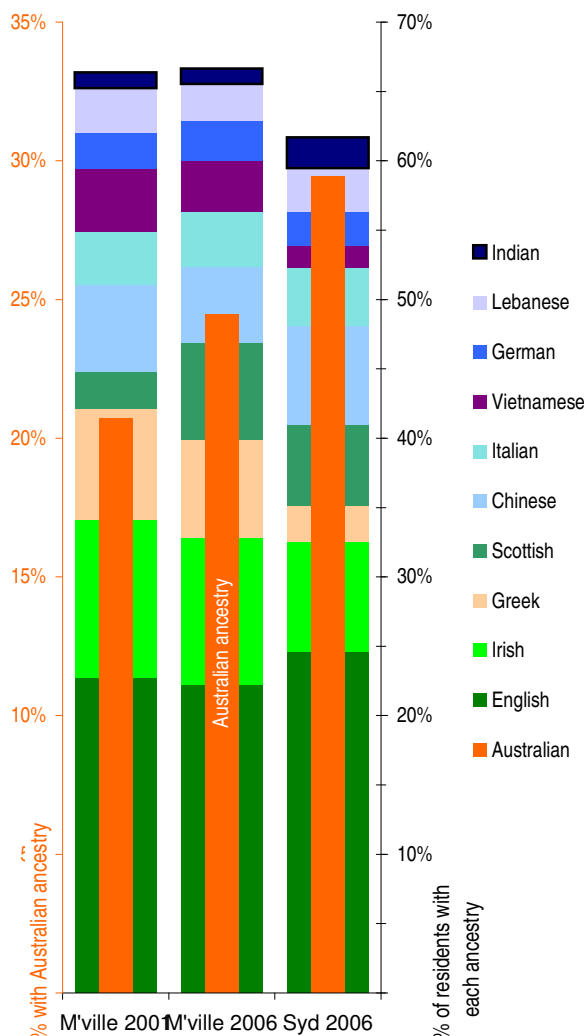
Only 6 ancestries were prompted with tick boxes on the Census form – English, Irish, Italian, German, Chinese, Scottish and Australian– while others had to be written in. This biases results towards these 6 ancestries, which is demonstrated by Scottish ancestry, which was prompted in 2006 but not 2001, causing a leap in acknowledged Scots descendents across the country.

With this bias, the most commonly cited, non-Australian ancestries of Marrickville residents, and the proportion with that ancestry, were:

- English – 22%;
- Irish – 11%;
- Greek – 7%;
- Scottish – 7%;
- Chinese – 6%;
- Italian – 4%;

Over the five years since 2001, three ancestries that became more common in Marrickville were Scottish, claimed by 43 more per 1,000 residents than in 2001; Australian, with 38 more per 1,000; and German, with 3 more. There were fewer claiming American ancestry (10 fewer per 1,000) and Greek ancestry (9 fewer).

Most common ancestries



Most common ancestries	Marrickville 2006				% of residents		M'ville's difference	M'ville diff 2001-06	
	residents	males	females	ratio	in M'ville	in Syd		2001	rate /1000
Australian	17,577	8,197	9,378	1.14 F:M	24.5%	29.4%	5.0% less	20.7%	38
Australian Aboriginal	300	127	175	1.38 F:M	0.4%	0.2%	0.3% more	0.3%	2
English	15,945	7,909	8,046	1.02 F:M	22.2%	24.6%	2.4% less	22.7%	-5
Irish	7,608	3,566	4,037	1.13 F:M	10.6%	7.9%	2.7% more	11.4%	-8
Greek	5,130	2,499	2,619	1.05 F:M	7.1%	2.7%	4.5% more	8.0%	-9
Scottish	4,958	2,410	2,552	1.06 F:M	6.9%	5.9%	1.1% more	2.6%	43
Chinese	3,991	1,905	2,081	1.09 F:M	5.6%	7.1%	1.5% less	6.3%	-8
Italian	2,797	1,384	1,407	1.02 F:M	3.9%	4.2%	0.3% less	3.8%	1
Vietnamese	2,682	1,294	1,382	1.07 F:M	3.7%	1.6%	2.2% more	4.5%	-7
German	2,055	1,035	1,022	1.01 M:F	2.9%	2.5%	0.4% more	2.6%	3
Lebanese	1,892	912	977	1.07 F:M	2.6%	3.1%	0.5% less	3.2%	-6
Indian	811	409	384	1.07 M:F	1.1%	2.2%	1.1% less	1.2%	-0
<b>Total responses</b>	91,808	44,719	47,029	1.05 F:M	127.8%	124.6%	3.3% more	121.2%	66
<b>residents</b>	<b>71,821</b>	<b>35,505</b>	<b>36,308</b>	<b>1.02 F:M</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>same</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>

Note that 2001 data is of overnight population, not residents. The difference is generally not significant except in winter holiday areas with high visitor numbers. Source: Census 2006 Table B08, 2001 Census Table B09.

## Ancestry variations

The table below gives details on 30 common ancestries named in the Census. For each ancestry, the table shows the number of residents (males and females) and the gender ratio. It then compares the proportion of the population with each ancestry with that in Sydney and with the 2001 Census night population of Marrickville.

The gender ratio among ancestries named by more than 20 residents, ranged from 1.10 males per female with Spanish ancestry and 1.07 males per female with Maori ancestry, to 1.30 females per male with Russian ancestry and 1.38 females per male with Australian Aboriginal ancestry.

Compared with Sydney, ancestries that were more common in Marrickville were Greek, with 4% more of the residents; Irish, with 3% more; and Vietnamese, with 2% more. There were fewer claiming Australian ancestry (5% fewer) and English ancestry (2% fewer).

