



2016 Census: Cocos (Keeling) Islands



Total population: 544

Median age: 42

Most common ancestry: Malay

Most common country of birth: Australia

Most common religion: Islam

Most common languages: Malay and English

Median weekly personal income: \$563

Median weekly household income: \$1,859

Average household size: 3.7 people

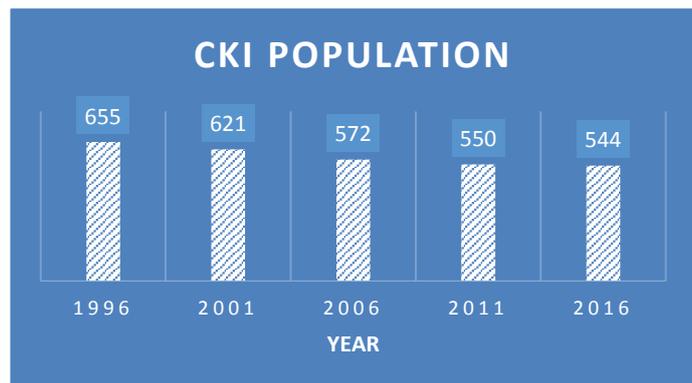
Demographics¹

Population

The **total population** of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands² (CKI) in 2016 was **544**, comprising 140 people on West Island and 404 people on Home Island.

Of these, **49.5% were male** and **50.5% were female**. In 2011, 51.6% of the population were male and 48.4% were female.

In 2016, there were **153 families** on island. For those with children, the average number was **1.9 children**.



Age

In 2016, the **median age was 42**, which is four years higher than the national median age. People aged 65 years and over made up 15.5% of the population. Children (0 - 14 years) made up 20.6% of the population.

The proportion of residents aged 65 and over has increased since 2006, where 8.7% of people were 65 years or older. At the same time, the proportion of residents aged 0 - 14 years has decreased from 26.6% in 2006 to 20.6% in 2016.

¹ All data in this document is sourced from: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016, 'Cocos (Keeling) Islands (Statistical Area Level 3)', <http://www.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/90102?opendocument>; Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016, *Cocos (Keeling) Islands*, time series spreadsheet, cat. no. 2003.0, <http://www.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/communityprofile/90102?opendocument>

² Home Island and West Island are the only populated islands of the 27 islands that make up the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

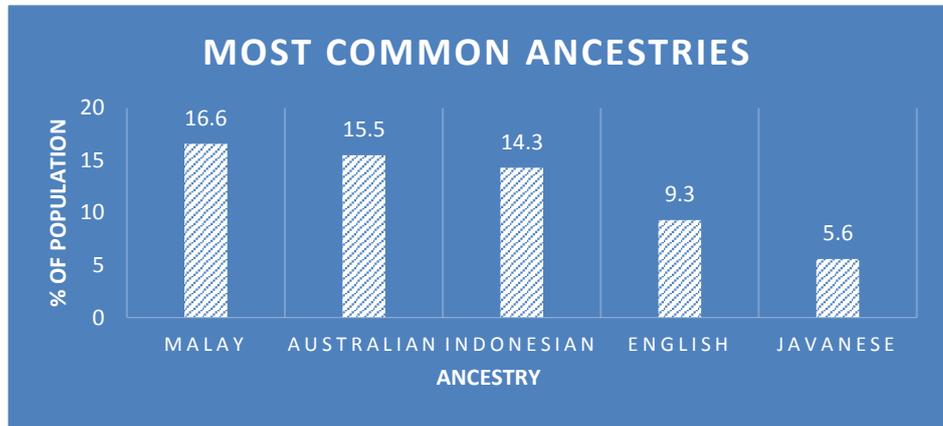
Cultural and language diversity

Ancestry

Malay ancestry is now the **most common ancestry** on the CKI.

In 2016, the most common ancestries were Malay (16.6%), Australian (15.5%), Indonesian (14.3%), English (9.3%) and Javanese (5.6%).

