

# Community report

## Brimbank (C)

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

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**Brimbank (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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 Brimbank (C), accounting for 36.3% (70,661 people). This share was lower than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Vietnamese, which increased by 4,566 people and 2.3 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

Brimbank (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	186	0.1%	0.1%	205	0.1%	0.1%	-19	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	280	0.1%	0.1%	452	0.2%	0.2%	-172	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	16	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Creole, nfd	44	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	+27	0.0
French Creole, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	22	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Irish	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	70,661	36.3%	61.1%	69,303	35.7%	61.1%
German	274	0.1%	0.3%	466	0.2%	–
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	33	0.0%	0.1%	71	0.0%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	48	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	–
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Danish	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Swedish	18	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Estonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Finnish	22	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
French	249	0.1%	0.3%	282	0.1%	–
Greek	4,613	2.4%	2.1%	5,291	2.7%	–
Iberian Romance, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	289	0.1%	0.2%	293	0.2%	–
Spanish	2,554	1.3%	0.8%	2,825	1.5%	–
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	3,868	2.0%	1.7%	4,905	2.5%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	4,061	2.1%	0.3%	5,056	2.6%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Latvian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lithuanian	14	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Hungarian	137	0.1%	0.1%	208	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Russian	202	0.1%	0.4%	196	0.1%	
Ukrainian	243	0.1%	0.0%	336	0.2%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	1,012	0.5%	0.1%	1,065	0.5%	
Bulgarian	28	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Croatian	2,868	1.5%	0.3%	3,442	1.8%	
Macedonian	4,237	2.2%	0.6%	4,631	2.4%	
Serbian	1,476	0.8%	0.3%	1,603	0.8%	
Slovene	134	0.1%	0.0%	182	0.1%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	117	0.1%	0.0%	168	0.1%	
Czech	37	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Polish	1,060	0.5%	0.3%	1,352	0.7%	
Slovak	111	0.1%	0.0%	148	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	892	0.5%	0.1%	897	0.5%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Romanian	226	0.1%	0.1%	268	0.1%	–
Romany	20	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Kurdish	81	0.0%	0.0%	127	0.1%	–
Pashto	636	0.3%	0.1%	639	0.3%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	222	0.1%	0.2%	243	0.1%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	379	0.2%	0.4%	507	0.3%	–
Hazaraghi	465	0.2%	0.4%	260	0.1%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	4,285	2.2%	1.8%	4,285	2.2%	–
Hebrew	26	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	1,005	0.5%	0.2%	372	0.2%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	15	0.0%	0.2%	38	0.0%	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	2,189	1.1%	0.7%	2,332	1.2%	–
Azeri	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Georgian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	67	0.0%	0.0%	170	0.1%	–
Kannada	48	0.0%	0.1%	64	0.0%	–
Malayalam	450	0.2%	0.4%	469	0.2%	–
Tamil	1,000	0.5%	0.7%	1,313	0.7%	–
Telugu	1,163	0.6%	0.5%	498	0.3%	–
Tulu	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	–
Bengali	492	0.3%	0.3%	599	0.3%	–
Gujarati	182	0.1%	0.5%	193	0.1%	–
Hindi	1,743	0.9%	1.3%	2,399	1.2%	–
Konkani	40	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	–
Marathi	53	0.0%	0.1%	60	0.0%	–
Nepali	1,112	0.6%	0.4%	641	0.3%	–
Punjabi	4,370	2.2%	2.0%	5,637	2.9%	–
Sindhi	11	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Sinhalese	937	0.5%	1.0%	999	0.5%	–
Urdu	1,725	0.9%	0.7%	1,444	0.7%	–

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Assamese	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	67	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	200	0.1%	0.0%	154	0.1%	
Burmese	629	0.3%	0.1%	504	0.3%	
Chin Haka	801	0.4%	0.1%	633	0.3%	
Karen	48	0.0%	0.1%	93	0.0%	
Rohingya	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	49	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	868	0.4%	0.1%	672	0.3%	
Hmong	16	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Khmer	92	0.0%	0.3%	65	0.0%	
Vietnamese	36,020	18.5%	2.3%	31,454	16.2%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	326	0.2%	0.0%	397	0.2%	
Thai	443	0.2%	0.3%	409	0.2%	
Tai, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bisaya	59	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Cebuano	86	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Ilokano	21	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indonesian	296	0.2%	0.3%	324	0.2%	
Malay	95	0.0%	0.1%	99	0.1%	
Tetum	36	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Timorese	64	0.0%	0.0%	89	0.0%	
Tagalog	2,923	1.5%	0.5%	3,108	1.6%	
Filipino	2,011	1.0%	0.4%	2,211	1.1%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	28	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	16	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	57	0.0%	0.1%	111	0.1%	
Cantonese	4,025	2.1%	1.6%	4,166	2.1%	
Hakka	955	0.5%	0.1%	1,001	0.5%	
Mandarin	2,724	1.4%	4.3%	2,885	1.5%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Wu	17	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Min Nan	258	0.1%	0.1%	247	0.1%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	169	0.1%	0.2%	124	0.1%	
Korean	134	0.1%	0.3%	146	0.1%	
Tibetan	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mongolian	18	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Wiradjuri	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Yorta Yorta	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
African Languages, nfd	52	0.0%	0.0%	107	0.1%	
Acholi	31	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Akan	52	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	13	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Oromo	187	0.1%	0.1%	161	0.1%	
Shona	32	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Somali	437	0.2%	0.2%	395	0.2%	
Swahili	121	0.1%	0.1%	175	0.1%	
Yoruba	25	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Amharic	858	0.4%	0.1%	770	0.4%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	534	0.3%	0.1%	797	0.4%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ga	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	25	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Igbo	34	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	20	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Luganda	31	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ndebele	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tigre	15	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Tigrinya	651	0.3%	0.1%	480	0.2%	
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Bassa	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	17	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Fulfulde	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	14	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	

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Kirundi (Rundi)	26	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Liberian (Liberian English)	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Loma (Lorma)	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	36	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Mann	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
African Languages, nec	52	0.0%	0.0%	75	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	91	0.0%	0.0%	81	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	75	0.0%	0.0%	92	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	77	0.0%	0.0%	99	0.1%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Niue	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Samoan	1,385	0.7%	0.3%	1,561	0.8%	
Tongan	424	0.2%	0.1%	530	0.3%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tokelauan	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Tuvaluan	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

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Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	5	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	31	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Auslan	84	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	12,534	6.4%	4.8%	11,558	5.9%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>194,586</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>194,348</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.