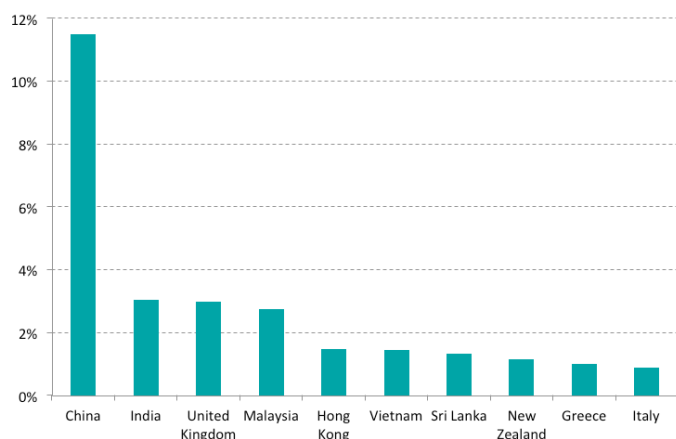


THIS FACTSHEET PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF WHITEHORSE.

OVERSEAS COUNTRY OF BIRTH

In 2016 approximately 38.4 per cent of Whitehorse residents were born overseas and 33.1 per cent come from countries where English is not the first language.

FIGURE 1: TOP 10 OVERSEAS COUNTRIES OF BIRTH, CITY OF WHITEHORSE, 2016



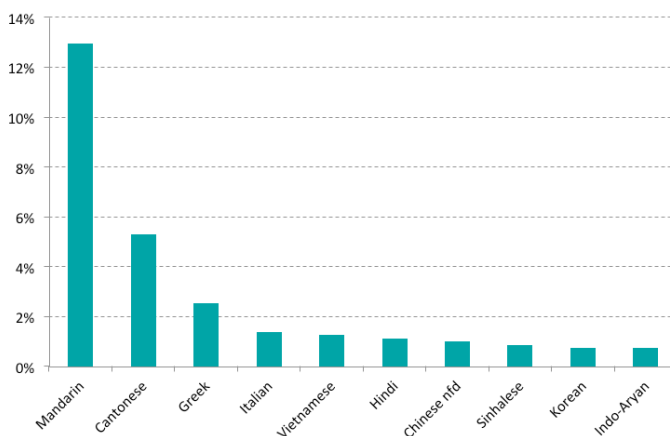
In 2016:

- Fifty-seven per cent of residents were born in Australia. This is less than for Greater Melbourne (60 per cent) and Victoria (65 per cent).
- In 2011, 11,048 residents were born in China. By 2016, this number had increased to 18,624. Residents born in China make up 11.5 per cent of the population, an increase of 68.6 per cent of the population from 2011 levels (7.3 per cent).
- Between 2011 and 2016 the Indian population in Whitehorse increased by 40 per cent or 1,421 people. India is the number one country of birth for recent arrivals to Australia (i.e. people who arrived between 2011 and the census date²).

- The top ten overseas countries of birth in Whitehorse have not changed since 2006, though some of the ordering has changed. The United Kingdom and China each accounted for 4.0 per cent in 2006. China then surpassed the United Kingdom in 2011, and India caught up to the United Kingdom in 2016. Currently, China is the leading country of birth for the overseas born population in Whitehorse, followed by India and the United Kingdom, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and New Zealand. In Australia, the United Kingdom is the leading country of birth followed by New Zealand, China and India.
- The Italian and Greek populations both decreased by 15 per cent. This is consistent with trends across Australia and can be attributed to deaths and low current migration levels replenishing these groups.
- The most common overseas countries of birth for residents aged 60 plus were the United Kingdom, followed by China and Greece.
- The number one and two overseas countries of birth for residents aged 12-25 were China and India.
- More than a quarter of residents (28.2 per cent) living in Box Hill were born in China.

LANGUAGE

FIGURE 2: LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME, CITY OF WHITEHORSE, 2016



¹ Unless otherwise stated, this factsheet is based on Place of Usual Residence data from the 2016 Census

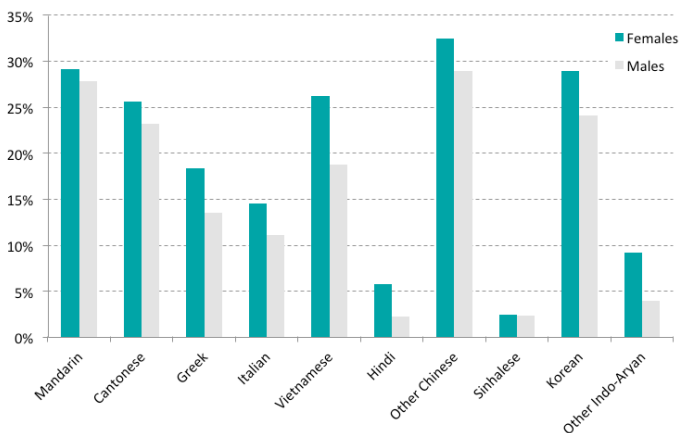
² Department of Social Services (2017), Settlers By Country Of Birth

COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

Figure 2 shows the most common languages other than English spoken at home by Whitehorse residents. Mandarin and Cantonese rank highest at 12.9 per cent and 5.3 per cent, followed by Greek (2.5 per cent) and Italian (1.4 per cent).

