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Key insights

Moreland is **at or above** the regional average for the following areas:

- **Language other than English spoken at home:** One third (33%) of young people aged 0-24 in Moreland speak a language other than English at home. This is higher than the average for Greater Melbourne (30%) and is likewise consistently higher than the Greater Melbourne average across all four age cohorts. The highest proportion of young people who speak a language other than English at home were those aged 18-24. The most common languages spoken at home by children and young people in Moreland were Arabic, Urdu, and Greek.
- **English proficiency:** A higher percentage of young people in Moreland were proficient in English (98.5%) than the Greater Melbourne average (97%). This percentage is also much higher for young people in Moreland than the overall population of Moreland (93.6%). Over half of young people in Moreland who were not proficient in English in 2016 were new arrivals in Australia (arriving in Australia between 2012-2016).
- **Religious affiliation:** 57% of young people aged 0-24 in Moreland identify as having a religious affiliation. This is slightly higher than the Greater Melbourne average of 56.1%. The most common religious affiliations in Moreland for young people aged 0-24 in 2016 were Christianity (39%), No religious affiliation (37%), and Islam (17%).
- **Recent arrivals:** A higher percentage of young people in Moreland were recent arrivals (arriving in Australia within the past 5 years) in 2016 (10%) than the Greater Melbourne average (9%). The percentage of recent arrivals was especially high among young people aged 18-24, of whom 19% arrived in Australia between 2012-2016. The most common countries of birth for recent arrivals aged 0-24 in Moreland in 2016 were Pakistan (14%), India (13%), and Nepal (13%).

Moreland is **below** the regional average for the following areas:

- **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders:** 0.73% of young people aged 0-24 in Moreland identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. This is slightly lower than the Greater Melbourne average of 0.85%.
- **Born overseas:** 16% of young people aged 0-24 were born overseas. This is lower than the Greater Melbourne average (18%). The most common countries of birth other than Australia for people aged 0-24 years were: Pakistan (2.0%), India (1.7%), and China (1.6%).

Young people born overseas

Children and young people who were born overseas are people aged 0-24 who were born in a country other than Australia and migrated to Australia at some point in their life. Those who arrived in the last five years are considered “new arrivals”. According to the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth, young people born overseas may experience marginalisation in relation to housing, health, education, employment and access to social and recreational opportunities¹.

Birthplace by age group

In Moreland, 16% of young people aged 0-24 in Moreland were born overseas in 2016. This is over 7,200 children and young people. A lower percentage of children and young people in Moreland were born overseas than the Greater Melbourne average (18%).

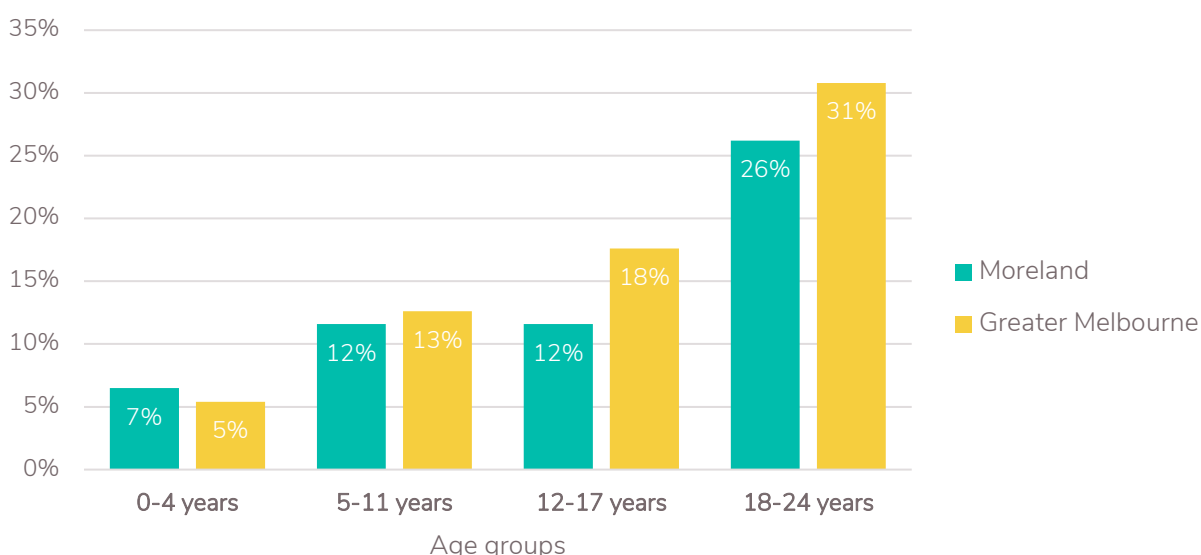
Over one quarter of young people aged 18-24 were born overseas. This proportion was still lower than the Greater Melbourne average for the same age group (31%).

Table. Individuals born overseas by age group in Moreland and Greater Melbourne 2016

Age group	Moreland			Greater Melbourne
	Born in Australia	Born overseas	% born overseas of total age group	% born overseas of total age group
0-4 years	8,992	664	6.5%	5.4%
5-11 years	9,711	1,364	11.6%	12.6%
12-17 years	6,663	934	11.6%	17.6%
18-24 years	10,858	4,195	26.2%	30.8%
Total	36,222	7,243	15.7%	18.0%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Percent of population born overseas by age group in Moreland and Greater Melbourne 2016



¹ Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth 2007, 'Multicultural Youth in Australia: Settlement and Transition', pp. 1-43.

