

Table 1**Australian Key Facts****1991, 1996 and 2001 Census**

	Australia		
	1991	1996	2001
Population	16,771,700	17,752,807	18,769,249
Overseas born (OSB)			
Total	3,689,600	3,901,882	4,105,468
As a % of the population	22.0	22.0	21.9
Born in a non-English speaking country (NESC) ¹	2,151,652	2,362,152	2,502,816
Born in a NESC as a % of the population	12.8	13.3	13.3
Born in a NESC as a % of the OSB	58.3	60.5	61.0
Australian born			
Total	12,717,926	13,227,997	13,629,683
As a % of the population	75.8	74.5	72.6
With both parents born overseas	1,360,717	1,460,201	1,503,689
With both parents OSB as a % of population	8.1	8.2	8.0
With one only parent born overseas	1,756,392	1,880,915	1,924,347
With one parent OSB as a % of population	10.5	10.6	10.3
Aboriginals / Torres Strait Islanders²			
Total	265,371	352,970	410,003
As a % of the population	1.6	2.0	2.2
Language other than English (LOTE) speakers			
Speak a language other than English at home	2,458,445	2,657,751	2,853,829
LOTE speakers as a % of the population	14.7	15.0	15.2

¹ NESC exclude people born in Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America

² Persons who identified themselves as being of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin