

Community report

Canning (C)

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Canning (C)

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 Canning (C), accounting for 52.9% (50,748 people). This share was lower than Greater Perth (74%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Punjabi, which increased by 1,274 people and 1.2 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

Canning (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	100	0.1%	0.1%	51	0.1%	0.1%	+49	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	132	0.1%	0.1%	224	0.2%	0.2%	-92	-0.1
Swiss, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	109	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.0%	0.0%	+98	+0.1
French Creole, nfd	46	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.1%	0.0%	-14	-0.1
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Irish	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Welsh	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
English	50,748	52.9%	74.0%	50,088	55.5%	74.0%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	184	0.2%	0.3%	246	0.3%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Dutch	111	0.1%	0.2%	157	0.2%	0.2%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Afrikaans	232	0.2%	0.6%	241	0.3%	0.6%
Danish	8	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Norwegian	25	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	21	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Estonian	41	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	18	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
French	306	0.3%	0.4%	411	0.5%	0.4%
Greek	106	0.1%	0.2%	88	0.1%	0.2%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Portuguese	187	0.2%	0.4%	152	0.2%	0.4%
Spanish	413	0.4%	0.6%	413	0.5%	0.6%
Italian	643	0.7%	1.1%	835	0.9%	1.1%
Maltese	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	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	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Lithuanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Hungarian	32	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	–
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian	175	0.2%	0.2%	159	0.2%	–
Ukrainian	19	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	29	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	–
Bulgarian	7	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Croatian	53	0.1%	0.2%	68	0.1%	–
Macedonian	16	0.0%	0.3%	16	0.0%	–
Serbian	47	0.0%	0.3%	54	0.1%	–
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	20	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Czech	34	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Polish	183	0.2%	0.2%	197	0.2%	–
Slovak	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	26	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Kurdish	41	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Pashto	83	0.1%	0.0%	57	0.1%	–
Balochi	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	166	0.2%	0.1%	152	0.2%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	460	0.5%	0.3%	438	0.5%	–
Hazaraghi	62	0.1%	0.2%	114	0.1%	–
Arabic	1,423	1.5%	0.7%	1,167	1.3%	–
Hebrew	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	491	0.5%	0.1%	418	0.5%	–
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	14	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Uzbek	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	34	0.0%	0.0%	79	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Kannada	152	0.2%	0.0%	77	0.1%	
Malayalam	1,716	1.8%	0.4%	1,332	1.5%	
Tamil	1,337	1.4%	0.4%	965	1.1%	
Telugu	508	0.5%	0.1%	299	0.3%	
Tulu	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bengali	553	0.6%	0.2%	483	0.5%	
Gujarati	381	0.4%	0.5%	298	0.3%	
Hindi	1,349	1.4%	0.5%	1,158	1.3%	
Konkani	38	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Marathi	212	0.2%	0.1%	149	0.2%	
Nepali	832	0.9%	0.2%	383	0.4%	
Punjabi	2,880	3.0%	0.9%	1,606	1.8%	
Sindhi	36	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Sinhalese	1,187	1.2%	0.3%	1,007	1.1%	
Urdu	1,324	1.4%	0.4%	789	0.9%	
Assamese	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Dhivehi	23	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oriya	22	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	535	0.6%	0.2%	239	0.3%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	425	0.4%	0.2%	462	0.5%	–
Chin Haka	3	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	–
Karen	10	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Khmer	89	0.1%	0.1%	104	0.1%	–
Vietnamese	701	0.7%	1.0%	553	0.6%	–
Mon	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Thai	336	0.4%	0.3%	291	0.3%	–
Tai, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	137	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	31	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Cebuano	32	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Ilokano	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	1,668	1.7%	0.5%	1,622	1.8%	–
Malay	581	0.6%	0.2%	606	0.7%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Tagalog	694	0.7%	0.7%	840	0.9%	
Filipino	580	0.6%	0.5%	588	0.7%	
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bikol	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Iban	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pampangan	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Chinese, nfd	74	0.1%	0.0%	232	0.3%	
Cantonese	3,138	3.3%	0.9%	2,944	3.3%	
Hakka	149	0.2%	0.0%	103	0.1%	
Mandarin	9,393	9.8%	2.3%	8,590	9.5%	
Wu	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Min Nan	413	0.4%	0.1%	431	0.5%	
Chinese, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Japanese	300	0.3%	0.3%	283	0.3%	
Korean	1,329	1.4%	0.3%	1,273	1.4%	
Tibetan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mongolian	28	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	–	3	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%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Walmajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Arnernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Martu Wangka	3	0.0%	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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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Yawuru	4	0.0%	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	49	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wajarri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wiradjuri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yindjibarndi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yinhawangka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Badimaya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngatjumaya	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Aboriginal English, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Akan	24	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	51	0.1%	0.0%	89	0.1%	–
Oromo	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Shona	99	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	–
Somali	389	0.4%	0.1%	382	0.4%	–
Swahili	192	0.2%	0.1%	168	0.2%	–
Yoruba	54	0.1%	0.0%	43	0.0%	–
Zulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	29	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Bemba	20	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Dinka	21	0.0%	0.1%	52	0.1%	–
Ewe	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Igbo	27	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.1%	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	30	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Luo	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ndebele	10	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	14	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Tigrinya	77	0.1%	0.0%	58	0.1%	–
Tswana	9	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Anuak	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	6	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	40	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Fijian	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Maori (Cook Island)	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	52	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Samoan	55	0.1%	0.0%	42	0.0%	–
Tongan	27	0.0%	0.0%	31	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	3	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–

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Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	78	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	4,116	4.3%	5.1%	4,288	4.8%	–
Total	95,845	100.0%	100.0%	90,190	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.