

Community report

Armidale Regional

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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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 Armidale Regional, accounting for 79.7% (23,203 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (86.8%).

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

Armidale Regional - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	247	0.8%	0.1%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Non-verbal, so described	17	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	23,203	79.7%	86.8%	–	–	8
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	97	0.3%	0.2%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	24	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	20	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Danish	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	73	0.3%	0.1%	–	–	–
Greek	41	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	27	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Spanish	93	0.3%	0.3%	–	–	–
Italian	23	0.1%	0.4%	–	–	–
Maltese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	16	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Ukrainian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Macedonian	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Serbian	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	269	0.9%	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	48	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	129	0.4%	0.3%	–	–	–
Hebrew	16	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	12	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	45	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	25	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Telugu	17	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	113	0.4%	0.1%	–	–	
Gujarati	24	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Hindi	50	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	268	0.9%	0.2%	–	–	
Punjabi	107	0.4%	0.3%	–	–	
Sindhi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	79	0.3%	0.1%	–	–	
Urdu	42	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	4	0.0%	–	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	31	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese	14	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Chin Haka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Karen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Rohingya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Zomi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hmong	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Khmer	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Vietnamese	95	0.3%	0.2%	—	—	
Mon	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mon-Khmer, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Lao	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Thai	39	0.1%	0.2%	—	—	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bisaya	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Cebuano	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indonesian	17	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	
Malay	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Timorese	—	—	—	—	—	
Tagalog	62	0.2%	0.2%	—	—	
Filipino	63	0.2%	0.1%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
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	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	69	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	198	0.7%	0.4%	–	–	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	52	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	–
Korean	22	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku–Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	17	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	15	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	26	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gilbertese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	43	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	18	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	19	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,924	10.0%	6.6%	–	–	
Total	29,120	100.0%	100.0%	–	–	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.