

STATISTICS

Africans in the Australian Census

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This note is in two parts. The first consists of Table 1 and shows the number of persons born in Africa enumerated in the 2001 and 2006 Australian censuses. The second part spells out the steps for extracting the 2006 data on the Africa-born from the Australian Bureau of Statistics webpage. The data can be obtained at the sub-national level. For example, you can find out the number of persons born in Sudan for the Stirling (Western Australia) Local Government Area, Statistical Local Area or Electoral Division.

Table 1 African-born in Australia 2001- 2006

Birthplace	Census Years		
	2001	2006	Gain 2001-2006
Angola	353	394	41
Benin	21	22	1
Botswana	709	863	154
Burkina Faso	14	24	10
Burundi	32	751	719
Cameroon	66	135	69
Cape Verde	22	18	-4
Central African Republic	N/A	18	18
Central and West Africa, nfd.	178	199	21
Chad	36	32	-4
Comoros	21	13	-8
Congo	134	523	389
Congo DR (Zaire)	267	618	351
Cote d'Ivoire	75	250	175
Djibouti	71	97	26
Eritrea	1599	2016	417
Ethiopia	3544	5633	2089
Gabon	22	26	4
Gambia	59	132	73
Ghana	2040	2771	731
Guinea	31	10	-21
Guinea-Bissau	12	503	491

Kenya	6870	9940	3070
Lesotho	53	79	26
Liberia	124	1526	1402
Madagascar	162	188	26
Malawi	486	684	198
Mali	26	60	34
Mauritania	13	14	1
Mauritius	16962	18175	1213
Mayotte	N/A	0	0
Mozambique	551	641	90
Namibia	437	702	265
Niger	17	12	-5
Nigeria	1738	2496	758
Reunion	71	128	57
Rwanda	46	202	156
Sao Tome and Principe	11	9	-2
Senegal	185	196	11
Seychelles	2448	2508	60
Sierra Leone	363	1809	1446
Somalia	3713	4316	603
South Africa	79425	104128	24703
Sub-Saharan Africa nfd		38	38
Southern and East Africa nfd	727	598	-129
Sudan	4900	19049	14149
Swaziland	208	231	23
Tanzania	1714	2295	581
Togo	13	35	22
Uganda	1217	1713	496
Western Sahara	N/A	15	15
Zambia	3070	4082	1012
Zimbabwe	11734	20157	8423
Total	146590	211074	64484

Sources: For 2001 data see Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, *The People of Australia*. Canberra Table 3, pp 3-7. http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/pdf/people_of_australia.pdf (Accessed 17 June 2008). For 2006 data see Australian Bureau of Statistics. Cat. No. 2068.0 – 2006 Census Tables. Country of Birth of Person (full classification list) by Sex. (Accessed 17 June, 2008).

Notes: This table excludes persons born in the North African countries of Algeria, Egypt, Libya Morocco, and Tunisia. It includes the French Territories of Mayotte and Reunion: nfd = not further defined: N/A = not available.

Do It Yourself Statistics

This section describes how you can find out more about Africans in Australia in 2006 from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) webpages:

1. The ABS URL is <http://www.abs.gov.au/>
2. Open this and click on Census Data on the menu to your left.
3. OR go straight to <http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/d3310114.nsf/home/Census+data>
4. See the heading Find Census Data by Topic and click on 2006 Census. The next page is headed Census Data by topic and you need to respond to the two questions (in blue type). Select usual place of residence. Select the topic, by scrolling down. In this example Birthplace is the chosen topic, so click on Birthplace and then on Country of Birth by Person (full classification list).
5. Decide which area you want. This example uses the whole of Australia, so type in Australia in the box, and click on Search. Respond to the question "Which location do I select ?" by clicking on Australia. (NOTE at this stage you can search for Statistical Divisions, Local Government Area, etc.).
6. Click on Select Product. Click on View Census Table. You should now be on a page headed 2006 Census Tables.
7. Click on Details Tab which is towards the bottom of the screen
8. Click on Free Download and wait while it loads
9. Click on Open. You should then have the COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF PERSON table in EXCEL format
10. Choose your country, e.g. Angola is on line 22 and shows there are 196 males and 199 females born in Angola, giving a total of 394, as shown in Table 1 above.