

Languages in WA Secondary Schools

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Number of schools offering language courses at Year 12 level, by language, Western Australia, 2001-2023

LANGUAGE	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005*	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Arabic	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	3	2	2	3	2	4	7
Chinese	3	5	6	4		6	4	3	5	7	6	7	10	8	13	15	14	18	14	16	16	16	20
French	43	43	43	38		38	40	40	40	36	40	41	43	37	39	41	40	42	40	40	41	44	37
German	14	11	12	13		10	10	9	7	9	9	9	9	5	5	5	5	4	3	3	3	3	3
Indonesian	25	25	28	30		23	19	22	14	13	17	17	18	17	17	15	14	14	15	12	12	8	11
Italian	32	33	37	35		35	36	30	24	27	31	34	35	27	34	31	33	35	31	32	33	30	29
Japanese	51	47	46	47		45	43	51	45	40	39	41	41	38	42	42	40	42	39	37	36	35	33
TOTAL	169	165	173	168		158	153	156	136	133	143	150	157	133	151	157	149	157	144	143	143	139	140
Change (+/-) % yoy		-2.4%	4.8%	-2.9%			-3.2%	2.0%	-12.8%	-2.2%	7.5%	4.9%	4.7%	-15.3%	13.5%	4.0%	-5.1%	5.4%	-8.3%	-0.7%	0.0%	-2.8%	0.7%

