

Community report

Cambridge (T)

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COMPARISON

Greater Perth

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 Cambridge (T), accounting for 82.5% (23,810 people). This share was higher than Greater Perth (74%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,105 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

Cambridge (T) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	11	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.1%	0.1%	-3	-0.1
Non-verbal, so described	15	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	0.2%	-11	0.0
Swiss, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	7	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	7	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	0.0%	-7	-0.1
Welsh	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
English	23,810	82.5%	74.0%	21,705	81.1%	74.0%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	163	0.6%	0.3%	172	0.6%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Dutch	131	0.5%	0.2%	141	0.5%	0.2%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Afrikaans	89	0.3%	0.6%	80	0.3%	0.6%
Danish	8	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.1%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Norwegian	8	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.1%	0.0%
Swedish	23	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.1%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
French	199	0.7%	0.4%	229	0.9%	0.4%
Greek	179	0.6%	0.2%	208	0.8%	0.2%
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Portuguese	78	0.3%	0.4%	103	0.4%	0.4%
Spanish	204	0.7%	0.6%	148	0.6%	0.6%
Italian	367	1.3%	1.1%	388	1.4%	1.1%
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latvian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Lithuanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Hungarian	23	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	–
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian	80	0.3%	0.2%	55	0.2%	–
Ukrainian	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	7	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Croatian	47	0.2%	0.2%	44	0.2%	–
Macedonian	48	0.2%	0.3%	32	0.1%	–
Serbian	52	0.2%	0.3%	26	0.1%	–
Slovene	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Czech	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Polish	46	0.2%	0.2%	66	0.2%	–
Slovak	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	14	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Pashto	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	98	0.3%	0.3%	74	0.3%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Arabic	71	0.2%	0.7%	39	0.1%	–
Hebrew	19	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	5	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Kannada	26	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Malayalam	58	0.2%	0.4%	66	0.2%	
Tamil	50	0.2%	0.4%	34	0.1%	
Telugu	19	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	18	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.1%	
Gujarati	58	0.2%	0.5%	47	0.2%	
Hindi	93	0.3%	0.5%	118	0.4%	
Konkani	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Marathi	24	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Nepali	54	0.2%	0.2%	48	0.2%	
Punjabi	50	0.2%	0.9%	35	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	48	0.2%	0.3%	37	0.1%	
Urdu	23	0.1%	0.4%	17	0.1%	
Assamese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	58	0.2%	0.2%	12	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	16	0.1%	0.2%	14	0.1%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	9	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	83	0.3%	1.0%	78	0.3%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	45	0.2%	0.3%	22	0.1%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cebuano	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	47	0.2%	0.5%	43	0.2%	–
Malay	27	0.1%	0.2%	17	0.1%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Tagalog	37	0.1%	0.7%	40	0.1%	
Filipino	10	0.0%	0.5%	16	0.1%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Cantonese	221	0.8%	0.9%	171	0.6%	
Hakka	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mandarin	672	2.3%	2.3%	470	1.8%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	41	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Japanese	153	0.5%	0.3%	139	0.5%	
Korean	51	0.2%	0.3%	36	0.1%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tiwi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yolngu Matha, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
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%	—	—	—
Jaru	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Walmajarri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Warlpiri	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arrernte, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kukatha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kukatja	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Luritja	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manyjilyjarra	—	—	—	—	—	—
Martu Wangka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngaanyatjarra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wangkatha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tjupany	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bardi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Miriwoong	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyikina	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Worrorra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kariyarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mangala	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarluma	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyangumarta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yinhawangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	10	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Somali	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Swahili	12	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	–
Yoruba	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tongan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Auslan	16	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	852	3.0%	5.1%	1,368	5.1%	–
Total	28,863	100.0%	100.0%	26,778	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.