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Overview

The Settlement Database (SDB) Data Dictionary is part of an information package designed to aid users' interpretation of settlement information. The package is designed to address how Settlement Database reports are created, what they mean and how they should be used.

The SDB Data Dictionary contains information regarding the data items available in the SDB. Further information on how to interpret reports using the SDB data is available in the following document:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AMEP	Adult Migration English Program
ARMS	AMEP Reporting and Management System
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
COB	Country of Birth
EP	English Proficiency
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs
LGA	Local Government Area
SDB	Settlement Database
SD	Statistical Division
SLA	Statistical Local Area
SSD	Statistical Sub-Division



Terms

A

Age on Arrival

Age on Arrival refers to a settler's age when they arrive in Australia. Age on Arrival is calculated from the data collected from settlers about their date of birth, which is recorded by the Department of Home Affairs on a mandatory basis, and their recorded Arrival Date in the SDB.

Reports generated using the Age on Arrival feature will produce numbers of settlers for all of the Settlement Age Range fields/groups. Please see Settlement Age Range in **Table 1** for a full list of these fields

Table 1 – Age on Arrival

Age Band Range	Settlement Age Range	Age on Arrival/Grant
under 18	00-05	All individual ages from 0 to 5
	06-11	All individual ages from 6 to 11
	12-15	All individual ages from 12 to 15
	16-17	All individual ages from 16 to 17
18 to 64	18-24	All individual ages from 18 to 24
	25-34	All individual ages from 25 to 34
	35-44	All individual ages from 35 to 44
	45-54	All individual ages from 45 to 54
	55-64	All individual ages from 55 to 64
65 and over	65+	All individual ages from 65 to 120

Arrival Date

Arrival Date refers to the date of arrival to Australia by a settler who holds a Settlement Visa.

For Settlement Visas that were granted onshore (in Australia), the Arrival Date refers to the latest date of arrival prior to the grant of that visa.

For Settlement Visas that were granted offshore (outside of Australia), the Arrival Date refers to the first date of arrival after the grant of that visa.

Arrival Date is the default setting and will collect information on settlers who arrived in Australia within the specified Date Range.



Australian Citizenship

A settler can apply for Australian Citizenship when they meet eligibility requirements.

Please see [Australian Citizenship website](#) for further information regarding Australian Citizenship, or call 131 881. Please see [Citizenship chapter](#) for information on SDB reports regarding Australian Citizenship,

Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)

Geographic data in the SDB is defined according to the [2011 Australian Standard Geographical Classification \(ASGC\)](#) Main Structure and Local Government Area Structure, published by the ABS.

The 2011 ASGC Main Structure defines the spatial units SLA, SSD and SD. In the SDB, settler postcode data is used to allocate SLAs which then aggregate to form SSDs, these then aggregate to form SDs. The [ABS 2011 ASGC Correspondences](#) are used for this process.

The 2011 ASGC Local Government Area Structure defines the spatial units SLA and LGA. In the SDB, settler postcode data is used to directly allocate LGAs. The [ABS 2011 ASGC Correspondences](#) are used for this process.

Figure 1 demonstrates how these two structures are applied in the SDB.

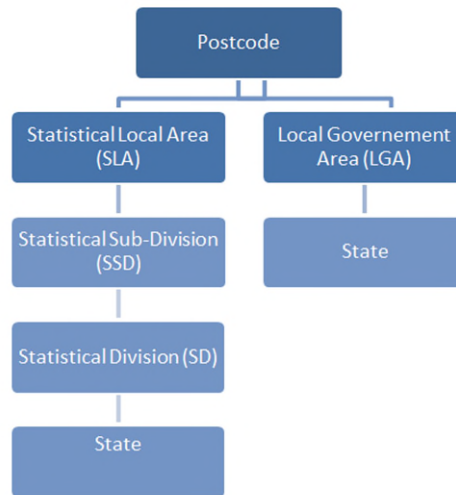
Some postcodes may correspond to more than one SLA and/or LGA. In these cases, the SDB uses the appropriate [ABS 2011 ASGC Correspondences](#) file to allocate the postcode by determining that the SLA or LGA which receives the highest percentage of population for a particular postcode will receive all the data for that postcode.

It should be noted that although efforts are made to keep up to date address information for settlers recorded in the SDB, not all location data can be considered as current and for many settlers, no location data is recorded.

Further information about SLAs, LGAs, SSDs and SDs can be found under their individual headings in this dictionary.



Figure 1 - Settlement Database Geographic Structure



More information about the 2011 ASGC as well as correspondence files can be found at: [ABS Geography website](#)

C

Calendar Year of Arrival

Calendar Year of Arrival refers to the calendar year in which a settler who holds a Settlement Visa arrived in Australia. A calendar year is defined as 1 January to 31 December inclusive, of any given year. In the SDB calendar years can be selected starting from 1 January 1991. If a settler has more than one Settlement Visa recorded, generally the arrival date for the first visa is used.

Calendar Year of Arrival generates reports which produce numbers of settlers who have arrived within the selected Date Range. When a report is generated using Calendar Year of Arrival, the results will be divided and shown in their respective calendar years.

Citizenship

In the Settlement Database, Citizenship refers to settlers who have been granted Australian Citizenship. More information about Australian Citizenship can be found on the Citizenship website, [Australian Citizenship website](#)

The Citizenship feature can be used to produce numbers of settlers who have acquired Australian Citizenship within a specific calendar year. A calendar year is defined as 1 January to 31 December inclusive, of any given year. In the SDB calendar years can be

Country of Birth

COB refers to the country in which a settler was born. COB is recorded by the Department of Home Affairs on a mandatory basis for every person who is involved in a visa application. A full list of the COBs is listed in **Table 2**.



Within the SDB, COB data is structured into a three level hierarchy. These are: Settlement World Region, Settlement Sub-Region, COB, where Settlement World Region is the largest grouping, followed by Settlement Sub-Region. [Attachment A](#) contains all the countries with multiple names.

Country of Birth (World Region)

The Country of Birth (World Region) generates reports which produce numbers of settlers for all of the Settlement Sub-Regions. A full list of Settlement Sub-Regions is listed in **Table 2**.

Country of Birth (Sub-Regions)

The Country of Birth (Sub-Regions) can be used to produce numbers of settlers for each of the specific Settlement World Regions, Settlement Sub-Regions and Country of Birth Settlement. A full list of the categories under each of these groups is listed in **Table 2**.

