

Community report

Cardinia (S)

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Cardinia (S)

COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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 Cardinia (S), accounting for 77.1% (91,108 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 12,781 people, while its share fell by 6.1 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

Cardinia (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	98	0.1%	0.1%	72	0.1%	0.1%	+26	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	121	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	0.2%	-9	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	112	0.1%	0.0%	56	0.1%	0.0%	+56	0.0
French Creole, nfd	66	0.1%	0.0%	58	0.1%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Irish	6	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	-8	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	91,108	77.1%	61.1%	78,327	83.2%	
German	226	0.2%	0.3%	283	0.3%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	165	0.1%	0.1%	233	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	137	0.1%	0.1%	110	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Danish	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Swedish	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
French	313	0.3%	0.3%	300	0.3%	
Greek	317	0.3%	2.1%	266	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	96	0.1%	0.2%	84	0.1%	
Spanish	692	0.6%	0.8%	451	0.5%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	488	0.4%	1.7%	549	0.6%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	39	0.0%	0.3%	60	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Lithuanian	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hungarian	153	0.1%	0.1%	153	0.2%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	142	0.1%	0.4%	124	0.1%	
Ukrainian	18	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	62	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
Bulgarian	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Croatian	214	0.2%	0.3%	201	0.2%	
Macedonian	49	0.0%	0.6%	31	0.0%	
Serbian	177	0.1%	0.3%	139	0.1%	
Slovene	20	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	18	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Czech	28	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Polish	139	0.1%	0.3%	118	0.1%	
Slovak	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	42	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	308	0.3%	0.1%	236	0.3%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Pashto	107	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	291	0.2%	0.2%	121	0.1%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	146	0.1%	0.4%	76	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	238	0.2%	0.4%	48	0.1%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	771	0.7%	1.8%	489	0.5%	–
Hebrew	16	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	14	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	8	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	105	0.1%	0.7%	95	0.1%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Uzbek	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Kannada	101	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.1%	–
Malayalam	371	0.3%	0.4%	126	0.1%	–
Tamil	651	0.6%	0.7%	203	0.2%	–
Telugu	195	0.2%	0.5%	65	0.1%	–
Tulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Bengali	297	0.3%	0.3%	128	0.1%	–
Gujarati	547	0.5%	0.5%	220	0.2%	–
Hindi	959	0.8%	1.3%	407	0.4%	–
Konkani	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	91	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.0%	–
Nepali	114	0.1%	0.4%	35	0.0%	–
Punjabi	3,474	2.9%	2.0%	814	0.9%	–
Sindhi	27	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Sinhalese	2,071	1.8%	1.0%	751	0.8%	–
Urdu	771	0.7%	0.7%	143	0.2%	–

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Assamese	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Dhivehi	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Kashmiri	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Oriya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fijian Hindustani	33	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	—
Indo-Aryan, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Other Southern Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Burmese	50	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Chin Haka	291	0.2%	0.1%	39	0.0%	—
Karen	7	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Rohingya	118	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Zomi	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	22	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	—
Hmong	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Khmer	179	0.2%	0.3%	112	0.1%	—
Vietnamese	242	0.2%	2.3%	120	0.1%	—
Mon	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mon-Khmer, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Thai	200	0.2%	0.3%	97	0.1%	—
Tai, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	20	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Cebuano	21	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	157	0.1%	0.3%	111	0.1%	–
Malay	73	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.0%	–
Tetum	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Timorese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	491	0.4%	0.5%	237	0.3%	–
Filipino	379	0.3%	0.4%	216	0.2%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	14	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	–
Cantonese	209	0.2%	1.6%	130	0.1%	–
Hakka	36	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Mandarin	951	0.8%	4.3%	416	0.4%	–

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Wu	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Min Nan	21	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	—
Chinese, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Japanese	110	0.1%	0.2%	74	0.1%	—
Korean	113	0.1%	0.3%	62	0.1%	—
Tibetan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mongolian	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Maung	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tiwi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jawoyn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Murrinh Patha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Na-kara	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Garrwa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mayali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Burarra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yolngu Matha, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Djambarrpuyngu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Guugu Yimidhirr	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	6	0.0%	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabwurrung	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Acholi	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Akan	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	29	0.0%	0.0%	84	0.1%	–
Oromo	149	0.1%	0.1%	76	0.1%	–
Shona	113	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.1%	–
Somali	5	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	–
Swahili	51	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	–
Yoruba	37	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Zulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Amharic	10	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Dinka	237	0.2%	0.1%	188	0.2%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Ndebele	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Nuer	190	0.2%	0.0%	122	0.1%	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Shilluk	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	34	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	34	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	40	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	41	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	193	0.2%	0.3%	132	0.1%	–
Tongan	26	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
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)	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Auslan	115	0.1%	0.1%	68	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	6,012	5.1%	4.8%	5,234	5.6%	–
Total	118,143	100.0%	100.0%	94,156	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.