Ancestry	Marrickville 2006				% of residents			diff 2001-06	
	residents	males	females	gender ratio	in M'ville	in Syd	M'ville's difference	M'ville 2001	rate /1000
Australian	17,577	8,197	9,378	1.14 F:M	24.5%	29.4%	5.0% less	20.7%	38
Australian Aboriginal	300	127	175	1.38 F:M	0.4%	0.2%	0.3% more	0.3%	2
English	15,945	7,909	8,046	1.02 F:M	22.2%	24.6%	2.4% less	22.7%	-5
Irish	7,608	3,566	4,037	1.13 F:M	10.6%	7.9%	2.7% more	11.4%	-8
Greek	5,130	2,499	2,619	1.05 F:M	7.1%	2.7%	4.5% more	8.0%	-9
Scottish	4,958	2,410	2,552	1.06 F:M	6.9%	5.9%	1.1% more	2.6%	43
Chinese	3,991	1,905	2,081	1.09 F:M	5.6%	7.1%	1.5% less	6.3%	-8
Italian	2,797	1,384	1,407	1.02 F:M	3.9%	4.2%	0.3% less	3.8%	1
Vietnamese	2,682	1,294	1,382	1.07 F:M	3.7%	1.6%	2.2% more	4.5%	-7
German	2,055	1,035	1,022	1.01 M:F	2.9%	2.5%	0.4% more	2.6%	3
Lebanese	1,892	912	977	1.07 F:M	2.6%	3.1%	0.5% less	3.2%	-6
Indian	811	409	384	1.07 M:F	1.1%	2.2%	1.1% less	1.2%	-0
Filipino	789	347	443	1.28 F:M	1.1%	1.6%	0.5% less	1.3%	-2
New Zealander	756	361	384	1.06 F:M	1.1%	0.8%	0.2% more	0.9%	2
Spanish	709	368	334	1.10 M:F	1.0%	0.7%	0.3% more	n.a.	n.a.
Dutch	640	306	329	1.08 F:M	0.9%	1.0%	0.1% less	0.8%	1
Polish	572	253	317	1.25 F:M	0.8%	0.8%	0.0% less	0.6%	2
Macedonian	558	271	291	1.07 F:M	0.8%	0.5%	0.2% more	0.9%	-2
French	483	233	251	1.08 F:M	0.7%	0.6%	0.1% more	n.a.	n.a.
Croatian	461	223	240	1.08 F:M	0.6%	0.8%	0.2% less	0.5%	1
Welsh	457	235	240	1.02 F:M	0.6%	0.5%	0.2% more	n.a.	n.a.
Maltese	455	215	228	1.06 F:M	0.6%	1.3%	0.6% less	0.6%	0
Serbian	451	219	232	1.06 F:M	0.6%	0.7%	0.1% less	0.9%	-2
Turkish	431	218	205	1.06 M:F	0.6%	0.5%	0.1% more	0.7%	-1
Maori	385	199	186	1.07 M:F	0.5%	0.6%	0.1% less	0.5%	1
Hungarian	368	177	186	1.05 F:M	0.5%	0.5%	0.1% more	n.a.	n.a.
Russian	324	144	187	1.30 F:M	0.5%	0.5%	0.1% less	0.4%	1
American	296	130	166	1.28 F:M	0.4%	0.3%	0.1% more	1.4%	-10
South African	181	82	88	1.07 F:M	0.3%	0.5%	0.3% less	n.a.	n.a.
Sinhalese	131	70	66	1.06 M:F	0.2%	0.5%	0.3% less	n.a.	n.a.
other	9,697	4,791	4,904	1.02 F:M	13.5%	11.4%	2.1% more	14.9%	-14
not stated	7,918	4,230	3,692	1.15 M:F	11.0%	9.1%	1.9% more	9.3%	17
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>91,808</b>	<b>44,719</b>	<b>47,029</b>	<b>1.05 F:M</b>	<b>127.8%</b>	<b>124.6%</b>	<b>3.3% more</b>	<b>121.2%</b>	<b>66</b>
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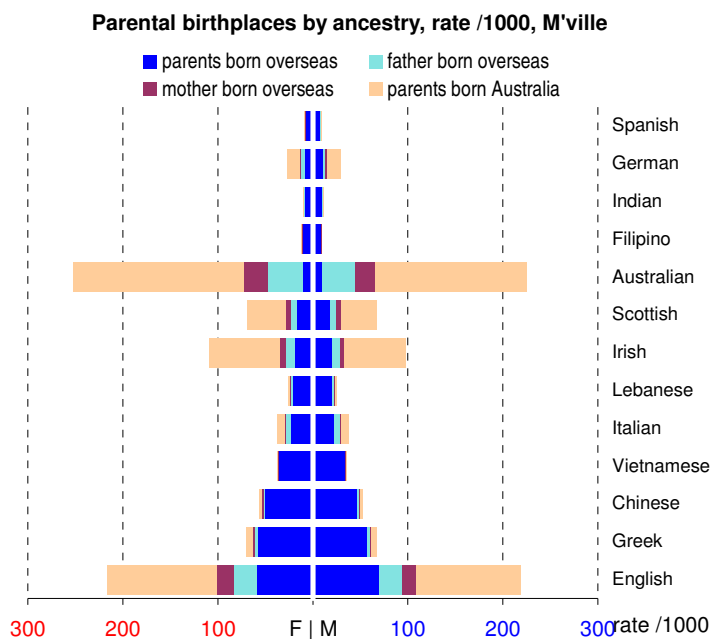
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## Parental birthplaces and ancestry

The table and chart show whether the parents of people citing each ancestry were born overseas or in Australia. This is one indicator of the closeness of ancestral links.

The bars in the graph show the relative size of the main ancestries of Marrickville's males and females, and their parental birthplaces. Ancestries with relatively longer dark portions in the centre show more people with two overseas-born parents, and possibly stronger ancestral links.

The most common ancestries of residents with both parents born overseas were English with 70 in every 1,000 males and 59 in every 1,000 females; Greek (57 and 58); and Chinese (47 and 51).



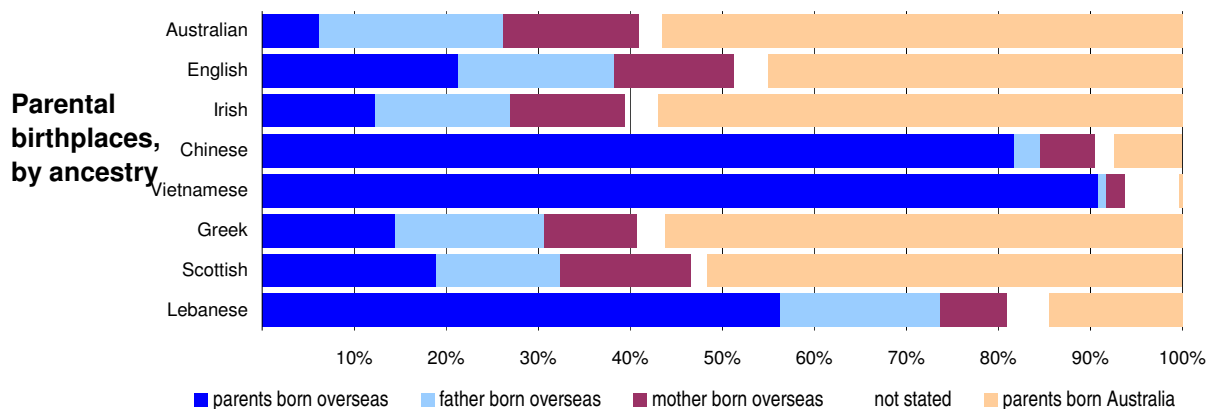
Parental birthplaces by ancestry, rate /1000, M'ville	Marrickville males, rate /1000				Marrickville females, rate /1000				All residents
	parents born overseas	father born overseas	mother born overseas	parents born Australia	parents born overseas	father born overseas	mother born overseas	parents born Australia	
English	70	24	15	109	59	24	17	116	222
Greek	57	3	2	6	58	3	2	7	71
Chinese	47	1	1	2	51	1	2	2	56
Vietnamese	34	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	37
Italian	23	5	2	8	23	5	2	8	39
Lebanese	21	1	1	1	22	2	1	2	26
Irish	21	8	5	65	19	9	6	75	106
Scottish	19	6	4	38	16	7	5	41	69
Australian	10	34	22	159	11	37	25	179	245
Filipino	9	0	1	0	11	0	1	0	11
Indian	10	1	0	0	9	1	0	0	11
German	10	3	2	14	9	4	2	13	29
Spanish	8	1	0	1	8	0	0	1	10
New Zealander	7	1	1	0	7	1	1	0	11
Macedonian	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	8
Turkish	6	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	6
Serbian	5	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	6
Polish	5	1	0	1	5	1	1	2	8
Croatian	4	1	0	1	5	1	0	1	6
Dutch	5	2	1	2	4	2	1	1	9
Maori	4	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	5
Maltese	4	1	0	1	4	1	1	1	6
Hungarian	3	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	5
French	4	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	7
Russian	2	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	5
Welsh	3	1	1	3	2	1	0	3	6
American	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	4
South African	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
Sinhalese	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Australian Aboriginal	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	4
other	109	9	5	8	107	11	6	8	135
not stated	16	1	1	8	14	1	1	7	110
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>1,278</b>
<b>Total residents</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>1,000</b>