Birthplace by suburb

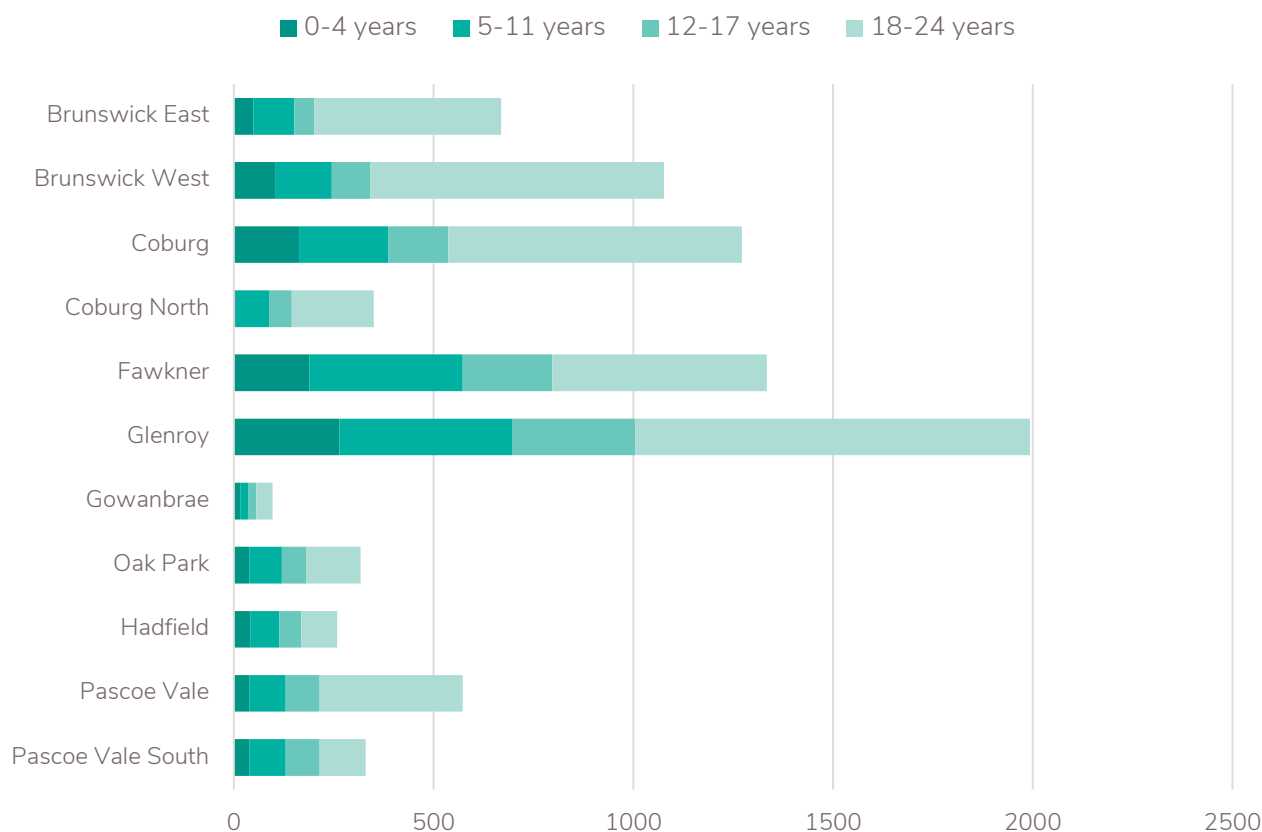
In 2016, the suburbs with the highest number of individuals aged 0-24 years born overseas were Glenroy (1,993), Brunswick (1,514), and Fawkner (1,334).

Table. Suburb breakdown of young people born overseas

Suburb	0-4 years	5-11 years	12-17 years	18-24 years	Total
Brunswick	120	157	118	1,119	1,514
Brunswick East	49	102	50	468	669
Brunswick West	105	140	97	735	1,077
Coburg	165	222	150	735	1,272
Coburg North	5	83	57	205	350
Fawkner	189	384	224	537	1,334
Glenroy	264	434	307	988	1,993
Gowanbrae	16	21	19	41	97
Oak Park	38	82	62	135	317
Hadfield	41	73	55	90	259
Pascoe Vale	38	92	85	358	573
Pascoe Vale South	38	92	85	115	330

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Young people born overseas by age group and suburb 2016



Country of birth

Country of birth (Overall 0-24 years)

