

The change in Australia's migrant population

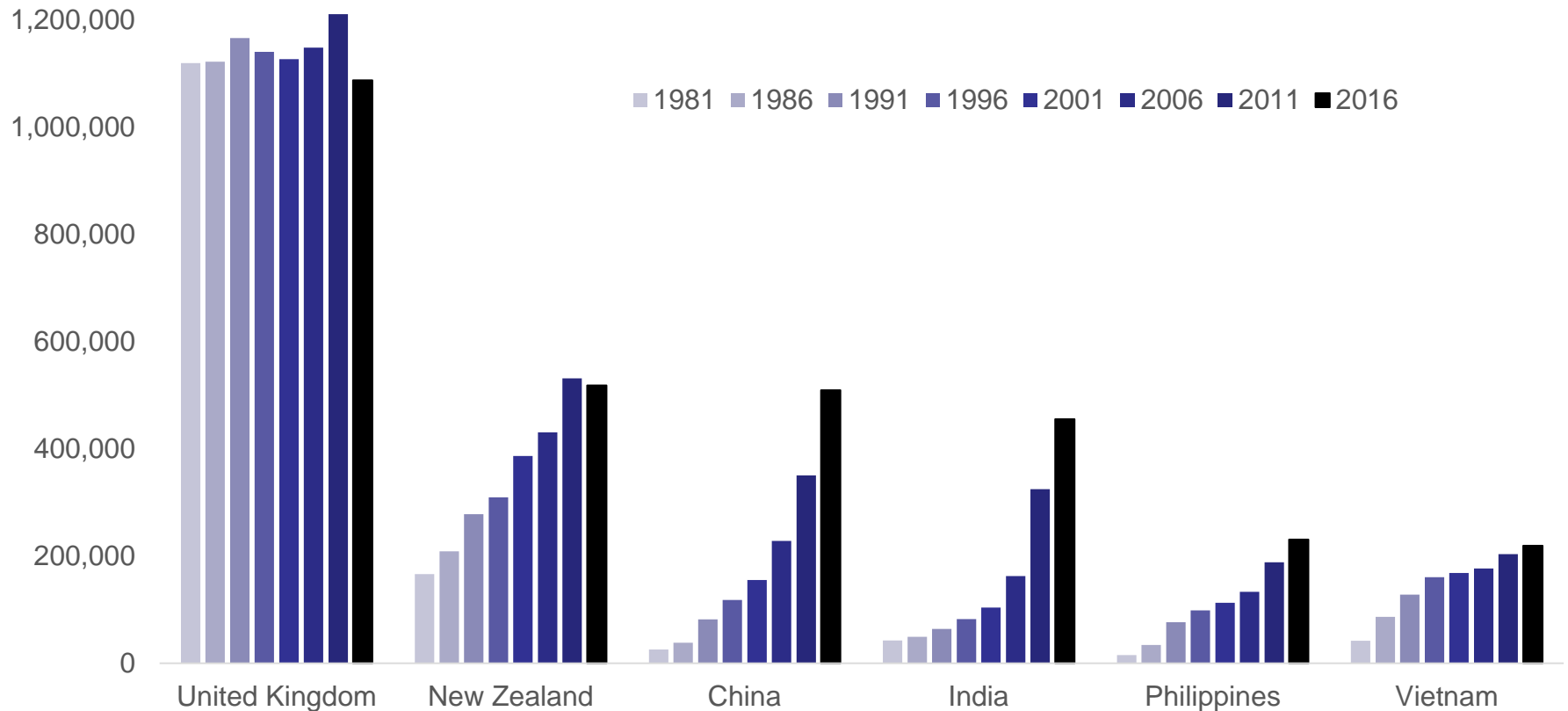
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Background

- Censuses have measured considerable amount of demographic change over the past 35 years
 - 14.3 to 23.4 million people from 1981 to 2016
 - overseas-born = 26% in 2016 up from 23% in 2001
 - migrant populations not spread evenly across Australia

