

Ballarat's Multicultural Profile



113,763

population of Ballarat at August 2021



12,880

residents were born overseas (89 different nationalities)



29%

of residents had at least one parent born overseas



57%

of residents from overseas arrived in Australia since 2001



7,976

residents were from non-English speaking backgrounds

Main countries of birth (other than Australia)

UK (3078), India (1846), NZ (969), China (677), Philippines (631), Netherlands (495), USA (314), Germany (310), South Africa (268), Malaysia (249), Sri Lanka (249), Nepal (212)



7% of people living in Ballarat speak a language other than English at home

10% of those that speak another language are not proficient in English

More than 30 languages spoken

Main languages spoken (other than English):

Mandarin (968), Punjabi (764), Malayalam (466), Filipino/Tagalog (441), Hindi (387), Urdu (233), Spanish (227), Nepali (213), Sinhalese (206), Italian (191), Arabic (187), Vietnamese (186), German (172), Cantonese (165), Greek (151), Japanese (151), Tamil (149), Thai (139), French (136)



65%

of migrants living in Ballarat came to Australia through a skilled migration program since 2016



Christianity (42%) is the major religious denomination in Ballarat

however 48% have no religion or secular beliefs. There are also over 4000 people affiliated with other religions: Hinduism (1320), Buddhism (873), Islam (765), Judaism (56), other religious groups (1105).

Recent settlement numbers:



2206

new migrants arrived in Australia between January 2016–December 2021 and were living in Ballarat as of December 2021



65%

through the skilled migration stream



34%

through the family migration stream



1%

through the humanitarian stream