Table 2 – Country of Birth

Settlement World Region	Settlement Sub-Region	Country of Birth
Africa(Excluding North Africa)	Central and West Africa	BENIN
		BURKINA FASO
		CAMEROON
		CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
		CENTRAL AFRICAN (SO STATED)
		CHAD
		CONGO, DEM REPUBLIC OF THE
		COTE D'IVOIRE
		EQUATORIAL GUINEA
		GABON
		GAMBIA
		GHANA
		GUINEA
		GUINEA-BISSAU
		LIBERIA
		MALI
		NIGER
		NIGERIA
		SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
		SENEGAL
	SIERRA LEONE	
	TOGO	
	ZAIRE	
	Southern and East Africa	ANGOLA
		BOTSWANA
		BURUNDI
		COMOROS
DJIBOUTI		



		EAST AFRICA (SO STATED)	
		ERITREA	
		ETHIOPIA	
		KENYA	
		LESOTHO	
		MADAGASCAR	
		MALAWI	
		MAURITIUS	
		MOZAMBIQUE	
		NAMIBIA	
		REUNION	
		RHODESIA	
		RWANDA	
		SEYCHELLES	
		SOMALIA	
		SOUTH AFRICA	
		ST HELENA	
		SWAZILAND	
		TANZANIA	
		UGANDA	
		ZAMBIA	
		ZIMBABWE	
Europe & Former USSR	Eastern Europe	BULGARIA	
		CZECH REPUBLIC	
		CZECHOSLOVAKIA	
		EASTERN EUROPE (SO STATED)	
		HUNGARY	
		POLAND	
		ROMANIA	
		ROMANIA PRE 1/2/2002	
		SLOVAKIA	
		Europe	EUROPE (SO STATED)
	Northern Europe		DENMARK
			FAROE ISLANDS
			FINLAND
			GREENLAND
			ICELAND
			NORTHERN EUROPE (SO STATED)
			NORWAY
			BOUVET ISLAND
			SWEDEN
		Southern Europe	ALBANIA
ANDORRA			



		BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
		CROATIA
		CYPRUS
		FYR MACEDONIA
		GIBRALTAR
		GREECE
		ITALY
		KOSOVO
		MALTA
		MONTENEGRO
		PORTUGAL
		SAN MARINO
		SERBIA
		SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO
		SLOVENIA
		SPAIN
		VATICAN CITY STATE HOLY SEE
		YUGOSLAVIA FORMER
		YUGOSLAVIA, FED REPUBLIC OF
	The Former USSR and the Baltic States	ARMENIA
		AZERBAIJAN
		BELARUS
		ESTONIA
		GEORGIA
		KAZAKHSTAN
		KYRGYZSTAN
		LATVIA
		LITHUANIA
		MOLDOVA
		RUSSIAN FEDERATION
		TAJIKISTAN
		TURKMENISTAN
		U.S.S.R.
		UKRAINE
		UZBEKISTAN
	The United Kingdom and Ireland	BRITAIN INDIAN OCEAN TERR
		BRITISH DEPEND TERR CITIZEN
		BRITISH NATIONAL OVERSEAS
		BRITISH O'SEAS CITIZENSHIP
		BRITISH SUBJECT
		CHANNEL ISLANDS
		ENGLAND
		IRELAND (SO STATED)



		IRELAND, REPUBLIC OF
		ISLE OF MAN
		JERSEY
		NORTHERN IRELAND
		NORWAY
		SCOTLAND
		UNITED KINGDOM
		BRITAIN
		WALES
	Western Europe	AUSTRIA
		BELGIUM
		BERLIN (So Stated)
		Berlin, East (So Stated)
		Berline, West (So Stated)
		FRANCE Metropolitan
		FRANCE
		GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
		GERMANY
		GERMANY, FED REPUBLIC OF
		LIECHTENSTEIN
		LUXEMBOURG
		MONACO
		NETHERLANDS, KINGDOM OF THE
		SWITZERLAND
		WESTEM EUROPE (SO STATED)
Europe and Former USSR	Eastern Europe	KOSOVO
North America	Northern America	AMERICA (SO STATED)
		BERMUDA
		CANADA
		HAWAII
		UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
North East Asia	Northeast Asia	CHINA (SO STATED)
		CHINA, PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF
		HKSAR OF THE PRC
		JAPAN
		KOREA (SO STATED)
		KOREA, NORTH
		KOREA, SOUTH
		MACAU
		MACAU SPECIAL ADMIN REGION
		MONGOLIA
		TAIWAN
		TIBET (SO STATED)



Oceania & Antarctica	Australia	AUSTRALIA
	Australian External Territories	CHRISTMAS ISLAND
		COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS
		NORFOLK ISLAND
	Melanesia	NEW CALEDONIA
		NEW HEBRIDES
		PAPUA
		PAPUA NEW GUINEA
		SOLOMON ISLANDS
		VANUATU
		Micronesia
	KIRIBATI	
	MARSHALL ISLANDS	
	MICRONESIA, FED STATES OF	
	NAURU	
	PALAU	
	TRUST TERR PAC ISL (U.S.A.)	
	New Zealand	NEW ZEALAND
	Oceania	PACIFIC ISLANDS (SO STATED)
	Polynesia (excluding Hawaii)	AMERICAN SAMOA
FIJI		
FRENCH POLYNESIA		
FRENCH SOUTHERN TERRITORIES		
POLYNESIA		
SAMOA		
TAHITI		
TONGA		
TUVALU		
WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS		
Other	Refugee	STATELESS PERSON
	Unknown	UNKNOWN
South America, Central America & the Caribbean	Central America	BELIZE
		CENTRAL AMERICA (SO STATED)
		COSTA RICA
		EL SALVADOR
		GUATEMALA
		HONDURAS
		MEXICO
		NICARAGUA
		PANAMA
	South America	ARGENTINA
		BOLIVIA
		BRAZIL



		CHILE
		COLOMBIA
		ECUADOR
		FALKLAND ISLANDS
		FRENCH GUIANA
		GUYANA
		PARAGUAY
		PERU
		SOUTH AMERICA (SO STATED)
		SURINAME
		URUGUAY
		VENEZUELA
	The Caribbean	ANGUILLA
		ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
		ARUBA
		BAHAMAS
		BARBADOS
		BRITISH WEST INDIES
		CAYMAN ISLANDS
		CUBA
		DOMINICA
		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
		GRENADA
		GUADELOUPE
		HAITI
		JAMAICA
		MARTINIQUE
		MONTSERRAT
		NETHERLANDS ANTILLES
		PUERTO RICO
		SAINT LUCIA
		ST KITTS AND NEVIS
		ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES
		TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
		VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH)
		VIRGIN ISLANDS (U.S.A)
South East Asia	Southeast Asia	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
		BURMA
		CAMBODIA
		INDONESIA
		KAMPUCHEA
		LAO PEOPLES DEM REPUBLIC
		MALAYSIA



