

## Metro South West Region Data on cultural diversity

Population 2011 Census – Language spoken at home

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

LGA/ Network	Language spoken at home 10 most common Languages other than English (LOTE)										LOTE total	Population total	% LOTE
Bankstown	Arabic 38626	Vietnamese 16577	Greek 6565	Cantonese 5847	Mandarin 4134	Macedon. 3266	Italian 3037	Spanish 1376	Korean 1307	Filipino 1243	99,709	182,964	55%
Fairfield	Vietnamese 35767	Assyrian 14561	Arabic 13736	Cantonese 9317	Spanish 7128	Khmer 6664	Italian 6413	Mandarin 4578	Serbian 4188	Croatian 3183	130,883	187,927	70%
Liverpool	Arabic 17174	Hindi 8025	Vietnam. 7873	Italian 5078	Spanish 5056	Serbian 5037	Filipino 3209	Greek 2943	Assyrian 2889	Canton. 2673	89,616	180,686	50%
<i>BFL Network Area</i>	<i>Arabic 69,536</i>	<i>Vietnam. 60,217</i>	<i>Canton. 17,837</i>	<i>Assyrian 17,691</i>	<i>Italian 14,528</i>	<i>Spanish 13,560</i>	<i>Greek 10,735</i>	<i>Hindi 10,705</i>	<i>Mandar. 10,421</i>	<i>Serbian 9,619</i>	<i>320,208</i>	<i>551,577</i>	<i>58%</i>
Camden	Italian 869	Spanish 525	Arabic 467	Cantonese 326	Maltese 247	Serbian 230	Croat. 227	Greek 208	Hindi 205	Filipino 180	5,760	56,327	10%
Campbelltown	Arabic 4001	Filipino 3075	Hindi 3041	Samoan 3037	Spanish 2551	Canton. 974	Mandarin 908	Vietnam. 893	Italian 836	Greek 834	36,732	146,302	25%
Wingecarribe	Italian 281	German 187	Greek 162	Spanish 110	Dutch 95	Mandarin 91	French 85	Canton. 81	Polish 61	Arabic 54	2,016	43,947	5%
Wollondilly	Italian 347	Arabic 188	Maltese 185	Greek 147	German 119	Croatian 117	Spanish 93	Serbian 74	Dutch 64	Canton. 59	2,218	42,624	5%
<i>Macarthur Network Area</i>	<i>Arabic 4,710</i>	<i>Filipino 3,347</i>	<i>Hindi 3,295</i>	<i>Spanish 3,279</i>	<i>Samoan 3,119</i>	<i>Italian 2,333</i>	<i>Canton. 1,440</i>	<i>Greek 1,351</i>	<i>Mandar. 1,206</i>	<i>Vietnam. 1,043</i>	<i>46,726</i>	<i>289,200</i>	<i>16%</i>
<b>Metro South West Region</b>	Arabic 74,246	Vietnam. 61,260	Canton. 19,277	Assyrian 17,843	Italian 16,861	Spanish 16,839	Hindi 14,000	Greek 12,086	Mandar. 11,627	Serbian 10,327	<b>366,934</b>	<b>840,777</b>	<b>44%</b>

**Metro South West region:** BFL and Macarthur Network Areas,  
*Including Bankstown, Liverpool, Fairfield, Camden, Campbelltown, Wingecarribee & Wollondilly LGAs.*

Cultural diversity:

A high percentage of the population of the region have a language background other than English; the Bankstown-Fairfield-Liverpool has the highest proportion of non-English speaking background (NESB) people of any network area in NSW, while Macarthur has a much lower NESB percentage. The region has a population of 840 thousand people (2011 Census), and 367 thousand or 44% speak a language other than English at home, compared to a NSW average of 24% in 2011. Almost 33 thousand people arrived from overseas and settled in the region over the five years from 2006 to 2011, with most being from non-English speaking countries, meaning that the proportion of people speaking another language is increasing. Significantly, 58% of children in the region's public schools have a language background other than English (75% in the BFL Network Area). For the purposes of planning services for children and families, the schools data indicates that a high proportion of families in the region are of non-English speaking background. Schools data does not provide information specifically on smaller communities, but is a good indicator of overall cultural diversity.

