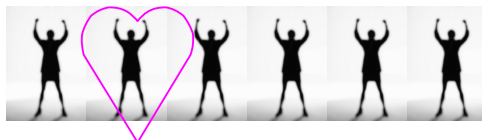


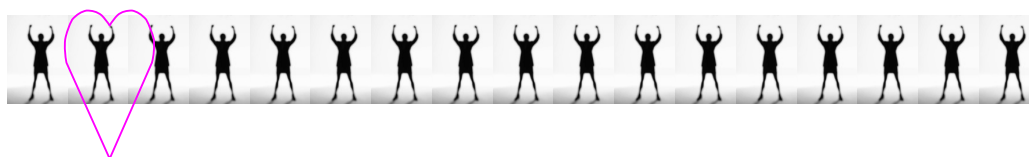
## MULTICULTURALISM ON THE SUNSHINE COAST

Many people believe that the Sunshine Coast is a mono-cultural region, but the statistics show us a different story. The following data about the Sunshine Coast region was drawn from the 2006 ABS.

- ❖ One in every six people was born overseas



- ❖ One in every 17 people was born in a Non English Speaking Country



	Sunshine Coast	Australia
Born Overseas	18.1%	22%
Non English Speaking Background	5.9%	16% *
Non English Speaking Background No. People	16,410	

## THE EXCEPTIONAL DIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST

Total Countries of birth	English Speaking Countries of birth	Non-English Speaking Countries of birth
156 countries	8 Countries	148 Countries
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## WHO ARE THE LARGEST CULTURAL GROUPS ON THE SUNSHINE COAST?



Germany 2136 people



Netherlands 1494 people



Philippines 687 people



Italy 533 people

144 countries of birth each with less than 500 people	11,569 people
TOTAL	16,410 people

Unlike metropolitan areas, where there are large groups of particular cultures, the Sunshine Coast region is typified by small groups (less than 500) of many cultures. There are 144 non-English speaking countries of birth with less 500 people in fact!

<b>MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
<p>There are only 24 known formal and informal cultural and culturally affiliated religious groups on the Sunshine Coast (CIS 2009), however, the ABS indicates there are people living here from 156 different countries of birth. Therefore, many CALD people do not have access to formal/organized cultural/language based community support.</p>	
<b>Cultural groups include</b>	<b>Other faith based groups include</b>
<p>Australia Japan Society            Bambu – Dutch Indonesian            Descendants of Australian South Sea Islanders            FESTURI – a multicultural celebration            Fiji Sunscoast Club – Pacific Islands            Filipino Australian Sunshine Coast Association            Filipino Australian Family Group            German Club            Greek Association of the Sunshine Coast            Italian School Committee            Netherlands Sunshine Club            Alliance Francaise de la Sunshine Coast            Siang Ngobrol – Indonesian            Society of St Andrews of Scotland            Sunshine Coast Indian Association            Sunshine Coast Finnish Social Club            Sunshine Coast French Club</p>	<p>Ba’hai Faith of the Sunshine Coast            Chenrezig Institute – Buddhism            Greek Orthodox Parish of the Sunshine Coast            Jewish Association of the Sunshine Coast            MOSQ – Muslim Organization of the Sunshine Coast            Chinese Christian Church</p>
	<b>Activist Group</b>
	Buddies Refugee Support Group

**Multilinc** - Public contacts for some of these multicultural groups can be found on-

[www.sunshinecoastcis.qld.gov.au/multilinc.html](http://www.sunshinecoastcis.qld.gov.au/multilinc.html)

This website also has a lot of great information about multicultural support locally and across Australia

**Nambour Community Centre** - For information about the *Cultural Connections Program* and the community centre [www.nambourcc.org](http://www.nambourcc.org)

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