

Community report

Baw Baw (S)

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

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Baw Baw (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 Baw Baw (S), accounting for 89.6% (51,600 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (86.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 8,241 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

Baw Baw (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	31	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.0%	0.1%	+7	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	20	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.1%	0.1%	-14	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Creole, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
English	51,600	89.6%	86.4%	43,359	89.4%	8
German	133	0.2%	0.2%	123	0.3%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	112	0.2%	0.1%	133	0.3%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	76	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Danish	16	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Swedish	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
French	52	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.1%	
Greek	65	0.1%	0.2%	71	0.1%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	17	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Spanish	94	0.2%	0.2%	61	0.1%	
Italian	196	0.3%	0.5%	276	0.6%	
Maltese	17	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Southern European Languages, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Latvian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lithuanian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hungarian	48	0.1%	0.0%	27	0.1%	
Belorussian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Russian	50	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
Ukrainian	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Bosnian	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bulgarian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Croatian	47	0.1%	0.2%	52	0.1%	
Macedonian	8	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Serbian	34	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Slovene	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czech	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Polish	52	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Slovak	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	—	—	—	
Albanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Romanian	30	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Romany	—	—	—	—	—	
Iranic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	–	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	12	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Arabic	47	0.1%	0.2%	43	0.1%	
Hebrew	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	20	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	52	0.1%	0.2%	20	0.0%	
Tamil	38	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Telugu	24	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Bengali	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Gujarati	17	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Hindi	79	0.1%	0.2%	20	0.0%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nepali	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Punjabi	149	0.3%	0.5%	64	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	117	0.2%	0.1%	49	0.1%	
Urdu	59	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Rohingya	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Vietnamese	97	0.2%	0.2%	38	0.1%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Thai	82	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cebuano	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	43	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Malay	11	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	38	0.1%	0.2%	28	0.1%	
Filipino	77	0.1%	0.2%	49	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cantonese	38	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mandarin	267	0.5%	0.6%	148	0.3%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Japanese	37	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	
Korean	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	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	7	0.0%	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Acholi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	32	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	6	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Yoruba	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	21	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tongan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk–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%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	41	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,214	5.6%	6.5%	3,196	6.6%	
Total	57,597	100.0%	100.0%	48,485	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.