

Community report

Cassowary Coast (R)

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

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Cassowary Coast (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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 Cassowary Coast (R), accounting for 79.9% (23,291 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (83.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Italian, which decreased by 183 people and 0.6 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

Cassowary Coast (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	29	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	0.0%	+17	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.1%	+2	0.0
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	37	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	0.1%	+5	0.0
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	23,291	79.9%	83.7%	23,268	81.1%	
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
German	64	0.2%	0.3%	66	0.2%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	25	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	33	0.1%	0.3%	18	0.1%	
Danish	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Finnish	14	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.1%	
French	49	0.2%	0.2%	33	0.1%	
Greek	58	0.2%	0.1%	74	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	11	0.0%	0.3%	9	0.0%	
Spanish	45	0.2%	0.4%	29	0.1%	
Italian	336	1.2%	0.3%	519	1.8%	
Maltese	15	0.1%	0.0%	30	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	10	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	13	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Ukrainian	3	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.1%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	7	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Macedonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czech	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Polish	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Slovak	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arabic	3	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	–
Hebrew	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	28	0.1%	0.2%	22	0.1%	
Tamil	4	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Telugu	11	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Hindi	35	0.1%	0.2%	40	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	3	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Punjabi	822	2.8%	0.3%	651	2.3%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Urdu	4	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	219	0.8%	0.0%	94	0.3%	
Khmer	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Vietnamese	26	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	91	0.3%	
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Thai	57	0.2%	0.2%	34	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	15	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Cebuano	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	15	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Malay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Tagalog	104	0.4%	0.3%	118	0.4%	
Filipino	79	0.3%	0.3%	76	0.3%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	30	0.1%	0.2%	34	0.1%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	64	0.2%	0.7%	79	0.3%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	29	0.1%	0.4%	86	0.3%	
Korean	26	0.1%	0.3%	43	0.1%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	21	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.1%	
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	–	–	–	
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marridan (Maridan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	–	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku-Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dyirbal	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Girramay	46	0.2%	0.0%	39	0.1%	
Koko-Bera	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	15	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	45	0.2%	0.3%	19	0.1%	
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kaytetye	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kayardild	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Lardil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gudjal	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	30	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.1%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	76	0.3%	0.0%	84	0.3%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	4	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	31	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	–
Tongan	38	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	146	0.5%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norf'k-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Motu (HiriMotu)	6	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	14	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.1%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,893	9.9%	7.4%	2,674	9.3%	
Total	29,145	100.0%	100.0%	28,700	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.