Source: Census 2006 Table X06

## Ancestry of children age under 25

The table below shows the ancestral characteristics of young people, and can be set to show all under 25s or smaller age groups. Here it shows those aged under 25. The bottom row of the table shows there were 11,092 residents this age, of whom 35% had both parents born overseas, 23% had one born overseas, and 37% had Australian-born parents.

The most common ancestry of people under 25 was Australian with 4,386 residents, 40% of the age group, which was 1.4% less than the proportion in Sydney. This was followed by English with 19%, Irish with 9%, and Chinese with 7%.



Ancestry of residents aged under 25 yrs	under 25s in M'ville				% of under 25s with each parental birthplace				
	number	% of age group	% age group, Syd	M'ville difference	parents born overseas	father born overseas	mother born overseas	parents born Australia	not stated
Australian	4,386	40%	41%	<b>1.4% less</b>	6%	20%	15%	57%	3%
English	2,148	19%	21%	<b>1.8% less</b>	21%	17%	13%	45%	4%
Irish	946	9%	6%	<b>2.9% more</b>	12%	15%	12%	57%	4%
Chinese	815	7%	8%	<b>0.2% less</b>	<b>82%</b>	3%	6%	7%	2%
Vietnamese	754	7%	2%	<b>4.8% more</b>	<b>91%</b>	1%	2%	0%	6%
Greek	610	5%	3%	<b>2.9% more</b>	14%	16%	10%	56%	3%
Scottish	459	4%	4%	0.4% more	19%	14%	14%	52%	2%
Lebanese	387	3%	5%	<b>1.1% less</b>	56%	17%	7%	14%	5%
Italian	380	3%	4%	<b>1.0% less</b>	7%	<b>23%</b>	13%	55%	2%
German	223	2%	2%	0.3% more	23%	16%	12%	46%	3%
New Zealander	171	2%	1%	0.5% more	42%	<b>27%</b>	<b>17%</b>	4%	<b>11%</b>
Filipino	152	1%	2%	<b>0.8% less</b>	<b>72%</b>	2%	<b>16%</b>	6%	4%
Indian	136	1%	3%	<b>1.4% less</b>	<b>63%</b>	12%	14%	7%	4%
Spanish	99	1%	1%	0.2% more	44%	22%	15%	18%	0%
Aboriginal	95	1%	0%	0.6% more	8%	9%	0%	<b>79%</b>	3%
Maori	93	1%	1%	0.0% more	<b>61%</b>	<b>28%</b>	6%	4%	0%
Turkish	93	1%	1%	0.2% more	<b>66%</b>	16%	12%	3%	3%
Dutch	85	1%	1%	<b>0.1% less</b>	16%	<b>32%</b>	8%	40%	4%
Polish	78	1%	1%	0.2% more	27%	14%	15%	44%	0%
Croatian	64	1%	1%	<b>0.2% less</b>	22%	19%	9%	50%	0%
Serbian	62	1%	1%	<b>0.1% less</b>	56%	8%	11%	15%	10%
French	60	1%	0%	0.1% more	27%	<b>38%</b>	15%	10%	<b>10%</b>
Macedonian	55	0%	1%	<b>0.0% less</b>	60%	15%	0%	25%	0%
Welsh	53	0%	0%	0.2% more	28%	<b>30%</b>	6%	36%	0%
American	53	0%	0%	0.0% more	38%	<b>30%</b>	<b>21%</b>	6%	6%
South African	44	0%	1%	<b>0.3% less</b>	36%	<b>30%</b>	<b>20%</b>	7%	7%
Maltese	41	0%	1%	<b>0.8% less</b>	15%	<b>24%</b>	7%	44%	10%
Russian	41	0%	0%	<b>0.0% less</b>	37%	15%	<b>22%</b>	20%	7%
Hungarian	40	0%	0%	0.1% more	33%	15%	15%	38%	0%
Sinhalese	20	0%	1%	<b>0.4% less</b>	<b>100%</b>	0%	0%	0%	0%
other	1,739	16%	14%	<b>2.2% more</b>	60%	18%	11%	8%	4%
not stated	692	6%	6%	0.6% more	37%	7%	4%	27%	<b>25%</b>
<b>Total responses</b>	15,074	136%	130%	<b>6.2% more</b>	31%	16%	12%	37%	4%
<b>Total residents aged under 25</b>	<b>11,092</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>35%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>5%</b>

Larger differences are in bold. Higher than usual parental birthplace patterns are highlighted with green shading. Source: Census 2006 Table X07

## Indigenous residents

In 2006, Marrickville had 1,078 Indigenous residents, with 1,018 identifying as Aboriginal; 50 identifying as Torres Strait Islanders (TSI); and 10 identifying as both Aboriginal and TSI. Indigenous people constituted 1.5% of the residents, compared with 1.1% of Sydney.

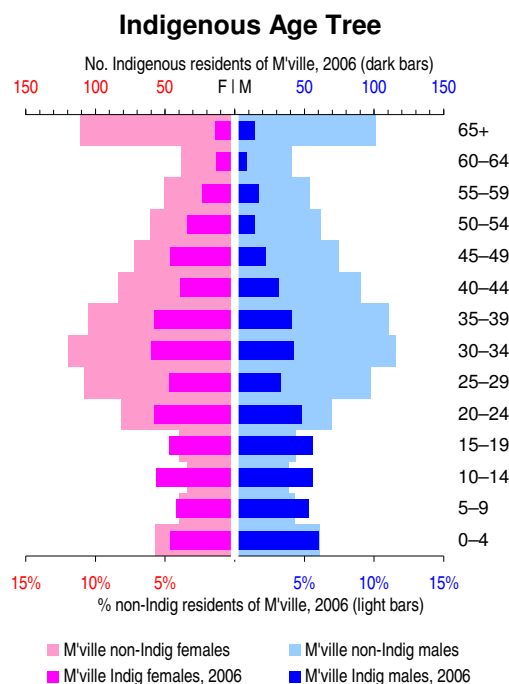
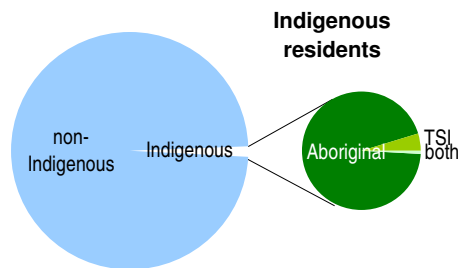
The median (mid-point) age of local Indigenous people was in the range 25–29 years and the average was about 27 years 5 months. By comparison, non-Indigenous residents had an average age of about 36 years 10 months with the median age around 30–34 years.