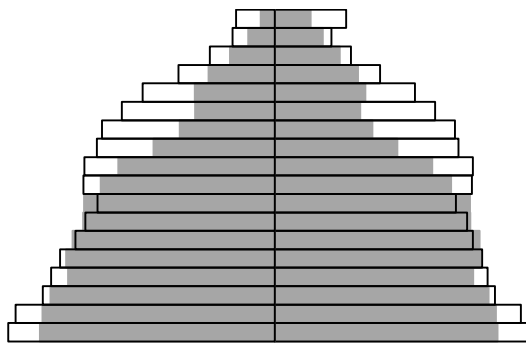
Estimated resident population by country of birth: 1996-2016*



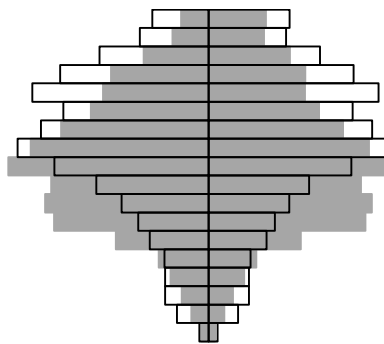
* 2016 = Census counts

Australian Census population by age, sex and birthplace: 1996 (shaded) and 2016 (outline)

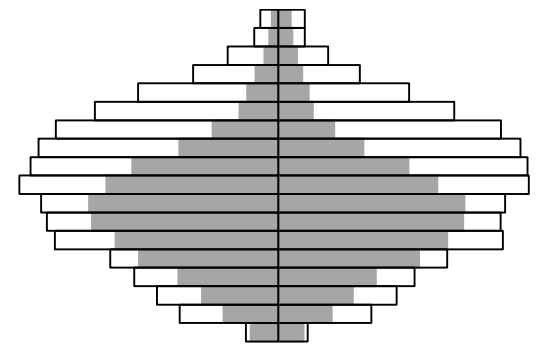
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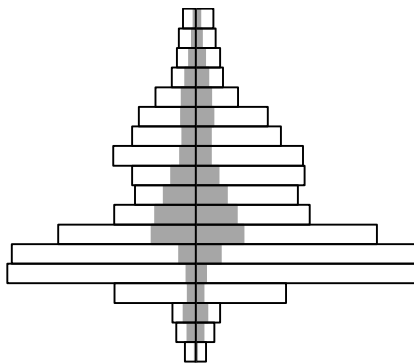
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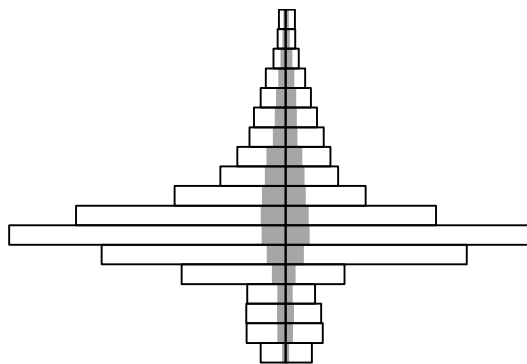
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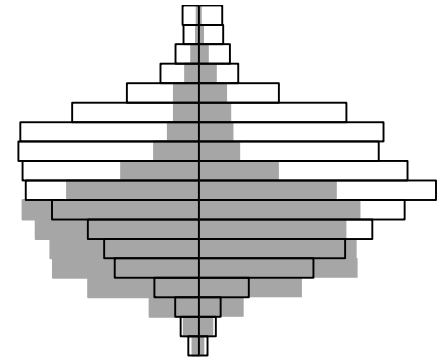
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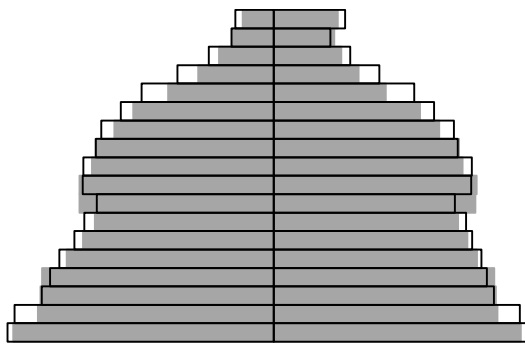


