

Community report

Adelaide Hills (DC)

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Adelaide Hills (DC)

COMPARISON

Greater Adelaide

POPULATION

Persons

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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 Hills (DC), accounting for 90.5% (37,020 people). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (74.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,088 people and 0.6 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 Hills (DC) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	16	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	14	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.1%	0.2%	-11	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
English	37,020	90.5%	74.8%	34,932	89.9%	75.4%	+2,088	+0.6

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	250	0.6%	0.3%	304	0.8%	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	57	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	–	–	–	
Afrikaans	82	0.2%	0.2%	82	0.2%	
Danish	16	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Swedish	18	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.1%	
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
French	100	0.2%	0.2%	89	0.2%	
Greek	81	0.2%	1.5%	99	0.3%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	22	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Spanish	97	0.2%	0.5%	88	0.2%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	248	0.6%	1.6%	345	0.9%	
Maltese	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	17	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Lithuanian	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Hungarian	19	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	79	0.2%	0.2%	58	0.1%	
Ukrainian	20	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Bulgarian	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Croatian	21	0.1%	0.2%	13	0.0%	
Macedonian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	20	0.0%	0.3%	19	0.0%	
Slovene	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czech	12	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Polish	111	0.3%	0.4%	114	0.3%	
Slovak	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Romanian	12	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
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	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	38	0.1%	0.4%	30	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.5%	–	–	–
Arabic	27	0.1%	0.8%	34	0.1%	–
Hebrew	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	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	14	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	6	0.0%	0.3%	3	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Tamil	8	0.0%	0.2%	—	—	—
Telugu	8	0.0%	0.2%	—	—	—
Tulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dravidian, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indo-Aryan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bengali	3	0.0%	0.2%	—	—	—
Gujarati	9	0.0%	0.5%	6	0.0%	—
Hindi	27	0.1%	0.7%	9	0.0%	—
Konkani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Marathi	4	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Nepali	—	—	0.7%	—	—	—
Punjabi	27	0.1%	1.4%	4	0.0%	—
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sinhalese	15	0.0%	0.3%	13	0.0%	—
Urdu	15	0.0%	0.3%	—	—	—
Assamese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dhivehi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kashmiri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Oriya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fijian Hindustani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indo-Aryan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southern Asian Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	5	0.0%	0.3%	11	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	61	0.1%	1.5%	91	0.2%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Thai	29	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Cebuano	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	18	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.1%	–
Malay	6	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	37	0.1%	0.4%	29	0.1%	–
Filipino	17	0.0%	0.3%	19	0.0%	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	80	0.2%	0.7%	66	0.2%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	227	0.6%	2.2%	123	0.3%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	3	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	47	0.1%	0.2%	58	0.1%	–
Korean	21	0.1%	0.3%	4	0.0%	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	7	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	4	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–

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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%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	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)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–

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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%	3	0.0%	–
Fijian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Auslan	24	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated	1,609	3.9%	3.8%	1,758	4.5%	–
Total	40,888	100.0%	100.0%	38,856	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.