The age structure of the Indigenous population differs from the non-indigenous community due to higher mortality rates at most ages. Young people form a larger share of the Indigenous population, shown in the Indigenous 'AgeTree' (right), with wider lower branches and shorter upper branches than for non-indigenous people.

For example, 10–14 year-olds made up 10% of Indigenous residents but just 4% of non-Indigenous residents; another 10% of Indigenous residents were 0–4 year-olds but 6% of non-Indigenous residents were this age.

Conversely, 2% of Indigenous residents were 60–64 year-olds while 4% of non-Indigenous residents were this age, and 3% of Indigenous residents were 65+ year-olds compared with 11% of non-Indigenous residents.

In 2001, the median age of Marrickville's Indigenous people was 25–29 years and the average was about 27 years one month, so the average age had increased by 4 months over the five years.



Indigenous people	Marrickville 2006		M'ville's		Marrickville 2006			M'ville in	
	number	% residents	% in Syd	difference	males	females	ratio	2001	change 2001–2006
Aboriginal	1,018	1.4%	1.0%	0.4% more	469	549	1.17 F:M	1.2%	up 0.2%
Torres Strait Islander (TSI)	50	0.1%	0.1%	0.0% more	25	25	=	0.1%	dn 0.0%
Aboriginal and TSI	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0% less	0	10	F	0.0%	dn 0.0%
<b>Indigenous residents</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>0.4% more</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>1.18 F:M</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>up 0.2%</b>
non-Indigenous	70,734	98.5%	98.9%	0.4% less	35,010	35,724	1.02 F:M	98.7%	dn 0.2%
<b>residents</b>	<b>71,812</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>35,504</b>	<b>36,308</b>	<b>1.02 F:M</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Ages of Indigenous people	Marrickville 2006				M'ville Indigenous, 2006			M'ville in 2001	changed share
	Indigenous	% Indig.	% non-Indig	Indig. diff.	males	females	ratio		
0–4	106	10%	6%	4% more	60	46	1.3 M:F	10%	up 0.0%
5–9	95	9%	4%	5% more	53	42	1.3 M:F	9%	up 0.1%
10–14	112	10%	4%	7% more	56	56	=	10%	dn 0.0%
15–19	103	10%	4%	5% more	56	47	1.2 M:F	9%	up 0.8%
20–24	106	10%	8%	2% more	48	58	1.2 F:M	10%	dn 0.4%
25–29	80	7%	10%	3% less	33	47	1.4 F:M	10%	dn 3.0%
30–34	102	9%	12%	2% less	42	60	1.4 F:M	10%	dn 0.7%
35–39	99	9%	11%	2% less	41	58	1.4 F:M	8%	up 1.6%
40–44	70	6%	9%	2% less	31	39	1.3 F:M	7%	dn 0.1%
45–49	68	6%	7%	1% less	22	46	2.1 F:M	6%	up 0.7%
50–54	48	4%	6%	2% less	14	34	2.4 F:M	4%	up 0.1%
55–59	40	4%	5%	1% less	17	23	1.4 F:M	2%	up 1.3%
60–64	21	2%	4%	2% less	8	13	1.6 F:M	1%	up 0.8%
65+	28	3%	11%	8% less	14	14	=	4%	dn 1.2%
<b>residents</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>495</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>-1.18</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>average age</b>		<b>27.4 yrs</b>	<b>36.8 yrs</b>	<b>-9.4 yrs</b>	<b>25.1 yrs</b>	<b>29.4 yrs</b>		<b>27.1 yrs</b>	<b>0.3 yrs</b>

Source: Census 2006 Table B07; Census 2001 Table U05.

# Languages

## Main languages

In 2006, 58% of Marrickville's residents spoke English at home, which was similar to in 2001, and 6% fewer than across Sydney. While 9% did not say what language they spoke, 33% spoke another language at home (3% more than Sydney), covering 33 of the 35 languages listed in the Census table.

The table below shows the number and proportion of Marrickville residents speaking English or another language at home, and the most common languages, in 2006. It then shows the proportion in Sydney, and Marrickville's difference (by subtraction).

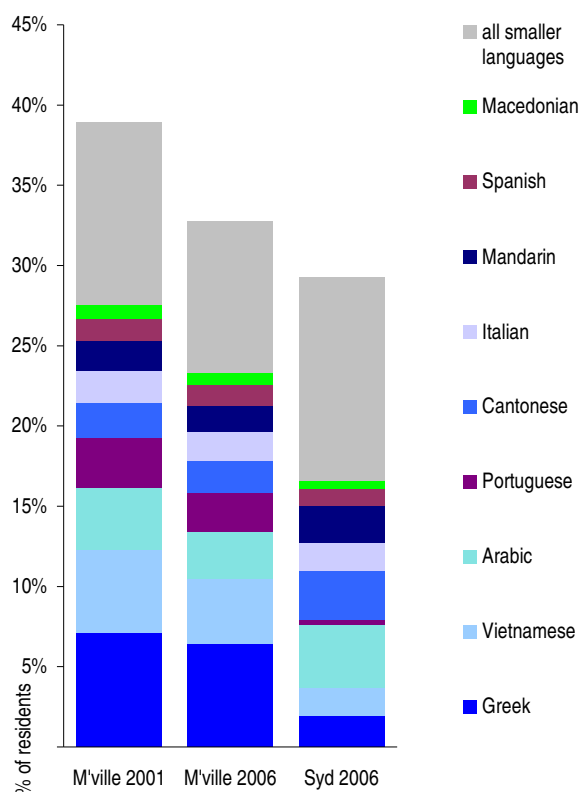
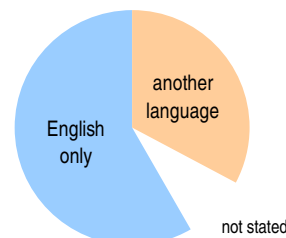
The main languages spoken at homes, and the number and proportion of residents speaking them, were:

- Greek – 4,611 or 6.4%;
- Vietnamese – 2,944 or 4.1%;
- Arabic – 2,066 or 2.9%;
- Portuguese – 1,751 or 2.4%;
- Cantonese – 1,438 or 2.0%.

There were 1.04 females per male among English-speaking residents and 1.03 females per male among speakers of other languages. Among the most common languages, the gender ratio varied from 1.04 males per female among those speaking Arabic to 1.15 females per male among those speaking Mandarin.

The final two columns show the proportion speaking each language in 2001, and the change over 2001 to 2006 in this proportion. The proportion of Marrickville residents speaking English was 48 more per 1,000 than in 2001; the proportion speaking another language was 63 less per 1,000 (the difference due to changes in the 'unstated').

