

Community report

Burwood (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 Burwood (A), accounting for 31.4% (12,641 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Nepali, which increased by 1,639 people and 3.8 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

Burwood (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	20	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.1%	0.0%	-1	-0.1
Non-verbal, so described	58	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.2%	0.2%	-19	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	12,641	31.4%	57.3%	11,562	31.4%	57.3%
German	47	0.1%	0.3%	55	0.1%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	10	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	5	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Danish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	86	0.2%	0.4%	112	0.3%	0.4%
Greek	839	2.1%	1.4%	930	2.5%	1.4%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	159	0.4%	0.5%	125	0.3%	0.5%

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Spanish	449	1.1%	1.2%	359	1.0%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Italian	1,330	3.3%	1.0%	1,610	4.4%	
Maltese	23	0.1%	0.2%	32	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Lithuanian	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Hungarian	19	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	127	0.3%	0.4%	127	0.3%	
Ukrainian	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	13	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	238	0.6%	0.3%	269	0.7%	
Macedonian	21	0.1%	0.4%	30	0.1%	
Serbian	72	0.2%	0.4%	56	0.2%	
Slovene	18	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.1%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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Czech	15	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Polish	101	0.3%	0.2%	121	0.3%	
Slovak	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Albanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	—	—	—	—	—	
Romanian	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Romany	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Iranic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kurdish	3	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Pashto	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Balochi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dari	3	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	43	0.1%	0.5%	47	0.1%	
Hazaraghi	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Iranic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Arabic	1,402	3.5%	4.2%	1,350	3.7%	
Hebrew	3	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	41	0.1%	0.5%	65	0.2%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.2%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	81	0.2%	0.4%	73	0.2%	–
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Turkic, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	3	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Kannada	43	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	–
Malayalam	103	0.3%	0.3%	110	0.3%	–
Tamil	317	0.8%	0.7%	298	0.8%	–
Telugu	268	0.7%	0.4%	423	1.2%	–
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bengali	123	0.3%	0.7%	142	0.4%	–
Gujarati	56	0.1%	0.5%	93	0.3%	–
Hindi	406	1.0%	1.5%	574	1.6%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Konkani	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Marathi	48	0.1%	0.2%	40	0.1%	
Nepali	2,939	7.3%	1.2%	1,300	3.5%	
Punjabi	55	0.1%	0.8%	77	0.2%	
Sindhi	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Sinhalese	36	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.1%	
Urdu	100	0.2%	0.8%	105	0.3%	
Assamese	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	86	0.2%	0.1%	96	0.3%	
Chin Haka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	35	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Vietnamese	949	2.4%	2.2%	624	1.7%	

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Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lao	23	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Thai	339	0.8%	0.4%	258	0.7%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	30	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ilokano	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	306	0.8%	0.6%	222	0.6%	–
Malay	22	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	237	0.6%	0.9%	207	0.6%	–
Filipino	229	0.6%	0.5%	152	0.4%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	103	0.3%	0.1%	266	0.7%	–
Cantonese	3,282	8.2%	2.8%	3,171	8.6%	–
Hakka	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Mandarin	8,009	19.9%	5.0%	7,448	20.3%	–
Wu	118	0.3%	0.1%	83	0.2%	–
Min Nan	125	0.3%	0.1%	122	0.3%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Japanese	148	0.4%	0.3%	109	0.3%	–
Korean	1,139	2.8%	1.1%	1,426	3.9%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	4	0.0%	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	48	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Kaurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Swahili	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Yoruba	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	19	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Samoaan	16	0.0%	0.3%	22	0.1%	
Tongan	47	0.1%	0.2%	56	0.2%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	21	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,299	5.7%	5.3%	1,827	5.0%	
Total	40,219	100.0%	100.0%	36,775	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.