

## FACT SHEET

### STATISTICS ON ITALIANS IN AUSTRALIA

*'It was like the Italian Consulate with food.'* Co-owner Gianni Milani remembering the University Café in Carlton's Little Italy during the height of mass migration in the 1950s. From the IHS Oral History Collection.

#### Introduction

The following figures on Italians in Australia have been taken from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

#### Italian-born resident in Australia (1901-2000)

Year	1901	1947	1954	1961	1971	1981	1991	2000
'000	5.7	33.6	119.9	228.3	288.3	285.3	272.0	241.7
<b>Total Australian population</b>	3773.8	7579.4	8986.5	10508.2	12719.5	14923.3	17284.0	19157.0

#### Italian-born in Australia (2001 Census)

NSW	SA	WA	VIC	QLD	VIC	TAS	NT	Total
60628	25047	23062	90788	15197	2345	1126	519	218712

#### Italian ancestry across states and capitals (2001 Census)

	0-59	59-69	70+	Total Italian Ancestry	Total population
NSW	139050	3059	2092	144201	6371745
Sydney	103218	1862	1333	106413	3997321
VIC	183618	2738	1774	188130	4644950
Melbourne	153660	1871	1215	156746	3366542
QLD	65221	2912	1816	69949	3655139
Brisbane	27639	806	517	28962	1627535
SA	54399	772	359	55530	1467261
Adelaide	48519	597	288	49404	1072585
WA	66358	1734	970	69062	1851252
Perth	53243	1212	703	55158	1339993
TAS	3738	60	32	3828	456650
Hobart	1936	35	18	1989	191170
NT	2574	42	18	2634	210666
Darwin	1663	23	8	1694	109419
ACT	6799	70	55	6924	311947
Canberra	6790	70	55	6915	311947
Other territories	16	0	0	16	2737
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>521774</b>	<b>11387</b>	<b>7116</b>	<b>540277</b>	<b>189772350</b>

## Italian speakers by states and capitals (2001 Census)

	Italian speakers	Total population	As % of total population	As % of total Italian speakers
NSW	96790	6371745	1.5	27.4
Sydney	79612	3997321	2.0	22.5
VIC	149185	4644950	3.2	42.2
Melbourne	133907	3344542	4.0	37.9
QLD	24741	3655139	0.7	7.0
Brisbane	11385	1627535	0.7	3.2
SA	40176	1467261	2.7	11.4
Adelaide	37684	1072585	3.5	10.7
WA	36549	1851252	2.0	10.3
Perth	32716	1339993	2.4	9.3
TAS	1464	456652	0.3	0.4
Hobart	925	191169	0.5	0.3
NT	983	210664	0.5	0.3
Darwin	692	109420	0.6	0.2
ACT	3713	311947	1.2	1.1
Canberra	3712	311518	1.2	1.0
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>353605</b>	<b>18972350</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Statistics on Italians in Australia in the Italian Historical Society Collection

You will find a range of publications relating to statistics on Italians in Australia in the following collections:

- Document Collection
- Library
- Newspaper Collection

### Further reading

The resources listed below can be accessed at the Italian Historical Society.

### Publications

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Castles, S et al. (eds) 1992, *Australia's Italians: culture and community in a changing society*, Allen & Unwin, North Sydney, New South Wales.

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Jupp, J (ed) 2001, *The Australian people: an encyclopedia of the nation, its people and their origins*, Cambridge University Press, Oakleigh, Victoria.

### **Periodicals**

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### **Internet sites**

Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006, *Home*, Commonwealth of Australia, Canberra, <http://www.abs.gov.au>

Ethnic Communities Consultation Program 1998, *Hidden Italian Heritage*, NSW Government, New South Wales, [http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/heritagensw/dec98/6\\_art.htm](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/heritagensw/dec98/6_art.htm)

Museum Victoria 2003, *Immigration Museum*, Museum Victoria, Melbourne, <http://Immigration.museum.vic.gov.au>

National Archives of Australia 2005, *Welcome to the National Archives of Australia*, NAA, Canberra, <http://www.naa.gov.au>

### **Audio-visual**

*Hard work and hope: Australia's Italians* 1989, video recording, Italian Historical Society—COASIT and Equality Press, Carlton, Victoria.

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