Main languages spoken at home



Main languages spoken at home	Marrickville 2006		% in Syd	M'ville's difference	Marrickville 2006			M'ville in 2001	diff 2001-06 rate/1000
	people	percent			males	females	ratio		
English only	41,918	58.4%	64.0%	5.6% less	20,507	21,411	1.04 F:M	53.5%	48
another language	23,506	32.7%	29.3%	3.5% more	11,566	11,940	1.03 F:M	39.1%	-63
not stated	6,392	8.9%	6.8%	2.2% more	3,434	2,958	1.16 M:F	7.4%	15
<b>residents</b>	<b>71,816</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>33 langs.</b>	<b>35,507</b>	<b>36,309</b>	<b>1.02 F:M</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Greek	4,611	6.4%	1.9%	4.5% more	2,252	2,359	1.05 F:M	7.1%	-7
Vietnamese	2,944	4.1%	1.8%	2.3% more	1,415	1,529	1.08 F:M	5.1%	-10
Arabic	2,066	2.9%	3.9%	1.0% less	1,055	1,011	1.04 M:F	3.8%	-10
Portuguese	1,751	2.4%	0.3%	2.2% more	872	879	1.01 F:M	3.1%	-7
Cantonese	1,438	2.0%	3.0%	1.0% less	705	733	1.04 F:M	2.2%	-2
Italian	1,301	1.8%	1.7%	0.1% more	634	667	1.05 F:M	2.0%	-2
Mandarin	1,156	1.6%	2.3%	0.7% less	538	618	1.15 F:M	1.8%	-2
Spanish	960	1.3%	1.1%	0.3% more	458	502	1.10 F:M	1.4%	-1
Macedonian	503	0.7%	0.5%	0.2% more	252	251	1.00 M:F	0.9%	-2
<b>Total speaking other languages</b>	<b>23,506</b>	<b>32.7%</b>	<b>29.3%</b>	<b>3.5% more</b>	<b>11,566</b>	<b>11,940</b>	<b>1.03 F:M</b>	<b>38.9%</b>	<b>-62</b>

Source 2006 Census Table X05, 2001 Census Table U16.

## Language variations

The table below gives details on 33 languages named in the Census, listed in order of the number of poor English speakers. For each language, the table shows the number of Marrickville resident who speak it at home (males and females) and the gender ratio. It then compares the proportion of the population speaking each language with that in Sydney and with the 2001 resident population of

The gender ratio of uncommon languages, cited by few residents, can be very biased. Here, among the languages with over 20 speakers, it ranges from 1.35 males per female speaking Samoan to 1.43 females per male speaking Filipino.

Compared with Sydney, languages that were more common in Marrickville were Greek, spoken by 4.5% more of the residents; Vietnamese, with 2.3% more; and Portuguese, with 2.2% more. There were fewer speaking Cantonese (1.0% fewer) and Arabic (1.0% fewer).

Languages spoken at home	Marrickville 2006		% in Syd	M'ville's difference	Marrickville 2006			M'ville in diff 2001-06	
	people	percent			males	females	ratio	2001	rate/1000
English only	41,918	58.4%	64.0%	5.6% less	20,507	21,411	1.04 F:M	53.5%	48
another language	23,506	32.7%	29.3%	3.5% more	11,566	11,940	1.03 F:M	39.1%	-63
not stated	6,392	8.9%	6.8%	2.2% more	3,434	2,958	1.16 M:F	7.4%	15
<b>residents</b>	<b>71,816</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>33 langs.</b>	<b>35,507</b>	<b>36,309</b>	<b>1.02 F:M</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>
Greek	4,611	6.4%	1.9%	4.5% more	2,252	2,359	1.05 F:M	7.1%	-7
Vietnamese	2,944	4.1%	1.8%	2.3% more	1,415	1,529	1.08 F:M	5.1%	-10
Arabic	2,066	2.9%	3.9%	1.0% less	1,055	1,011	1.04 M:F	3.8%	-10
Portuguese	1,751	2.4%	0.3%	2.2% more	872	879	1.01 F:M	3.1%	-7
Cantonese	1,438	2.0%	3.0%	1.0% less	705	733	1.04 F:M	2.2%	-2
Italian	1,301	1.8%	1.7%	0.1% more	634	667	1.05 F:M	2.0%	-2
Mandarin	1,156	1.6%	2.3%	0.7% less	538	618	1.15 F:M	1.8%	-2
Spanish	960	1.3%	1.1%	0.3% more	458	502	1.10 F:M	1.4%	-1
Macedonian	503	0.7%	0.5%	0.2% more	252	251	1.00 M:F	0.9%	-2
Indonesian	497	0.7%	0.4%	0.3% more	234	263	1.12 F:M	1.0%	-3
Turkish	390	0.5%	0.5%	0.1% more	214	176	1.22 M:F	0.7%	-2
Tagalog	315	0.4%	0.7%	0.2% less	153	162	1.06 F:M	0.9%	-4
Japanese	270	0.4%	0.3%	0.1% more	114	156	1.37 F:M	0.3%	1
Hindi	248	0.3%	0.9%	0.6% less	142	106	1.34 M:F	0.5%	-1
French	245	0.3%	0.3%	0.0% more	120	125	1.04 F:M	0.3%	0
Serbian	241	0.3%	0.5%	0.1% less	120	121	1.01 F:M	0.5%	-2
Croatian	224	0.3%	0.5%	0.2% less	104	120	1.15 F:M	0.4%	-0
German	213	0.3%	0.4%	0.1% less	106	107	1.01 F:M	0.3%	-0
Filipino	170	0.2%	0.4%	0.2% less	70	100	1.43 F:M	n.a.	n.a.
Polish	162	0.2%	0.3%	0.1% less	74	88	1.19 F:M	0.2%	1
other Chinese	159	0.2%	0.3%	0.1% less	70	89	1.27 F:M	0.4%	-1
Korean	133	0.2%	0.9%	0.7% less	55	78	1.42 F:M	0.2%	0
Maltese	111	0.2%	0.3%	0.2% less	51	60	1.18 F:M	0.2%	-0
Hungarian	106	0.1%	0.2%	0.0% less	52	54	1.04 F:M	0.2%	-1
Samoan	94	0.1%	0.3%	0.2% less	54	40	1.35 M:F	0.2%	-0
Russian	92	0.1%	0.3%	0.2% less	39	53	1.36 F:M	0.1%	0
Dutch	72	0.1%	0.1%	0.0% less	32	40	1.25 F:M	0.1%	-0
Aboriginal languages	65	0.1%	0.0%	0.1% more	34	31	1.10 M:F	0.0%	1
Tamil	49	0.1%	0.4%	0.3% less	26	23	1.13 M:F	0.1%	-1
Persian	48	0.1%	0.3%	0.2% less	25	23	1.09 M:F	0.0%	0
Sinhalese	45	0.1%	0.2%	0.1% less	23	22	1.05 M:F	0.0%	0
Khmer	31	0.0%	0.2%	0.2% less	16	15	1.07 M:F	0.1%	-0
other Iranic	9	0.0%	0.1%	0.1% less	9	0	M	n.a.	n.a.
Dari	0	0.0%	0.1%	0.1% less	0	0	=	n.a.	n.a.
other languages	2,787	3.9%	4.0%	0.1% less	1,448	1,339	1.08 M:F	4.7%	-8
all smaller languages	6,776	9.4%	12.7%	3.2% less	3,385	3,391	1.00 F:M	11.3%	-19
<b>Total speaking other languages</b>	<b>23,506</b>	<b>32.7%</b>	<b>29.3%</b>	<b>3.5% more</b>	<b>11,566</b>	<b>11,940</b>	<b>1.03 F:M</b>	<b>38.9%</b>	<b>62.011816</b>

