

# Community report

## Blue Mountains (C)

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

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**Blue Mountains (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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 Blue Mountains (C), accounting for 90.1% (70,398 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,705 people and 0.7 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

Blue Mountains (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	58	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	45	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	0.2%	-9	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Irish	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	70,398	90.1%	57.3%	68,693	89.4%	
German	383	0.5%	0.3%	415	0.5%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	124	0.2%	0.1%	161	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	42	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	30	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Swedish	36	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	242	0.3%	0.4%	236	0.3%	
Greek	175	0.2%	1.4%	224	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	78	0.1%	0.5%	63	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Spanish	489	0.6%	1.2%	398	0.5%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	202	0.3%	1.0%	275	0.4%	
Maltese	51	0.1%	0.2%	44	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Lithuanian	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Hungarian	111	0.1%	0.1%	110	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	172	0.2%	0.4%	150	0.2%	
Ukrainian	20	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	6	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Croatian	63	0.1%	0.3%	75	0.1%	
Macedonian	13	0.0%	0.4%	9	0.0%	
Serbian	41	0.1%	0.4%	19	0.0%	
Slovene	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Serbo–Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

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Czech	85	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.1%	
Polish	196	0.3%	0.2%	180	0.2%	
Slovak	16	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	–	–	–	
Romanian	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	5	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Pashto	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	11	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	26	0.0%	0.5%	27	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	160	0.2%	4.2%	128	0.2%	
Hebrew	34	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	13	0.0%	0.5%	18	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	3	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	19	0.0%	0.4%	19	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	12	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.0%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Malayalam	22	0.0%	0.3%	25	0.0%	–
Tamil	21	0.0%	0.7%	16	0.0%	–
Telugu	12	0.0%	0.4%	14	0.0%	–
Tulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	16	0.0%	0.7%	6	0.0%	–
Gujarati	12	0.0%	0.5%	5	0.0%	–
Hindi	100	0.1%	1.5%	78	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	9	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	–
Nepali	35	0.0%	1.2%	11	0.0%	–
Punjabi	40	0.1%	0.8%	22	0.0%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	22	0.0%	0.2%	13	0.0%	–
Urdu	16	0.0%	0.8%	12	0.0%	–
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Hindustani	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	5	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	54	0.1%	0.2%	42	0.1%	–
Vietnamese	156	0.2%	2.2%	130	0.2%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lao	12	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Thai	160	0.2%	0.4%	113	0.1%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Cebuano	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Indonesian	57	0.1%	0.6%	90	0.1%	–
Malay	11	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	114	0.1%	0.9%	86	0.1%	–
Filipino	84	0.1%	0.5%	50	0.1%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	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%	3	0.0%	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	3	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Cantonese	136	0.2%	2.8%	135	0.2%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	256	0.3%	5.0%	274	0.4%	–
Wu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Min Nan	12	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Japanese	167	0.2%	0.3%	137	0.2%	–
Korean	78	0.1%	1.1%	88	0.1%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	64	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	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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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
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)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	10	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	27	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	46	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Swahili	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	4	0.0%	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%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	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)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	10	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Samoaan	20	0.0%	0.3%	7	0.0%	
Tongan	12	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Auslan	73	0.1%	0.0%	64	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,662	3.4%	5.3%	3,501	4.6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,105</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>76,878</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.