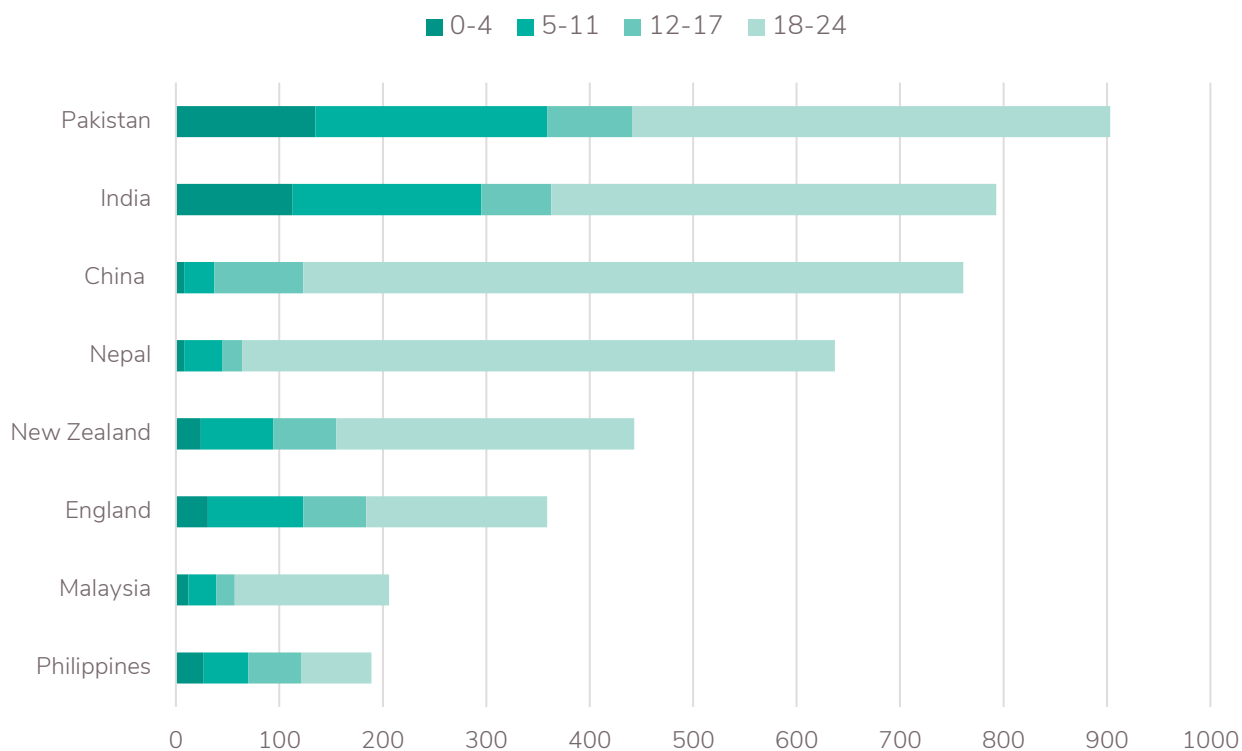
The most common countries of birth in 2016 for young people aged 0-24 who are born overseas were Pakistan (2.0%), India (1.7%), China (1.6%), and Nepal (1.4%).

Table. Top 10 countries of birth for young people in Moreland 2016

Country	Total	% of all 0-24-year-olds
Australia	36,222	78.6%
Not stated	2,625	5.7%
Pakistan	899	2.0%
India	798	1.7%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	759	1.6%
Nepal	633	1.4%
New Zealand	450	1.0%
England	361	0.8%
Malaysia	202	0.4%
Philippines	187	0.4%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Top countries of birth excluding Australia for 0-24 year-olds in Moreland 2016



Country of birth (0-4 year age group)

The most common countries of birth other than Australia for children aged 0-4 years in Moreland were Pakistan (1.3%), India (1.1%), Indonesia (0.4%), and Saudi Arabia (0.4%).

Table. Top 10 countries of birth for 0-4-year-olds in Moreland 2016

Country	Moreland	% of all 0-4-year-olds
Australia	8,992	87.6%
Not stated	605	5.9%
Pakistan	135	1.3%
India	113	1.1%
Indonesia	44	0.4%
Saudi Arabia	37	0.4%
England	31	0.3%
Philippines	27	0.3%
New Zealand	24	0.2%
Sri Lanka	22	0.2%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Country of birth (5-11 year age group)

The most common countries of birth other than Australia for children aged 5-11 years in Moreland were Pakistan (1.9%), India (1.6%), England (0.8%), and New Zealand (0.6%).

Table. Top 10 countries of birth for 5-11-year-olds in Moreland 2016

Country	Moreland	% of all 5-11-year-olds
Australia	9,711	82.9%
Not stated	637	5.4%
Pakistan	224	1.9%
India	182	1.6%
England	92	0.8%
New Zealand	70	0.6%
United States of America	46	0.4%
Sri Lanka	44	0.4%
Indonesia	43	0.4%
Philippines	43	0.4%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Country of birth (12-17 year age group)

The most common countries of birth other than Australia for young people aged 12-17 years in Moreland were China (1.1%), Pakistan (1.0%), India (0.8%), and New Zealand (0.8%).

Table. Top 10 countries of birth for 12-17-year-olds in Moreland 2016

Country	Moreland	% of all 12-17-year-olds
Australia	6,663	83.0%
Not stated	429	5.3%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	86	1.1%
Pakistan	82	1.0%
India	68	0.8%
New Zealand	61	0.8%
England	60	0.7%
Philippines	51	0.6%
Sri Lanka	36	0.4%
Iran	26	0.3%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Country of birth (18-24 year age group)

The most common countries of birth other than Australia for children aged 18-24 years in Moreland were China (4.0%), Nepal (3.6%), Pakistan (2.9%), and India (2.7%).

Table. Top 10 countries of birth for 18-24-year-olds in Moreland 2016

Country	Moreland	% of all 18-24-year-olds
Australia	10,858	67.8%
Not stated	958	6.0%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	638	4.0%
Nepal	573	3.6%
Pakistan	458	2.9%
India	430	2.7%
New Zealand	287	1.8%
England	178	1.1%
Malaysia	148	0.9%
Lebanon	99	0.6%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Recent arrivals

There are a variety of metrics and definitions of recent arrivals in Australia. For the purpose of this brief, recent arrivals refers to people who arrived in Australia within the five years prior to the ABS Population Census most recently conducted in 2016. Recent arrivals migrate to Australia for a variety of reasons and may belong to several different migration streams. According to VicHealth, young people who are recent arrivals are a very diverse group whose experiences of migration and settlement in Australia may vary based on country of origin, cultural background, migration stream, socioeconomic status, gender, sexuality, faith, age of arrival, level of English proficiency, prior education, family structures, and workplace experience².

