

# Who cares: Volume 1: A profile of care workers in Australia's community services industries

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**Key Words:**

Care workers, Workforce, Census data

**Research aim:**

This publication presents a profile of these care workers, using data from the Census of Population and Housing 1996 and 2001. Chapter Four explores "Ethnic diversity in the care workforce".

**Results/Conclusion:**

In both 1996 and 2001, people who reported speaking a language other than English at home were relatively under-represented in the labour market, and in caring occupations in community service industries. In 2001 non-English speakers were 15.2% of all Australians, 14.1% of all employed persons, and 12.2% of care workers in community service industries. Further, non-English speakers were less likely than English-only speaking workers to be employed as care workers in community service industries. In 2001, approximately 2.1% of all workers who spoke a language other than English at home work in caring occupations in community service industries, slightly lower than the 2.3% of English-only speaking employees.

**Implications:**

**Cultural Group(s):**

Not specific to CALD

**Location of study:**

Australia

**Age group:**

Not specific - workforce

**Number included in study:**

N/A

**Type of participants:**

N/A

**Research approach:**

Quantitative

**Type of data:**

Secondary

**Secondary data sources used:**

ABS Census data 1996, 2001

**Specific scales or analytical techniques used:**

**Implications/ Recommendations:**

**Notes:**