

Community report

Bass Coast (S)

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

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Bass Coast (S)

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 Bass Coast (S), accounting for 88.2% (35,984 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (86.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 7,137 people and 0.2 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

Bass Coast (S) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	20	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	0.1%	+7	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.1%	0	0.0
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Creole, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
English	35,984	88.2%	86.4%	28,847	88.0%	8
German	126	0.3%	0.2%	108	0.3%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	68	0.2%	0.1%	96	0.3%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	11	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Danish	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Swedish	24	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
French	66	0.2%	0.1%	52	0.2%	
Greek	161	0.4%	0.2%	108	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	21	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Spanish	117	0.3%	0.2%	84	0.3%	
Italian	283	0.7%	0.5%	277	0.8%	
Maltese	24	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lithuanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	23	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	23	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Ukrainian	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bosnian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	22	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.1%	
Macedonian	19	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Serbian	18	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Slovene	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Czech	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Polish	32	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	–	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	–	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Arabic	29	0.1%	0.2%	28	0.1%	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	15	0.0%	0.1%	11	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%	6	0.0%	
Malayalam	67	0.2%	0.2%	42	0.1%	
Tamil	17	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Telugu	10	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Bengali	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gujarati	6	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Hindi	28	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	39	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Punjabi	90	0.2%	0.5%	29	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	27	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Urdu	11	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
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	27	0.1%	0.2%	22	0.1%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	21	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Vietnamese	59	0.1%	0.2%	43	0.1%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	65	0.2%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cebuano	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	9	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Malay	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tetum	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	26	0.1%	0.2%	29	0.1%	
Filipino	47	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.1%	
Acehnese	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cantonese	52	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Hakka	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	106	0.3%	0.6%	93	0.3%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	39	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Korean	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	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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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	%	Regiona
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Luo	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
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)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	22	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,744	6.7%	6.5%	2,382	7.3%	
Total	40,802	100.0%	100.0%	32,778	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.