

Community report

Bega Valley (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Bega Valley (A), accounting for 90% (32,334 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,572 people and 0.5 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

Bega Valley (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	8	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	3	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	0.1%	-5	0.0
Swiss, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	32,334	90.0%	86.8%	29,762	89.5%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	133	0.4%	0.2%	156	0.5%	0.2%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	45	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.2%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	28	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.0%	0.1%
Danish	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	9	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	18	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.1%
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	70	0.2%	0.1%	64	0.2%	0.1%
Greek	41	0.1%	0.2%	30	0.1%	0.1%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	8	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	0.1%
Spanish	71	0.2%	0.3%	44	0.1%	0.2%
Italian	53	0.1%	0.4%	66	0.2%	0.3%
Maltese	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	20	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	12	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	14	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Serbian	4	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Slovene	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czech	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Polish	20	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	9	0.0%	0.3%	7	0.0%	–
Hebrew	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	13	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
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%	–	–	–
Malayalam	43	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	13	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Gujarati	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Hindi	27	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	48	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Punjabi	9	0.0%	0.3%	4	0.0%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	9	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Urdu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	21	0.1%	0.2%	18	0.1%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	73	0.2%	0.2%	57	0.2%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cebuano	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	11	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Malay	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	46	0.1%	0.2%	43	0.1%	
Filipino	33	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	33	0.1%	0.2%	32	0.1%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mandarin	54	0.2%	0.4%	35	0.1%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	21	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	–
Korean	10	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku–Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Somali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Swahili	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Yoruba	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Zulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Amharic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bemba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ewe	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Harari	—	—	—	—	—	
Hausa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Igbo	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Kikuyu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Krio	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Luganda	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Luo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ndebele	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Nuer	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tigrinya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tswana	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Xhosa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Seychelles Creole	—	—	—	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	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	10	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,412	6.7%	6.6%	2,482	7.5%	
Total	35,945	100.0%	100.0%	33,248	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.