Larger communities:

The largest communities in Metro South West region are Arabic speaking (including Lebanese, Iraqi and Egyptian), Vietnamese, Chinese (mainly speaking Mandarin and Cantonese), Assyrian, Samoan (particularly in Campbelltown LGA), people of Italian and Spanish backgrounds, and from the Indian subcontinent (speaking Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali, Tamil, and Urdu, the principle language of Pakistan, Urdu). There are also significant numbers of people of Greek heritage (especially Bankstown LGA), Serbian and Croatian communities (Fairfield and Liverpool) and Filipinos (largely in Campbelltown and Liverpool). In addition, there are many smaller migrant and refugee communities in the region, such as the Tongan community in Bankstown and Campbelltown.

Refugees:

Metro South West region is home to many refugee communities, which tend to have higher than average levels of disadvantage and need for child and family services. Many of the Arabic-speaking residents are originally refugees from Lebanon and other countries, with many recent arrivals from Iraq. The large and settled Vietnamese community, concentrated in Fairfield, and Bankstown and Liverpool, arrived mainly as refugees, as did many of the Assyrian community (Christians from Iraq, Syria and Turkey, most living in Fairfield). Some of the Serbian and Croatian communities arrived as refugees in the 1990's, and many of the

Tamil community are arriving as refugees, or as migrants who have been affected by dislocation in Sri Lanka. There are significant emerging refugee communities from Sudan and other African countries, and from Iran, in the BFL network area.

Growing communities:

The communities which are growing fastest in the region are Arabic speaking (particularly from Iraq settling in Fairfield), Vietnamese (also in Fairfield, plus Bankstown), Indian (Liverpool and Campbelltown; some arriving from Fiji), Chinese, Filipino and Cambodian. The Tamil community in Liverpool is growing significantly. There are also smaller refugee communities emerging, particularly in Fairfield and also Liverpool and Bankstown. These include people from Southern Sudan and other African communities, and Persian-speaking Iranians.

Migrant & refugee arrivals 2006-2011 – Country of birth

Source: Department Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC)

<b>LGA/ Network</b>	<b>Country of birth, migrant &amp; refugee permanent arrivals 1 January 2007 – 1 January 2012 10 largest communities</b>										<b>Total arrivals</b>
Bankstown	Vietnam 1183	China 1167	Lebanon 979	India 415	Iraq 282	Pakistan 276	Egypt 240	Philippines 213	Indonesia 148	Syria 135	7248
Fairfield	Iraq 4071	Vietnam 2685	Cambodia 764	China 757	India 197	Iran 194	Philippines 186	Syria 178	Lebanon 168	Fiji 144	10986
Liverpool	Iraq 2479	India 1464	Fiji 752	Vietnam 496	Philippines 418	China 363	Lebanon 308	Pakistan 239	Iran 170	Cambodia 154	9367
<i>BFL Network Area</i>	<i>Iraq 6832</i>	<i>Vietnam 4364</i>	<i>China 2287</i>	<i>India 2076</i>	<i>Lebanon 1455</i>	<i>Fiji 993</i>	<i>Cambodia 929</i>	<i>Philippines 817</i>	<i>Pakistan 561</i>	<i>Iran 424</i>	<i>27601</i>
Camden	UK 160	Sth Africa 59	China 50	India 35	Thailand 30	Zimbabwe 25	Philippines 24	England 21	Ireland 21	Lebanon 18	693
Campbelltown	India 880	Philippines 461	Bangladesh 308	Fiji 295	China 262	Pakistan 130	UK 114	Egypt 102	Sri Lanka 100	Sth Africa 72	4063
Wingecarribee	UK 68	India 55	Philippines 23	Sth Africa 16	China 15	Thailand 14	USA 12	England 10	Indonesia 10	Zimbabwe 10	354
Wollondilly	UK 49	Sth Africa 16	Thailand 11	USA 11	China 10	Philippines 8	Ireland 5	India 4	Lebanon 4	Poland 4	154
<i>Macarthur Network Area</i>	<i>India 974</i>	<i>Philippines 516</i>	<i>UK 391</i>	<i>China 337</i>	<i>Fiji 313</i>	<i>Bangladesh 309</i>	<i>Sth Africa 163</i>	<i>Pakistan 141</i>	<i>Thailand 117</i>	<i>Sri Lanka 111</i>	<i>5264</i>
<b>Metro South West Region</b>	Iraq 6897	Vietnam 4422	India 3050	China 2624	Lebanon 1544	Philippines 1333	Fiji 1306	Cambodia 973	Pakistan 702	UK 613	<b>32865</b>

