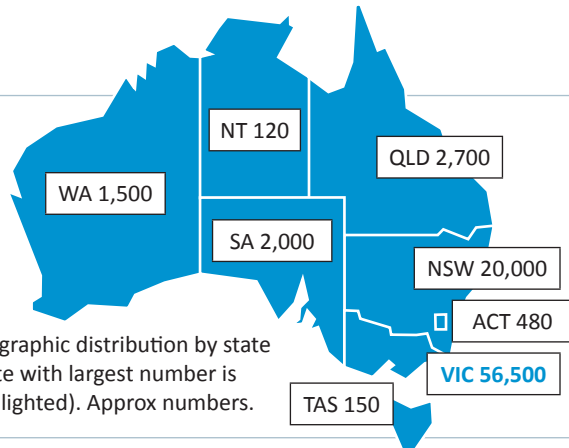


Arabic speaking

Number from the community not born in Australia (2011 census)

283,000

There has been significant recent growth in the Somali, Sudanese and Syrian communities. These communities alone count for approximately 150,000 Arabic speakers.



Age profile; compare with all Australian aged profile: 37 is the median age for the total Australian population

The Lebanese have an older profile with a median age of **45** and **58.5%** of the population over **45**.

Both the Somali and Sudanese profiles are much younger with median ages under **32** and with **20.9%** and **10.7%** respectively over **45**.

Main language spoken at home:

Somalis speak Somali, English and Arabic.
Lebanese speak Arabic, English, Armenian.
Sudanese speak two local dialects and Arabic.

Confidence with English

80% who speak another language at home speak English well.

20% do not speak English well or at all.

% Higher non school qualifications: 55.9% of all Australians

The Lebanese have a lower level of higher qualifications at **34.2%** while the others have **43.2%** higher, non school qualifications.

Relevant cultural considerations

A small study of sub Saharan refugees in Sydney showed evidence of difficulties accessing health care, including a time when a family member was sick. Language, lower levels of education, lack of health information and not knowing how to access services or help all created barriers.

Most populous LGAs by state

NSW

Ashfield, Auburn, Bankstown, Baulkham Hills, Blacktown, Botany Bay, Burwood, Campbelltown, Canterbury, Fairfiled, Holyroyd, Hurstville, Junee, Kogarah, Marrackville, Newcastle, Parramatta, Penrith, Rockdale, Ryde, Strathfield, Sutherland Shire, Wollongong

QLD

Brisbane, Rockhampton, Ipswich, Gold Coast

WA

Bayswater, Canning, Gosnells, Joondaluo, South Perth, Stirling, Swan, Wannereia

VIC

Banyule, Brimbank, Casey, Darebin, Frankston, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Hobsons Bay, La Trobe, Manningham, Maribyong, Melton, Monash, Moonee Valley, Moreland Port Phillip, Whittlesea, Wyndham, Yarra