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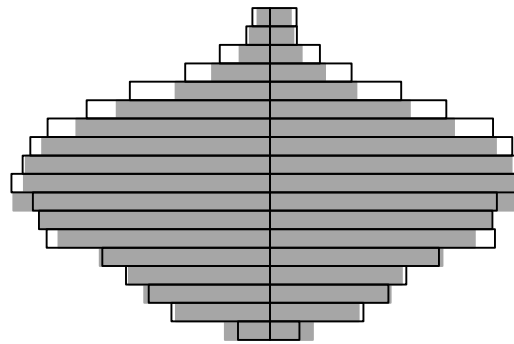


Australian Census population by age, sex and birthplace: 2011 (shaded) and 2016 (outline)

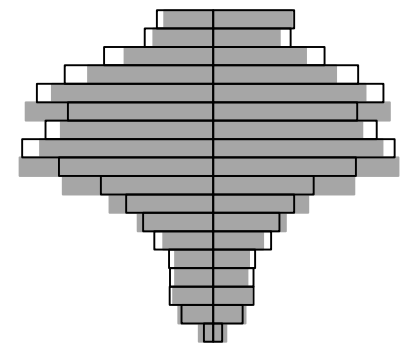
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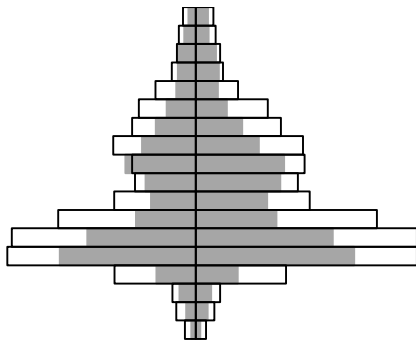
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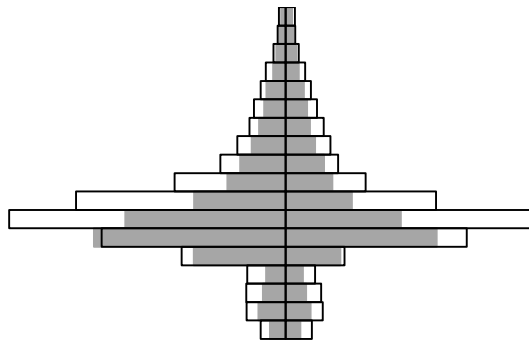