Recent arrivals by age group

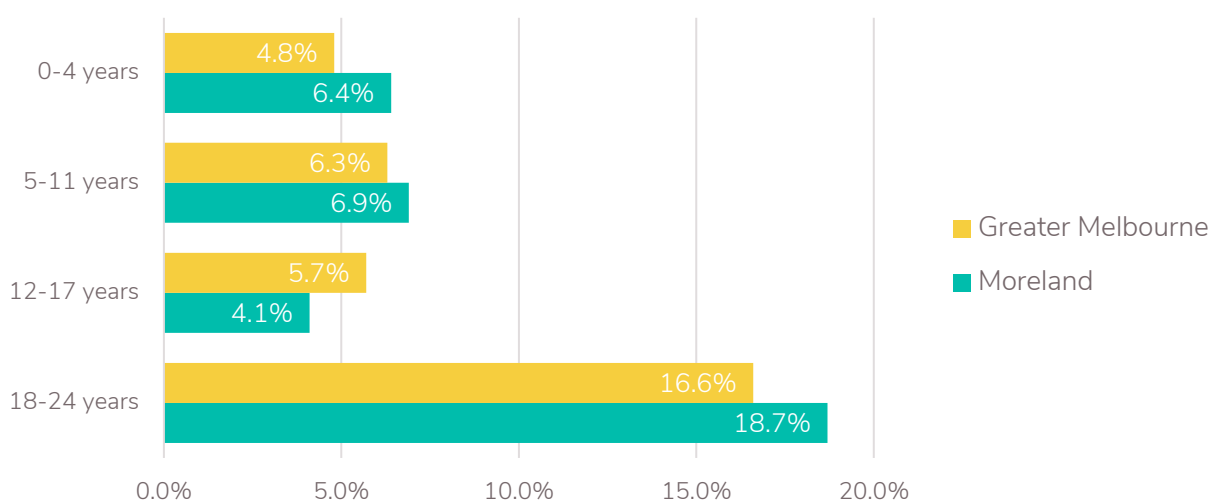
In 2016, one in ten young people aged 0-24 in Moreland had arrived in Australia within the past five years. This was slightly higher than the average for Greater Melbourne (9.2%) in 2016. For the 18-24-year age group in Moreland, nearly two in ten (19%) were recent arrivals in 2016.

Table. Young people in Moreland & Greater Melbourne who were recent arrivals in 2016

Age Group	Moreland		Greater Melbourne
	Recent Arrival (Arrival between 2012-2016)	% of total age group who are recent arrivals	% of total age group who are recent arrivals
0-4 years	614	6.4%	4.8%
5-11 years	768	6.9%	6.3%
12-17 years	315	4.1%	5.7%
18-24 years	2,818	18.7%	16.6%
Total	4,519	10.4%	9.2%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Percentage of young people who were recent arrivals in 2016 in Moreland and Greater Melbourne



² VicHealth, Data61, CSIRO, & MYAN 2017, *Bright Futures: Spotlight on the wellbeing of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds*. Victorian Health Promotion Foundation, Melbourne.

Countries of birth for recent arrivals

The most common countries of birth for recent arrivals aged 0-24 in Moreland in 2016 were Pakistan (14%), India (13%), Nepal (13%), and China (12%).

Table. Most common countries of birth for young people aged 0-24 in Moreland who arrived within the five years prior to the 2016 Population Census

Country	Total	% of all 0-24-year-old new arrivals
Pakistan	651	14.4%
India	597	13.2%
Nepal	563	12.5%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	536	11.9%
New Zealand	235	5.2%
Malaysia	137	3.0%
England	129	2.9%
Indonesia	114	2.5%
Philippines	92	2.0%
Saudi Arabia	85	1.9%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Language spoken at home

Speaking multiple languages among children and young people is tied to many health, social, and cultural benefits including strong literacy development, cognitive development, and intercultural learning and competency³. Language spoken at home is an Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census question that considers the number of people who speak a language other than English at home.

Young people who speak a language other than English at home

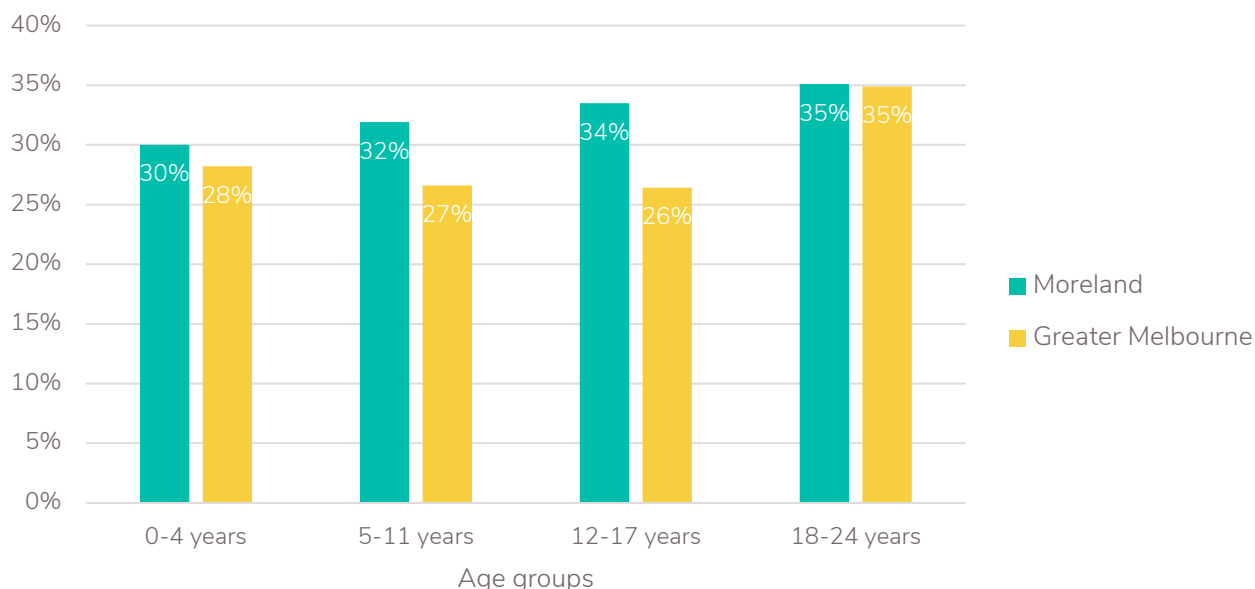
One third (33.3%) of young people aged 0-24 in Moreland spoke a language other than English at home in 2016. That is a total of nearly 15,000 young people speaking a language other than English at home and is higher than the Greater Melbourne average of 30%.

