

Population diversity

What are we monitoring?

Number of residents from non-English speaking backgrounds

What is the trend?

Between 2001 and 2006 there was a decline (-142) in the number of Blue Mountains residents from non-English speaking backgrounds from 4,724 (6.4%) to 4,582 (6.3%).

Country of Birth top 10 overseas birthplaces ranked for 2006 (persons)	Blue Mountains City						
	2006			2001			Sydney Statistical Division %
Enumerated data	number	%	Sydney Statistical Division %	number	%		
United Kingdom	5,379	7.4	4.2	5,869	8.0	4.7	-490
New Zealand	1,094	1.5	2.0	1,109	1.5	2.1	-15
Germany	562	0.8	0.5	610	0.8	0.5	-48
Netherlands	436	0.6	0.3	494	0.7	0.3	-58
United States of America	376	0.5	0.4	349	0.5	0.4	27
Ireland	283	0.4	0.3	276	0.4	0.4	7
South Africa	209	0.3	0.7	237	0.3	0.6	-28
India	182	0.2	1.3	192	0.3	0.9	-10
Italy	172	0.2	1.1	179	0.2	1.2	-7
Poland	170	0.2	0.3	166	0.2	0.3	4
Non-English speaking backgrounds	4,582	6.3	24.0	4,724	6.4	23.0	-142
Main English speaking countries	7,489	10.2	7.8	7,982	10.8	8.3	-493
TOTAL OVERSEAS BORN	12,071	16.5	31.8	12,706	17.2	31.2	-635
AUSTRALIA	57,438	78.6	60.3	57,806	78.5	62.2	-368
NOT STATED	3,576	4.9	7.9	3,164	4.3	6.6	412
Total	73,085	100.0	100.0	73,676	100.0	100.0	-591

Why is monitoring this trend important?

Cultural diversity is an important component of a healthy community. It encourages tolerance, inclusivity and adds richness and vibrancy to a community.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2006, 2001, 1996, and 1991.