- A total of 7.5 per cent of residents indicated in the 2016 census that they spoke English 'not well or not at all'. This is higher than the equivalent for Greater Melbourne and Victoria at 5.6 per cent and 4.5 per cent respectively.

FIGURE 3: PERSONS WHO SPEAK ENGLISH 'NOT WELL' OR 'NOT AT ALL' BY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, CITY OF WHITEHORSE, 2016



Females who speak languages other than English at home are generally less proficient in spoken English than their male counterparts. The languages for which this pattern is most striking are Vietnamese and Korean. In 2016, 26 per cent of females who spoke Vietnamese at home spoke English either 'not well' or 'not at all', compared with 19 per cent for males; and 29 per cent of females speaking Korean spoke English either 'not well' or 'not at all', compared with 24 per cent of males.



RELIGION

TABLE 1: TOP 10 RELIGIONS, CITY OF WHITEHORSE

RELIGION	2016	2011
No Religion	37.1%	27.4%
Catholic	18.6%	22.3%
Anglican	7.7%	10.9%
Buddhism	5.0%	5.0%
Uniting Church	3.6%	5.2%
Greek Orthodox	3.4%	4.1%
Christianity, not fully described	2.9%	2.3%
Hinduism	2.7%	2.0%
Baptist	2.7%	3.0%
Presbyterian and Reformed	1.9%	2.5%

In the 2016 Census:

- 37 per cent of residents indicated they had no religion. In 2011 this figure was 27 per cent. In 2006 it was 22 per cent.
- The number of residents reporting a Christian faith has also been steadily declining. In 2016, 44.8 per cent of Whitehorse residents and 52.1 per cent of Australian residents reported a Christian faith. In 2011 this figure was 55 per cent for Whitehorse and 61.1 per cent for Australia.
- The number of residents reporting a non-Christian faith is growing in Whitehorse and across Australia. In 2016, 10.2 per cent of Whitehorse residents and 8.2 per cent of Australian residents reported a non-Christian faith. In 2011 this figure was 9.3 per cent for Whitehorse and 7.2 per cent for Australia.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Whitehorse is home to a large number of international students, attending Box Hill TAFE and Deakin University as well as other tertiary and secondary institutions. While it's difficult to identify exactly how many live in Whitehorse, according to Council's Student Accommodation Survey, it is estimated that there are around 13,358 international students living in the City of Whitehorse in 2017.

TABLE 2: ESTIMATED INTERNATIONAL STUDENT POPULATION, CITY OF WHITEHORSE, 2017-2027

YEAR	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
2017	13,358
2022	18,736
2027	26,278

Source: Whitehorse City Council (2006), Student Accommodation Study

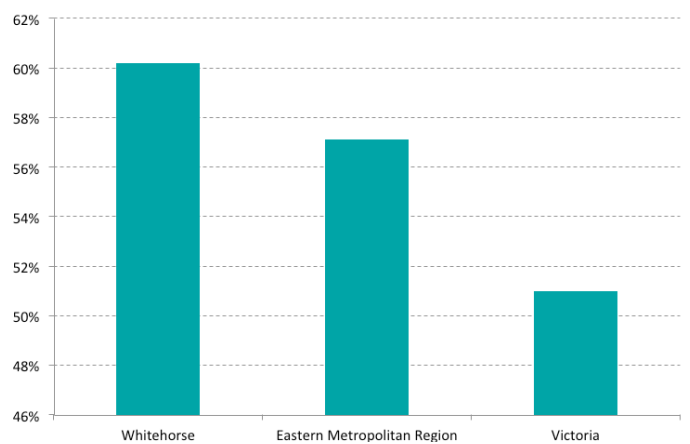
Box Hill Institute's Box Hill Campus has approximately 37,000 students and Deakin's Burwood Campus is the university's busiest campus with more than 28,000 students, of which it is estimated that 4,110 were born overseas³. The top five countries of birth for international students attending Deakin were China, India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Malaysia (which represent the home location for 70 per cent of all international students).



ACCEPTANCE

Accepting and valuing cultural diversity are important for the health of individuals and the community. Respect for diversity contributes to good community cohesion, which helps people build social connections. A total of 60.2 per cent of people in Whitehorse feel that multiculturalism makes life in the area better, higher than the Eastern Metropolitan Region average of 57.1 per cent and the Victorian state average of 51 per cent.

FIGURE 4: COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE OF MULTICULTURALISM, CITY OF WHITEHORSE, EMR, VICTORIA



Source: Department of Health and Human Services (2015), Local Government Area Profiles, Whitehorse Community Profile

³ Deakin University (2016), Annual Report

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about **CULTURAL DIVERSITY** refer to:

City of Whitehorse Community Profile: profile.id.com.au/whitehorse

City of Whitehorse Community Atlas: atlas.id.com.au/whitehorse

City of Whitehorse Population Forecasting: forecast.id.com.au/whitehorse

Australian Bureau of Statistics: www.abs.gov.au

Women's Health East: www.whe.org.au

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