

Community report

Broome (S)

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COMPARISON

Regional WA

POPULATION

Persons

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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 Broome (S), accounting for 73.3% (12,426 people). This share was lower than Regional WA (80.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 116 people, while its share fell by 2.7 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

Broome (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	8	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.0%	-4	-0.1
Non-verbal, so described	8	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.1%	0.1%	-3	-0.1
Swiss, so described	9	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+1	+0.1
Creole, nfd	13	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
English	12,426	73.3%	80.9%	12,310	76.0%	81.7%	+116	-2.7
German	90	0.5%	0.3%	92	0.6%	0.3%	-2	-0.1
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Dutch	30	0.2%	0.1%	26	0.2%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Afrikaans	26	0.2%	0.5%	23	0.1%	0.5%
Danish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Swedish	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
French	90	0.5%	0.2%	64	0.4%	0.2%
Greek	16	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	0.1%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Portuguese	19	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.1%
Spanish	119	0.7%	0.2%	35	0.2%	0.2%
Italian	92	0.5%	0.4%	69	0.4%	0.4%
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Hungarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Russian	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.1%
Ukrainian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bosnian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bulgarian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Croatian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Macedonian	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Serbian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Slovene	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Czech	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Polish	10	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Slovak	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Albanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Romanian	—	—	0.0%	9	0.1%	0.1%
Kurdish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pashto	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Persian (excluding Dari)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hazaraghi	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Arabic	8	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%
Hebrew	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	14	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	8	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Tamil	17	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Telugu	11	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gujarati	3	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Hindi	17	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	–
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Nepali	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Punjabi	5	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.1%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	24	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Urdu	18	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	–
Assamese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	25	0.1%	0.2%	17	0.1%	–
Lao	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	78	0.5%	0.2%	86	0.5%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	15	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.2%	–
Malay	8	0.0%	0.2%	19	0.1%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	13	0.1%	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	92	0.5%	0.5%	101	0.6%	–
Filipino	81	0.5%	0.4%	86	0.5%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	46	0.3%	0.1%	35	0.2%	–
Hakka	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mandarin	96	0.6%	0.4%	79	0.5%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Japanese	33	0.2%	0.1%	39	0.2%	–
Korean	6	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.2%	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	55	0.3%	0.1%	82	0.5%	–
Maung	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Wardaman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kunwinjku	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Djapu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Ngathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
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%	3	0.0%	–
Bilinarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	10	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Ngardi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarinyman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Walmajarri	8	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.1%	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Western Desert Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kartujarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Kukatja	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Martu Wangka	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Ngaanyatjarra	6	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Pintupi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wangkajunga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wangkatha	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Warnman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yulparija	36	0.2%	0.0%	13	0.1%	–
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	206	1.2%	0.0%	275	1.7%	–
Bunuba	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarinyin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyikina	14	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Worrorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wunambal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	102	0.6%	0.0%	33	0.2%	–
Kija	9	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	35	0.2%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–

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Banyjima	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Gamilaraay	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Karajarri	35	0.2%	0.0%	34	0.2%	—
Kariyarra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kurna	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kriol	129	0.8%	0.4%	161	1.0%	—
Mangala	20	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.2%	—
Muruwari	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ngarluma	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngarrindjeri	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nyamal	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyangumarta	39	0.2%	0.0%	12	0.1%	—
Nyungar	8	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wajarri	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Wiradjuri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yindjibarndi	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Yinhawangka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Badimaya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dharawal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngatjumaya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Aboriginal English, so described	34	0.2%	0.0%	13	0.1%	—
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	12	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	15	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	8	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tongan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	15	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norf'k–Pitcairn	–	–	–	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	–	15	0.1%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
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%	8	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	2,460	14.5%	10.5%	2,036	12.6%	10.5%
Total	16,949	100.0%	100.0%	16,195	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.