

# Community report

## Benalla (RC)

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

AREA

**Benalla (RC)**

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

SECTION

01

Benalla (RC) | Regional Vic. comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, English was the most common language used at home among residents in Benalla (RC), accounting for 88.3% (12,802 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (86.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 451 people, while its share fell by 1.1 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

Benalla (RC) – Total persons (Usual residence)

| Category                 | 2021  |      |                 | 2016  |      |                 | Change |      |
|--------------------------|-------|------|-----------------|-------|------|-----------------|--------|------|
|                          | Count | %    | Regional Vic. % | Count | %    | Regional Vic. % | Count  | pp   |
| Inadequately described   | 6     | 0.0% | 0.1%            | 9     | 0.1% | 0.1%            | -3     | -0.1 |
| Non-verbal, so described | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | 13    | 0.1% | 0.1%            | -10    | -0.1 |
| Swiss, so described      | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —      | —    |
| Cypriot, so described    | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               | —      | —    |
| Creole, nfd              | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —      | —    |
| French Creole, nfd       | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —      | —    |
| Pidgin, nfd              | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —      | —    |
| Celtic, nfd              | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               | —      | —    |
| Gaelic (Scotland)        | —     | —    | 0.0%            | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | —      | —    |
| Irish                    | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —      | —    |
| Welsh                    | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —      | —    |
| Celtic, nec              | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               | —      | —    |

| Category             | 2021   |       |                 | 2016   |       |                 |
|----------------------|--------|-------|-----------------|--------|-------|-----------------|
|                      | Count  | %     | Regional Vic. % | Count  | %     | Regional Vic. % |
| English              | 12,802 | 88.3% | 86.4%           | 12,351 | 89.4% | 87.8%           |
| German               | 34     | 0.2%  | 0.2%            | 41     | 0.3%  | 0.3%            |
| Letzeburgish         | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Yiddish              | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Dutch                | 11     | 0.1%  | 0.1%            | 5      | 0.0%  | 0.0%            |
| Frisian              | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Afrikaans            | 3      | 0.0%  | 0.1%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Danish               | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Icelandic            | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Norwegian            | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Swedish              | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Estonian             | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Finnish              | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| French               | 18     | 0.1%  | 0.1%            | 12     | 0.1%  | 0.1%            |
| Greek                | 17     | 0.1%  | 0.2%            | 6      | 0.0%  | 0.0%            |
| Iberian Romance, nfd | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Catalan              | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Portuguese           | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Spanish              | 7      | 0.0%  | 0.2%            | 4      | 0.0%  | 0.0%            |
| Italian              | 27     | 0.2%  | 0.5%            | 33     | 0.2%  | 0.2%            |
| Maltese              | 4      | 0.0%  | 0.1%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Basque               | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |
| Latin                | —      | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —     | —               |

| Category                                 | 2021  |      |                 | 2016  |      |                 |
|------------------------------------------|-------|------|-----------------|-------|------|-----------------|
|                                          | Count | %    | Regional Vic. % | Count | %    | Regional Vic. % |
| Other Southern European Languages, nec   | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Eastern European Languages, nfd          | —     | —    | —               | —     | —    | —               |
| Latvian                                  | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Lithuanian                               | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Hungarian                                | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | 5     | 0.0% | —               |
| Belorussian                              | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Russian                                  | 8     | 0.1% | 0.1%            | 13    | 0.1% | —               |
| Ukrainian                                | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Bosnian                                  | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Bulgarian                                | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Croatian                                 | 3     | 0.0% | 0.2%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Macedonian                               | 3     | 0.0% | 0.1%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Serbian                                  | 3     | 0.0% | 0.1%            | 8     | 0.1% | —               |
| Slovene                                  | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | 5     | 0.0% | —               |
| Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Czech                                    | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Polish                                   | 9     | 0.1% | 0.1%            | 7     | 0.1% | —               |
| Slovak                                   | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Czechoslovakian, so described            | —     | —    | —               | —     | —    | —               |
| Albanian                                 | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Romanian                                 | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Romany                                   | —     | —    | —               | —     | —    | —               |
| Iranic, nfd                              | —     | —    | —               | —     | —    | —               |

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|                               | Count | %    | Regional Vic. % | Count | %    | Regional Vic. % |
| Kurdish                       | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Pashto                        | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Balochi                       | —     | —    | —               | —     | —    | —               |
| Dari                          | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Persian (excluding Dari)      | 6     | 0.0% | 0.1%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Hazaraghi                     | —     | —    | 0.1%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Arabic                        | 27    | 0.2% | 0.2%            | 11    | 0.1% | —               |
| Hebrew                        | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Assyrian Neo-Aramaic          | —     | —    | 0.0%            | 7     | 0.1% | —               |
| Chaldean Neo-Aramaic          | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Turkish                       | —     | —    | 0.1%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Azeri                         | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Uygur                         | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Uzbek                         | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Turkic, nec                   | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Armenian                      | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Georgian                      | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Southern Asian Languages, nfd | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Kannada                       | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Malayalam                     | 31    | 0.2% | 0.2%            | 15    | 0.1% | —               |
| Tamil                         | 8     | 0.1% | 0.1%            | 12    | 0.1% | —               |
| Telugu                        | 9     | 0.1% | 0.1%            | 7     | 0.1% | —               |
| Tulu                          | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Indo-Aryan, nfd               | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |

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|                                    | Count | %    | Regional Vic. % | Count | %    | Regional Vic. % |
| Bengali                            | 13    | 0.1% | 0.0%            | 3     | 0.0% |                 |
| Gujarati                           | —     | —    | 0.1%            | —     | —    |                 |
| Hindi                              | 18    | 0.1% | 0.2%            | 11    | 0.1% |                 |
| Konkani                            | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    |                 |
| Marathi                            | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    |                 |
| Nepali                             | 19    | 0.1% | 0.1%            | —     | —    |                 |
| Punjabi                            | 41    | 0.3% | 0.5%            | 12    | 0.1% |                 |
| Sindhi                             | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    |                 |
| Sinhalese                          | 11    | 0.1% | 0.1%            | 6     | 0.0% |                 |
| Urdu                               | 17    | 0.1% | 0.1%            | 3     | 0.0% |                 |
| Assamese                           | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    |                 |
| Dhivehi                            | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    |                 |
| Kashmiri                           | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    |                 |
| 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%            | —     | —    |                 |
| Burmese                            | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    |                 |
| Chin Haka                          | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    |                 |
| Karen                              | —     | —    | 0.2%            | —     | —    |                 |
| Rohingya                           | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    |                 |
| Zomi                               | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    |                 |

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| Burmese and Related Languages, nec          | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Hmong                                       | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Khmer                                       | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | 4     | 0.0% | —               |
| Vietnamese                                  | 9     | 0.1% | 0.2%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Mon-Khmer, nec                              | —     | —    | —               | —     | —    | —               |
| Lao                                         | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Thai                                        | 12    | 0.1% | 0.1%            | 16    | 0.1% | —               |
| Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Bisaya                                      | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Cebuano                                     | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Ilokano                                     | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Indonesian                                  | 3     | 0.0% | 0.1%            | 3     | 0.0% | —               |
| Malay                                       | —     | —    | 0.1%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Tetum                                       | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Timorese                                    | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Tagalog                                     | 14    | 0.1% | 0.2%            | 8     | 0.1% | —               |
| Filipino                                    | 10    | 0.1% | 0.2%            | 11    | 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                                | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Cantonese                                   | 7     | 0.0% | 0.1%            | 14    | 0.1% | —               |
| Hakka                                       | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | 8     | 0.1% | —               |
| Mandarin                                    | 33    | 0.2% | 0.6%            | 30    | 0.2% | —               |
| Wu                                          | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Min Nan                                     | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Japanese                                    | 6     | 0.0% | 0.1%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Korean                                      | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Tibetan                                     | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Mongolian                                   | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec          | —     | —    | —               | —     | —    | —               |
| Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd        | —     | —    | 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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|                                  | Count | % | Regional Vic. % | Count | % | Regional Vic. % |
| 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                            | —     | — | 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 | % | Regional Vic. % |
| 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%            | —     | — | —               |
| Shona                                      | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Somali                                     | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Swahili                                    | 6     | 0.0% | 0.1%            | —     | — | —               |
| Yoruba                                     | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Zulu                                       | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Amharic                                    | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Bemba                                      | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Dinka                                      | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Ewe                                        | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Ga                                         | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Harari                                     | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Hausa                                      | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Igbo                                       | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Kikuyu                                     | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Krio                                       | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |
| Luganda                                    | —     | —    | 0.0%            | —     | — | —               |

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| Luo                         | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Ndebele                     | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Nuer                        | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Nyanja (Chichewa)           | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Shilluk                     | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Tigrinya                    | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Tswana                      | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Xhosa                       | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Bari                        | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Bassa                       | —     | — | —               | —     | —    | —               |
| Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)        | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Kirundi (Rundi)             | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Liberian (Liberian English) | —     | — | —               | —     | —    | —               |
| Madi                        | —     | — | —               | —     | —    | —               |
| Lingala                     | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| African Languages, nec      | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Fijian                      | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Gilbertese                  | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Maori (Cook Island)         | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Maori (New Zealand)         | —     | — | 0.0%            | 3     | 0.0% | —               |
| Nauruan                     | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Niue                        | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Samoaan                     | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |
| Tongan                      | —     | — | 0.0%            | —     | —    | —               |

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|                                     | Count         | %             | Regional Vic. % | Count         | %             | Regional Vic. % |
| Tokelauan                           | —             | —             | 0.0%            | —             | —             | —               |
| Tuvaluan                            | —             | —             | 0.0%            | —             | —             | —               |
| Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec | —             | —             | 0.0%            | —             | —             | —               |
| 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)           | 3             | 0.0%          | 0.0%            | —             | —             | —               |
| Papua New Guinea Languages, nec     | —             | —             | 0.0%            | —             | —             | —               |
| Invented Languages                  | —             | —             | 0.0%            | —             | —             | —               |
| Sign Languages, nfd                 | —             | —             | 0.0%            | 3             | 0.0%          | —               |
| Auslan                              | 9             | 0.1%          | 0.1%            | —             | —             | —               |
| Key Word Sign Australia             | —             | —             | 0.0%            | —             | —             | —               |
| Sign Languages, nec                 | —             | —             | 0.0%            | —             | —             | —               |
| Not stated                          | 1,204         | 8.3%          | 6.5%            | 1,119         | 8.1%          | —               |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>14,505</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>   | <b>13,821</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>   |

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.