<sup>1</sup>All smaller languages' is used for the previous graph, and refers to those outside the top 9, from Indonesian downwards. Source 2006 Census Table X05, 2001 Census Table U16

## English proficiency

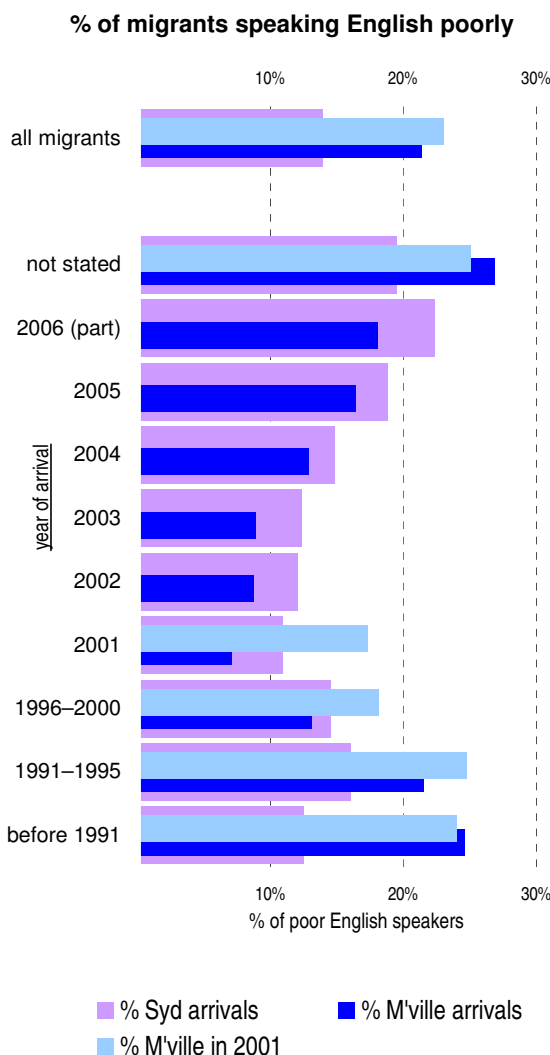
Of 24,744 Marrickville residents born overseas, 5,279 or 21% reported that they spoke English poorly – not well or not at all – in 2006.

Proficiency in English does not necessarily increase with longer periods in Australia. In Marrickville, the highest proportions speaking poor English were among those who migrated before 1991 (25% of them) and from 1991 to 1995 (22%). The fewest poor English speakers arrived in 2001 (7%) and in 2002 (9%).

In comparison with Sydney, immigrants in Marrickville were much poorer speakers of English, on average, with 7% more being poor speakers of English. Marrickville's immigrants who arrived in 2006 (part) had the best relative proficiency – 4% fewer were poor speakers, compared with Sydney. Arrivals before 1991 had relatively worse English proficiency – 12% more were poor speakers.

Comparing English proficiency rates with those found in 2001 gives some indication of whether English has improved among immigrants. Overall, 23% of Marrickville's overseas-born residents were poor speakers of English in 2001, so the 2006 rate was 2% lower.

Improvements in English varied with different arrival periods. The proportion of poor English speakers fell by 10% among those who arrived in Australia in 2001 and fell by 5% among those who arrived in Australia from 1996 to 2000 but changed little among those who arrived in Australia before 1991.



English proficiency by year of arrival	English ability			Total arrivals	speak English poorly				
	English well or only	well	not well or not at all		% M'ville arrivals	% Syd arrivals	M'ville's difference	% M'ville in 2001	2001–2006
before 1991	5,095	6,088	3,672	14,949	25%	12%	12% more	24%	up 1%
1991–1995	656	942	443	2,060	22%	16%	5% more	25%	dn 3%
1996–2000	1,054	1,173	337	2,582	13%	14%	1% less	18%	dn 5%
2001	263	275	41	579	7%	11%	4% less	17%	dn 10%
2002	208	306	49	563	9%	12%	3% less		
2003	223	338	55	619	9%	12%	3% less		
2004	226	376	90	701	13%	15%	2% less		
2005	213	397	121	738	16%	19%	2% less		
2006 (part)	190	301	110	609	18%	22%	4% less		
not stated	364	543	361	1,344	27%	19%	7% more	25%	up 2%
<b>all migrants</b>	<b>8,492</b>	<b>10,739</b>	<b>5,279</b>	<b>24,744</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>7% more</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>dn 2%</b>
	34%	43%	21%						

Arrivals with unstated English proficiency are not shown in the table, but are included in the total and percentages. Source 2006 Census Table B11, 2001 Census Table U15.

## English proficiency by language

The table below gives details on the proportion of residents who speak English not well or not at all, across the 33 languages named in the Census. For each language, the table shows the number of Marrickville resident who speak English poorly, their proportion of the population in Marrickville and in Sydney, and the difference. It also shows the number of males and females who speak English poorly, the gender ratio, and their proportion of the population.

The languages with the highest proportions who speak English poorly, and the number and proportion of such speakers, were: Greek – 1,562 or 34%; Vietnamese – 1,167 or 40%; Portuguese – 552 or 32%; Cantonese – 505 or 35%; Arabic – 411 or 20%.

Compared with Sydney, languages with higher proportions of poor English speakers in Marrickville were Greek, with 17% more speakers being poor at English; Portuguese, with 13% more; and Macedonian, with 11% more. There were fewer poor at English among speakers of Russian (12% fewer) and Korean (7% fewer).

Among the 28 languages with more than 5 speakers who were poor at English, the gender ratio ranges from 1.50 males per female speaking French to 3.00 females per male speaking Hindi.

