

Community report

Bundaberg (R)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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 Bundaberg (R), accounting for 88.4% (87,709 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (83.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 5,404 people, while its share fell by 0.2 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

Bundaberg (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	66	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	0.0%	+27	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	33	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.1%	0.1%	-21	-0.1
Swiss, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Cypriot, so described	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	7	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	0.1%	-2	0.0
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%	+7	0.0
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Irish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	87,709	88.4%	83.7%	82,305	88.6%	8
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
German	202	0.2%	0.3%	270	0.3%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	118	0.1%	0.1%	134	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	213	0.2%	0.3%	176	0.2%	
Danish	10	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Swedish	20	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Finnish	12	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
French	112	0.1%	0.2%	106	0.1%	
Greek	34	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	28	0.0%	0.3%	17	0.0%	
Spanish	124	0.1%	0.4%	87	0.1%	
Italian	258	0.3%	0.3%	368	0.4%	
Maltese	47	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	35	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	47	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Ukrainian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	22	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Serbian	20	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Czech	15	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Polish	16	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

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Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	17	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Arabic	73	0.1%	0.2%	46	0.0%	
Hebrew	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkish	75	0.1%	0.0%	114	0.1%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kannada	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Malayalam	219	0.2%	0.2%	107	0.1%	
Tamil	43	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Telugu	29	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	31	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Gujarati	31	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Hindi	105	0.1%	0.2%	83	0.1%	
Konkani	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	136	0.1%	0.2%	71	0.1%	
Punjabi	76	0.1%	0.3%	61	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	64	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Urdu	31	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Southern Asian Languages	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	26	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Vietnamese	251	0.3%	0.2%	154	0.2%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Thai	233	0.2%	0.2%	91	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	25	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Cebuano	19	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	47	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Malay	109	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Tetum	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Tagalog	213	0.2%	0.3%	181	0.2%	
Filipino	208	0.2%	0.3%	137	0.1%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Cantonese	91	0.1%	0.2%	114	0.1%	
Hakka	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mandarin	403	0.4%	0.7%	398	0.4%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Min Nan	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	115	0.1%	0.4%	105	0.1%	
Korean	183	0.2%	0.3%	152	0.2%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	41	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	–	–	–	
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yanyuwa	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Marridan (Maridan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	–	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku-Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dyirbal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Girramay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Koko-Bera	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kaytetye	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kayardild	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lardil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudjal	–	–	–	–	–	
Yugambeh	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	26	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Yoruba	17	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	36	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Maori (Cook Island)	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	34	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	46	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Tongan	103	0.1%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	72	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norf'k-Pitcairn	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Motu (HiriMotu)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	32	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Auslan	70	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	6,379	6.4%	7.4%	6,545	7.0%	
Total	99,166	100.0%	100.0%	92,892	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.