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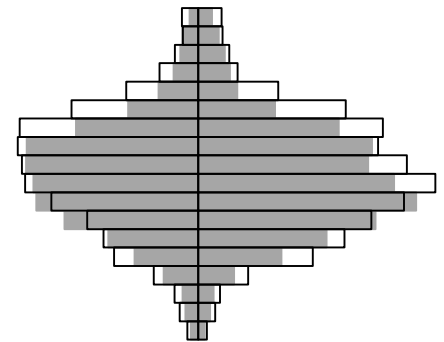
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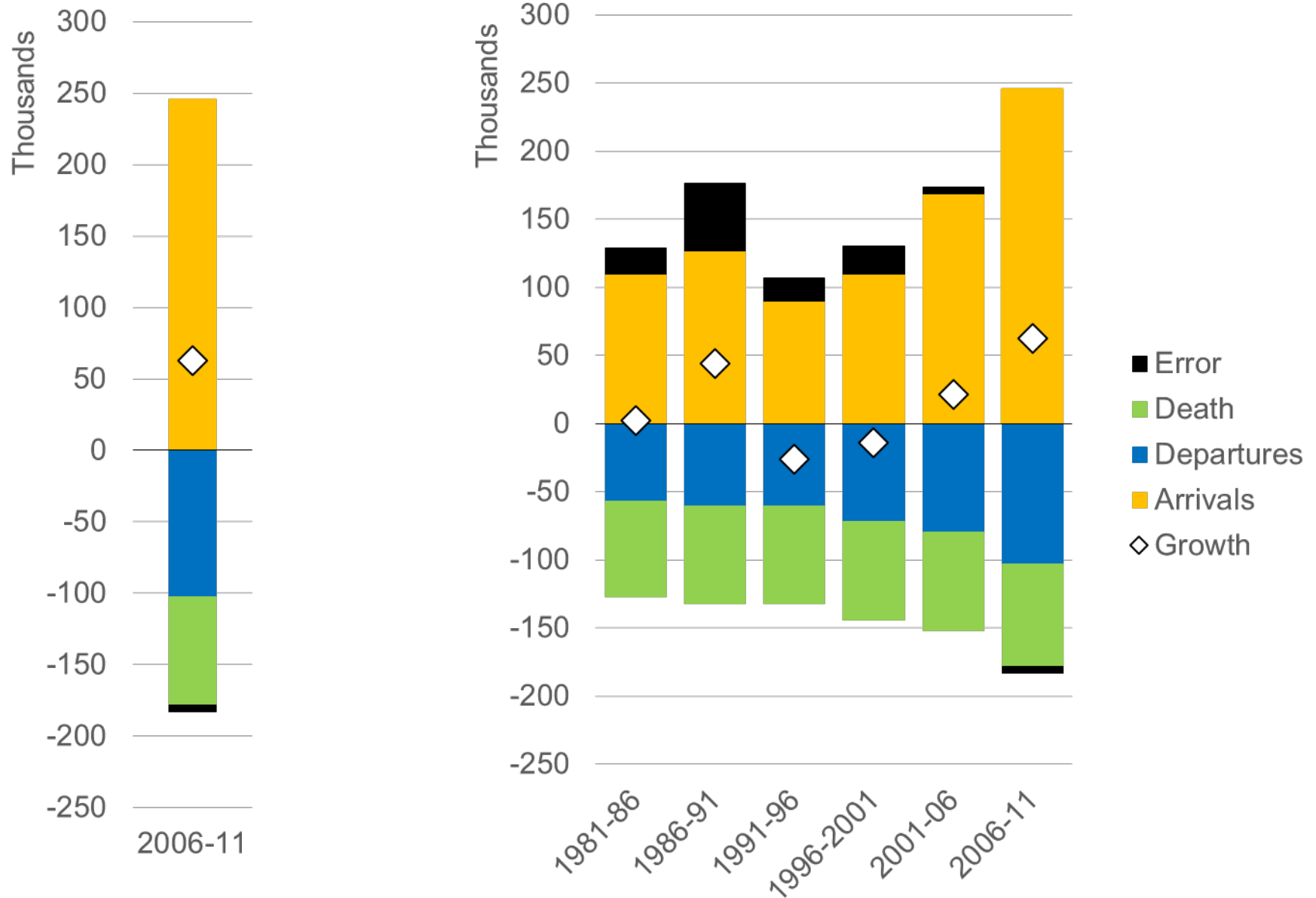
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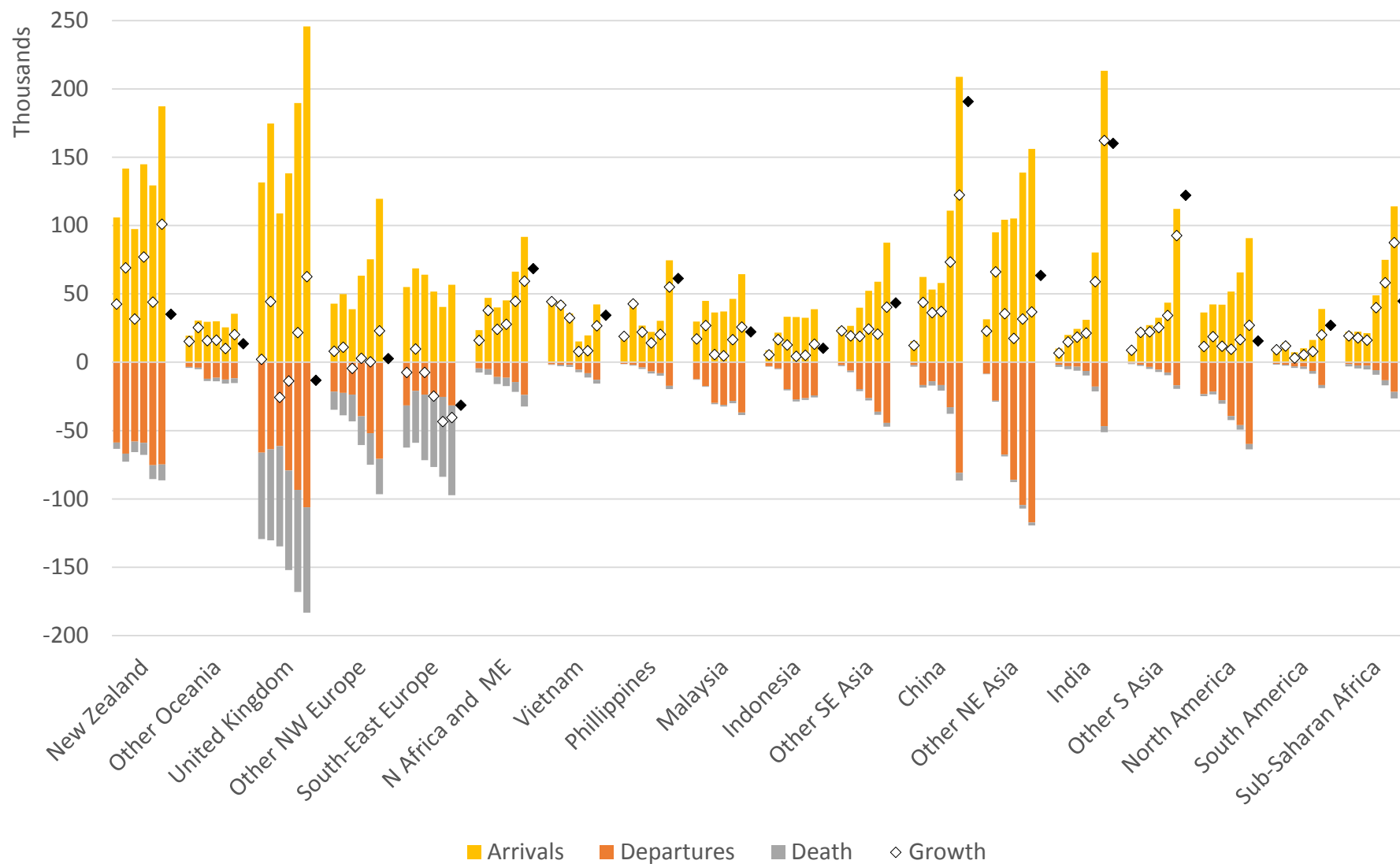
Population sizes by 19 birthplaces, 2011 ERP and 2016 census

