

Community report

Bellingen (A)

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AREA

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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 Bellingen (A), accounting for 88.9% (11,768 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 319 people, while its share fell by 1.5 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

Bellingen (A) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	13	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	3	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.1%	0.1%	-4	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	9	0.1%	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	11,768	88.9%	86.8%	11,449	90.4%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
German	93	0.7%	0.2%	66	0.5%	0.2%
Yiddish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dutch	44	0.3%	0.1%	44	0.3%	0.1%
Frisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Afrikaans	—	—	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Danish	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.1%	0.0%
Icelandic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Norwegian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Swedish	14	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.1%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Estonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Finnish	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
French	27	0.2%	0.1%	28	0.2%	0.1%
Greek	6	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.1%	0.0%
Catalan	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Portuguese	14	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	0.0%
Spanish	45	0.3%	0.3%	42	0.3%	0.2%
Italian	26	0.2%	0.4%	18	0.1%	0.1%
Maltese	—	—	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	16	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Belorussian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Russian	10	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Ukrainian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bosnian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bulgarian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Croatian	5	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Macedonian	—	—	0.3%	—	—	
Serbian	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Slovene	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Czech	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Polish	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Slovak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Albanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Romanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Romany	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	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)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hazaraghi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Arabic	—	—	0.3%	3	0.0%	
Hebrew	11	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	—	—	—	—	—	
Turkish	—	—	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	—	—	0.2%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Telugu	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dravidian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bengali	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Gujarati	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Hindi	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Konkani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Marathi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nepali	8	0.1%	0.2%	—	—	
Punjabi	10	0.1%	0.3%	10	0.1%	
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sinhalese	—	—	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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
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	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Vietnamese	—	—	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Mon	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mon-Khmer, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Lao	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Thai	12	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bisaya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Cebuano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indonesian	12	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Malay	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Timorese	—	—	—	—	—	
Tagalog	14	0.1%	0.2%	8	0.1%	
Filipino	7	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	

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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	4	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Hakka	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Mandarin	15	0.1%	0.4%	8	0.1%	
Wu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Min Nan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Japanese	12	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	
Korean	4	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Tibetan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mongolian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	—	—	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	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	12	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.1%	
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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
American Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
African Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Akan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mauritian Creole	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Oromo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Somali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Swahili	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Yoruba	—	—	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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kikuyu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Krio	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Luganda	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Luo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ndebele	—	—	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	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gilbertese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Maori (Cook Island)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Maori (New Zealand)	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nauruan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Niue	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Samoan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Rotuman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tuvaluan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
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)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Invented Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sign Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Auslan	4	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sign Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Not stated	997	7.5%	6.6%	818	6.5%	
Total	13,240	100.0%	100.0%	12,660	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.