

Best Language Spoken, Wave 1 and Wave 2 : Primary Applicant *

Visa Category

Language	<i>Business Skills & Employer Nomination</i>					Total
	<i>Preferential Family/Family Stream</i>	<i>Concessional Family/Skilled-Australian Linked</i>	<i>Business Skills & Employer Nomination Scheme</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Humanitarian</i>	
Wave 1						
English	28%	54%	42%	57%	1%	37%
Mandarin	7%	6%	19%	15%	0%	9%
Arabic	9%	2%	0%	0%	13%	6%
Cantonese/Yueh	5%	7%	5%	5%	0%	5%
Tagalog/Filipino	5%	10%	1%	3%	0%	4%
Vietnamese	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
Serbian	1%	1%	0%	0%	25%	3%
Indonesian/Bahasa Indonesia	1%	0%	21%	1%	0%	2%
Hindi	2%	4%	0%	2%	0%	2%
German	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%
Other	32%	15%	11%	15%	61%	27%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Wave 2						
English **	32%	61%	43%	61%	2%	40%
Mandarin	8%	5%	21%	16%	0%	10%
Arabic	9%	2%	0%	0%	14%	6%
Cantonese/Yueh	5%	5%	5%	4%	0%	4%
Tagalog/Filipino	4%	9%	1%	2%	0%	4%
Vietnamese	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
Serbian	1%	1%	0%	0%	25%	3%
Indonesian/Bahasa Indonesia	1%	0%	20%	1%	0%	2%
German	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%
Other	31%	17%	9%	15%	58%	27%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Australia, Second Cohort Wave 1 and 2 data (for settler arrivals between 1/9/1999 and 31/8/2000 inclusive) as at 06/01/2003.

* So that outcomes for Wave 1 & Wave 2 can be compared, this table only includes results where the Primary Applicant was interviewed in both waves

** Respondents whose best or only language in Wave 1 was English, were not asked this question in Wave 2 - in these cases it has been assumed that their best language in Wave 2 was also English