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COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Banyule (C)

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

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Banyule (C)

COMPARISON
Greater Melbourne

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 Banyule (C), accounting for 75% (94,634 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 4,733 people and 1.2 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

Banyule (C) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	71	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.1%	0.1%	-3	0.0
Non–verbal, so described	153	0.1%	0.1%	227	0.2%	0.2%	-74	-0.1
Swiss, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Cypriot, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+9	0.0
French Creole, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Portuguese Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Irish	19	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	94,634	75.0%	61.1%	89,901	73.8%	6
German	383	0.3%	0.3%	499	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	128	0.1%	0.1%	148	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	105	0.1%	0.1%	99	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Danish	20	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Swedish	58	0.0%	0.0%	71	0.1%	
Estonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Finnish	26	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
French	355	0.3%	0.3%	367	0.3%	
Greek	2,464	2.0%	2.1%	2,545	2.1%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	157	0.1%	0.2%	134	0.1%	
Spanish	721	0.6%	0.8%	571	0.5%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	2,992	2.4%	1.7%	3,614	3.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Maltese	100	0.1%	0.3%	110	0.1%	
Basque	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	52	0.0%	0.0%	87	0.1%	
Lithuanian	12	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Hungarian	104	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Russian	298	0.2%	0.4%	295	0.2%	
Ukrainian	76	0.1%	0.0%	89	0.1%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	54	0.0%	0.1%	46	0.0%	
Bulgarian	26	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Croatian	514	0.4%	0.3%	523	0.4%	
Macedonian	824	0.7%	0.6%	855	0.7%	
Serbian	269	0.2%	0.3%	292	0.2%	
Slovene	76	0.1%	0.0%	91	0.1%	
Serbo–Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	22	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Czech	27	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Polish	251	0.2%	0.3%	280	0.2%	
Slovak	20	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	

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Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	77	0.1%	0.1%	73	0.1%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romanian	59	0.0%	0.1%	64	0.1%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kurdish	35	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Pashto	19	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	25	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	794	0.6%	0.4%	600	0.5%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.4%	7	0.0%	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	1,209	1.0%	1.8%	1,211	1.0%	
Hebrew	29	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	26	0.0%	0.2%	28	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	171	0.1%	0.7%	117	0.1%	
Azeri	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Armenian	31	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Kannada	87	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Malayalam	475	0.4%	0.4%	410	0.3%	
Tamil	550	0.4%	0.7%	428	0.4%	
Telugu	231	0.2%	0.5%	137	0.1%	
Tulu	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bengali	86	0.1%	0.3%	70	0.1%	
Gujarati	139	0.1%	0.5%	123	0.1%	
Hindi	797	0.6%	1.3%	667	0.5%	
Konkani	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Marathi	112	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.1%	
Nepali	168	0.1%	0.4%	83	0.1%	
Punjabi	336	0.3%	2.0%	289	0.2%	
Sindhi	21	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Sinhalese	506	0.4%	1.0%	439	0.4%	
Urdu	198	0.2%	0.7%	165	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Assamese	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Dhivehi	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo–Aryan, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	19	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Chin Haka	26	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.0%	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	35	0.0%	0.3%	18	0.0%	
Vietnamese	933	0.7%	2.3%	851	0.7%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Thai	292	0.2%	0.3%	219	0.2%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bisaya	20	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Cebuano	3	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Ilokano	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Indonesian	223	0.2%	0.3%	172	0.1%	
Malay	83	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.1%	
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Timorese	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tagalog	244	0.2%	0.5%	234	0.2%	
Filipino	248	0.2%	0.4%	179	0.1%	
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Chinese, nfd	39	0.0%	0.1%	126	0.1%	
Cantonese	1,478	1.2%	1.6%	1,302	1.1%	
Hakka	52	0.0%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Mandarin	5,016	4.0%	4.3%	4,186	3.4%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Wu	46	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Min Nan	93	0.1%	0.1%	86	0.1%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	360	0.3%	0.2%	369	0.3%	
Korean	286	0.2%	0.3%	229	0.2%	
Tibetan	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bunuba	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Adnymathanha	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambeh	–	–	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%	3	0.0%	
Acholi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Oromo	16	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Shona	32	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Somali	858	0.7%	0.2%	1,007	0.8%	
Swahili	26	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Yoruba	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Amharic	21	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Dinka	3	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Ewe	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Ga	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Harari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hausa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Igbo	14	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Kikuyu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Krio	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Luganda	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Luo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ndebele	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nuer	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Shilluk	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tigre	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tigrinya	5	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Tswana	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Xhosa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Seychelles Creole	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Anuak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bassa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Fulfulde	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	47	0.0%	0.3%	83	0.1%	
Tongan	37	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
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%	3	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Auslan	133	0.1%	0.1%	111	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	4,061	3.2%	4.8%	5,537	4.5%	
Total	**126,209**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**121,837**	**100.0%**	**10**

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.