Languages of poor English speakers	Residents speaking English poorly								
	number poor at English	% M'ville language speakers	% Syd language speakers	M'ville's difference	M'ville males	M'ville females	number ratio	% M'ville males	% M'ville females
Greek	1,562	34%	17%	<b>17% more</b>	636	926	1.5 F:M	29%	40%
Vietnamese	1,167	<b>40%</b>	<b>36%</b>	4% more	496	671	1.4 F:M	<b>36%</b>	<b>44%</b>
Portuguese	552	32%	19%	13% more	253	299	1.2 F:M	30%	35%
Cantonese	505	35%	27%	8% more	216	289	1.3 F:M	31%	39%
Arabic	411	20%	16%	4% more	158	253	1.6 F:M	15%	25%
Mandarin	319	28%	26%	2% more	134	185	1.4 F:M	25%	30%
Italian	274	21%	15%	6% more	114	160	1.4 F:M	18%	24%
Spanish	146	15%	14%	1% more	64	82	1.3 F:M	14%	16%
Macedonian	145	29%	18%	11% more	57	88	1.5 F:M	23%	36%
Turkish	111	29%	22%	7% more	56	55	1.0 M:F	27%	31%
Indonesian	63	<b>13%</b>	9%	3% more	33	30	1.1 M:F	14%	<b>12%</b>
other Chinese	52	34%	28%	7% more	18	34	1.9 F:M	27%	40%
Serbian	48	20%	21%	<b>1% less</b>	23	25	1.1 F:M	19%	21%
Croatian	41	19%	15%	4% more	21	20	1.1 M:F	20%	17%
Korean	38	29%	<b>35%</b>	<b>7% less</b>	15	23	1.5 F:M	27%	29%
Japanese	35	<b>13%</b>	20%	<b>7% less</b>	12	23	1.9 F:M	11%	<b>15%</b>
Polish	26	16%	12%	4% more	12	14	1.2 F:M	16%	<b>16%</b>
Maltese	18	16%	<b>8%</b>	8% more	8	10	1.3 F:M	16%	17%
Tagalog	18	<b>6%</b>	<b>3%</b>	2% more	5	13	2.6 F:M	<b>3%</b>	<b>8%</b>
Hindi	12	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>0% less</b>	3	9	3.0 F:M	<b>2%</b>	<b>9%</b>
Hungarian	12	<b>11%</b>	10%	2% more	5	7	1.4 F:M	<b>10%</b>	<b>13%</b>
Khmer	11	<b>39%</b>	<b>36%</b>	3% more	6	5	1.2 M:F	<b>38%</b>	42%
French	10	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>1% less</b>	6	4	1.5 M:F	<b>5%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Filipino	9	<b>5%</b>	<b>3%</b>	2% more	4	5	1.3 F:M	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>
Samoan	8	<b>9%</b>	10%	<b>1% less</b>	4	4	=	<b>8%</b>	<b>10%</b>
Aboriginal languages	8	15%	19%	<b>4% less</b>	4	4	=	13%	17%
Russian	7	<b>8%</b>	19%	<b>12% less</b>	0	7	F	<b>0%</b>	<b>13%</b>
Dutch	6	<b>8%</b>	<b>3%</b>	6% more	3	3	=	<b>9%</b>	<b>8%</b>
other Iranic	5	<b>56%</b>	24%	<b>32% more</b>	5	0	M	<b>56%</b>	-
German	3	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1% less</b>	3	0	M	<b>3%</b>	
Sinhalese	3	<b>7%</b>	<b>4%</b>	3% more	3	0	M	13%	
Persian	3			same	0	3	F	<b>0%</b>	<b>13%</b>
Dari	0	<b>6%</b>	17%	<b>11% less</b>	0	0	=	-	-
Tamil	0	<b>0%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>7% less</b>	0	0	=	<b>0%</b>	
other languages	403	15%	14%	1% more	186	217	1.2 F:M	13%	17%
unstated language	71	24%	25%	<b>0% less</b>	36	35	1.0 M:F	22%	27%
<b>Total speaking other languages</b>	<b>6,102</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>7% more</b>	<b>2,599</b>	<b>3,503</b>	<b>1.3 F:M</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>29%</b>
stnd devn	334	13%	10%	8% more	139	195	1.2	12%	13%

Largest and smallest results are highlighted in bold. Source 2006 Census Table B11, 2001 Census Table U15

# Religious beliefs

## Belief systems

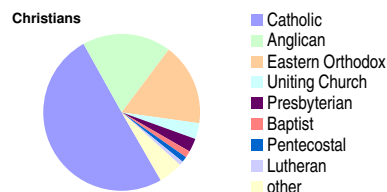
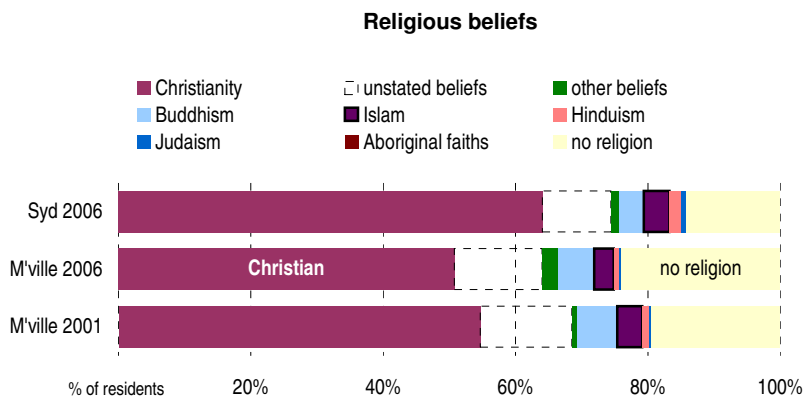
The range of religious beliefs held within a community is a good indicator of cultural diversity, although the diversity is generally within a Christian majority. Marrickville is no exception, with 51% of residents being Christian in 2006. Nonetheless, there has been a broad trend towards more people either having no religion (here, 24% of residents in 2006) or not stating their religion (13%).

The other main beliefs, and the number and proportion of residents holding them, were:

- Buddhism – 3,948 or 5.5%;
- Islam – 2,139 or 3.0%;
- Hinduism – 544 or 0.8%;
- Judaism – 267 or 0.4%.

Over 2001–2006, the belief that increased most was no religion, with 4.5% more of Marrickville's residents, while Christianity fell most, down 3.9%.

Among the belief systems, the gender ratio varied from 1.26 males per female among followers of Islam to 1.80 females per male among followers of Aboriginal faiths. Among the Christian religions, it varied from 1.67 males per female among followers of Brethren to 1.42 females per male among followers of Salvation Army.



