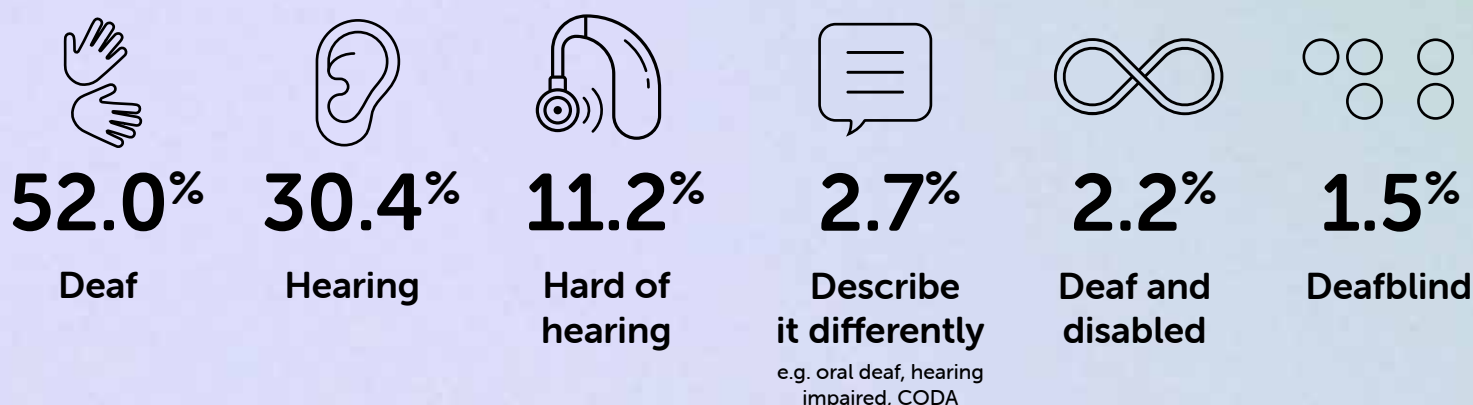


People

The 2022 Deaf Census surveyed people who use Auslan and other sign languages in Australia. We wanted to know more about Deaf community demographics, cultural identities, and experiences.

Self-Identification

1215 people between the age of 13 to 90 responded to the Deaf Census. Most respondents are age 25 to 69.



This snapshot presents data from **846 people** who responded as identifying as Deaf in some way.

This includes Deaf, Deafblind, Deaf and disabled, hard of hearing, and people who describe themselves differently, such as oral deaf, hearing impaired, partially deaf.

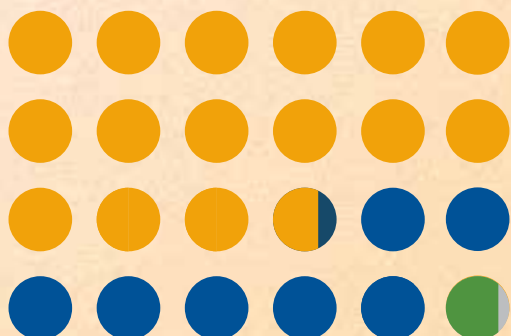
55.1%

responded **they are the only** Deaf, Deafblind, Deaf disabled or hard of hearing person in their immediate family.

44.8%

responded **they have at least one other** Deaf, Deafblind, Deaf disabled or hard of hearing family member, such as a parent, spouse or partner, or sibling.

Gender I identify as:



67% Female

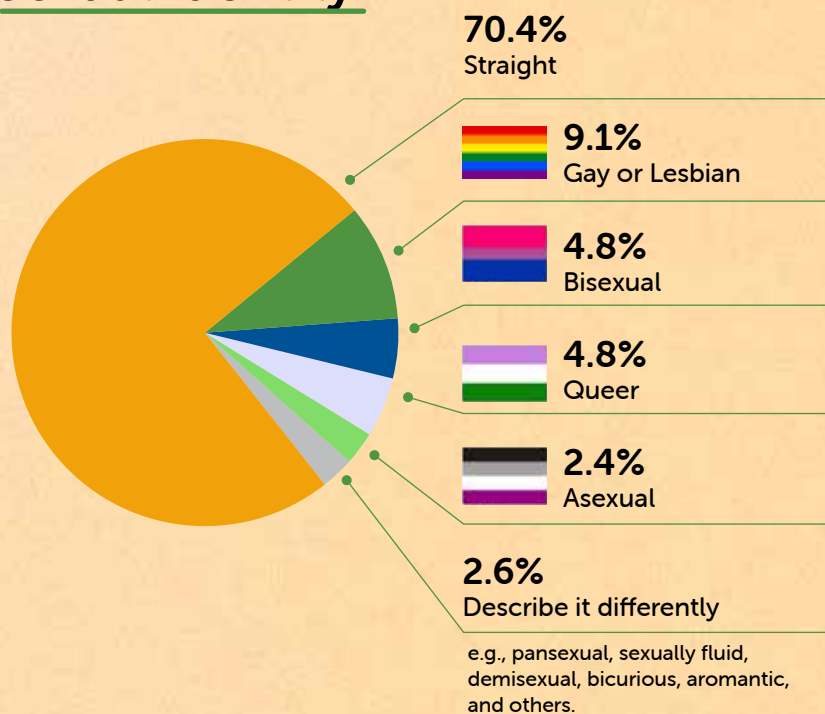
28.6% Male

3.2% Non-binary

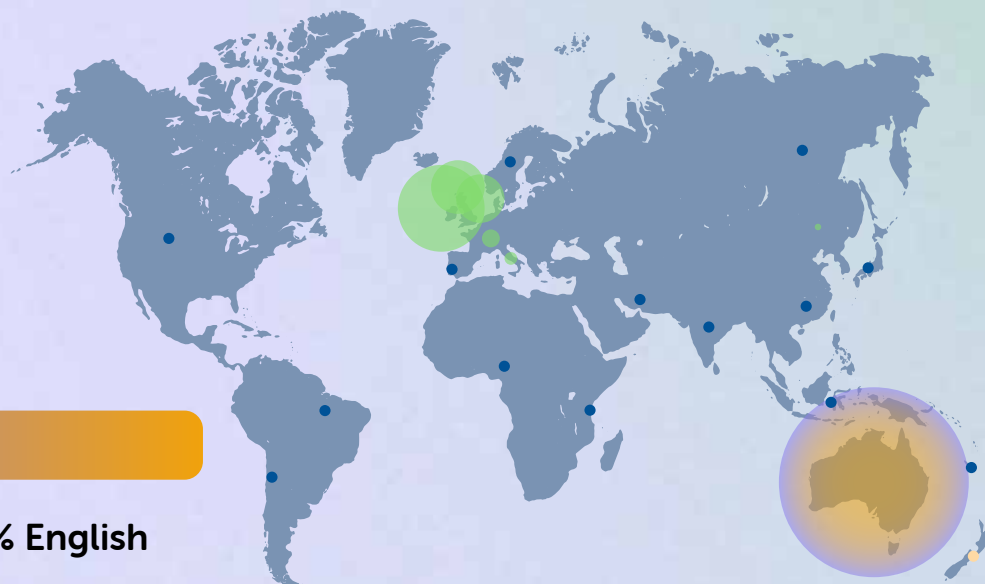
0.8% Describe it differently

e.g., transwoman, transgender, trans-non-binary, queer, point, gender fluid, gender non-conforming, and agender.

Sexual Identity



Ancestry



67.7% Australian

34.0% English

21.5% Scottish

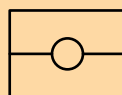
19.9% Irish

7.3% German

4.6% Italian

1.9% Chinese

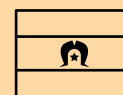
27.4% Others



3.3%
Aboriginal

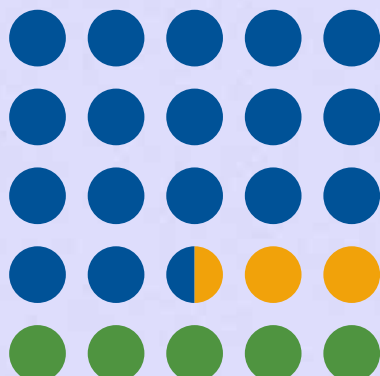


0.2%
South Sea
Islander



0%
Torres Strait
Islander

Neurodivergent



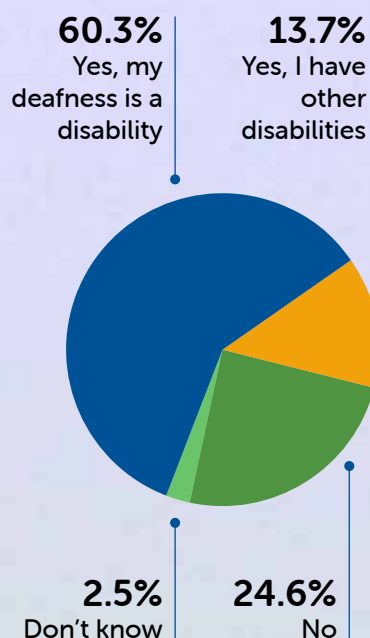
9.6% Yes

74.0% No

13.1% Don't know

Disability

Identification as a disabled person or a person with disability



Languages



82% Auslan



28% English (written)



50.8% English (spoken)



16.3% Home sign



6.3% Other spoken languages



6% Gestures



2.8% Tactile Auslan



2.6% American Sign Language



2.1% British Sign Language



1.7% International Sign



1.3% New Zealand Sign Language

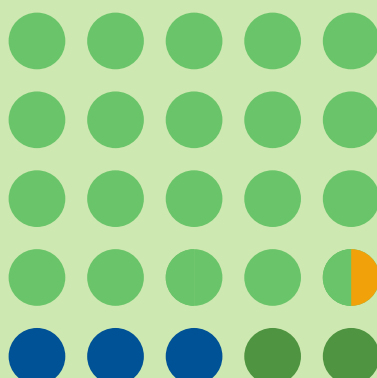


0.7% Australian-Irish Sign Language



0.4% Indigenous Sign Language

Cultural Identity



76.5% Yes, culturally Deaf

strongly related to sense of belonging and love for Auslan, also some have intersectional identities such as Deaf Aboriginal or Deaf Neurodivergent

1.7% Yes, culturally Deafblind

and distinct from sighted Deaf community, which often ignores their needs

11.9% No

8.3% Don't know

different reasons for uncertainty, including being a CI user, not using Auslan as their main language, and not having grown up in the Deaf community