

Community report

Ararat (RC)

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Ararat (RC)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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 Ararat (RC), accounting for 82.7% (9,836 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (86.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 140 people, while its share fell by 0.9 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

Ararat (RC) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	6	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.1%	+1	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	9	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.1%	+3	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	13	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
English	9,836	82.7%	86.4%	9,696	83.6%	86.4%
German	18	0.2%	0.2%	23	0.2%	0.2%
Letzeburgish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Yiddish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Dutch	16	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Afrikaans	9	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	0.1%
Danish	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Norwegian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Estonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Finnish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
French	6	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Greek	11	0.1%	0.2%	7	0.1%	0.1%
Iberian Romance, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Catalan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Portuguese	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Spanish	10	0.1%	0.2%	—	—	0.0%
Italian	9	0.1%	0.5%	23	0.2%	0.2%
Maltese	5	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Basque	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Latin	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Other Southern European Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern European Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Latvian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Lithuanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hungarian	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Belorussian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Russian	4	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	—
Ukrainian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bosnian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bulgarian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Croatian	9	0.1%	0.2%	8	0.1%	—
Macedonian	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Serbian	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Slovene	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Czech	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polish	7	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	—
Slovak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	—	—	—	—
Albanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Romanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Romany	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iranic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Kurdish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pashto	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Balochi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Persian (excluding Dari)	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Hazaraghi	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Arabic	16	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.1%	—
Hebrew	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkish	6	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Azeri	—	—	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	—	—	0.2%	3	0.0%	—
Tamil	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Telugu	19	0.2%	0.1%	5	0.0%	—
Tulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indo-Aryan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Bengali	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Gujarati	19	0.2%	0.1%	—	—	—
Hindi	15	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.2%	—
Konkani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Marathi	8	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Nepali	15	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	—
Punjabi	50	0.4%	0.5%	31	0.3%	—
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sinhalese	8	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Urdu	42	0.4%	0.1%	28	0.2%	—
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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Burmese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chin Haka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Karen	—	—	0.2%	—	—	—
Rohingya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Zomi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hmong	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Khmer	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Vietnamese	17	0.1%	0.2%	17	0.1%	—
Mon-Khmer, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lao	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Thai	8	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	6	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Cebuano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	8	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	—
Malay	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	25	0.2%	0.2%	15	0.1%	—
Filipino	28	0.2%	0.2%	36	0.3%	—
Acehnese	8	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Cantonese	9	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	—
Hakka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mandarin	75	0.6%	0.6%	65	0.6%	—
Wu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Min Nan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Japanese	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Korean	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Tibetan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mongolian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tiwi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dalabon	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Larrakiya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Murrinh Patha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Waanyi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yolngu Matha, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kuku Yalanji	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yidiny	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jaru	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Warlpiri	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anmatyerr, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Arrernte, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Arrernte, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pitjantjatjara	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wangkatha	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yankunytjatjara	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bardi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yawuru	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Adnymathanha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bandjalang	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bidjara	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gamilaraay	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kanai	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kriol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngarrindjeri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyungar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Paakantyi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wajarri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wiradjuri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yorta Yorta	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Djabwurrung	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wergaia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Aboriginal English, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
American Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
African Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Akan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mauritian Creole	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Oromo	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Shona	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Somali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Swahili	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Yoruba	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Zulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Amharic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bemba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dinka	8	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ewe	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Harari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hausa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Igbo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kikuyu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Krio	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Luganda	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Luo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ndebele	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nuer	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyanja (Chichewa)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Shilluk	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tigrinya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tswana	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Xhosa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bassa	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kirundi (Rundi)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Liberian (Liberian English)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Madi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lingala	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
African Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fijian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gilbertese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori (Cook Island)	—	—	0.0%	6	0.1%	—
Maori (New Zealand)	7	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Nauruan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Niue	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Samoan	30	0.3%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tongan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tuvaluan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bislama	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Norf'k–Pitcairn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Solomon Islands Pijin	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Motu (HiriMotu)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Invented Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sign Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Auslan	11	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	—
Key Word Sign Australia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sign Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Not stated	1,444	12.1%	6.5%	1,482	12.8%	—
Total	11,899	100.0%	100.0%	11,595	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.