Religious beliefs	Marrickville 2006		% in Syd	M'ville's difference	Marrickville 2006			2001 % M'ville	change from 2001
	people	percent			males	females	ratio		
Christianity	36,461	50.8%	64.0%	<b>13% less</b>	17,481	18,980	1.09 F:M	54.7%	<b>dn 3.9%</b>
no religion	17,214	24.0%	14.1%	<b>10% more</b>	8,652	8,562	1.01 M:F	19.5%	<b>up 4.5%</b>
Buddhism	3,948	5.5%	3.7%	2% more	1,861	2,087	1.12 F:M	6.0%	<b>dn 0.5%</b>
Islam	2,139	3.0%	3.9%	1% less	1,192	947	1.26 M:F	3.8%	<b>dn 0.8%</b>
Hinduism	544	0.8%	1.7%	1% less	301	243	1.24 M:F	1.0%	<b>dn 0.2%</b>
Judaism	267	0.4%	0.9%	0% less	125	142	1.14 F:M	0.3%	up 0.1%
Aboriginal faiths	14	0.0%	0.0%	0% more	5	9	1.80 F:M	0.0%	<b>dn 0.0%</b>
other beliefs	1,678	2.3%	1.2%	1% more	928	750	1.24 M:F	0.8%	<b>up 1.5%</b>
unstated beliefs	9,548	13.3%	10.4%	<b>3% more</b>	4,960	4,588	1.08 M:F	13.9%	<b>dn 0.6%</b>
<b>Total residents</b>	<b>71,813</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>35,505</b>	<b>36,308</b>	<b>1.02 F:M</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Christians</b>							=		
Catholic	18,416	25.6%	29.1%	<b>3.4% less</b>	8,858	9,558	1.08 F:M	27.1%	<b>dn 1.4%</b>
Anglican	6,764	9.4%	17.9%	<b>8.5% less</b>	3,182	3,582	1.13 F:M	10.1%	<b>dn 0.7%</b>
Eastern Orthodox	6,198	8.6%	4.3%	<b>4.3% more</b>	3,039	3,159	1.04 F:M	0.3%	<b>up 8.4%</b>
Uniting Church	1,266	1.8%	3.4%	<b>1.6% less</b>	579	687	1.19 F:M	2.0%	<b>dn 0.3%</b>
Presbyterian	967	1.3%	2.6%	1.3% less	451	516	1.14 F:M	1.6%	<b>dn 0.3%</b>
Baptist	566	0.8%	1.5%	0.7% less	285	281	1.01 M:F	0.8%	<b>dn 0.0%</b>
Pentecostal	420	0.6%	1.1%	0.5% less	182	238	1.31 F:M	0.6%	up 0.0%
Lutheran	266	0.4%	0.4%	0.1% less	142	124	1.15 M:F	0.4%	up 0.0%
Other Protestant	178	0.2%	0.3%	0.1% less	86	92	1.07 F:M	0.2%	up 0.0%
Oriental Orthodox	170	0.2%	0.5%	0.3% less	96	74	1.30 M:F	9.6%	<b>dn 9.4%</b>
Jehovah's Witnesses	163	0.2%	0.3%	0.1% less	74	89	1.20 F:M	0.1%	up 0.1%
Seventh-day Adventist	94	0.1%	0.3%	0.1% less	41	53	1.29 F:M	0.2%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
Latter Day Saints	92	0.1%	0.3%	0.2% less	48	44	1.09 M:F	0.4%	<b>dn 0.2%</b>
Salvation Army	87	0.1%	0.2%	0.1% less	36	51	1.42 F:M	0.2%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
Churches of Christ	55	0.1%	0.1%	0.1% less	28	27	1.04 M:F	0.1%	<b>dn 0.0%</b>
Assyrian Apostolic	17	0.0%	0.2%	0.1% less	8	9	1.13 F:M	-	-
Brethren	8	0.0%	0.1%	0.1% less	5	3	1.67 M:F	0.0%	up 0.0%
other Christian	734	1.0%	1.4%	0.4% less	341	393	1.15 F:M	0.9%	up 0.1%
all other Christian	901	1.3%	2.0%	0.8% less	418	483	1.16 F:M	1.3%	up 0.0%
<b>Total Christians</b>	<b>36,461</b>	<b>50.8%</b>	<b>64.0%</b>	<b>13.3% less</b>	<b>17,481</b>	<b>18,980</b>	<b>1.09 F:M</b>	<b>54.7%</b>	<b>dn 3.9%</b>

Source: Census 2006 Table B13, Census 2001 Table U17.

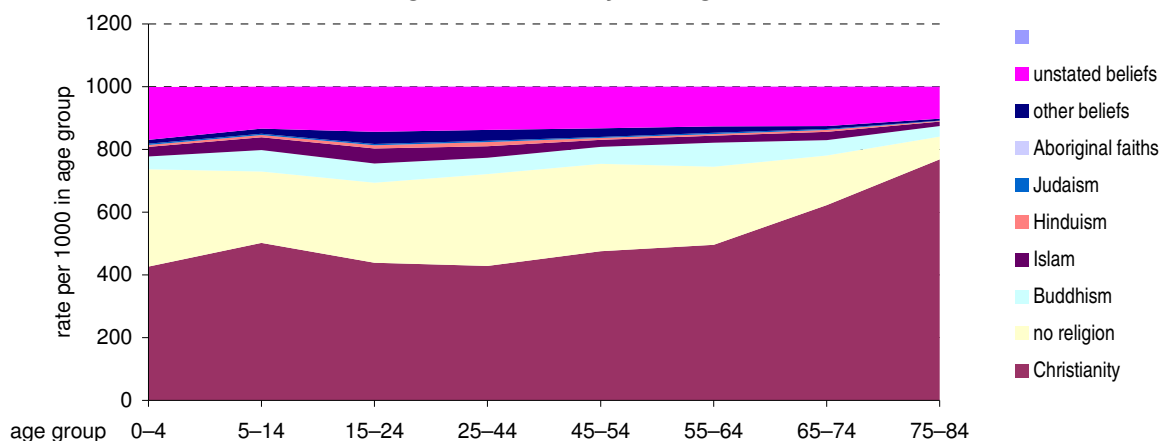
## Religious beliefs by age

Religious beliefs vary with age, with older Australians generally more likely to be Christian than younger ones, partly due to the effects of migration. Children aged 0-4 are usually the age group where more have no religion. The graph below shows how the proportion of the residents (per 1,000) holding different religious beliefs change with age. The graph is interactive and can be set to show either sex for religions, 10 at a time.

In Marrickville, the proportion of residents who followed the most common religious beliefs varied in age. The extremes for the common beliefs was:

- Christianity was followed by 796 per 1,000 residents aged 85+ but 428 per 1,000 aged 25–44
- no religion was followed by 293 per 1,000 residents aged 25–44 but 53 per 1,000 aged 85+
- Buddhism was followed by 76 per 1,000 residents aged 55–64 but 32 per 1,000 aged 85+

How religious beliefs vary with age



Religious beliefs by age	No of residents per 1000 in age group									
	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	
Christianity	427	503	438	428	475	496	622	769	796	
no religion	310	227	256	293	279	249	158	72	53	
Buddhism	41	68	61	52	54	76	49	34	32	
Islam	31	41	48	37	22	22	27	14	7	
Hinduism	7	7	10	13	7	5	5	2	2	
Judaism	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	1	3	
Aboriginal faiths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
other beliefs	11	16	39	34	27	20	9	6	4	
unstated beliefs	169	134	144	138	132	127	125	102	103	
<b>Total residents</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	
Catholic	252	292	250	221	238	246	286	313	366	
Anglican	64	74	67	83	100	110	121	93	148	
Greek Orthodox	46	49	34	44	59	46	122	264	205	
Uniting Church	13	20	19	17	18	21	18	11	13	
Baptist	8	9	12	8	7	8	5	7	5	
Presbyterian	6	9	10	11	16	19	16	14	14	
Pentecostal	6	10	8	6	5	5	5	4	2	
Other Orthodox	5	4	6	6	5	7	10	14	8	
Lutheran	4	2	2	3	4	5	4	5	5	
Macedonian Orthodox	3	4	4	3	2	4	8	13	11	
Serbian Orthodox	2	4	3	2	2	3	4	8	2	
Jehovah's Witnesses	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	2	
Latter Day Saints	1	4	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	
Oriental Orthodox	1	2	2	2	1	2	6	6	5	
Seventh-day Adventist	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	0	1	
Other Protestant	1	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	
Salvation Army	1	1	1	1	0	1	3	1	2	
Assyrian Apostolic	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Brethren	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Churches of Christ	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	
other Christian	11	12	11	12	10	10	8	7	3	
<b>Total Christians</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>796</b>	

Source: Census 2006 Table X08