

OUR NSW POPULATION*



NSW Population in 2016: **7,480,228**
NSW Population in 2011: **6,917,601**
An increase of **562,627 (8.1%)**



NSW is home to **33.6% of Australia's overseas-born population.**
27.6% of the NSW population was born overseas (compared with 26.3% for total Australian population).



21% of the NSW population was from a non-English speaking background (compared with 17.9% for total Australian population).



People from **around 225 birthplaces** have made NSW their home.



Sydney had the largest overseas-born population of all the capital cities (1,773,496), followed by Melbourne (1,520,253) and Perth (702,545).



In NSW, we come from **307 ancestries**, practice **146 religions** and speak more than **215 languages**.



As our society becomes more culturally diverse, maintaining and building social cohesion and community harmony become increasingly important.

Primarily, social cohesion and community harmony result in:

- The well-being of all the people of NSW (health, social and personal security, childhood outcomes, upward mobility)
- Improved collective participation
- Higher levels of trust in government, institutions and community
- Reduced rates of crime and other anti-social behaviour

Conversely, low levels of social cohesion can lead to social problems such as:

- Polarisation, leading to anti-social behaviour
- Disengagement and a lack of participation in society and community
- Health issues, both physically and mentally, reducing life expectancy

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TOP FIVE COUNTRIES OF BIRTH

(OTHER THAN AUSTRALIA)



CHINA
3.1%



ENGLAND
3%



INDIA
1.9%



NEW ZEALAND
1.6%



PHILIPPINES
1.2%

TOP FIVE ANCESTRIES



CHINESE
6.9%



SCOTTISH
7.8%



IRISH
9.9%



AUSTRALIAN
30.2%



ENGLISH
30.8%

TOP FIVE LANGUAGES SPOKEN

(OTHER THAN ENGLISH)



MANDARIN



ARABIC



CANTONESE



VIETNAMESE



GREEK