

Community report

Bayside (C)

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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 Bayside (C), accounting for 81.1% (82,132 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 4,264 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

Bayside (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	40	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	0.1%	+4	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	64	0.1%	0.1%	95	0.1%	0.2%	-31	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	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%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Irish	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	82,132	81.1%	61.1%	77,868	80.2%	61.1%
German	660	0.7%	0.3%	750	0.8%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	70	0.1%	0.0%	48	0.0%	0.0%
Dutch	232	0.2%	0.1%	230	0.2%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	183	0.2%	0.1%	192	0.2%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Danish	59	0.1%	0.0%	62	0.1%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	129	0.1%	0.0%	122	0.1%	0.0%
Estonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	29	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%
French	549	0.5%	0.3%	605	0.6%	0.3%
Greek	2,013	2.0%	2.1%	2,089	2.2%	2.1%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	237	0.2%	0.2%	162	0.2%	0.2%
Spanish	694	0.7%	0.8%	504	0.5%	0.8%
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	1,023	1.0%	1.7%	1,256	1.3%	1.7%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	24	0.0%	0.3%	35	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	28	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Lithuanian	22	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Hungarian	103	0.1%	0.1%	143	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Russian	1,310	1.3%	0.4%	1,260	1.3%	
Ukrainian	41	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	53	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Bulgarian	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Croatian	169	0.2%	0.3%	171	0.2%	
Macedonian	88	0.1%	0.6%	47	0.0%	
Serbian	225	0.2%	0.3%	194	0.2%	
Slovene	12	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Czech	78	0.1%	0.0%	73	0.1%	
Polish	424	0.4%	0.3%	445	0.5%	
Slovak	32	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	56	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Romanian	79	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pashto	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	8	0.0%	0.2%	7	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	189	0.2%	0.4%	89	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.4%	5	0.0%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	346	0.3%	1.8%	300	0.3%	–
Hebrew	248	0.2%	0.1%	287	0.3%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	10	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	6	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	245	0.2%	0.7%	163	0.2%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	27	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Georgian	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Kannada	18	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Malayalam	31	0.0%	0.4%	20	0.0%	–
Tamil	91	0.1%	0.7%	69	0.1%	–
Telugu	43	0.0%	0.5%	10	0.0%	–
Tulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bengali	28	0.0%	0.3%	24	0.0%	–
Gujarati	61	0.1%	0.5%	39	0.0%	–
Hindi	323	0.3%	1.3%	272	0.3%	–
Konkani	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Marathi	20	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Nepali	44	0.0%	0.4%	11	0.0%	–
Punjabi	97	0.1%	2.0%	100	0.1%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Sinhalese	93	0.1%	1.0%	75	0.1%	–
Urdu	40	0.0%	0.7%	23	0.0%	–

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Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriya	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	31	0.0%	0.3%	44	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	258	0.3%	2.3%	174	0.2%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Thai	138	0.1%	0.3%	101	0.1%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Cebuano	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	133	0.1%	0.3%	75	0.1%	—
Malay	28	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	—
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	90	0.1%	0.5%	61	0.1%	—
Filipino	50	0.0%	0.4%	47	0.0%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	32	0.0%	0.1%	70	0.1%	—
Cantonese	475	0.5%	1.6%	418	0.4%	—
Hakka	14	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	—
Mandarin	2,853	2.8%	4.3%	1,993	2.1%	—

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Wu	21	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Min Nan	34	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	336	0.3%	0.2%	393	0.4%	
Korean	100	0.1%	0.3%	91	0.1%	
Tibetan	9	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maung	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	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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Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	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%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Oromo	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Shona	14	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	–
Somali	7	0.0%	0.2%	11	0.0%	–
Swahili	7	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Yoruba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	17	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
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%	–	–	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Tswana	–	–	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 Melbourne %
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	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	7	0.0%	0.3%	7	0.0%	–
Tongan	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
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	3	0.0%	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	21	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	3,534	3.5%	4.8%	4,988	5.1%	–
Total	101,306	100.0%	100.0%	97,079	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.