Table. Languages spoken at home other than English by age group in Moreland & Greater Melbourne 2016

Age group	Moreland			Greater Melbourne
	English	Other languages	% of total age group who speak a language other than English at home	% of total age group who speak a language other than English at home
0-4 years	6,011	2,937	30.0%	28.2%
5-11 years	7,369	3,731	31.9%	26.6%
12-17 years	4,930	2,676	33.5%	26.4%
18-24 years	9,496	5,586	35.1%	34.9%
Total	27,879	14,919	33.3%	30.0%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Percentage of population who speak a language other than English at home by age group in Moreland and Greater Melbourne 2016



³ Fernandez, S 2007, 'Promoting the benefits of language learning', Department of Education and Training, pp. 1-21.

Most common languages spoken at home

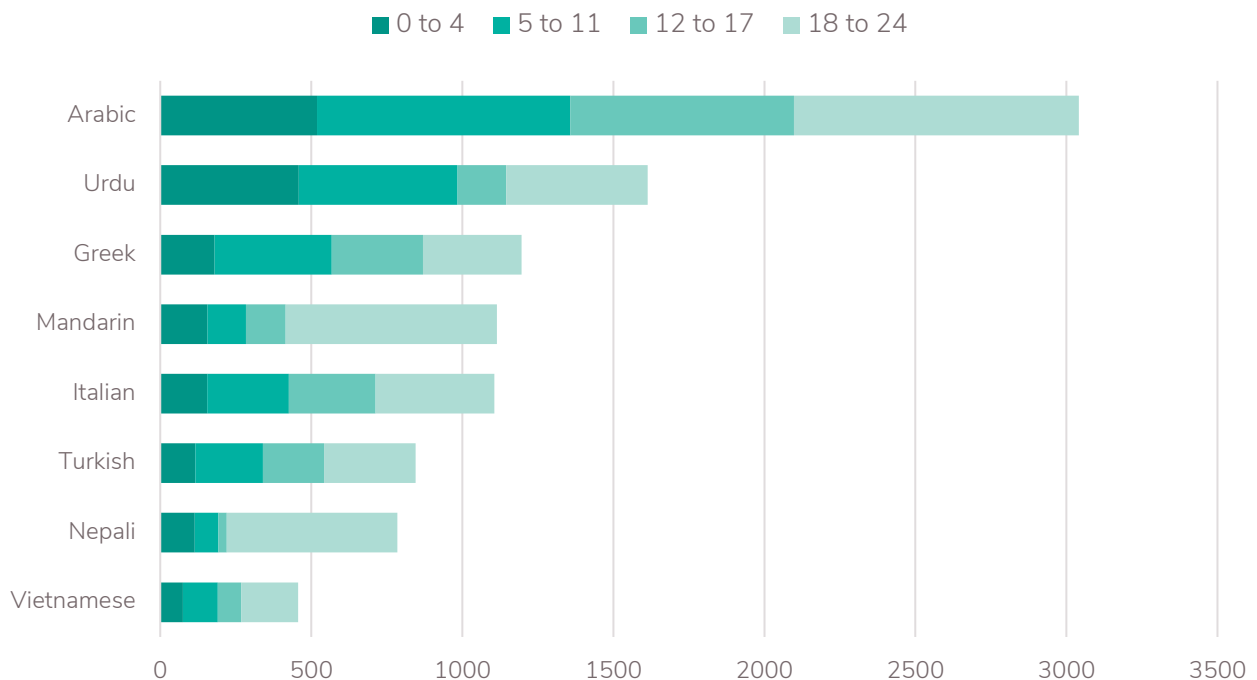
The most common languages spoken at home in 2016 other than English among young people aged 0-24 were Arabic (6.6%), Urdu (3.5%), and Greek (2.6%).

Table. Top 10 languages spoken at home among young people aged 0-24 in Moreland 2016

Language spoken at home	Total	% of total young people aged 0-24
English	28,061	60.9%
Arabic	3,040	6.6%
Not stated	2,669	5.8%
Urdu	1,613	3.5%
Greek	1,209	2.6%
Mandarin	1,127	2.4%
Italian	1,116	2.4%
Turkish	853	1.9%
Nepali	775	1.7%
Vietnamese	451	1.0%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Most common languages spoken at home (excluding English) among young people aged 0-24 in Moreland 2016



English proficiency

English proficiency considers proficiency in spoken English among people who speak a language other than English at home. English proficiency is measured by asking respondents to the Population Census how well they speak English. “Very well” and “well” are considered proficient, and “not well” and “not at all” are considered not proficient. English proficiency is higher among young people aged 5-24 than the overall population of Moreland. According to the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth, young people often gain English language skills faster than other members of their families, and they are often expected to take on additional responsibilities including translation and representing their families⁴. Young people who themselves have language barriers may also face language-based discrimination, including difficulty accessing housing and lack of knowledge of services available to them⁴.

English proficiency by age group

Only 1.5% of young people aged 5-24 reported not being proficient in English in Moreland in 2016. This translates to over 500 young people who reported speaking English “not well” or “not at all”. This is much lower than for the overall population of Moreland in which 6.4% of people reported not being proficient in English in 2016. A lower percentage of young people in Moreland are not proficient in English than the Greater Melbourne average (2%).

