

Community report

Canterbury-Bankstown (A)

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

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Canterbury-Bankstown (A)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 Canterbury–Bankstown (A), accounting for 33.8% (125,243 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 7,301 people, while its share fell by 0.3 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

Canterbury-Bankstown (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	256	0.1%	0.1%	139	0.0%	0.0%	+117	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	740	0.2%	0.1%	1,123	0.3%	0.2%	-383	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	33	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%	+15	0.0
Creole, nfd	114	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	+98	0.0
French Creole, nfd	41	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Irish	4	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%	-11	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	125,243	33.8%	57.3%	117,942	34.1%	57.3%
German	333	0.1%	0.3%	492	0.1%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	84	0.0%	0.1%	112	0.0%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	76	0.0%	0.1%	79	0.0%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Danish	20	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	49	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.0%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Estonian	20	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	38	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	0.0%
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	686	0.2%	0.4%	868	0.3%	0.4%
Greek	17,394	4.7%	1.4%	18,579	5.4%	1.4%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	2,933	0.8%	0.5%	2,707	0.8%	0.5%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Spanish	3,185	0.9%	1.2%	2,956	0.9%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	4,939	1.3%	1.0%	6,030	1.7%	
Maltese	232	0.1%	0.2%	352	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	49	0.0%	0.0%	93	0.0%	
Lithuanian	57	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	
Hungarian	200	0.1%	0.1%	312	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Russian	455	0.1%	0.4%	444	0.1%	
Ukrainian	91	0.0%	0.0%	133	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	350	0.1%	0.1%	312	0.1%	
Bulgarian	41	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Croatian	801	0.2%	0.3%	888	0.3%	
Macedonian	3,385	0.9%	0.4%	3,542	1.0%	
Serbian	588	0.2%	0.4%	630	0.2%	
Slovene	62	0.0%	0.0%	91	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	40	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Czech	65	0.0%	0.1%	82	0.0%	
Polish	600	0.2%	0.2%	714	0.2%	
Slovak	66	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Albanian	82	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	–	–	–	
Romanian	116	0.0%	0.0%	140	0.0%	
Romany	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kurdish	151	0.0%	0.1%	127	0.0%	
Pashto	442	0.1%	0.1%	357	0.1%	
Balochi	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dari	388	0.1%	0.2%	311	0.1%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	468	0.1%	0.5%	494	0.1%	
Hazaraghi	408	0.1%	0.1%	182	0.1%	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	63,655	17.2%	4.2%	59,687	17.2%	
Hebrew	29	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	297	0.1%	0.5%	328	0.1%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	23	0.0%	0.2%	22	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Turkish	1,334	0.4%	0.4%	1,234	0.4%	
Azeri	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	31	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Uygur	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Uzbek	30	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	153	0.0%	0.2%	154	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	88	0.0%	0.0%	182	0.1%	
Kannada	73	0.0%	0.1%	67	0.0%	
Malayalam	338	0.1%	0.3%	458	0.1%	
Tamil	647	0.2%	0.7%	598	0.2%	
Telugu	194	0.1%	0.4%	220	0.1%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Bengali	9,223	2.5%	0.7%	8,630	2.5%	
Gujarati	307	0.1%	0.5%	302	0.1%	
Hindi	2,571	0.7%	1.5%	2,731	0.8%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Konkani	35	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Marathi	165	0.0%	0.2%	183	0.1%	
Nepali	4,389	1.2%	1.2%	3,049	0.9%	
Punjabi	1,148	0.3%	0.8%	1,219	0.4%	
Sindhi	67	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Sinhalese	204	0.1%	0.2%	235	0.1%	
Urdu	9,289	2.5%	0.8%	6,604	1.9%	
Assamese	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kashmiri	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Oriya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	156	0.0%	0.0%	132	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	32	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	37	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	695	0.2%	0.1%	706	0.2%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Karen	51	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Rohingya	744	0.2%	0.0%	798	0.2%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hmong	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	236	0.1%	0.2%	216	0.1%	
Vietnamese	27,916	7.5%	2.2%	24,977	7.2%	

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Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon–Khmer, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	111	0.0%	0.1%	125	0.0%	
Thai	1,258	0.3%	0.4%	1,174	0.3%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	280	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	37	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Cebuano	27	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Ilokano	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Indonesian	4,465	1.2%	0.6%	4,252	1.2%	
Malay	549	0.1%	0.1%	237	0.1%	
Tetum	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tagalog	2,576	0.7%	0.9%	2,273	0.7%	
Filipino	1,323	0.4%	0.5%	1,126	0.3%	
Acehnese	43	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Pampangan	3	0.0%	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	253	0.1%	0.1%	374	0.1%	–
Cantonese	13,588	3.7%	2.8%	13,633	3.9%	–
Hakka	58	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	–
Mandarin	19,049	5.1%	5.0%	17,202	5.0%	–
Wu	264	0.1%	0.1%	228	0.1%	–
Min Nan	451	0.1%	0.1%	450	0.1%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Japanese	489	0.1%	0.3%	465	0.1%	–
Korean	3,489	0.9%	1.1%	4,057	1.2%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	29	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Mongolian	350	0.1%	0.1%	108	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tiwi	–	–	–	5	0.0%	–
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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	3	0.0%	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	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	40	0.0%	0.0%	101	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	278	0.1%	0.0%	313	0.1%	
Mauritian Creole	43	0.0%	0.0%	107	0.0%	
Oromo	14	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Shona	68	0.0%	0.0%	94	0.0%	
Somali	436	0.1%	0.0%	365	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Swahili	172	0.0%	0.0%	131	0.0%	
Yoruba	72	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	155	0.0%	0.0%	168	0.0%	
Bemba	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dinka	9	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Ewe	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ga	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Harari	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Hausa	24	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Igbo	85	0.0%	0.0%	100	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	343	0.1%	0.0%	453	0.1%	
Luganda	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tigrinya	94	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Anuak	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bassa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Fulfulde	46	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kirundi (Rundi)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Kpelle	—	—	—	—	—	
Krahn	—	—	—	—	—	
Liberian (Liberian English)	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Madi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mandinka	33	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Mann	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Themne	9	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Lingala	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
African Languages, nec	90	0.0%	0.0%	124	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian	700	0.2%	0.1%	650	0.2%	
Gilbertese	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	309	0.1%	0.0%	328	0.1%	
Maori (New Zealand)	171	0.0%	0.0%	223	0.1%	
Nauruan	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Niue	35	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	

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Samoaan	970	0.3%	0.3%	1,287	0.4%	
Tongan	1,400	0.4%	0.2%	1,276	0.4%	
Rotuman	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Tokelauan	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	5	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)	14	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Auslan	117	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	26,649	7.2%	5.3%	20,035	5.8%	
Total	370,958	100.0%	100.0%	346,211	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.