		MYANMAR
		PHILIPPINES
		SINGAPORE
		THAILAND
		TIMOR, EAST
		TIMOR-LESTE
		VIETNAM
		VIETNAM, NORTH
		VIETNAM, SOUTH
Southern Asia	Southern Asia	AFGHANISTAN
		BANGLADESH
		BHUTAN
		INDIA
		MALDIVES
		NEPAL
		PAKISTAN
		SRI LANKA
The Middle East & North Africa	Africa (So Stated)	AFRICA (SO STATED)
		ALGERIA
		CAPE VERDE
	North Africa	EGYPT
		LIBYA
		LIBYAN ARAB JAMHIRIYA
		MAURITANIA
		MOROCCO
		NORTH AFRICA (SO STATED)
		REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
		SUDAN
		TUNISIA
		WESTERN SAHARA
	The Middle East	BAHRAIN
		GAZA STRIP
		IRAN
		IRAQ
		ISRAEL
		JORDAN
		KUWAIT
LEBANON		
MIDDLE EAST (SO STATED)		
OMAN		
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY		
QATAR		
SAUDI ARABIA		



		SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
		TURKEY
		UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
		WEST BANK
		YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC
		YEMEN, FORMER
		YEMEN, PEOPLES DEM REP OF
		YEMEN, REPUBLIC OF
N/A	N/A	A.P.P
		B.P.P
		Invalid Value
		Not Recorded
		Refugee
		STATELESS PERSON

D

Date Range

Date Range is used to limit report outputs to selected date ranges. A start date and end date must be entered according to day, month and year. Furthermore, the Date Range selected can be applied to either settler Arrival Date or settler Visa Grant Date. The earliest date which can be selected in the SDB is 1 January 1991. This is because this is when data was first collected by the SDB. Data from the SDB is updated to the SDB on the fifth of each month. When generating a report requiring the most up to date information the most recent date which can be selected is the fourth day of the given month of the given year.

Data Items available in SDB

A subset of data items is available in [Form 1542 Settlement data request](#) Information regarding each specific item is located under its individual heading within this dictionary.

E

English Proficiency

EP relates to a settler's level of spoken English. This information is available only for settlers aged five years and over at the time of visa grant. EP data is collected from various sources depending on the settler's visa Migration Stream. This can include formal English tests or self-assessments. Updated EP data is recorded from the AMEP Reporting and Management System (ARMS) for settlers who enrol in the AMEP after arrival in Australia.

Reporting on EP may result in a high proportion of 'not stated' results, particularly for the Skilled and Family Migration Streams. However, Humanitarian Migration Stream entrants tend to have more complete records for EP. A full list of English Proficiency fields is included in **Table 3**.



Table 3 – English Proficiency

English Proficiency	Description
Very Good	Speaks English very well
Good	Speaks English well
Poor	Does not speak English well
Nil	Does not speak English at all
Not Stated (Humanitarian)	Not stated

Ethnicity

Ethnicity provides a description of the ethnic background of settlers beyond the information available from Country of Birth and Main Language data. There are over 350 ethnic groups recorded in the SDB.

This information is most reliably available for Humanitarian Migration Stream entrants. For the Skilled and Family migration streams collection of Ethnicity data **is not mandatory**, hence data for these streams has a high level of ‘not stated’ or ‘unknown’ results. A full list of Ethnicity categories is included in **Table 4**.

Table 4 – Ethnicity

A	
Abgal	Anglo Chinese
Acehnese	Anglo Indian
Afghan	Anglo Saxon
African (NFD)	Angolan
Agaar (Sudanese)	Anuak
Ajuran	Arab (NFD)
Albanian	Armenian
Algerian	Aryan
Ambonese	Asian (NFD)
Amhara (Ethiopian)	Assyrian
Anglo Celtic	
B	
Babylonian	Blen (Eritrea)
Bangladeshi	Bor (Sudanese)
Bavarian	Bosnian/Bosniac
Bedoon	Brahmin
Belarusian	British (NFD)
Bembe	Bulgarian
Bengali	Burmese
Berber	
C	
Cambodian	Chinese (NFD)
Canadian	Chinese Cambodian
Central American (NFD)	Chinese Indonesian



Central Asian	Colombian
Chaldean (Iraq)	Congo
Chilean	Coptic
Chin	Croatian/Croat
Chin (Burma)	Czech
D	
Darood/Darod (Somali)	Dir (Somali)
Digil (Somali)	Displaced Kosovar
Dinka (Sudanese)	
E	
Eastern European (NFD)	Ethiopian
Egyptian	Ethnicity NEC
English	European (NFD)
Eritrean	
F	
Faili Kurd	Filipino (NFD)
Fijian	Former Yugoslav Rep - mixed ethnicity
Fijian Indian	
G	
Gallic (NFD)	Greek Cypriot
Geberty	Guatemalan
Greek	
H	
Hainan Chinese	Hispanic
Han Chinese	Honduran
Hawiye (Somali)	Hungarian
Hazara (Afghan)	Hussar (Afghan)
Hazara (NFD)	Hutu
I	
Igbo	Iraqi
Inadequately dscrbd/language problems	Irish
Indian (NFD)	Israeli
Indonesian	Issa (Somali)
Iranian	
J	
Javanese	Jordanian
Jewish (NFD)	
K	
Karen (Burma)	Khmer
Karen (Ethiopian)	Kinh (Vietnam)
Karenni	Korean
Kayan	Kurdish



Kenyan	
L	
Lao	Libyan
Latin American/Latino (NFD)	Lithuanian
Lebanese	Luba/Kasai
M	
Macedonian	Mende
Madi	Middle Eastern
Madiban	Mongolian
Majerten	Montenegrin
Malay (Malaysian)	Moor
Mandarin Chinese	Moravian
Marehan	Myanmar
Mauritanian	
N	
Nepalese	Northeast Asian
Nicaraguan	Not Recorded
Nigerian	Not Stated/Refused
No specific ethnicity	Nuba
None	Nuer/Nver (Sudanese)
North African (NFD)	
O	
Ogaden (Somali)	Other African
Oromo (Ethopian)	
P	
Pacific Islander (NFD)	Persian/Farsi
Pakistani	Peruvian
Palestinian	Polish
Papua New Guinean	Punjabi
Pashtun (Afghan)	
R	
Rahanweyn (Somali)	Russian (NFD)
Rahween	Russian Federation
Rohingya (Burma)	Russian Jewish
Romanian	Russian Slav
Romany/Roma/Gypsy	Rwandan
S	
Saho	Slavonian
Salvadorean/El Salvadorean	Slovak
Samoan (Western)	Slovenian/Slovene
Scottish	Somali
Serbian/Serb	South African (NFD)