Birthplace	2011	% Share of Overseas- Born	2016	% Share of Overseas- Born
	Estimated Resident Population		Census Population	
1 Australia	16,527,260		15,615,539	
2 New Zealand	531,836	9.2	518,461	8.4
3 Other Oceania and Antarctica	138,364	2.4	139,226	2.3
4 United Kingdom	1,211,430	20.9	1,087,774	17.7
5 Other North-West Europe	374,952	6.5	343,423	5.6
6 South-East Europe	758,255	13.1	657,712	10.7
7 North Africa and the Middle East	336,525	5.8	374,355	6.1
8 Vietnam	203,584	3.5	219,357	3.6
9 Phillipines	188,395	3.2	232,385	3.8
10 Malaysia	127,833	2.2	138,358	2.2
11 Indonesia	69,489	1.2	73,217	1.2
12 Other South-East Asia	182,899	3.1	209,563	3.4
13 China (excludes SARs, Taiwan)	350,933	6.0	509,562	8.3
14 Other North-East Asia	238,213	4.1	279,863	4.6
15 India	324,968	5.6	455,377	7.4
16 Other Southern and Central Asia	225,955	3.9	327,499	5.3
17 North America	149,708	2.6	151,465	2.5
18 South America	96,468	1.7	114,604	1.9
19 Sub-Saharan Africa	299,828	5.2	317,202	5.2

