



Settlement Reports

Top 25 Languages by Migration Stream

This table covers the Settlement Date¹ range from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2014.

You should note and take into account the matters identified as caveats to this data (refer to separate page).

Language	Migration Stream				Grand Total
	Family	Humanitarian	Other/Unknown	Skilled	
English	67,072	5,118	<5	141,301	210,492
Mandarin	21,617	5,085	25	24,846	47,573
Arabic	7,804	15,252	15	444	23,515
Vietnamese	11,431	74	5	5,229	13,739
Chinese, nfd	6,717	118	<5	5,274	12,112
Hindi	2,880	106	0	8,565	11,551
Nepali	473	5,242	<5	5,709	9,428
Punjabi	1,828	131	0	6,354	8,313
Dari	1,854	5,967	<5	20	7,843
Korean	2,698	57	7	5,944	7,706
Hazaragi	395	6,637	0	<5	7,034
Thai	6,407	31	0	515	6,953
Cantonese	3,730	46	5	5,750	6,531
Chinese, nec	1,416	34	<5	5,706	6,157
Farsi (Persian)	1,189	5,092	<5	619	5,901
Tamil	1,259	5,916	0	5,684	5,859
Spanish	2,817	146	7	5,711	5,681
Urdu	1,246	5,127	0	5,114	5,487
Malayalam	291	9	0	5,872	5,172
Bengali	2,013	115	7	5,850	4,985
Indonesian	3,290	104	7	5,247	4,648
Russian	2,831	35	<5	5,649	4,519
Gujarati	964	9	<5	5,474	4,449
Sinhalese	974	84	0	5,379	4,437
Filipino	1,063	<5	0	5,622	3,686

¹Settlement Date is 'date of visa grant' for settlers who were in Australia when their visa was granted, and 'date of arrival in Australia' for settlers who were overseas when their visa was granted.

Caveats

The Settlement Reporting Facility (SRF) reports on data sourced from the Settlement Database (SDB). There are limitations in the data capture, the actual data and the reporting system.

Data Capture

- SDB collects data concerning settlers who have been granted a permanent (or provisional) visa.
- SDB data is compiled from a number of sources including Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP), other Commonwealth agencies and service providers.
- A subset of SDB data is copied to the SRF on the 5th day of each month.

Data Limitations

- SRF includes settlers who were:
 - granted a permanent (or provisional) visa after 1/1/1991 and arrived in Australia within 25 months of visa grant, (or are yet to arrive and it has been less than 25 months since their visa was granted), or
 - who arrived in Australia after 1/1/1991 having been granted a permanent (or provisional) visa prior to 1/1/1991.
- SRF has not been adjusted to reflect settlers who are deceased.
- SRF has not been adjusted to reflect settlers who have permanently departed Australia.
- SRF has not been adjusted to reflect settlers who have had their grants cancelled.
- SRF includes some duplicate settler records.
- SRF includes many data items that are not mandatory.
- SRF includes only the settler's latest known residential (or intended residential) address. Address information is only updated if the department is notified. Some settlers have no address details recorded.
- SRF location data is based on the 2011 Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC).
- SRF includes only the latest permanent (or provisional) visa for a settler.

Reporting Limitations

- Reports cannot provide numbers of settlers in specified locations for past years. Nor can reports show settlement patterns or trends for specified locations.
- Reports including numbers of settlers in specified locations may be inaccurate due to limitations in address data. This is particularly problematic for regional/rural locations.
- Settlers with an existing permanent (or provisional) visa may appear in different reporting categories over time if they are granted a subsequent permanent (or provisional) visa.
- Reports including numbers of settlers of 5 or fewer have been suppressed (indicated by <5) for client confidentiality.
- Reports including 'not stated', 'invalid' or 'not recorded' labels indicate that the data is unavailable.

Report Usage

- Please attribute Australian Government as the data source when using SRF reports.

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