Table. English proficiency by age group in Moreland and Greater Melbourne 2016

Age group	Moreland Number of young people <u>not proficient</u> in English	Moreland % of total age group who are <u>not proficient</u>	Greater Melbourne % of total age group who are <u>not proficient</u>
5-11 years	199	1.7%	1.6%
12-17 years	83	1.0%	1.1%
18-24 years	261	1.6%	2.8%
Total	543	1.5%	2.0%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

English proficiency & new arrivals

In Moreland, over half (53%) of young people who were not proficient in English had arrived in Australia within the five years prior to 2016. However, this was not constant across all age groups. For young people aged 18-24 years, over two thirds of those not proficient in English arrived in Australia between 2012-2016. Conversely, only 36% of young people aged 12-17, and only 41% of young people aged 5-11 who were not proficient in English were new arrivals.

Table. Year of arrival for young people who are not proficient in English

Age group	New arrivals* not proficient in English	% of total young people not proficient in English who arrived in Australia in the last 5 years
5-11 years	81	40.7%
12-17 years	30	36.1%
18-24 years	176	67.4%
Total	287	52.9%

*New arrivals = People who arrived in Australia between 2012-2016 in the five years prior to the 2016 Census.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

⁴ Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth 2007, ‘Multicultural Youth in Australia: Settlement and Transition’, pp. 1-43.

English proficiency by suburb

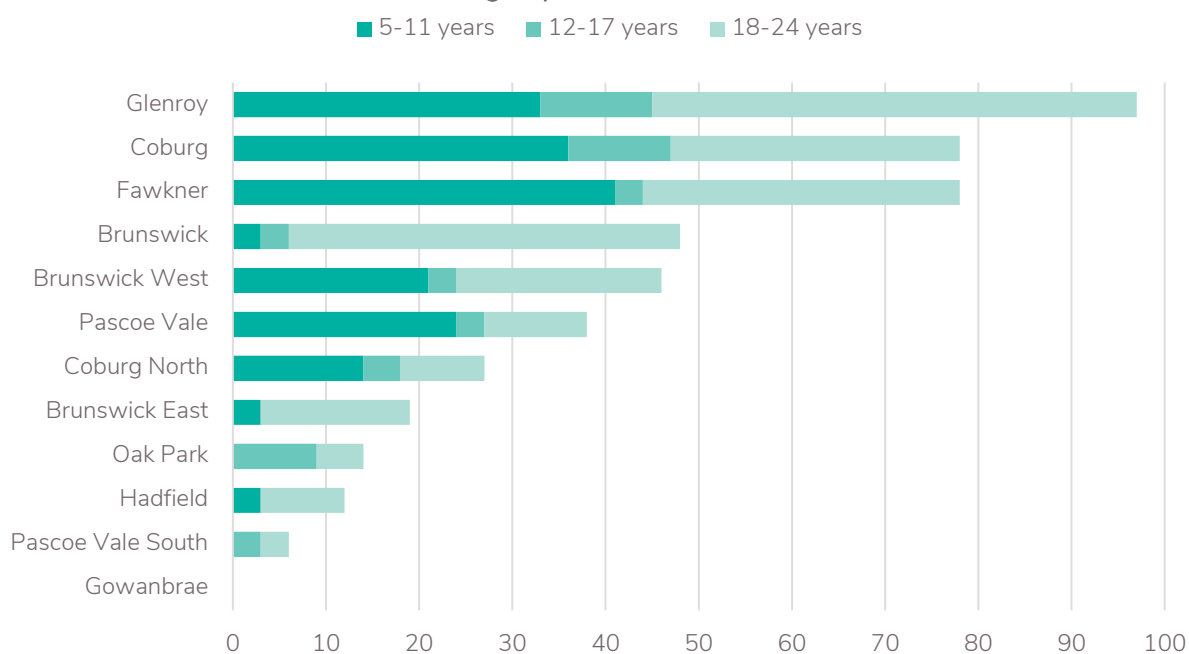
Suburbs with the highest number of young people who are not proficient in English in 2016 were Glenroy (97), Fawkner (78), and Coburg (78). Suburbs with the highest percentage of young people who are not proficient in English were Fawkner (2.5%), Glenroy (2.1%), and Coburg North (1.8%).

Table. Young people who are not proficient in English by suburb and age group in Moreland 2016

Suburb	5-11 years	12-17 years	18-24 years	Total	% of total suburb
Brunswick	3	3	42	48	1.2%
Brunswick East	3	0	16	19	1.2%
Brunswick West	21	3	22	46	1.4%
Coburg	36	11	31	78	1.6%
Coburg North	14	4	9	27	1.8%
Fawkner	41	3	34	78	2.5%
Glenroy	33	12	52	97	2.1%
Gowanbrae	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Oak Park	0	9	5	14	1.7%
Hadfield	3	0	9	12	1.7%
Pascoe Vale	24	3	11	38	1.3%
Pascoe Vale South	0	3	3	6	0.6%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Young people aged 5-24 who are not proficient in English by suburb and age group in Moreland 2016



