



Settlement Reports

Top 25 Languages by Migration Stream

This table covers the Settlement Date¹ range from 1 October 2009 to 30 September 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	68,241	2,190	<5	143,984	214,416
Mandarin	21,885	1,159	26	23,722	46,792
Arabic	7,918	14,642	15	443	23,018
Vietnamese	11,572	79	5	2,021	13,677
Chinese, nfd	7,095	128	<5	5,487	12,713
Hindi	2,917	107	0	7,659	10,683
Nepali	470	4,297	<5	4,323	9,094
Dari	1,894	6,090	<5	20	8,006
Korean	2,708	55	8	4,803	7,574
Punjabi	1,809	121	0	5,621	7,551
Hazaragi	378	6,680	0	<5	7,060
Thai	6,500	30	0	456	6,986
Cantonese	3,890	51	5	2,633	6,579
Farsi (Persian)	1,173	4,057	<5	616	5,848
Tamil	1,295	2,094	0	2,441	5,830
Chinese, nec	1,398	35	<5	4,241	5,675
Spanish	2,889	148	7	2,459	5,503
Urdu	1,225	1,120	0	2,551	4,896
Malayalam	304	9	0	4,444	4,757
Indonesian	3,444	128	7	1,160	4,739
Bengali	1,970	118	7	2,468	4,563
Russian	2,937	38	<5	1,502	4,481
Sinhalese	994	102	0	3,077	4,173
Gujarati	981	9	<5	3,164	4,156
Tagalog	2,856	21	<5	477	3,356

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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