

Community report

Bunbury (C)

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

AREA

Bunbury (C)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

30 March 2026

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

Bunbury (C) | Regional WA comparison | Persons

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Key takeaway

In 2021, English was the most common language used at home among residents in Bunbury (C), accounting for 83.9% (27,619 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (80.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,312 people and 1.4 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

Bunbury (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | | Change | |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|---------------|--------|-------|---------------|--------|------|
| | Count | % | Regional WA % | Count | % | Regional WA % | Count | pp |
| Inadequately described | 31 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 19 | 0.1% | 0.0% | +12 | 0.0 |
| Non-verbal, so described | 24 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 34 | 0.1% | 0.1% | -10 | 0.0 |
| Swiss, so described | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| Creole, nfd | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| French Creole, nfd | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0 |
| Pidgin, nfd | 9 | 0.0% | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| Gaelic (Scotland) | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| Irish | 9 | 0.0% | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| Welsh | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0 |
| English | 27,619 | 83.9% | 80.9% | 26,307 | 82.5% | 81.7% | +1,312 | +1.4 |
| German | 41 | 0.1% | 0.3% | 57 | 0.2% | 0.3% | -16 | -0.1 |
| Letzeburgish | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional WA % | Count | % | Regional WA % |
| Dutch | 56 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 62 | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| Frisian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% |
| Afrikaans | 116 | 0.4% | 0.5% | 89 | 0.3% | 0.4% |
| Danish | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Icelandic | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Norwegian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% |
| Swedish | 11 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 23 | 0.1% | 0.0% |
| Estonian | – | – | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Finnish | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| French | 61 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 67 | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| Greek | 58 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 58 | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| Catalan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% |
| Portuguese | 43 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 14 | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| Spanish | 89 | 0.3% | 0.2% | 76 | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| Italian | 308 | 0.9% | 0.4% | 391 | 1.2% | 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% | – | – | 0.0% |
| Lithuanian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% |
| Hungarian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% |
| Belorussian | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% |

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| | Count | % | Regional WA % | Count | % | Regional WA % |
| Russian | 41 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 29 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Ukrainian | – | – | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Bosnian | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Bulgarian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Croatian | 22 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 22 | 0.1% | 0.0% |
| Macedonian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Serbian | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 8 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Slovene | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described | – | – | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Czech | – | – | 0.0% | 15 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Polish | 50 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 66 | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| Slovak | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Albanian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Romanian | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Kurdish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Pashto | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Dari | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Persian (excluding Dari) | 21 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 21 | 0.1% | 0.0% |
| Hazaraghi | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | – |
| Arabic | 76 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 70 | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| Hebrew | 9 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 8 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Assyrian Neo-Aramaic | – | – | – | – | – | – |

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| | Count | % | Regional WA % | Count | % | Regional WA % |
| Mandaean (Mandaic) | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Turkish | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Uzbek | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Turkic, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Armenian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Southern Asian Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Kannada | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Malayalam | 63 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 75 | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| Tamil | 19 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 35 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Telugu | 10 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Tulu | 7 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Indo-Aryan, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Bengali | 8 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 38 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Gujarati | 25 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 27 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Hindi | 38 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 44 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Konkani | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Marathi | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Nepali | 53 | 0.2% | 0.0% | 23 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Punjabi | 93 | 0.3% | 0.1% | 68 | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| Sindhi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Sinhalese | 25 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 27 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Urdu | 39 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 33 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Assamese | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Dhivehi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |

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| | Count | % | Regional WA % | Count | % | Regional WA % |
| Fijian Hindustani | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Indo-Aryan, nec | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Other Southern Asian Languages | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Burmese and Related Languages, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Burmese | 14 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 20 | 0.1% | – |
| Karen | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | – |
| Rohingya | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Burmese and Related Languages, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Khmer | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Vietnamese | 81 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 69 | 0.2% | – |
| Lao | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | – |
| Thai | 52 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 40 | 0.1% | – |
| Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Bisaya | 11 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 17 | 0.1% | – |
| Cebuano | 11 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 9 | 0.0% | – |
| Ilokano | – | – | 0.0% | 5 | 0.0% | – |
| Indonesian | 72 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 62 | 0.2% | – |
| Malay | 42 | 0.1% | 0.2% | 40 | 0.1% | – |
| Tetum | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Timorese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Tagalog | 192 | 0.6% | 0.5% | 240 | 0.8% | – |
| Filipino | 172 | 0.5% | 0.4% | 178 | 0.6% | – |
| Acehnese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |