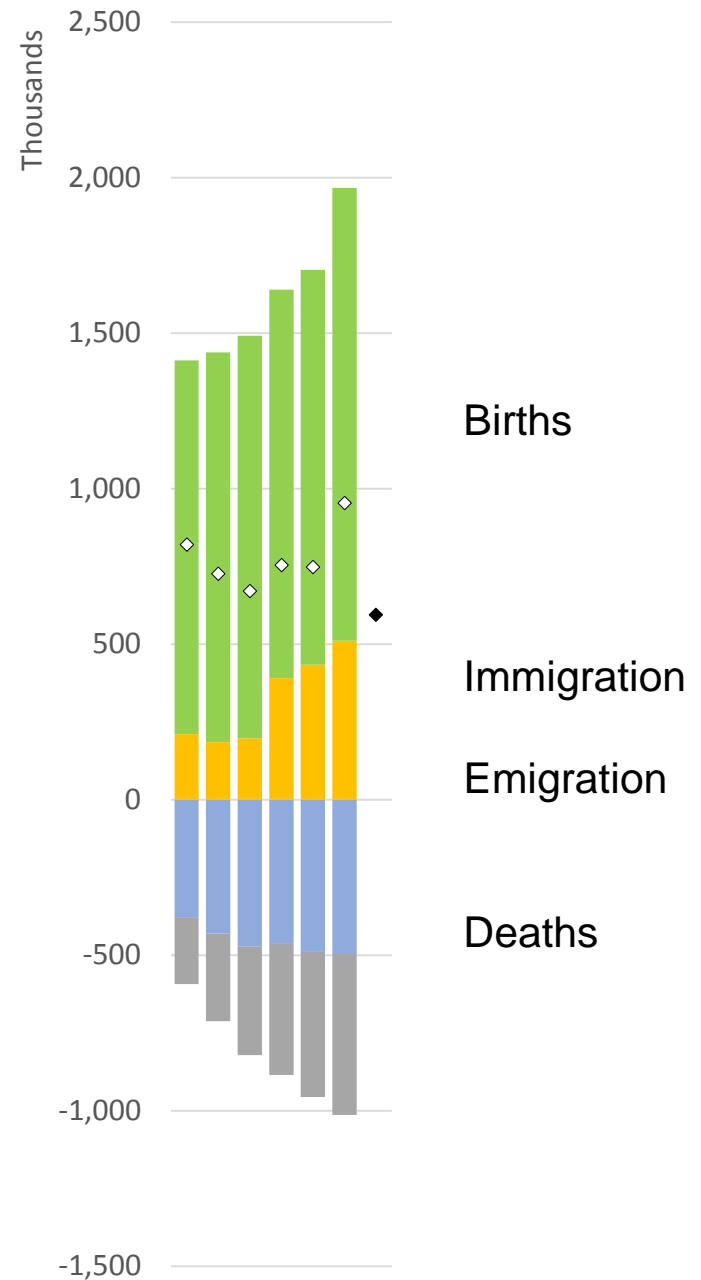
Observed sources of growth: United Kingdom, 2006-11 and 1981-2011