Religious affiliation

Religious affiliation by age group

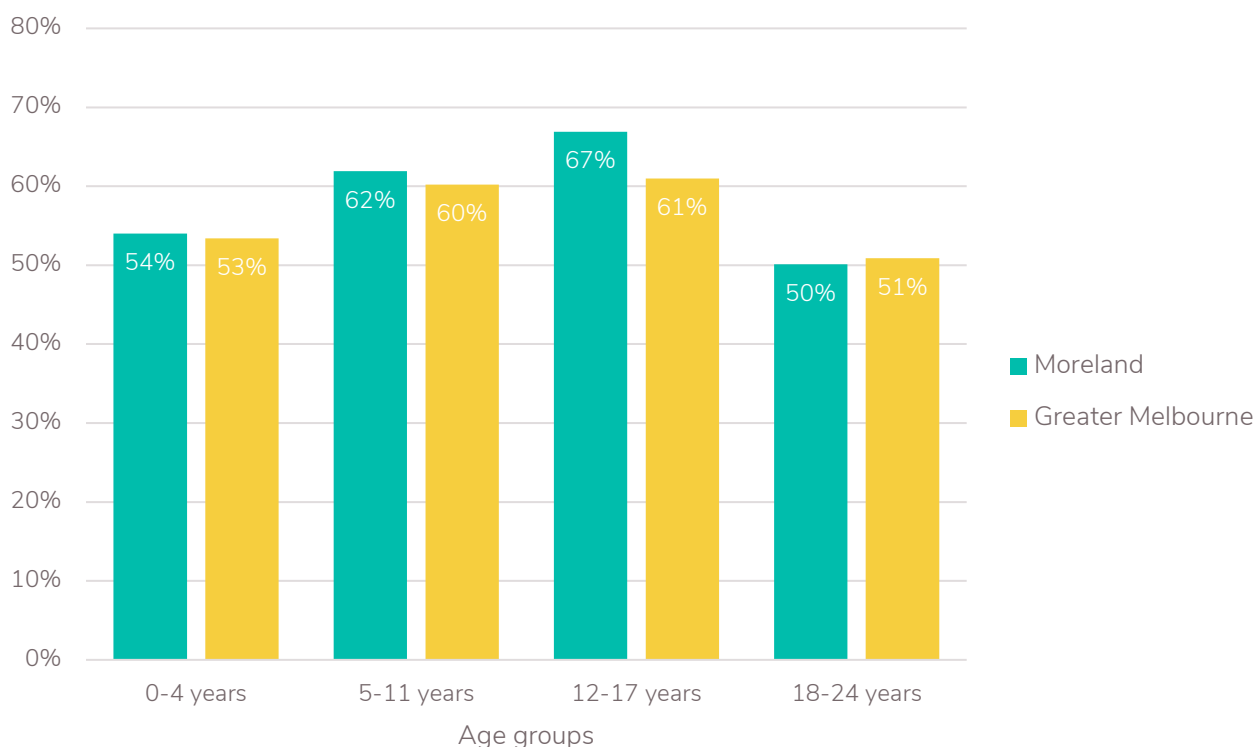
57% of young people aged 0-24 in Moreland identified as having a religious affiliation in 2016. This is slightly higher than the Greater Melbourne average of 56.1%. The 12-17-year-old age group had the highest proportion of young people with a religious affiliation (67%), whereas 18-24-year-olds have the lowest (50%).

Table. Religious affiliation by age group in Moreland and Greater Melbourne

Age group	Moreland			Greater Melbourne
	Religious affiliation	No religious affiliation	% of age group with a religious affiliation	% of age group with a religious affiliation
0-4 years	5,468	3,690	54.0%	53.4%
5-11 years	7,235	3,498	61.9%	60.2%
12-17 years	5,340	1,976	66.9%	61.0%
18-24 years	8,023	6,297	50.1%	50.9%
Total	26,056	15,583	57.0%	56.1%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Percentage of young people aged 0-24 who have a religious affiliation in Moreland and Greater Melbourne 2016



