

**Table 2.1**
**Australia and New South Wales Compared**
**1991, 1996 and 2001 Census**

| Key Facts  | Australia  |            |                   | New South Wales |           |                  |
|--|------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|
|  | 1991       | 1996       | 2001              | 1991            | 1996      | 2001             |
| <b>Population</b>  | 16,771,700 | 17,752,807 | <b>18,769,249</b> | 5,714,878       | 6,006,209 | <b>6,326,579</b> |
| <b>Overseas born (OSB)</b>                                 |            |            |                   |                 |           |                  |
| Total  | 3,689,600  | 3,901,882  | <b>4,105,468</b>  | 1,287,825       | 1,390,007 | <b>1,476,983</b> |
| As a % of the population                                   | 22.0       | 22.0       | <b>21.9</b>       | 22.5            | 23.1      | <b>23.3</b>      |
| Born in a non-English speaking country (NESC) <sup>1</sup> | 2,151,652  | 2,362,152  | <b>2,502,816</b>  | 844,968         | 948,687   | <b>1,020,421</b> |
| Born in a NESC as a % of the population                    | 12.8       | 13.3       | <b>13.3</b>       | 14.8            | 15.8      | <b>16.1</b>      |
| Born in a NESC as a % of the OSB                           | 58.3       | 60.5       | <b>61.0</b>       | 65.6            | 68.3      | <b>69.1</b>      |
| <b>Australian born</b>                                     |            |            |                   |                 |           |                  |
| Total  | 12,717,926 | 13,227,997 | <b>13,629,683</b> | 4,290,898       | 4,402,972 | <b>4,463,649</b> |
| As a % of the population                                   | 75.8       | 74.5       | <b>72.6</b>       | 75.1            | 73.3      | <b>70.6</b>      |
| With both parents born overseas                            | 1,360,717  | 1,460,201  | <b>1,503,689</b>  | 468,360         | 512,633   | <b>536,172</b>   |
| With both parents OSB as a % of population                 | 8.1        | 8.2        | <b>8.0</b>        | 8.2             | 8.5       | <b>8.5</b>       |
| With one only parent born overseas                         | 1,756,392  | 1,880,915  | <b>1,924,347</b>  | 562,820         | 592,885   | <b>599,189</b>   |
| With one parent OSB as a % of population                   | 10.5       | 10.6       | <b>10.3</b>       | 9.8             | 9.9       | <b>9.5</b>       |
| <b>Aboriginals / Torres Strait Islanders<sup>2</sup></b>   |            |            |                   |                 |           |                  |
| Total  | 265,371    | 352,970    | <b>410,003</b>    | 69,993          | 101,636   | <b>120,047</b>   |
| As a % of the population                                   | 1.6        | 2.0        | <b>2.2</b>        | 1.2             | 1.7       | <b>1.9</b>       |
| <b>Language other than English (LOTE) speakers</b>         |            |            |                   |                 |           |                  |
| Speak a language other than English at home                | 2,458,445  | 2,657,751  | <b>2,853,829</b>  | 977,330         | 1,092,215 | <b>1,197,063</b> |
| LOTE speakers as a % of the population                     | 14.7       | 15.0       | <b>15.2</b>       | 17.1            | 18.2      | <b>18.9</b>      |

<sup>1</sup> NESC exclude people born in Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America

<sup>2</sup> Persons who identified themselves as being of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin