

# Data Sheet 66 (DS 066)

## Language Spoken at Home

### What are we monitoring?

Percentage of households in the Blue Mountains Local Government Area (LGA), that speak a language other than English at home.

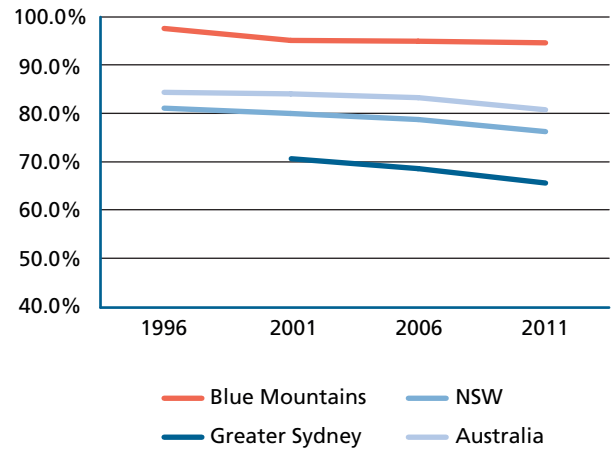
### What is the trend?

The percentage of households in the Blue Mountains LGA speaking a non-English language has doubled from 1996 to 2011. However, it remains at a much lower percentage than for Greater Sydney, NSW or Australia. The Blue Mountains remains overwhelmingly English speaking with a much higher percentage of English only households than Greater Sydney, NSW and Australia.

### Why is monitoring this trend important?

The number and type of non-English languages spoken at home can help determine if there is a need to provide services to support residents from a non-English speaking background and provide information in other languages.

Language Spoken at Home – English Only



Language Spoken at Home – Blue Mountains, Greater Sydney, NSW and Australia

Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
<b>Blue Mountains</b>				
English Only	61,769	67,657	67,577	68,602
Other Language	1,498	3,417	3,566	3,863
Total	63,267	71,074	71,143	72,465
English Only Percentage	97.6%	95.2%	95.0%	94.7%
Other Language Percentage	2.4%	4.8%	5.0%	5.3%
<b>Greater Sydney</b>				
English Only	N/A	2,632,621	2,636,336	2,732,447
Other Language	N/A	1,089,241	1,203,896	1,425,534
Total	N/A	3,721,862	3,840,232	4,157,981
English Only Percentage	N/A	70.7%	68.7%	65.7%
Other Language Percentage	N/A	29.3%	31.3%	34.3%
<b>NSW</b>				
English Only	4,379,189	4,777,493	4,846,670	5,013,344
Other Language	1,015,862	1,196,204	1,314,556	1,554,333
Total	5,395,051	5,973,697	6,161,226	6,567,677
English Only Percentage	81.2%	80.0%	78.7%	76.3%
Other Language Percentage	18.8%	20.0%	21.3%	23.7%
<b>Australia</b>				
English Only	13,498,094	15,013,965	15,581,331	16,509,290
Other Language	2,487,073	2,853,851	3,146,195	3,912,939
Total	15,985,167	17,867,816	18,727,526	20,422,229
English Only Percentage	84.4%	84.0%	83.2%	80.8%
Other Language Percentage	15.6%	16.0%	16.8%	19.2%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census Data 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011  
[http://censusdata.abs.gov.au/census\\_services/getproduct/census/2011/communityprofile](http://censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2011/communityprofile)