

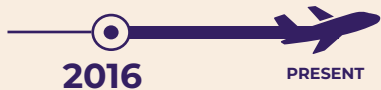
Migrant and Refugee Women in Australia

28.3% 

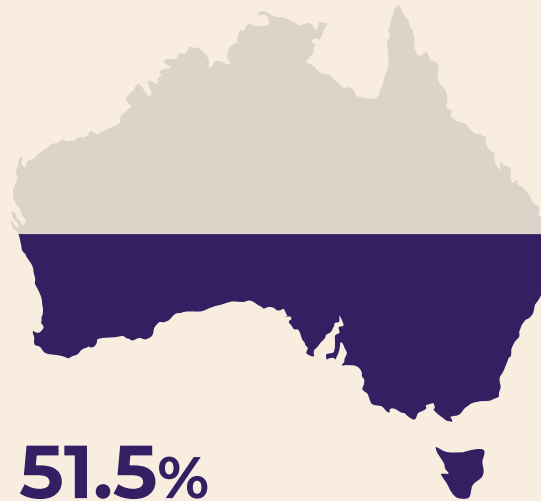
of the female population in Australia is **born overseas**.²

48.5% 

of the **female population** in Australia has a **parent born overseas**.²



Around **18% of women and girls** born overseas **arrived during or after 2016**.³



51.5%

of people living in Australia are **born overseas**, or have a parent born overseas.¹



Around **3 million** women and girls in Australia use a language other than English at home.¹

Top languages other than English used at home by Australian women and girls¹:

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|---|------------|---|-----------|
| 1 | Mandarin | 4 | Cantonese |
| 2 | Arabic | 5 | Italian |
| 3 | Vietnamese | | |

There are about **2.4 million** Temporary visa-holders in Australia.⁴



'Permanently temporary'

173,000 migrants have been on temporary visas for **5 years or more**.⁵

There were 571,646 international students at the start of **2023**, and these were **predominantly from non-main English-speaking countries**.⁶



571,646
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



International students are increasingly female:

Between **2016-2020** the female international student population rose by **22%**.⁷

More than **2.6 million** women and girls in Australia were born in a non-main English-speaking country.¹



The largest age group for women from a non-main English-speaking country is **25 to 44 years**.¹

Top non-main English-speaking **countries of birth** of Australian women and girls:¹

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|---|-------------|---|----------|
| 1 | India | 4 | Vietnam |
| 2 | China | 5 | Malaysia |
| 3 | Philippines | | |



We use the term **'migrant and refugee'** to describe people living in Australia who were born overseas or whose parent(s) or grandparent(s) were **born overseas** in a predominantly **non-English speaking or non-Western country**.

MCWH acknowledges that the currently available data often position women in hetero-normative and cis-normative ways. **We recognise the limitations of this data** not being inclusive of non-binary and gender diverse migrant and refugee people living in Australia.

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