

Community report

Brighton (M)

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

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Brighton (M)

COMPARISON

Greater Hobart

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 Brighton (M), accounting for 91.1% (17,299 people). This share was higher than Greater Hobart (82.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,210 people, while its share fell by 0.4 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

Brighton (M) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Hobart %	Count	%	Greater Hobart %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	7	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.1%	0	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	12	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	0.1%	+6	+0.1
Swiss, so described	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
English	17,299	91.1%	82.6%	15,089	91.5%	86.5%	+2,210	-0.4
German	29	0.2%	0.3%	23	0.1%	0.4%	+6	+0.1
Yiddish	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Dutch	3	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.1%	0.2%	-10	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Hobart %	Count	%	Greater H
Afrikaans	13	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Danish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
French	6	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Greek	21	0.1%	0.4%	25	0.2%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	10	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Spanish	16	0.1%	0.4%	8	0.0%	
Italian	16	0.1%	0.2%	31	0.2%	
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Russian	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Polish	21	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.1%	–
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	–	–	–	–
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Hazaraghi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	20	0.1%	0.3%	3	0.0%	–
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	5	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Tamil	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Telugu	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	14	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Hindi	11	0.1%	0.4%	3	0.0%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	19	0.1%	1.8%	–	–	
Punjabi	49	0.3%	0.7%	6	0.0%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	31	0.2%	0.3%	–	–	
Urdu	39	0.2%	0.4%	4	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hmong	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Vietnamese	26	0.1%	0.4%	5	0.0%	–
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	12	0.1%	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	11	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	24	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Malay	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tetum	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	19	0.1%	0.2%	22	0.1%	–
Filipino	18	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	11	0.1%	0.5%	–	–	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	50	0.3%	2.6%	31	0.2%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Japanese	7	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Korean	4	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	17	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Yoruba	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tongan	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	14	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	1,065	5.6%	4.6%	1,113	6.8%	
Total	18,996	100.0%	100.0%	16,488	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.