

Community report

Bayside (NSW)

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

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Bayside (NSW)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 (NSW), accounting for 42.2% (73,964 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (57.3%).

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 (NSW) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	119	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Non-verbal, so described	294	0.2%	0.1%	—	—	0.2%	—	—
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	19	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	43	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Welsh	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	73,964	42.2%	57.3%	–	–	
German	264	0.2%	0.3%	–	–	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	95	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	77	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	67	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	38	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	635	0.4%	0.4%	–	–	
Greek	10,429	6.0%	1.4%	–	–	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	3,100	1.8%	0.5%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Spanish	4,981	2.8%	1.2%	–	–	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	2,154	1.2%	1.0%	–	–	
Maltese	281	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	39	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	201	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	1,395	0.8%	0.4%	–	–	
Ukrainian	77	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	173	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Bulgarian	81	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	733	0.4%	0.3%	–	–	
Macedonian	4,517	2.6%	0.4%	–	–	
Serbian	1,120	0.6%	0.4%	–	–	
Slovene	23	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	46	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Czech	154	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Polish	425	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	
Slovak	163	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	46	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	–	–	–	
Romanian	65	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	15	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Pashto	12	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	52	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	386	0.2%	0.5%	–	–	
Hazaraghi	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Iranic, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	9,495	5.4%	4.2%	–	–	
Hebrew	104	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	522	0.3%	0.5%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	20	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	1,259	0.7%	0.4%	–	–	–
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	95	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	–
Georgian	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	33	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	55	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Malayalam	247	0.1%	0.3%	–	–	–
Tamil	320	0.2%	0.7%	–	–	–
Telugu	199	0.1%	0.4%	–	–	–
Tulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	3,092	1.8%	0.7%	–	–	–
Gujarati	208	0.1%	0.5%	–	–	–
Hindi	1,468	0.8%	1.5%	–	–	–

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Konkani	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	187	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	–
Nepali	4,735	2.7%	1.2%	–	–	–
Punjabi	243	0.1%	0.8%	–	–	–
Sindhi	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	196	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	–
Urdu	550	0.3%	0.8%	–	–	–
Assamese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriya	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Hindustani	46	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	105	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Chin Haka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	99	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	–
Vietnamese	2,133	1.2%	2.2%	–	–	–

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Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lao	28	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Thai	1,534	0.9%	0.4%	–	–	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	410	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	26	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cebuano	28	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	3,954	2.3%	0.6%	–	–	–
Malay	166	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Tetum	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	1,698	1.0%	0.9%	–	–	–
Filipino	1,061	0.6%	0.5%	–	–	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	153	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Cantonese	6,506	3.7%	2.8%	–	–	–
Hakka	94	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	12,026	6.9%	5.0%	–	–	–
Wu	137	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Min Nan	255	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Japanese	640	0.4%	0.3%	–	–	–
Korean	627	0.4%	1.1%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	1,626	0.9%	0.1%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Kaurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	25	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Swahili	34	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	29	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	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	22	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	156	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	28	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	73	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	41	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Samoan	137	0.1%	0.3%	–	–	
Tongan	283	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	
Rotuman	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	3	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)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	47	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	11,066	6.3%	5.3%	–	–	
Total	175,113	100.0%	100.0%	–	–	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.