Shafi (Somali)	South American (NFD)
Sheikaan	Southeast Asian
Shikhal	Sri Lankan
Sierra Leonean	Stateless
Sikh	Sudanese
Singhalese/Sinhalese	Syrian
Sino Vietnamese	
T	
Taiwanese	Timorese (East Timorese)
Tajik	Tongan
Tamil	Tunisian
Thai	Turkish
Tibetan	Turkmen
Tigrean/Tigray/Tigre	Tutsi
Tigrinya (Ethiopian/Eritrean)	
U	
Uighur	Unknown
Ukrainian	Uzbek
V	
Vardak (Afghan)	Vietnamese
Y	
Yoruba	Yugoslav (NFD)
Z	
Zairean	Zimbabwean
Zambian	

F

Financial Year of Arrival

Financial Year of Arrival refers to the financial year in which a settler, who holds a Settlement Visa, arrived in Australia. Financial Year of Arrival is determined by settlers' recorded Arrival Date. A financial year is defined as the period from 1 July to 30 June following year.

Financial Year of Arrival generates reports which produce numbers of settlers for all of the financial years within the selected Date Range. When a report is generated, the results will be divided and shown in their respective Financial Year of Arrival.

G

Gender

Gender information is collected from settlers when completing a visa application.

The Gender generates reports which produce numbers of settlers for all of the gender fields. A full list of the gender fields is included in **Table 5**.



Reports will generate number of settlers for each selected field. A full list of the gender fields is included in **Table 5**.

Table 5 – Gender

Gender
Female
Male
Indeterminate
Unknown
Not Stated

L

Local Government Area

LGA is a spatial unit defined in the Local Government Area Structure of the [2011 Australian Standard Geographical Classification \(ASGC\)](#) published by the ABS. LGAs aggregate to form the incorporated areas of State and Territories and as such do not cover the whole of Australia.

In the Settlement Data reports, LGA refers to the area in which a settler resides.

The SDB allocates which LGA a settler resides in based on settler postcode data recorded in the SDB. Some postcodes may correspond to more than one LGA. In these cases, the SDB uses the appropriate [ABS 2011 ASGC Correspondence](#) file to allocate the postcode by determining that the LGA which receives the highest percentage of population for a particular postcode will receive all the data for that postcode.

It should be noted that although efforts are made to keep up to date address information for settlers recorded in the SDB, not all LGA information can be considered as current and for many settlers, no LGA is recorded.

The LGA of Residence (Name) generates reports which produce numbers of settlers for all of the LGAs.

More information about the 2011 ASGC as well as correspondence files can be found at: [ABS Geography website](#)

M

Main Language

Main Language refers to a settler's recorded main language in the Settlement Database (SDB). In the SDB there are approximately 300 different languages recorded. Main Language data is obtained from a number of different sources.

For settlers who enrol with the AMEP after arrival in Australia, main language data comes from the ARMS database.



Main Language is not recorded for all settlers in the SDB. It may be missing for portions of settlers in the Skilled and Family migration streams. However, this variable is captured well for the Humanitarian migration stream, particularly for more recently arrived settlers.

The Main Language generates reports which produce numbers of settlers for all of the Main Language fields. A full list of Main Languages is listed in **Table 6**.

Table 6 – Main Language

A	
Acholi	Amharic
Afghan	Anuak
African Languages, nec	Arabic
African Languages, nfd	Armenian
Afrikaans	Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)
Akan	Asante
Albanian	Assyrian
American Languages	Auslan
B	
Balochi	Bisaya/Visaya
Bari	Bosnian
Basque	Bulgarian
Bassa	Burmese / Myanmar
Belorussian	Burmese and Related Languages, nec
Bemba	Burmese and Related Languages, nfd
Bengali	
C	
Cantonese	Chin Senthang
Catalan	Chin Teddim
Cebuano	Chinese, nec
Chaldaeian	Chinese, nfd
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	Comorian
Chin	Croatian
Chin Falam	Czech
Chin Haka	
D	
Danish	Dinka
Dari	Dutch
Dhivehi	
E	
EASTERN ASIAN LANGUAGES	Estonian
Eastern Kayah	Ewe
English	
F	
Farsi (Afghan)	Finnish



Farsi (Persian)	Flemish
Fijian	French
Filipino	Frisian
Finnic, nfd	Fullah
G	
Georgian	Gio
German	Greek
German and Related Languages, nfd	Gujarati
Gilbertese	
H	
Haka	Hindi
Hakka	Hmong
Harari	Hmong-Mien, nec
Hausa	Hmong-Mien, nfd
Hazaragi	Hokkien
Hebrew	Hungarian
I	
Icelandic	Indo-Aryan, nec
Igbo	Indo-Aryan, nfd
Ilokano	Indonesian
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	Iranic, nec
Inadequately dscrbd	Iranic, nfd
Indian	Italian
J	
Japanese	
K	
Kakwa	Kirundi / Nyarwandwa / Rundi
Kannada	Konkani
Karen	Kono (Sierra Leone)
Karen S'gaw	Korean
Karen Yinbaw	Krahn
Kazakh	Kreole / Creole (African)
Khmer	Krio
Kikuyu	Kuku
Kinyarwanda / Rwanda	Kurdish
L	
Lao	Lithuanian
Latin	Loko
Latvian	Loma / Lorma
Limba	Luo
Lingala	Luwo
M	
Macedonian	Mauritian Creole



Madi	Mende
Makaton	Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec
Malay	Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd
Malayalam	Mon
Maltese	Mongolian
Mandarin	Mon-Khmer, nec
Mandingo	Mon-Khmer, nfd
Mano	Moro
Marathi	Motu
N	
Nauruan	Norwegian
Ndebele	Not Recorded
Nepali	Not stated
Niue	Nuer
Non-verbal so dscrbd	Nyanja (Chichewa)
O	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	OTHER LANGUAGES
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	Other Southeast Asian Languages, nec
Oriya	Other Southern Asian Languages, nec
Oromo	Other Southern European Languages nec
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	Other Southern European Languages, nfd
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec
P	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	Pashto
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	Persian
Pakistani	Persian (excluding Dari)
Pampangan	Polish
Papua New Guinea Papuan Languages, nec	Portuguese
Papuan	Punjabi
Parsun	
R	
Rohinga	Russian
Romanian	
S	
Samoan	Solomon Islands Pijin
Sasak	Somali
Scandinavian, nec	South Slavic, nfd
Serbian	SOUTHEAST ASIAN LANGUAGES
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian so described	SOUTHERN ASIAN LANGUAGES
Shilluk	SOUTHERN EUROPEAN LANGUAGES
Shona	SOUTHWEST AND CENTRAL ASIAN LANGUAGES