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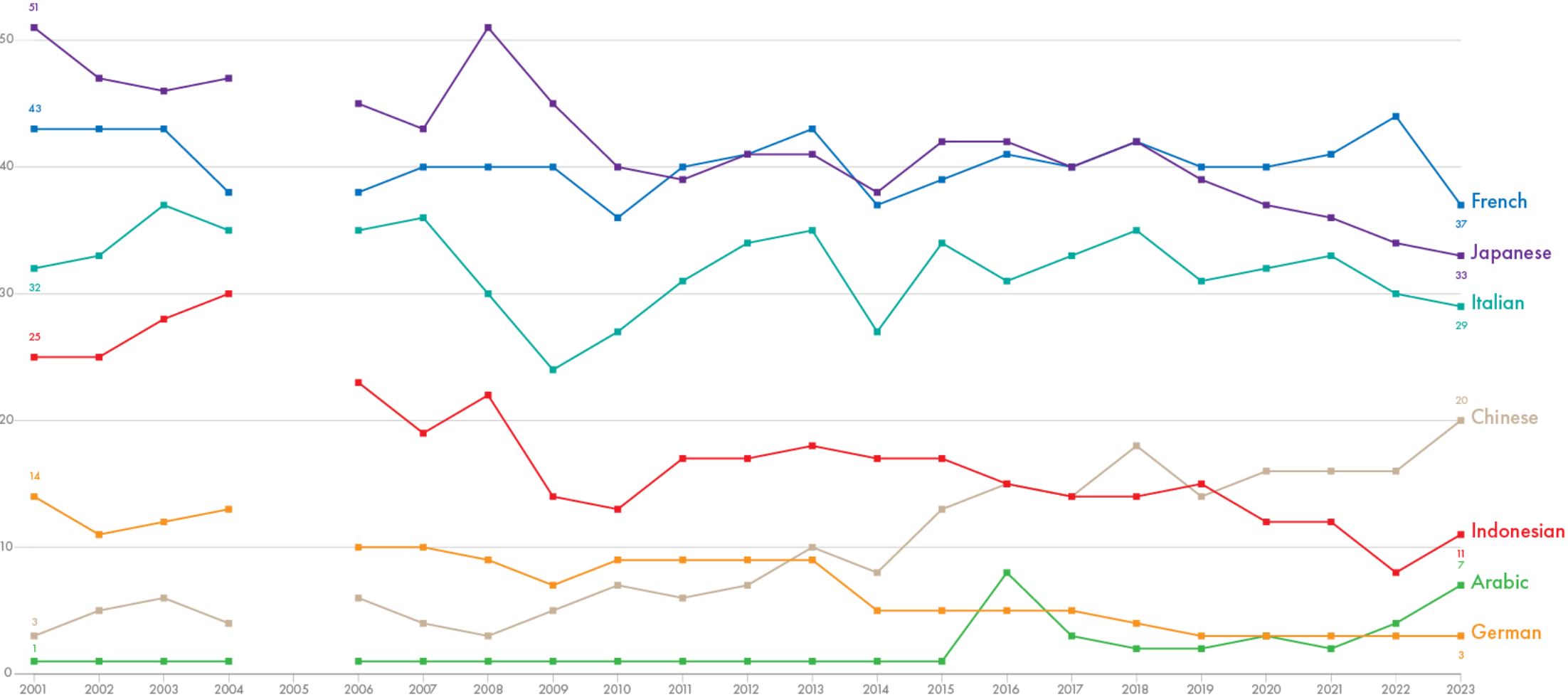
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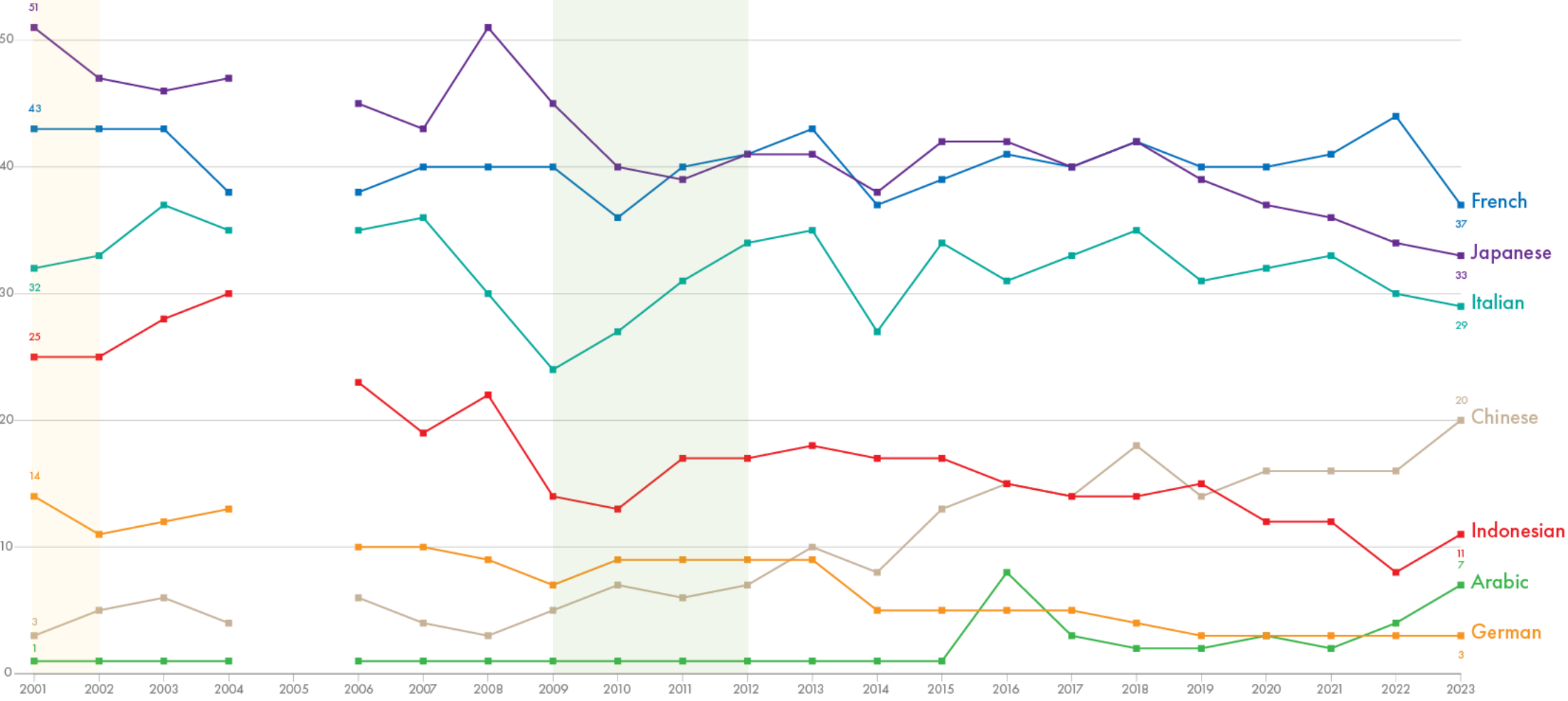
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Indonesian	25	25	28	30		23	19	22	14	13	17	17	18	17	17	15	14	14	15	12	12	8	11
Change (+/-) % yoy		0.0%	12.0%	7.1%			-17.4%	15.8%	-36.4%	-7.1%	30.8%	0.0%	5.9%	-5.6%	0.0%	-11.8%	-6.7%	0.0%	7.1%	-20.0%	0.0%	-33.3%	37.5%

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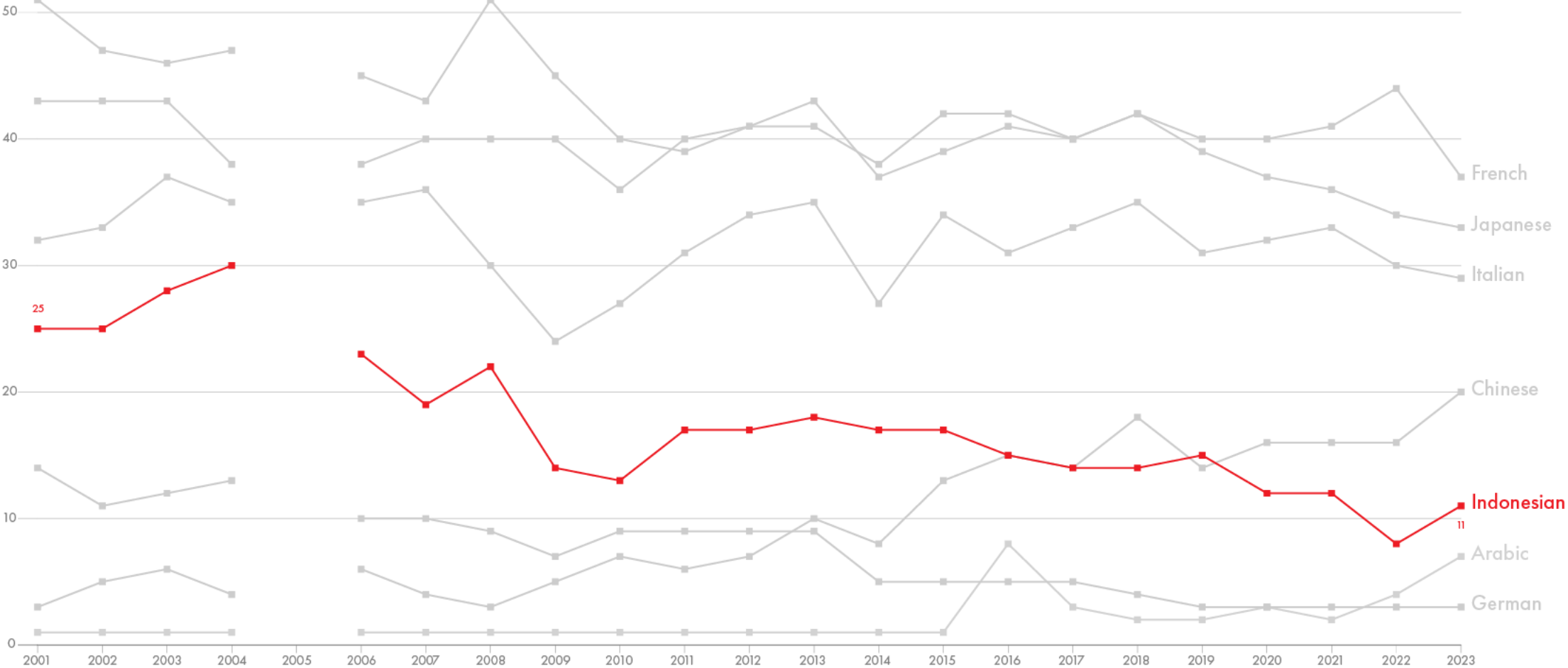
