

Community report

Barossa (DC)

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Barossa (DC)

COMPARISON

Regional SA

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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, English was the most common language used at home among residents in Barossa (DC), accounting for 93.5% (23,436 people). This share was higher than Regional SA (87.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,651 people and 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

Barossa (DC) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	6	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	13	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+9	+0.1
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
English	23,436	93.5%	87.7%	21,785	92.6%	87.9%	+1,651	+0.9
German	146	0.6%	0.2%	159	0.7%	0.3%	-13	-0.1
Dutch	16	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	0.1%	-6	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	27	0.1%	0.2%	11	0.0%	
Danish	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
French	22	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Greek	21	0.1%	0.4%	5	0.0%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	18	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Spanish	37	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Italian	65	0.3%	0.3%	54	0.2%	
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Russian	18	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Croatian	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Serbian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	16	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	–	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Arabic	7	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hindi	13	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Punjabi	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Urdu	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Khmer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	7	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Thai	14	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Malay	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	13	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Filipino	13	0.1%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Bikol	–	–	–	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	58	0.2%	0.3%	36	0.2%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Korean	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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Iwaidja	–	–	–	–	–	
Nungali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Antikarinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	–	–	–	

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Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mirning	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	–	–	–	
Shona	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	–	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	–	–	–	

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Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	–	–	–	
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	17	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Norf'k-Pitcairn	–	–	–	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	–	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Sign Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	966	3.9%	6.9%	1,235	5.2%	
Total	25,059	100.0%	100.0%	23,538	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.