

Community report

Barkly (R)

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COMPARISON

Regional NT

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 Barkly (R), accounting for 41.2% (2,598 people). This share was lower than Regional NT (43%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd, which decreased by 566 people and 8.5 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

Barkly (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	4	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
Non-verbal, so described	4	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.1%	0.1%	0	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.2%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	10	0.2%	0.1%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
English	2,598	41.2%	43.0%	2,659	40.0%	42.8%	-61	+1.2
German	9	0.1%	0.2%	16	0.2%	0.3%	-7	-0.1
Dutch	—	—	0.1%	4	0.1%	0.1%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Afrikaans	9	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.1%	
Danish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	11	0.2%	0.2%	8	0.1%	
Greek	18	0.3%	0.1%	23	0.3%	
Portuguese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Spanish	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	5	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Maltese	–	–	–	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	–	–	–	
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	10	0.2%	0.0%	6	0.1%	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Macedonian	4	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Polish	–	–	0.0%	4	0.1%	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazaraghi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	5	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	37	0.6%	0.6%	33	0.5%	
Tamil	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Telugu	4	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.2%	
Bengali	9	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Hindi	11	0.2%	0.3%	10	0.2%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	36	0.6%	0.5%	11	0.2%	
Punjabi	15	0.2%	0.5%	3	0.0%	
Sinhalese	7	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Urdu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	7	0.1%	0.3%	–	–	
Thai	12	0.2%	0.2%	7	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	5	0.1%	
Ilokano	–	–	–	–	–	
Indonesian	16	0.3%	0.1%	14	0.2%	
Malay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	37	0.6%	0.6%	21	0.3%	
Filipino	21	0.3%	0.3%	31	0.5%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	4	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	14	0.2%	0.5%	23	0.3%	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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Korean	–	–	0.1%	4	0.1%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	26	0.4%	0.6%	592	8.9%	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anindilyakwa	–	–	1.6%	–	–	
Maung	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Ngan'gikurunggurr	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Nunggubuyu	–	–	0.3%	15	0.2%	
Rembarrnga	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	2.1%	–	–	
Dalabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iwaidja	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Jaminjung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jingulu	20	0.3%	0.0%	21	0.3%	
Kunbarlang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malak Malak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangarrayi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maringarr	–	–	–	–	–	
Marra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Murrinh Patha	–	–	2.3%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ndjebbana (Gunavidji)	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Ngaliwurru	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Nungali	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Wambaya	21	0.3%	0.0%	56	0.8%	
Wardaman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ngandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	–	18	0.3%	
Wagiman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	11	0.2%	
Gundjehmi	–	–	0.0%	14	0.2%	
Kune	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Kuninjku	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Kunwinjku	–	–	1.6%	3	0.0%	
Mayali	–	–	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Burarran, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	1.3%	–	–	
Gun-nartpa	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gurr-goni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	3	0.0%	1.8%	–	–	

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Dhangu, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Galpu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Golumala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangurri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhangu, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Dhay'yi, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Dhalwangu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhuwal, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	4.3%	–	–	
Djapu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Daatiwuy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marrangu	–	–	–	–	–	
Liyagalawumirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liyagawumirr	–	–	–	–	–	
Dhuwal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhuwala, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumatj	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gupapuyngu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Guyamirrilili	–	–	–	–	–	
Wubulkarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Djinang, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Wurlaki	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djinang, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djinba, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Ganalbingu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djinba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manyjalpingu	–	–	–	–	–	
Ritharrngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wagilak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nhangu, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhuwaya	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Madarrpa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warramiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rirratjingu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Yolngu Matha, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	–	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bilinarra	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	0.6%	–	–	
Gurindji Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malngin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mudburra	117	1.9%	0.1%	84	1.3%	

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Ngarinyman	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Walmajarri	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlmanpa	35	0.6%	0.0%	25	0.4%	
Warlpiri	295	4.7%	2.7%	260	3.9%	
Warumungu	345	5.5%	0.4%	291	4.4%	
Arandic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Alyawarr	1,727	27.4%	2.1%	1,413	21.2%	
Kaytetye	52	0.8%	0.1%	68	1.0%	
Anmatyerr, nfd	3	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Central Anmatyerr	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Eastern Anmatyerr	13	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nec	–	–	–	19	0.3%	
Arrernte, nfd	10	0.2%	1.4%	4	0.1%	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.5%	5	0.1%	
Western Arrarnta	3	0.0%	1.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	13	0.2%	
Kukatja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	5	0.1%	1.4%	27	0.4%	
Martu Wangka	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pintupi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	4	0.1%	1.1%	18	0.3%	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarinyin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	–	15	0.2%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	–	–	–	
Kriol	23	0.4%	5.4%	12	0.2%	
Lardil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Narungga	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	–	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	–	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	15	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	25	0.4%	0.1%	4	0.1%	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	–	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	17	0.3%	0.2%	12	0.2%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.1%	8	0.1%	

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Yoruba	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	3	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.1%	
Nuer	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Tswana	–	–	–	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	16	0.3%	0.2%	8	0.1%	
Gilbertese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Samoan	4	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Tongan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

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Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norf'k–Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	15	0.2%	0.1%	10	0.2%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	561	8.9%	10.1%	693	10.4%	
Total	6,303	100.0%	100.0%	6,655	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.