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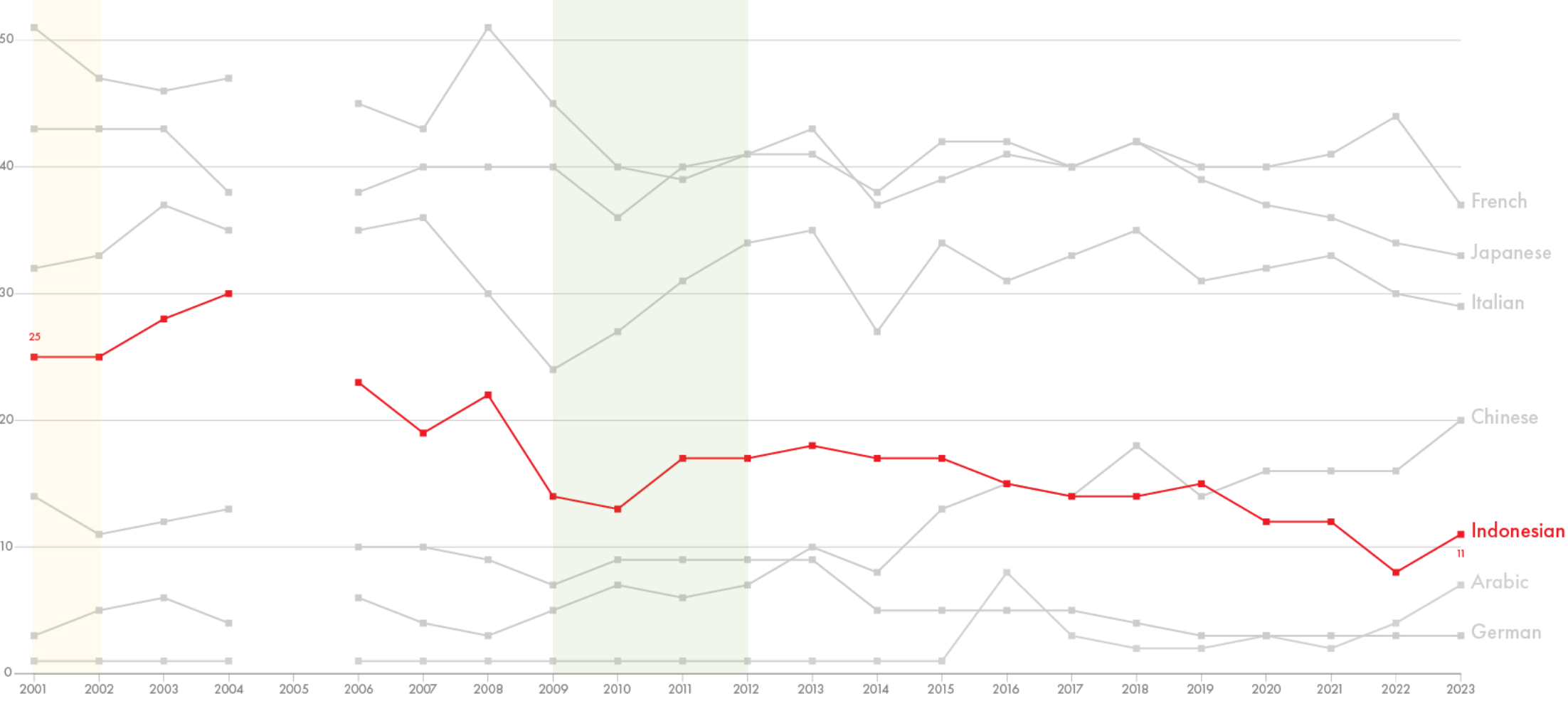
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Number of candidates sitting the ATAR examination in languages, by language, Western Australia, 1998-2023

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Arabic										14	14	17	2	11	10	15	17	23	20	25	28	26	31	31	26	29
Chinese	108	129	84	99	120	156	123	110	71	76	56	61	84	107	135	131	95	179	141	165	190	207	196	176	189	190
