

# Community report

## Adelaide (C)

Prepared from Community Explorer topic selections for briefing, planning and reporting use.

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**Adelaide (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Adelaide**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Language used at home

### Sources and method

- Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 and, where available, 2016 comparison data.
- Percentages are calculated from the denominator supplied for each topic. Change (pp) is the 2021 percentage minus the 2016 percentage when the topic is comparable across years.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night.

# Language used at home

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, English was the most common language used at home among residents in Adelaide (C), accounting for 55.9% (13,980 people). This share was lower than Greater Adelaide (74.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,343 people and 3.1 percentage points.

## About this topic

Language used at home shows which languages people speak in their home life and whether English or another language is used most often. It is a key indicator of cultural diversity and language retention within communities.

This topic is useful for planning communication, multicultural services, and local engagement. It should be analysed together with proficiency in English and birthplace, because language alone does not show migration history or support needs.

## Interpretation notes

- The Census records the language used most often at home, so it does not capture every language a person can speak.
- Language used at home is not a measure of English proficiency, literacy, or migration history on its own.

## Language used at home - Ranked by size

Adelaide (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	15	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+8	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	19	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	0.2%	+1	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Welsh	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
English	13,980	55.9%	74.8%	11,637	52.8%	75.4%	+2,343	+3.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	83	0.3%	0.3%	76	0.3%	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	28	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	–
Frisian	–	–	–	–	–	–
Afrikaans	20	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.1%	–
Danish	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.1%	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Swedish	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Finnish	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
French	120	0.5%	0.2%	116	0.5%	–
Greek	233	0.9%	1.5%	228	1.0%	–
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Portuguese	119	0.5%	0.2%	143	0.6%	–
Spanish	260	1.0%	0.5%	219	1.0%	–
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	206	0.8%	1.6%	251	1.1%	–
Maltese	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latvian	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.1%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Lithuanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Hungarian	15	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	—
Belorussian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Russian	90	0.4%	0.2%	67	0.3%	—
Ukrainian	10	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	—
South Slavic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bosnian	10	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	—
Bulgarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Croatian	28	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.1%	—
Macedonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Serbian	43	0.2%	0.3%	24	0.1%	—
Slovene	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.1%	—
Czech	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Polish	57	0.2%	0.4%	43	0.2%	—
Slovak	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Albanian	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Romanian	14	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	—
Romany	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iranic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kurdish	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Pashto	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	14	0.1%	0.2%	17	0.1%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	172	0.7%	0.4%	119	0.5%	–
Hazaraghi	21	0.1%	0.5%	17	0.1%	–
Arabic	220	0.9%	0.8%	339	1.5%	–
Hebrew	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	39	0.2%	0.1%	21	0.1%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Kannada	23	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	–
Malayalam	57	0.2%	0.3%	42	0.2%	–

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Tamil	109	0.4%	0.2%	67	0.3%	
Telugu	43	0.2%	0.2%	36	0.2%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	69	0.3%	0.2%	64	0.3%	
Gujarati	51	0.2%	0.5%	25	0.1%	
Hindi	346	1.4%	0.7%	171	0.8%	
Konkani	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Marathi	37	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Nepali	67	0.3%	0.7%	14	0.1%	
Punjabi	69	0.3%	1.4%	37	0.2%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	87	0.3%	0.3%	65	0.3%	
Urdu	91	0.4%	0.3%	57	0.3%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	21	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.1%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Khmer	37	0.1%	0.3%	17	0.1%	–
Vietnamese	433	1.7%	1.5%	243	1.1%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	92	0.4%	0.1%	81	0.4%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cebuano	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	88	0.4%	0.1%	73	0.3%	–
Malay	56	0.2%	0.1%	79	0.4%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	114	0.5%	0.4%	46	0.2%	–
Filipino	109	0.4%	0.3%	52	0.2%	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	137	0.5%	0.0%	212	1.0%	–
Cantonese	830	3.3%	0.7%	794	3.6%	–
Hakka	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mandarin	3,440	13.8%	2.2%	3,217	14.6%	–
Wu	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Min Nan	41	0.2%	0.1%	22	0.1%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Japanese	127	0.5%	0.2%	129	0.6%	–
Korean	283	1.1%	0.3%	300	1.4%	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Warumungu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yankunytjatjara	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Ngarrindjeri	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mirning	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Shona	13	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Somali	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	16	0.1%	0.2%	19	0.1%	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Amharic	3	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	9	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tongan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated	2,051	8.2%	3.8%	2,422	11.0%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,007</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>22,043</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.