## School enrolments 2011 – Language background

Source: Department of Education, Public School enrolments Language background other than English (LBOTE).

<b>LGA/ Network</b>	<b>Language backgrounds other than English (LBOTE) 10 largest communities</b>										<b>Total LBOTE</b>	<b>Total enrol</b>	<b>% LBOTE</b>
Bankstown	Arabic 6774	Vietnam. 2437	Canton. 920	Mandarin 550	Samoan 513	Greek 482	Macedon. 386	Tongan 247	Urdu 236	Hindi 235	15819	20997	75%
Fairfield	Vietnam. 6507	Arabic 2244	Assyrian 1888	Canton. 1476	Khmer 1451	Spanish 885	Samoan 753	Teochew 752	Serbian 649	Mandarin 543	21585	25427	85%
Liverpool	Arabic 3201	Hindi 1394	Vietnam. 1298	Serbian 868	Samoan 853	Spanish 592	Italian 514	Canton. 436	Greek 420	Macedon 338	15002	23216	65%
<i>BFL Network Area</i>	<i>Arabic 12219</i>	<i>Vietnam. 10242</i>	<i>Canton. 2832</i>	<i>Assyrian 2237</i>	<i>Samoan 2119</i>	<i>Hindi 1893</i>	<i>Khmer 1840</i>	<i>Spanish 1596</i>	<i>Serbian 1562</i>	<i>Mandarin 1377</i>	<i>52406</i>	<i>69640</i>	<i>75%</i>
Camden	Italian 111	Spanish 109	Arabic 72	Canton. 67	Hindi 58	Greek 43	Maltese 40	Lao 39	Serbian 36	Croatian 33	1170	8767	13%
Campbelltown	Samoan 1530	Arabic 777	Hindi 687	Vietnam. 462	Bengali 439	Filipino 342	Canton. 325	Spanish 321	Tongan 296	Mandarin 224	8558	21666	39%
Wingecarribee	Spanish 33	Italian 32	Greek 18	German 15	Filipino 12	Japan. 11	French 10	Mandarin 10	Canton. 9	Dutch 9	258	4289	6%
Wollondilly	Italian 32	Maltese 27	Arabic 21	Spanish 14	Canton. 12	Greek 10	Macedon. 8	Filipino 8	Mandarin 7	Tongan 7	232	4445	5%
<i>Macarthur Network Area</i>	<i>Samoan 1555</i>	<i>Arabic 874</i>	<i>Hindi 753</i>	<i>Vietnam. 500</i>	<i>Spanish 477</i>	<i>Bengali 447</i>	<i>Canton. 413</i>	<i>Filipino 388</i>	<i>Tongan 330</i>	<i>Italian 272</i>	<i>10218</i>	<i>39167</i>	<i>26%</i>
<b>Metro South West Region</b>	Arabic 13093	Vietnam. 10742	Samoan 3674	Canton. 3245	Hindi 2646	Assyria. 2249	Spanish 2073	Khmer 2007	Serbian 1658	Mandarin 1638	<b>62624</b>	<b>108807</b>	<b>58%</b>