Sign Languages, nec	Spanish
Sign Languages, nfd	Sri Lankan
Sindhi	Susu
Sinhalese	Swahili
Slovak	Swedish
Slovene	
T	
Tagalog	Tigrinya
Tai, nec	Timorese
Tai, nfd	Tok Pisin
Tamil	Tongan
Tatar	Tswana
Telugu	Tulu
Temne / Themne	Turkic, nec
Teochew	Turkic, nfd
Tetum	Turkish
Thai	Turkmen
Tibetan	Twi (Akan)
Tigre	
U	
Ukrainian	Uyghur / Uyghur
Unspec.fmr.Yugoslav	Uzbek
Urdu	
V	
Vai	Vietnamese
W	
Welsh	
X	
Xhosa	
Y	
Yiddish	Yoruba
Z	
Zophei	Zulu

Marital Status

Marital Status refers to a settler's personal relationship status. Marital Status information is collected at time of visa application, however, it will be updated if the settler informs the Department of Home Affairs of a change in status. **The collection of Marital Status data has a high level of 'not recorded' results; therefore, interpretation of this data should be conducted with care.**



The Marital Status generates reports which produce numbers of settlers for all of the Marital Status fields. A full list of the Marital Status fields is located in **Table 7**.

Table 7 – Marital Status

Marital Status fields	Description
Married	Married
Nev Mar/De Facto	Never Married or De Facto
De Facto Partner	De Facto Partner
Engaged	Engaged
Divorced	Divorced
Widowed	Widowed
Separated	Separated

Migration Stream

A Migration Stream is a collection of related visa subclasses, grouped together by their purpose of entry. At present there are four primary migration streams – Skilled, Family, Humanitarian and Other.

Migration Stream is often also referred to as the visa stream.

Please see Settlement Visa Subclass to find out which Settlement Visa subclasses are located under each Migration Stream.

The Migration Stream generates reports which produce numbers of settlers for each of the migration streams. A full list of migration streams is included in **Table 8**.

Table 8 – Migration Stream

Stream	Definition
Family	Encompassing all visas under the Family Stream
Humanitarian	Encompassing all visas under the Humanitarian Stream
Skilled	Encompassing all visas under the Skilled Stream
Unknown	Encompassing historical and obsolete visas
Other	Encompassing all remaining visas



P

Place of Residence

Place of Residence refers to the last known residence of a settler.

In the SDB, Place of Residence information can be reported according to a settler's State of Residence, SD of residence, SSD of residence, SLA of residence, or LGA of residence. Each of these statistical areas is defined in the 2011 Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), published by the ABS.

In the SDB, a settler's recorded postcode is used to determine each of these spatial units. Postcodes are used to form SLAs and LGAs. SLAs then aggregate to form SSDs and SDs

Some postcodes may correspond to more than one SLA or LGA. In these cases, the SDB uses the appropriate ABS 2011 ASGC Correspondence file to allocate the postcode by determining that the SLA and/or LGA which receives the highest percentage of population for a particular postcode will receive all the data for that postcode.

It should be noted that although efforts are made to keep up to date address information for settlers recorded in the SDB, not all location data can be considered as current and for many settlers, no location data is recorded.

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R

Religion

There are some 140 different religions recorded in the SDB. For the Family and Skilled migration streams, the collection of this data commenced in April 1994 and is not mandatory. It has been collected from Humanitarian migration stream entrants since the start of the 1999–2000 financial year, and is mandatory.

The Religion field generates reports which produce numbers of settlers of all the individual Religion fields. It will also include number of settlers for fields 'Not Stated' and 'Inadequately Described'. A full list of Religions is included in **Table 9**.

A full list of Religion Broad Groups, Religion Narrow Groups and individual Religions is included in **Table 9**.



Table 9 – Religion

A	
Agnosticism	Apostolic Church (Australia)
Ahmadi	Apostolic Church of Queensland
Albanian Orthodox	Apostolic Church so described
Alevite/Alawi/Alawites	Armenian Apostolic Church
Ancestor Veneration	Assemblies of God
Ancient Church of the East	Assyrian Church of the East
Anglican	Atheism
Animism	Aust Aboriginal Traditional Religions
Antiochian Orthodox	
B	
Baha I World Faith	Born Again Christian
Baptist	Brethren
Bethesda Churches	Buddhism
C	
Caodaism	Christian Science
Catholic(NEC)	Church of Christ (Nondenom)
Chaldean Catholic	Church of Jesus Christ of Lds (NFD)
Chinese Religions (NFD)	Church of Scientology
Christadelphians	Church of the Nazarene
Christian & Missionary Alliance	Churches of Christ (Conference)
Christian (NFD)	Churches of Christ (NFD)
Christian City Church	Confucianism
Christian Outreach Centres	Congregational
Christian Revival Crusade	Coptic Orthodox Church
D	
Druidism	Druse/Druze
E	
Eckankar	Ethnic Evangelical Churches
F	
Fa Lun Gong	Full Gospel Church
Free Reformed	
G	
Gnostic Christians	Greek Orthodox
H	
Hinduism	Humanism
I	
Inadequately Described	International Church of Christ
Independent Evangelical Churches	Islam
J	
Japanese Religions (NFD)	Judaism
Jehovahs Witnesses	
L	
Latter Day Saints/Mormons/Church of Jesus Christ of Lds	Lutheran
M	
Macedonian Orthodox	Melkite Catholic