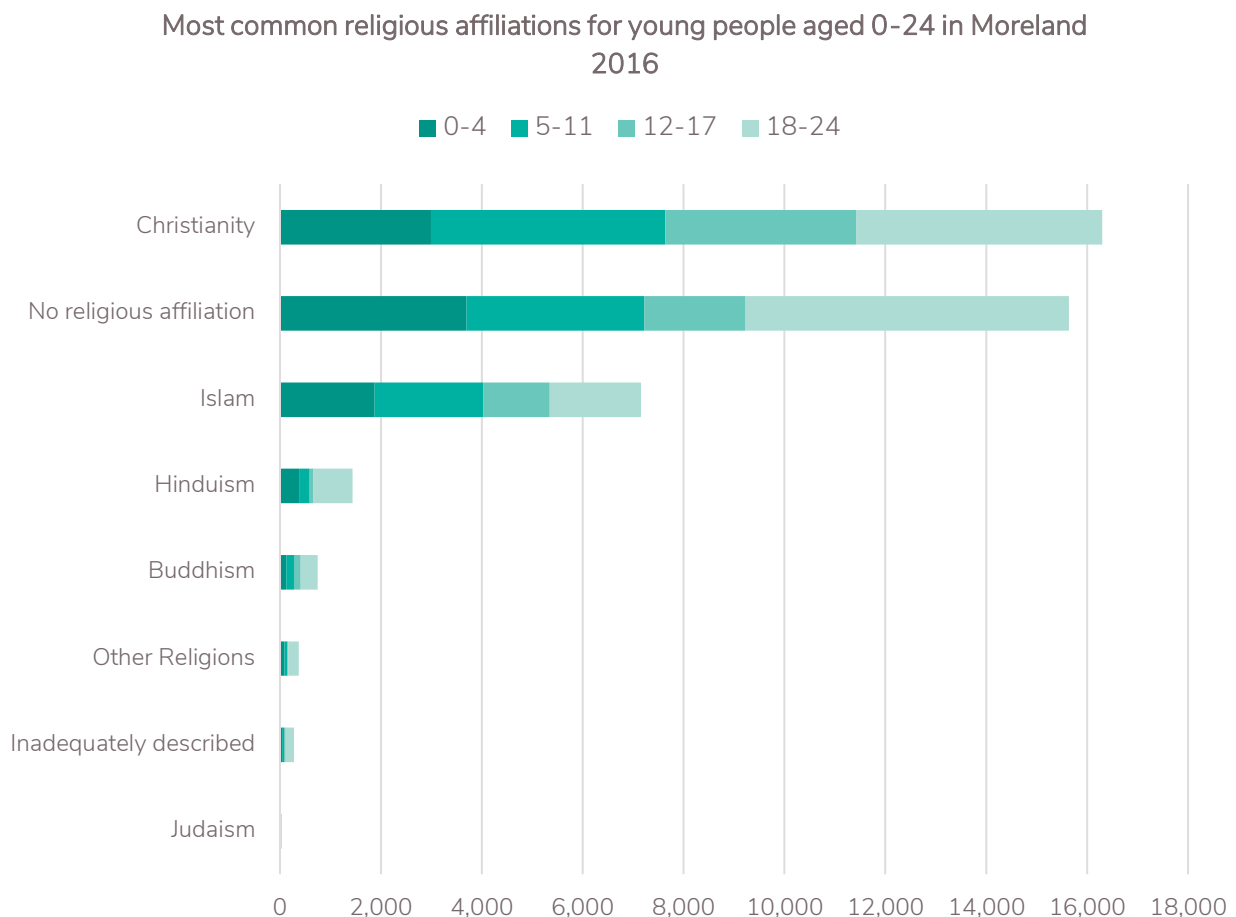
Most common religious affiliations

The most common religious affiliations in Moreland for young people aged 0-24 in 2016 were Christianity (39%), No religious affiliation (37%), and Islam (17%).

Table. Most common religious affiliations of individuals aged 0-24 in Moreland 2016

Religious affiliation	Total	% of all 0-24-year-olds
Christianity	16,301	38.8%
No religious affiliation / Secular beliefs	15,642	37.3%
Islam	7,162	17.1%
Hinduism	1,433	3.4%
Buddhism	756	1.8%
Other Religions	371	0.9%
Inadequately described	273	0.7%
Judaism	41	0.1%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016



Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders

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In Moreland 2016, 0.65% of individuals between 0-24 were Aboriginal, 0.05% were Torres Strait Islander, and 0.03% identified as both. There were 337 individuals between the ages of 0-24 that identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. 110 individuals among the 18-24 category which identified as Aboriginal and 13 individuals in the 18-24 category identifying as Torres Strait Islander. Also, in the 18-24 category were 3 individuals that reported to identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. There were also a high number of Not Stated responses, in each category.

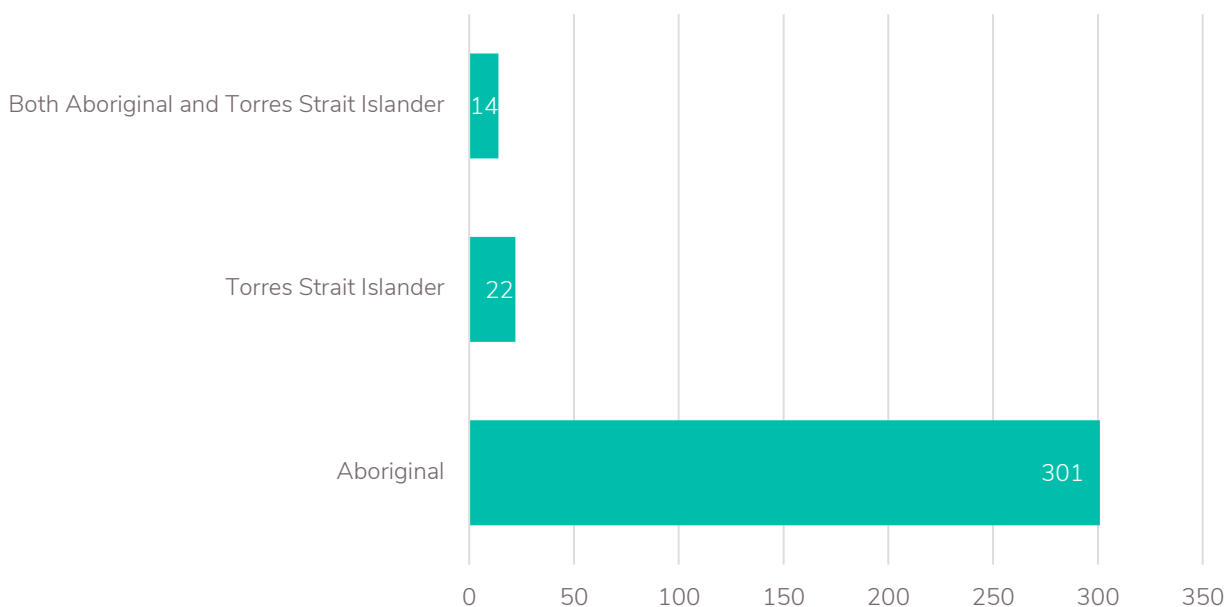
0.73% of young people aged 0-24 in Moreland identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. This is slightly lower than the Greater Melbourne average of 0.85%.

Table. Percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous peoples between 0-24 in Moreland in 2016

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders	Moreland		Greater Melbourne
	Number	Percent	Percent
Aboriginal	301	0.65%	0.80%
Torres Strait Islander	22	0.05%	0.03%
Both Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	14	0.03%	0.02%
Non-Indigenous	43,235	93.81%	94.20%
Not Stated	2,517	5.46%	4.95%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census 2016

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island young people aged 0-24 in Moreland



Data sources

Source Name	Description	Vintage
Australian Bureau of Statistics Population Census	The ABS Population Census is conducted every five years and is the most comprehensive source of data on people living in Australia. Census data provides a rich snapshot of the nation and informs government, community and business.	2016

Further information

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