## **Bankstown/Fairfield/Liverpool (BFL) Network Area**

*Bankstown, Fairfield and Liverpool LGAs*

### Cultural diversity:

A very high percentage of the BFL Network Area population have a language background other than English, with all LGAs in this network area having high cultural diversity. The network area has a population of 551 thousand (2011 Census), and 320 thousand or 58% speak a language other than English at home (70% in Fairfield LGA). 75% of children enrolled in public schools in the area have a language background other than English (85% in Fairfield), and for planning purposes this is a key indicator of the cultural diversity of the population. 27 thousand new residents have arrived from overseas and settled in the area in the five years to 2011.

### Larger communities:

The largest communities in the network area are Arabic-speaking (largely from Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt, plus smaller numbers from many other countries), Vietnamese, Chinese (speaking mainly Cantonese and Mandarin), Assyrian, and Samoan (with a smaller Tongan community). There are significant established communities of Italian, Spanish and Greek heritage, and people from the Indian sub-continent (India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and ethnic Indians from Fiji).

### Refugees:

This Network Area has one of the highest numbers of refugees of any area in Australia. Large established refugee communities include people whose heritage is Lebanese, Vietnamese and Assyrian (Christians originally from Iraq, Syria and Turkey). In addition, many of the Spanish-speaking, Serbian, Croatian and more recently the Tamil community, arrived as refugees. Smaller but significant refugee communities include the Khmer (Cambodian, mainly in Fairfield), the emerging Southern Sudanese and other African diaspora, and Iranians.

### Growing communities:

The fastest growing communities in BFL Network Area are people from Iraq, Vietnam, China, India and Lebanon. The Vietnamese and Lebanese new arrivals are now principally family reunion or skilled migrants. There are also significant numbers of new migrant and arrivals from Cambodia and the Philippines, and refugees from Iran. People arriving from Pakistan and Sri Lanka are a combination of migrants and refugees.

## **Macarthur Network Area**

*Camden, Campbelltown, Wingecarribee & Wollondilly LGAs*

### Cultural diversity:

A moderate proportion of the Macarthur Network Area population have a non-English speaking background, with the greatest numbers in Campbelltown LGA. The network area has a population of 289 thousand, and 46 thousand, or 16%, speak a language other than English at home, compared to 24% for the whole of NSW (25% in Campbelltown). A significant proportion, 26%, of children enrolled in public schools in the area have a language background other than English (39% in Campbelltown). Five thousand people arriving from overseas have settled in the Macarthur Area in 2006-2011.

### Larger communities:

The largest communities in the network area are Samoan (and a smaller Tongan community), Arabic-speaking (including Lebanese and Egyptian), Filipino, the Indian subcontinent (from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and ethnic Indians from Fiji) and Chinese (mainly speaking Cantonese and Mandarin). There are also significant established communities of Spanish, Italian and Greek heritage, and also Vietnamese background.

### Refugees:

There are a number of refugees in Macarthur Network Area, including new arrivals from Iraq, Afghanistan (there is an Afghan mosque in Campbelltown) and Southern Sudan (mainly Dinka speakers). There are also more established communities, including other Arabic-speaking (including Lebanese), Spanish-speaking and Vietnamese. Some recent arrivals from Pakistan and Sri Lanka may also be refugees, as may longer term residents originally from Serbia.

### Growing communities:

The fastest growing migrant and refugee communities in the network area are from India, the Philippines, the Indian sub-continent and China.

## **Attachments**

2011 Census Language Spoken at Home by LGA. *Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)*

2006-2011 Settlers by Country of Birth by LGAs. *Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC)*

Public School Enrolments 2011 Language Background other than English (LBOTE) by LGA. *NSW Department of Education.*