Maronite Catholic	Molokan
N	
Nature Religions (NFD)	Not Recorded
New Apostolic Church	Not Stated
No Religion (NFD)	
O	
Oriental Christian (NEC)	Other Christian (NEC)
Oriental Christian (NFD)	Other Non Christian
Orthodox (NEC)	Other Protestant (NEC)
Orthodox (NFD)	Other Protestant (NFD)
P	
Paganism	Pentecostal (NFD)
Pantheism	Presbyterian
Pentecostal (NEC)	Presbyterian & Reformed (NFD)
R	
Rastafarianism	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Rationalism	Reorganised Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Reformed	Revival Centres
Religious Belief (NFD)	Romanian Orthodox
Religious Groups (NEC)	Russian Orthodox
Religious Science	
S	
Sabeian Mandaean/Sabian	Spiritualism
Salvation Army	Sukyo Mahikari
Serbian Orthodox	Sunis (Iran)
Seventh-Day Adventist	Sunni
Shia	Syriac Catholic
Shinto	Syriac Orthodox Church
Sikhism	Syrian (Jacobite) Church
T	
Taoism	Theism (NEC)
Temple Society	Theosophy
Tenrikyo	
U	
Ukrainian Catholic	United Pentecostal
Ukrainian Orthodox	Uniting Church
Unitarian	
W	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	Wiccan/Witchcraft
Western Catholic/Catholic	Worldwide Church of God
Y	
Yazidism	
Z	
Zoroastrianism	



S

Settlement Database

The SDB has been developed to provide statistical data for government and community agencies involved in the planning and provision of settlement services. It brings together data from various Department of Home Affairs systems and a number of other sources including Medicare Australia. The SDB is a repository of information on permanent, and some temporary, settlers who have arrived in Australia since 1 January 1991. Data from the SDB is uploaded to the SDB on the 4th day of every month.

Settlement Date

The Settlement Date refers to the date in which a settler is deemed to have settled in Australia. Settlement Date is derived from either a settlers recorded arrival date or visa grant date. For settlers who were granted their current visa offshore, the Settlement Date is their first recorded arrival date into Australia after the grant of that visa. For settlers who were granted their current visa onshore, The Settlement Date is their current visa grant date

Settlement Target Group

Settlement Target Group is a group of settlers eligible for settlement services. It consists of settlers who meet the following criteria:

Onshore settlers in the following categories are included in the SGP Target Group:

- permanent Humanitarian migration stream settlers;
- permanent Family migration stream settlers with low English proficiency;
- temporary Family migration stream settlers with low English proficiency living in rural/regional locations;
- dependants of permanent Skilled settlers with low English proficiency living in rural/regional locations;
- dependants of temporary Skilled settlers with low English proficiency living in rural/regional locations;
- settlers holding subclass 151 (former resident) visas and have who have accessed the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP).

Settlers are considered to have low English proficiency if:

- their English Proficiency is recorded as Good, Poor or Nil in the SDB; or
- their English proficiency has not been recorded in the SDB, and their Birth Country is classified in the SDB as EP3 or EP4 (see English Proficiency (EP) Country Group for details).

All locations are regarded as rural/regional, except for the following Statistical Divisions (SDs):

- Sydney SD
- Melbourne SD
- Brisbane SD
- Gold Coast SD
- Perth SD
- Adelaide SD



- Canberra SD

and the following Statistical Sub-Divisions (SSDs):

- Queanbeyan SSD
- Newcastle SSD
- Wollongong SSD
- Tweed Heads & Coast SSD
- Greater Geelong City PrtA SSD
- Sunshine Coast SSD

The Settlement Target Group generates reports which produce number of settlers for all of the Settlement Target Group fields. A full list of Settlement Target Group fields is listed in **Table 10**.

Table 10 – Target Group

Settlement Target Group	Description
Not in Settlement Target Group	The settlers in this group are not eligible for the settlement services provided by the Settlement Grants Program service providers.
In Settlement Target Group	The settlers in this group are eligible for the settlement services provided by the Settlement Grants Program service providers.

Settlement Visa Subclasses

A Visa Subclass is a three digit code which identifies the visa holder's purpose in Australia. The SDB only collects data on permanent visas and settlement pathway temporary visas. Some visa subclasses are no longer available. However, reports can be generated for all historical and current visa subclasses.

When producing a report by visa subclass from the SDB the data produced will be for a settler's most current visa subclass. The SDB cannot produce numbers for a settler's previously held visa subclasses.

Settlement Visa Subclasses refers to the visa subclasses which are stored in the SDB. For a full list of Settlement Visa Subclasses please see **Table 11**.



Table 11 – Settlement Visa Subclass

Migration Stream	Category	Subclass	Description	Status
Family	Permanent	100	Partner	01/09/1994 - Current
		101	Child	01/09/1994 - Current
		102	Adoption	01/09/1994 - Current
		103	Parent	19/12/1989 - Current
		104	Preferential Family	01/09/1994 - 01/11/1999
		105	Concessional Family	01/09/1994 – 01/07/1997
		110	Interdependency	01/11/1999 - Current
		113	Aged Parent	01/11/1998 - 31/03/1999
		114	Aged Dependent Relative	01/11/1998 - Current (This subclass was disallowed on the 31/03/1999 and reintroduced on 01/11/1999)
		115	Remaining Relative	01/11/1999 - Current
		116	Carer	01/11/1999 - Current
		117	Orphan Relative	01/11/1999 - Current
		118	Designated Parent	01/11/1999 - 28/04/2000
		143	Contributory Parent	27/06/2003 - Current
		300	Prospective Marriage	01/09/1994 - Current
		801	Partner	01/09/1994 - Current
		802	Child	01/01/1991* - Current
		804	Aged Parent	01/01/1991* - Current
		806	Family	01/09/1994 - 01/11/1999
		814	Interdependency	15/04/1991 - Current



		819	Aged Parent	01/11/1998 - 31/03/1999
		831	<i>Prospective Marriage</i>	01/09/1994 - 01/07/2005
		835	Remaining Relative	01/11/1999 - Current
		836	Carer	01/11/1999 - Current
		837	Orphan Relative	01/11/1999 - Current
		838	Aged Dependent Relative	01/11/1999 - Current
		859	Designated Parent	01/11/1999 - Current
		864	Contributory Aged Parent	01/07/2003 - Current
	Temporary	173	Contributory Parent-Temporary	27/06/2003 - Current
		309	Partner Provisional	11/12/1996 - Current
		310	Interdependency Provisional	11/12/1996 - 01/07/2009
		445	Dependent Child	01/09/1994 - Current
		450	Resolution of Status – Family Member (Temporary) (ROSCO Family)	01/01/1997 - 31/03/1998 (onshore) or 30/06/1998 (offshore) (Applications must be made between 01/10/1997 & 31/03/1998 onshore or 01/10/1997 & 30/06/1998 offshore)
		820	Partner	19/12/1989 - Current
		826	Interdependency	15/04/1991 - 01/07/2009
		884	Contributory Aged Parent	01/07/2003- Current
Humanitarian	Permanent	200	Refugee	27/09/2001 - Current
		201	In-Country Special Humanitarian	01/09/1994 - Current