French	392	334	335	314	385	336	297	347	333	380	324	350	391	408	477	452	288	513	421	354	356	390	345	366	349	340
German	131	106	150	107	87	104	140	29	80	86	86	78	86	92	88	91	57	66	45	38	45	36	38	49	29	32
Indonesian	209	208	336	350	280	245	203	222	169	148	83	60	66	76	71	104	62	92	81	76	64	68	73	74	44	64
Italian	234	220	197	209	217	218	214	239	240	245	179	193	222	278	264	269	181	326	268	270	234	223	224	200	173	169
Japanese	326	334	289	304	282	272	214	258	211	199	195	191	216	250	335	272	206	302	290	260	322	286	303	271	261	266
TOTAL	1,400	1,331	1,391	1,383	1,371	1,331	1,191	1,205	1,104	1,148	937	950	1,067	1,222	1,380	1,334	906	1,501	1,266	1,188	1,239	1,236	1,210	1,167	1,071	1,090
Change (+/-) % yoy		-4.9%	4.5%	-0.6%	-0.9%	-2.9%	-10.5%	1.2%	-8.4%	4.0%	-18.4%	1.4%	12.3%	14.5%	12.9%	-3.3%	-32.1%	65.7%	-15.7%	-6.2%	4.3%	-0.2%	-2.1%	-3.6%	-9.3%	1.8%

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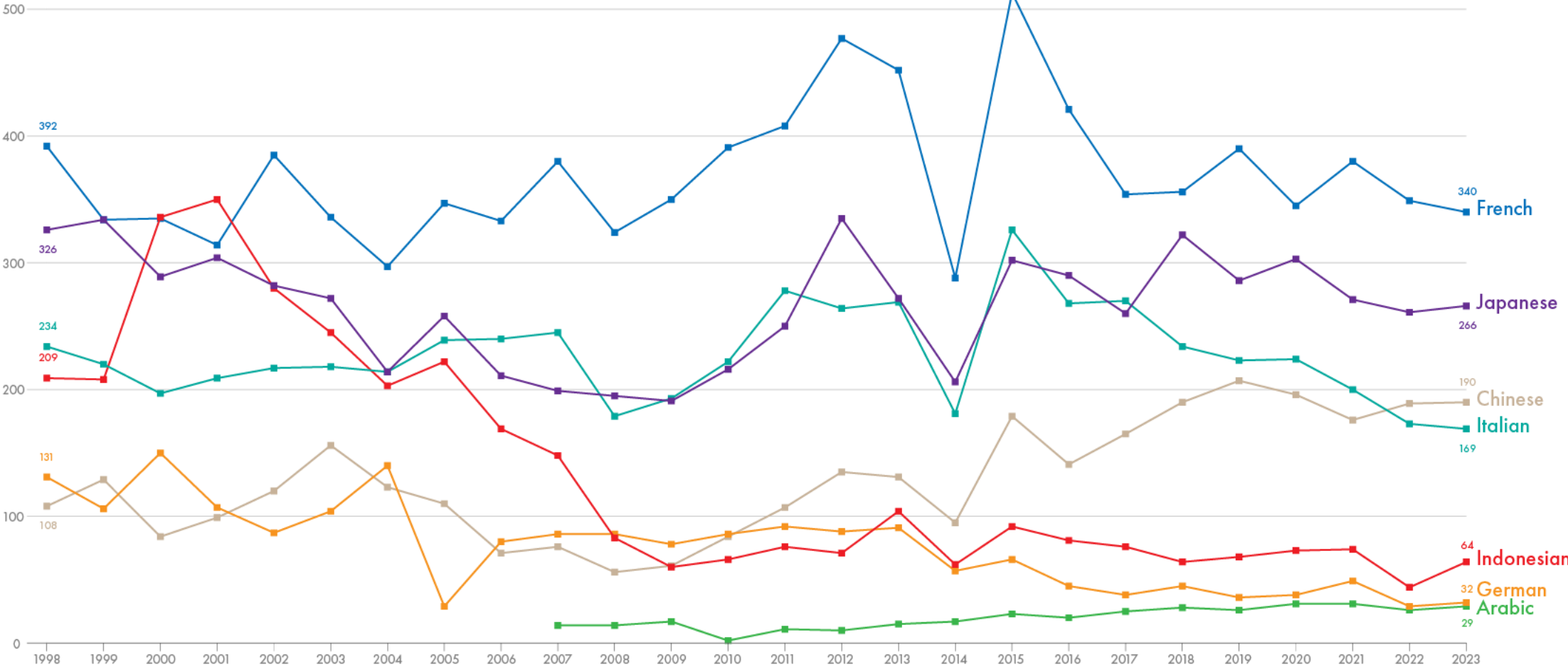
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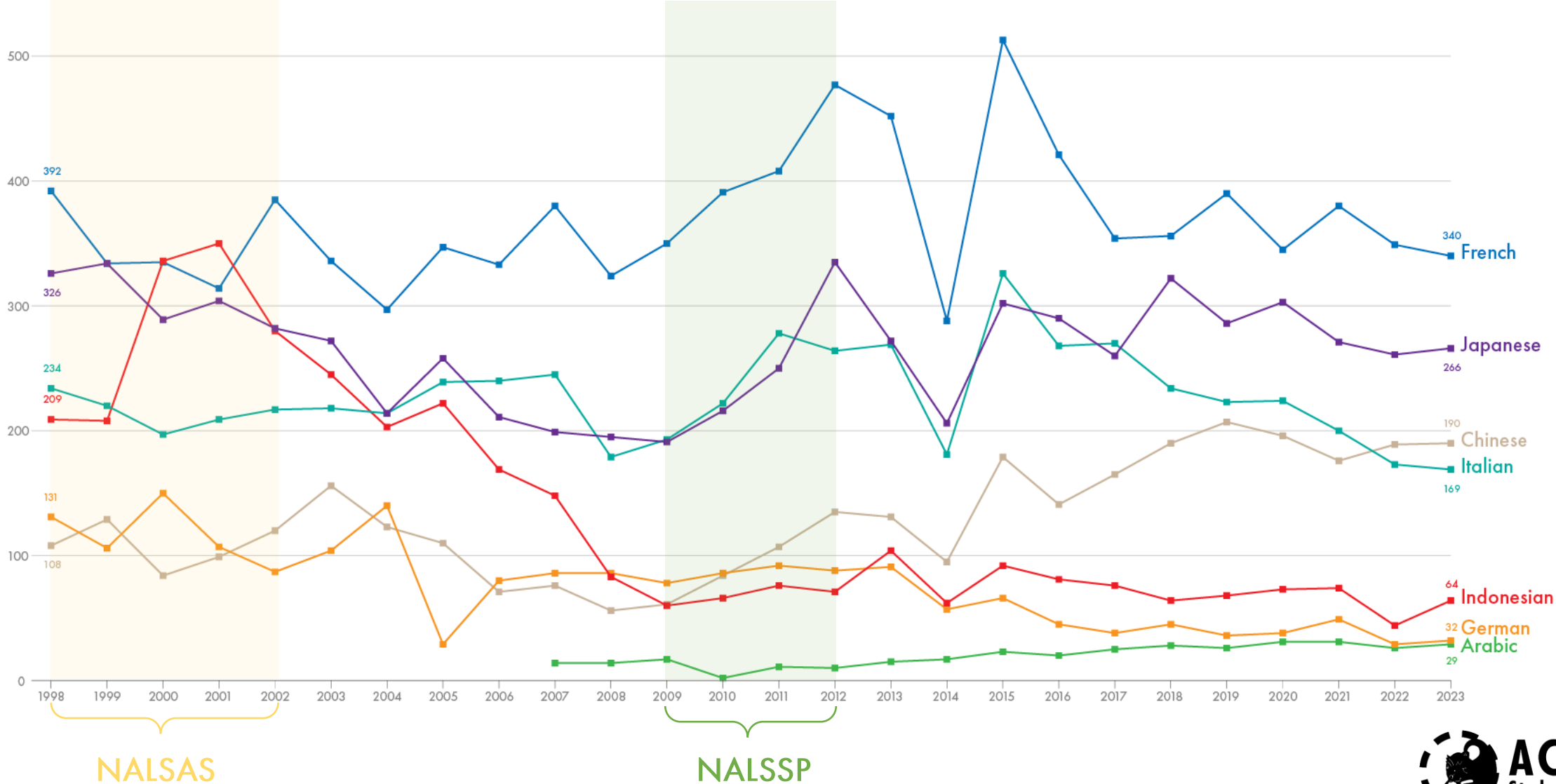
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