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| | Count | % | Regional WA % | Count | % | Regional WA % |
| Balinese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Bikol | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Iban | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Ilonggo (Hiligaynon) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Javanese | – | – | – | 4 | 0.0% | – |
| Pampangan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Chinese, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | 7 | 0.0% | – |
| Cantonese | 69 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 63 | 0.2% | – |
| Hakka | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Mandarin | 264 | 0.8% | 0.4% | 201 | 0.6% | – |
| Wu | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | – |
| Min Nan | 7 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | – |
| Japanese | 39 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 53 | 0.2% | – |
| Korean | 51 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 118 | 0.4% | – |
| Tibetan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Mongolian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd | 10 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 9 | 0.0% | – |
| Maung | – | – | 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 | – | – | 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% | – | – | – |
| Bilinarra | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Gurindji | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Jaru | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | – |
| Ngardi | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Ngarinyman | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Walmajarri | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | – |
| Warlpiri | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Arrernte, nec | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Western Desert Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Kartujarra | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Kukatha | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |

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| Kukatja | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | – |
| Luritja | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Manyjilyjarra | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Martu Wangka | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | – |
| Ngaanyatjarra | – | – | 0.2% | – | – | – |
| Pintupi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Pitjantjatjara | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Wangkajunga | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Wangkatha | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | – |
| Warnman | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Yankunytjatjara | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Yulparija | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Tjupany | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Bardi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Bunuba | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Gooniyandi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Miriwoong | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Ngarinyin | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Nyikina | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Worrorra | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Wunambal | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Yawuru | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Kija | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Kimberley Area Languages, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |

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| | Count | % | Regional WA % | Count | % | Regional WA % |
| Banyjima | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Gamilaraay | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Karajarri | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Kariyarra | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Kurna | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Kriol | – | – | 0.4% | – | – | – |
| Mangala | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Muruwari | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Ngarluma | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Ngarrindjeri | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Nyamal | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Nyangumarta | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Nyungar | 34 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 12 | 0.0% | – |
| Palyku/Nyiyaparli | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Wajarri | 3 | 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 | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |

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| | Count | % | Regional WA % | Count | % | Regional WA % |
| African Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | – |
| Acholi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Akan | 9 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 36 | 0.1% | – |
| Mauritian Creole | – | – | 0.0% | 7 | 0.0% | – |
| Oromo | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Shona | 27 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 30 | 0.1% | – |
| Somali | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Swahili | 23 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 15 | 0.0% | – |
| Yoruba | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | – |
| Zulu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Amharic | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Bemba | – | – | 0.0% | 9 | 0.0% | – |
| Dinka | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Ewe | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Ga | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Hausa | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Igbo | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | – |
| Kikuyu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Krio | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Luganda | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Ndebele | – | – | 0.0% | 7 | 0.0% | – |
| Nuer | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Nyanja (Chichewa) | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | – |
| Tigrinya | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |

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| | Count | % | Regional WA % | Count | % | Regional WA % |
| Tswana | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | – |
| Xhosa | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Seychelles Creole | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Bari | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Fulfulde | – | – | – | 4 | 0.0% | – |
| Kinyarwanda (Rwanda) | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Kirundi (Rundi) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Madi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| African Languages, nec | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | – |
| Fijian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Gilbertese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Maori (Cook Island) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Maori (New Zealand) | 31 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 40 | 0.1% | – |
| Niue | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Samoan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Tongan | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | – |
| Rotuman | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Tokelauan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Tuvaluan | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Bislama | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Norf'k–Pitcairn | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Solomon Islands Pijin | – | – | – | – | – | – |

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| | 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) | – | – | 0.0% | 7 | 0.0% | – |
| Papua New Guinea Languages, nec | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Sign Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | – |
| Auslan | 24 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 10 | 0.0% | – |
| Key Word Sign Australia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Not stated | 2,518 | 7.7% | 10.5% | 2,667 | 8.4% | 10.5% |
| Total | 32,904 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 31,898 | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.