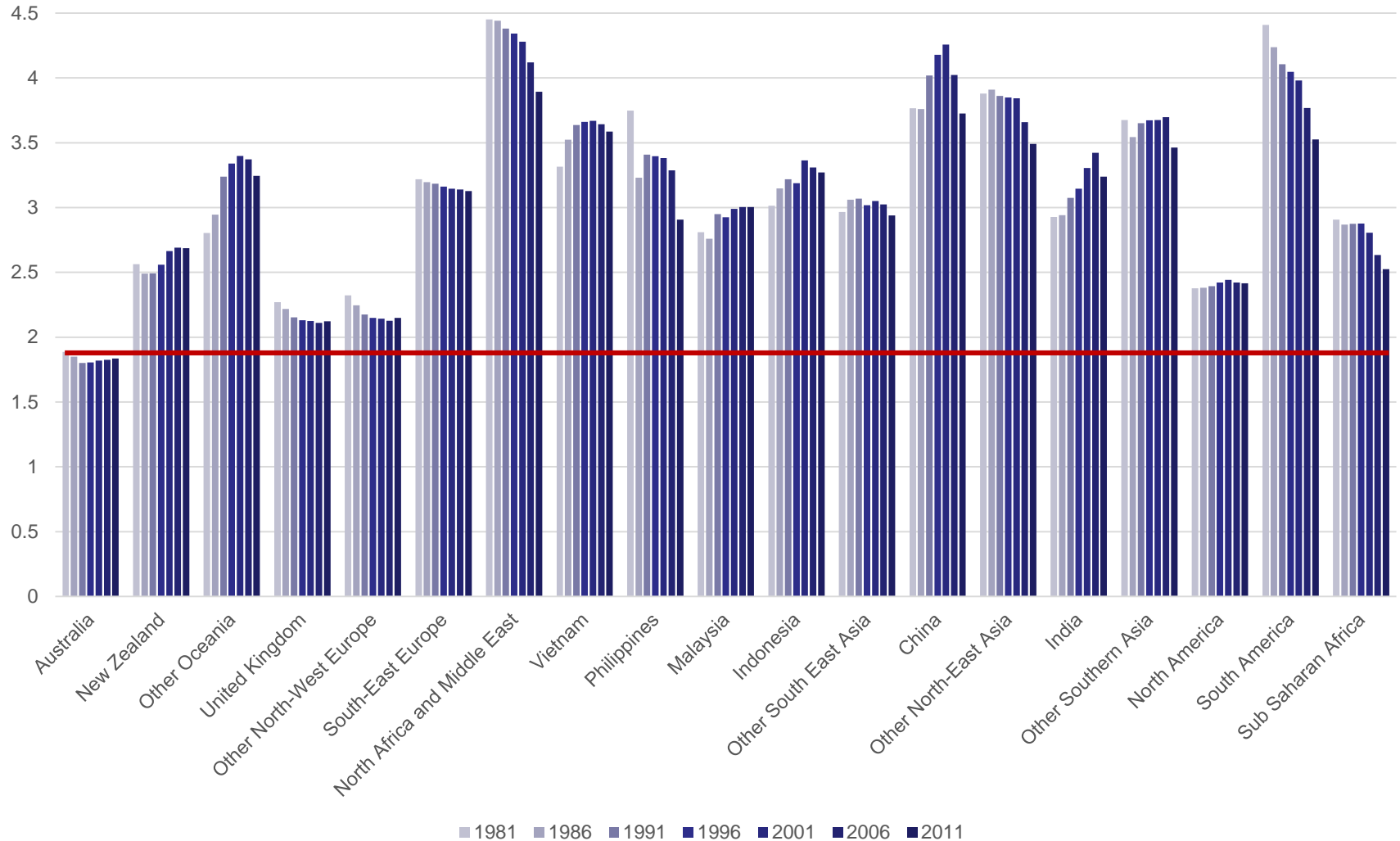
Reconciled sources of ERP growth by birthplace, 1981-86 to 2006-11, and census population growth, 2011-16



Reconciled sources of
growth for the Australian-
born population:
1981-86 to 2006-11 (ERP)
and 2011-16 (Census)



Coefficient of Variation (NSD level)



Spatial distributions of populations in Australia by country of birth, 1981-2011

Summary: 2016 Census results

- Australia is a very diverse and multicultural society with over 26% born overseas
- Migrant populations in Australia exhibit a diverse range of age compositions and settlement patterns
- Most overseas-born populations continue to grow with the largest increases (over 100 thousand) in the past five years observed for those born in China, India and Other Southern and Central Asia

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