

# **CENSUS** 2021

### WA's Changing Population and Cultural Landscape

WA's population has reached

2,660,026

An increase of 7.5% from 2016.



The proportion of Western Australians born overseas is larger (32.2%) than the national average (27.6%). The proportion of those born in Australia is lower (62%) than the national average of 66.9%.

55.6% of Western Australians have one or both parents born overseas - higher than the national average of 48.2%.

## **TOP 10** birthplaces where were we born?

WA is home to people from 221 birthplaces. The top 10 birthplaces are the same as in 2016 but the proportion of each has changed. The overseas born birthplaces with highest growth in number of people are India, the Philippines, China, South Africa, Malaysia and Bhutan.

1.0% Scotland (26.146)

0.7% Ireland (18.147)

**England** 

(196,885)0.7% Italy (18.175)

South Africa

(44,889)

(61,088)

1.1% China (28.415)

1.2% Malaysia

**Philippines** 

(37,524)(32,282)

**New Zealand** (75,591)

### **TOP 10** ancestries where do we come from? of responses in WA indicated a non-Australian ancestry.

28.5% 22.5% 6.6% 6.6% 3.9% 3.3% 2.3% 2.2% 2.2%

#### MORE THAN 130 faiths are followed in WA

The number of people affiliated with Christianity is declining, while those identifying with no religion or secular beliefs (42.5%) is increasing. Sikhism is the fastest growing religion.

Christianity (1,093,666)41.1%

Islam (66,764)2.5%



**Buddhism** (57,622)2.2%

Hinduism (52,055)

Sikhism (18,583)0.7%

**Judaism** (5,699)0.2%

TOP 10 most culturally and linguistically diverse local government areas

where do we live?

91.2% of people from CaLD backgrounds live in metro Perth compared to 79% of all W.A.





41,360









24,070



22,276





20,311