	202	Global Special Humanitarian	01/09/1994 - Current
	203	Emergency Rescue	01/09/1994 - Current
	204	Women at Risk	01/09/1994 - Current
	205	Camp Clearance	01/09/1994 - 01/11/1997
	207	Soviet Concession	19/12/1989 – 31/08/1994
	208	East Timorese in Portugal	01/09/1994 - 01/11/1997
	209	Citizens of Former Yugoslavia – Displaced Persons (Citz of Yugoslavia)	01/09/1994 - 01/11/2000
	210	Minorities Of Former USSR	01/09/1994 - 01/07/2000
	211	Burmese	01/09/1994 - 01/11/2000
	212	Sudanese	01/09/1994 - 01/11/2000
	213	Burmese in Thailand	01/09/1994 - 01/11/2000
	214	Cambodian SAC	01/09/1994 - 01/11/1997
	215	Special Assist Sri Lankan	09/01/1995 - 01/11/2000
	216	Ahmadi SAC	01/11/1995 - 01/11/2000
	217	Vietnamese SAC	01/11/1995 - 01/07/1999
	800	Territorial Asylum (Residence)	01/09/1994 - Current
	803	Refugee (After Entry)	01/01/1991* - 31/08/1994
	807	Humanitarian Grounds	19/12/1989 – 31/08/1994
	809	PRC Citizen (Permanent)	19/12/1989 - 31/08/1994
	810	Refugee (Permanent)	19/12/1989 – 31/08/1994
	815	PRC Permanent Entry	01/11/1993 - 01/08/1994
	816	Special Permanent	01/11/1993 - 01/08/1994
	817	Protection (Permanent)	19/12/1989 - 31/08/1994



		818	Highly Qualified On-shore (permanent)	01/11/1993 - 01/08/1994
		851	Resolution of Status	09/08/2008 - Current
		866	Protection	01/09/1994 - Current
	Temporary	850	Resolution of Status (Temporary) (ROSCO)	01/10/1997 - 31/03/1998 (onshore) or 30/06/1998 (offshore) (Applications must be made between 01/10/1997 & 31/03/1998 onshore or 30/06/1998 offshore)
	Unknown	206	Lebanese Concession	19/12/1989 - 31/08/1994
Skilled	Permanent	105	Skilled-Australian Linked	01/07/1997 - 30/06/1999
		106	Regional Linked	01/11/1996 - 01/07/1999 (No new applications by primary applicants from 1 July 1999)
		119	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	01/11/1999 - 30/06/2012
		120	Labour Agreement	01/09/1994 - 30/06/2012
		121	Employer Nomination	01/09/1994 - Current
		122	Business-Joint Venture	19/12/1989 - 31/08/1994
		123	Business-General	19/12/1989 - 31/08/1994
		124	Distinguished Talent	01/09/1994 - Current
		125	Distinguished Talent	01/09/1994 - 01/11/1999



		126	Independent	01/09/1994 - 01/07/1999 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/07/1999) (Replaced by visa subclass 137)
		127	Business Owner	01/09/1994 - 01/03/2003
		128	Senior Executive	01/09/1994 - 01/03/2003
		129	State/Territory Spon	01/09/1994 - 01/03/2003
		130	State/Territory Spon	01/09/1994 - 01/03/2003
		131	Migrant-investment. Linked	03/04/1995 - 01/03/2003
		132	Business Talent	01/03/2003 – Current
		134	Skilled Matching	01/07/1999 - 01/09/2007 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/09/2007)
		135	State/Territory Nom	01/09/1994 - 01/07/1999 (No new applications by primary applicant from 01/07/1999) (Replaced by visa subclass 137)
		136	Skilled – Independent	01/07/1999 - 01/09/2007 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/09/2007)



		137	Skilled – State/Territory-Nominated Independent	01/07/1999 - 01/09/2007 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/09/2007)
		138	Skilled – Australian Sponsored	01/07/1999 - 01/09/2007 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/09/2007)
		139	Skilled-Designated Area-sponsored	01/07/1999 - 01/07/2006 (No new applications after 01/07/2006)
		175	Skilled-Independent	01/09/2007 - 30/06/2012
		176	Skilled-Sponsored	01/09/2007 - 30/06/2012
		186	Employer Nomination	01/07/2012 - Current
		187	Regional Employer Nomination	01/07/2012 - Current
		189	Skilled Independent (Permanent)	01/07/2012 - Current
		190	Skilled Nominated (Permanent)	01/07/2012 - Current
		805	Skilled	01/09/1994 - 01/11/1999
		811	Pilot (Permanent)	19/12/1989 - 31/08/1990
		840	Business Owner	03/04/1995 - 01/03/2003
		841	Senior Executive	03/04/1995 - 01/03/2003
		842	State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner	03/04/1995 - 01/03/2003
		843	State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive	03/04/1995 - 01/03/2003
		844	Investment Linked	03/04/1995 - 01/03/2003
		845	Established Business in Australia	03/04/1995 - 30/06/2012



		846	State/Territory Sponsored Regional Established Business in Australia (REBA)	01/07/1997 - 30/06/2012
		855	Labour Agreement	01/11/1999 - 30/06/2012
		856	Employer Nominated	01/11/1999 - 30/06/2012
		857	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	01/11/1999 - 30/06/2012
		858	Distinguished Talent	01/11/1999 - Current
		861	Skilled – Onshore Independent New Zealand Citizen	27/02/2001 - 01/09/2007 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/09/2007)
		862	Skilled- Onshore Australian-sponsored New Zealand Citizen	27/02/2001 - 01/09/2007 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/09/2007)
		863	Skilled- Onshore Designated Area-sponsored New Zealand Citizen	27/02/2001 - 01/09/2007 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/09/2007)
		880	Skilled – Independent Overseas Student	01/07/2001 - 01/09/2007 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/09/2007)



		881	Skilled – Australian-sponsored Overseas Student	01/07/2001 - 01/09/2007 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/09/2007)
		882	Skilled – Designated Area-sponsored Overseas Student	01/07/2001 - 01/09/2007 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/09/2007)
		885	Skilled-Independent	01/09/2007 - 31/12/2012
		886	Skilled-Sponsored	01/09/2007 - 31/12/2012
		887	Skilled-Regional	01/09/2007 - Current
		888	Business Innovation and Investment (Residence)	01/07/2012 - Current
		890	Business Owner	01/03/2003 - Current
		891	Investor	01/03/2003 - Current
		892	State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner	01/03/2003 - Current
		893	State/Territory Sponsored Investor	01/03/2003 - Current
		491	Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	16/11/2019 - Current
		494	Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional)	16/11/2019 - Current
		R	GORS (RESI)	Historical – dates unknown
	Temporary	160	Business Owner (Provisional)	01/03/2003 - Current
		161	Senior Executive (Provisional)	01/03/2003 - Current
		162	Investor (Provisional)	01/03/2003 - Current
		163	State/Territory Business Owner (Provisional)	01/03/2003 - Current
		164	State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional)	01/03/2003 - Current



