



Settler Arrivals



Australia is one of the most culturally and ethnically diverse populations in the world. In 2007-08, 59% of Australia's population growth came from net overseas migration. Of all migrants in 2007-08, 29% indicated that New South Wales was their intended State of residence.

New South Wales attracts particularly large numbers of Asian migrants. In 2007-08, 36% of all settler arrivals in Australia from Asia chose to live in New South Wales, making up 50% of all settler arrivals to the State.

New South Wales also attracts significant numbers of settlers from the Middle East and North Africa, while traditional sources of migrants such as New Zealand, the United Kingdom and South Africa remain strong.

Settler arrivals by birthplace and state of intended residence, 2007-08 (1)

Region of Birth	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	Other States/ Territories (2)	NSW as % of Australia total
South East Asia:	6,422	6,751	2,824	1,117	3,323	727	21,164 30.3
Philippines	2,248	1,717	1,070	372	488	217	6,112 36.8
Vietnam	1,076	1,000	228	145	179	57	2,685 40.1
Indonesia	733	373	180	56	375	71	1,788 41.0
Malaysia	647	1,215	500	191	896	73	3,522 18.4
Thailand	641	696	380	83	368	110	2,278 28.1
Singapore	353	512	211	88	593	58	1,815 19.4
Other	724	1,238	255	182	424	141	2,964 24.4
North East Asia:	7,674	5,598	1,965	1,419	947	379	17,982 42.7
China	5,612	4,568	846	1,060	612	261	12,959 43.3
Korea	1,289	470	425	229	106	55	2,574 50.1
Hong Kong SAR	346	264	125	42	79	17	873 39.6
Taiwan	207	133	314	37	44	11	746 27.7
Japan	206	158	252	50	95	35	796 25.9
Other	14	5	3	1	11	0	34 41.2
Southern Asia:	7,640	8,356	1,771	2,029	1,822	511	22,129 34.5
India	5,188	5,577	1,228	1,657	1,361	327	15,338 33.8
Other	2,452	2,779	543	372	461	184	6,791 36.1
Middle East and North Africa (3)	4,017	2,386	604	359	717	194	8,277 48.5
Other:	17,767	14,122	25,332	4,972	15,929	1,691	79,813 22.3
New Zealand	5,233	4,786	13,009	508	3,710	355	27,601 19.0
United Kingdom	4,034	3,189	5,954	2,451	7,125	483	23,236 17.4
South	1,070	711	1,570	245	1,483	87	5,166 20.7

Africa								
United States	548	329	321	85	132	52	1,467	37.4
Other (4)	6,882	5,107	4,478	1,683	3,479	714	22,343	30.8
Total settlers	43,520	37,213	32,496	9,896	22,738	3,502	149,365	29.1

Footnotes:

1: Settler, or permanent, arrivals comprise persons arriving in Australia who hold permanent visas, regardless of stated intended period of stay, New Zealand citizens who indicate an intention to settle, and those who are otherwise eligible to settle (e.g. overseas-born children of Australian citizens). Settler arrivals do not represent a net increase in resident population, as they do not take account of permanent departures over the corresponding period. Settler arrivals data are based on the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs' Travel and Immigration Processing System (TRIPS) and supplemented by Incoming Passenger Card information completed by persons arriving in Australia.

2: Includes Territory of Christmas Island, Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Jervis Bay.

3: Includes Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Sudan, Syria and Turkey

4: The largest contributions to New South Wales in this category came from Fiji, Afghanistan, Ireland and Sierra Leone.

Source: Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, Immigration Update 2007-08