In 2011, the most common ancestries were Australian (18.5%), Malay (15.9%), Indonesian (13.1%), English (11.7%) and Javanese (5.0%).



Country of Birth

In 2016, **82.5%** of people on the CKI were **Australian-born**. Following Australia, the only other responses for country of birth were Malaysia (5.0%), New Zealand (1.1%), England (0.6%) and Singapore (0.6%).

74.0% of people had **both parents born in Australia**, while 6.9% of people had both parents born overseas. 3.3% of people had only their mother born overseas, while 6.3% had only their father born overseas.

Language Spoken at Home

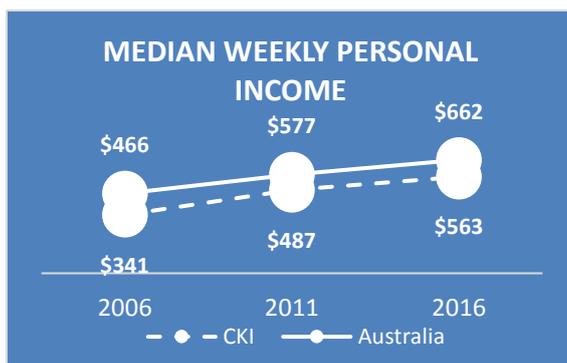
In 2016, **nearly two-thirds** (63.6%) of households on the CKI reported that a **non-English language was spoken at home**. **69.6%** of people **spoke Malay at home** and **22.2%** of people **only spoke English at home**.

Religion

In 2016, the **most common religions** on the CKI were **Islam (75.0%)**, Anglican (3.5%) and Catholic (1.5%). **13.4%** of the population identified as having No Religion.

Employment

Income



In 2016, the **median weekly personal income** for people aged 15 years and over on the CKI was **\$563**. This figure is lower than the national median weekly personal income of \$662.

The median weekly personal income on the CKI increased by 15.6% (\$76) from 2011 to 2016, compared to 14.7% nationally. This increase is less than 2006 to 2011, which was 42.8% (\$146), compared to 23.8% nationally.

The **median weekly household income** on the CKI was **\$1,859**, which was higher than the national median of \$1,438. **11.1% of households** had a **weekly income of less than \$650** and **17.6% of households** had a **weekly income of more than \$3000**.

Unpaid Work

In the week before the 2016 Census, **48.7%** of people aged 15 years and over **did unpaid domestic work**, this compares to the national median of 69.0%.

During the two weeks before the Census, **27.9% provided care for children** (compared to 27.6% nationally) and **8.7% assisted family members or others** due to a disability, long term illness or problems related to old age (compared to 11.3% nationally).

In the year before the Census, **22.1% of people did voluntary work** through an organisation or a group, compared to 19.0% nationally.

Dwellings

Tenure and Household Composition

In 2016, **84.0% of private dwellings on the CKI were occupied** and 16.0% were unoccupied. **Of occupied private dwellings, 58.9% were rented**, 13.7% were owned outright and 2.4% were owned with a mortgage. All occupied private dwellings were separate houses.

The **average household size was 3.7 people**. Of all households on the CKI, 94.6% were family households and 5.4% were single person households.

Mortgage and Rent

In 2016, **median rent** on the CKI was **\$166 per week**, compared to the national median rent of \$335 per week. **92.1%** of households had **rent payments less than 30% of household income** (88.5% nationally), while households with rent payments greater than 30% of household income were 7.9% (11.5% nationally).

Median mortgage repayments were **\$1,029 per week**, which is lower than the national median of \$1,755.

Motor Vehicles

In 2016, 7.9% of occupied private dwellings on the CKI had no registered motor vehicles garaged or parked at their address, 25.7% had one registered motor vehicle garaged or parked at their address, 29.3% had two registered motor vehicles and **30.7% had three or more registered motor vehicles**.

Internet Connection

In 2016, **76.1% of households** had at least one person **access the internet**. This could have been through a desktop/laptop computer, mobile or smart phone, tablet, music or video player, gaming console, smart TV or any other device.