		165	State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional)	01/03/2003 - Current
		188	Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional)	01/07/2012 - Current
		475	Skilled – Regional Sponsored	01/09/2007 - 30/06/2012
		476	Skilled –Recognised Graduate	01/09/2007 - Current
		485	Skilled Graduate	01/09/2007 - Current
		487	Skilled-Regional Sponsored (Provisional)	01/09/2007 - 31/12/2012
		489	Skilled Regional Sponsored (Provisional)	01/07/2012 - Current
		495	Skilled- Independent Regional (Provisional)	01/07/2004 - 01/09/2007 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/09/2007)
		496	Skilled – Designated Area-sponsored (Provisional)	01/07/2006 - 01/09/2007 (No new applications by primary applicants from 01/09/2007)
Other	Permanent	150	Former Citizen	01/09/1994 - 01/07/2000
		151	Former Resident	01/09/1994 - 01/11/2005
		152	Family or NZ Citizen	07/11/1996 - 01/07/2000
		154	Return Class A	01/01/1987 - 31/08/1994
		808	Confirmatory	01/09/1991* - Current
		812	December 1989 (permanent)	19/12/1989 - 31/08/1994
		832	Close Ties	01/09/1994 - 01/11/2005
		833	Certain Unlawful Non-Citizens	01/09/1994 - 01/07/2000
		Temporary	301	Australian Requirement
		302	Emergency (Permanent Visa Applicant)	01/09/1994 - Current



-Start date is recorded as start date of SDB data capture; however, this may not be the actual start date for the visa subclass.

Statistical Local Area

SLA is the smallest spatial unit defined in the Main Structure of the 2011 ASGC published by the ABS. SLAs aggregate to form the spatial unit SSD.

In the SDB, SLA of Residence refers to the SLA in which a settler resides.

The SDB allocates which SLA a settler resides in based on settler postcode data recorded in the SDB. Some postcodes may correspond to more than one SLA. In these cases, the SDB uses the appropriate ABS 2011 ASGC Correspondence file to allocate the postcode by determining that the SLA which receives the highest percentage of population for a particular postcode will receive all the data for that postcode.

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State of Residence

State of Residence refers to the State or Territory in which a settler **currently** resides. State of Residence is determined from address information collected by the SDB.

It should be noted that although efforts are made to keep up to date address information for settlers recorded in the SDB, not all State and Territory information can be considered as current. For many settlers, no State of Residence is recorded.

Statistical Division

SD is a spatial unit defined in the Main Structure of the 2011 ASGC published by the ABS. SDs aggregate to form States and Territories.

The SDB allocates which SD a settler resides in based on settler postcode data recorded in the SDB. Postcodes are allocated to SLAs which aggregate to form SSDs, which aggregate to form SDs. Some postcodes may correspond to more than one SLA. In these cases, the SDB uses the appropriate ABS 2011 ASGC Correspondence file to allocate the postcode by determining that the SLA which receives the highest percentage of population for a particular postcode will receive all the data for that postcode.

It should be noted that although efforts are made to keep up to date address information for settlers recorded in the SDB, not all SD information can be considered as current and for many settlers, no SD is recorded.



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Statistical Sub-Division

SSD is a spatial unit defined in the Main Structure of the 2011 ASGC (2011) published by the ABS. SSDs consist of one or more SLAs and aggregate to form SDs.

The SDB allocates which SSD a settler resides in based on settler postcode data recorded in the SDB. Postcodes are allocated to SLAs which aggregate to form SSDs. Some postcodes may correspond to more than one SLA. In these cases, the SDB uses the appropriate ABS 2011 ASGC Correspondence file to allocate the postcode by determining that the SLA which receives the highest percentage of population for a particular postcode will receive all the data for that postcode.

It should be noted that although efforts are made to keep up to date address information for settlers recorded in the SDB, not all SSD information can be considered as current and for many settlers, no SSD is recorded.

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V

Visa stream

Please see [Migration Stream](#).

Attachment A - Groupings of Countries of Birth* (*country with multiple names)

Country of Birth Settlement	Country Of Birth
Brit. Dep. Terr. Citz	British Depend Terr Citizen
	British Indian Ocean Terr
	British National Overseas
	British O’Seas Citizenship
	British Subject
Burma	Burma
	Myanmar
Cambodia	Cambodia
	Kampuchea
Channel Islands	Channel Islands
	Guernsey
	Jersey
China Peoples Rep	China, Peoples Republic of
	China (So Stated)
Cntl America (S/S)	America, Central (So Stated)
	Central America (So Stated)
Democratic Republic of Congo	Congo, Dem Republic of



	Zaire
Dep Republic of Timor-Leste	Timor-Leste
	Timor, East
Europe (So Stated)	Europe (So Stated)
	Europe (So Stated)
France	France
	France, Metropolitan
Germany	Berlin (So Stated)
	Berlin, East (So Stated)
	Germany, Fed Republic of
	Germany Democratic Republic
	Germany
	Berlin, West (So Stated)
India	India
	Sikkim
Ireland	Ireland (So Stated)
	Ireland, Republic of
Rep of Korea	Korea (So Stated)
	Korea, South
Macao	Macau
	Macau Special Admin Region
Micronesia	Micronesia
	Micronesia, Fed States of
	Micronesia, Fed States of
Norway	Norway
	Bouvet Island
Oceania (So Stated)	Oceania (So Stated)
	Pacific Islands (So Stated)
Papua New Guinea	Papua New Guinea
	Papua
Romania	Romania
	Romania Pre 01/02/2002
Serbia & Montenegro	Serbia and Montenegro
	Yugoslavia, Fed Republic of
Sth America (S/S)	South America (So Stated)
	Sth Georgia/Sth Sandwich Is
Tahiti	Tahiti
	French Polynesia
United Kingdom	United Kingdom
	Britain
U.S.A.	United States of America
	Hawaii



	America (So Stated)
Vanuatu	Vanuatu
	New Hebrides
Vietnam	Vietnam
	Vietnam, South
	Vietnam, North
Yemen	Yemen Arab Republic
	Yemen, Republic of
	Yemen, Former
	Yemen, Peoples Dem Rep of
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe
	Rhodesia