

Community report

Central Coast (C) (NSW)

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

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Central Coast (C) (NSW)

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 Central Coast (C) (NSW), accounting for 87.7% (304,010 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 14,235 people, while its share fell by 0.7 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

Central Coast (C) (NSW) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	158	0.0%	0.1%	178	0.1%	0.0%	-20	-0.1
Non-verbal, so described	194	0.1%	0.1%	227	0.1%	0.2%	-33	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Irish	20	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	22	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	304,010	87.7%	57.3%	289,775	88.4%	
German	825	0.2%	0.3%	902	0.3%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	355	0.1%	0.1%	432	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	541	0.2%	0.1%	415	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	90	0.0%	0.0%	103	0.0%	
Icelandic	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Norwegian	41	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Swedish	180	0.1%	0.1%	149	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	25	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Finnish	65	0.0%	0.0%	70	0.0%	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	637	0.2%	0.4%	653	0.2%	
Greek	765	0.2%	1.4%	737	0.2%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Catalan	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Portuguese	627	0.2%	0.5%	297	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Spanish	1,831	0.5%	1.2%	1,525	0.5%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,012	0.3%	1.0%	1,153	0.4%	
Maltese	377	0.1%	0.2%	417	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	28	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Lithuanian	28	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Hungarian	184	0.1%	0.1%	168	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	696	0.2%	0.4%	509	0.2%	
Ukrainian	47	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	33	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Bulgarian	30	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Croatian	229	0.1%	0.3%	251	0.1%	
Macedonian	47	0.0%	0.4%	38	0.0%	
Serbian	229	0.1%	0.4%	193	0.1%	
Slovene	23	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	21	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Czech	143	0.0%	0.1%	96	0.0%	
Polish	379	0.1%	0.2%	305	0.1%	
Slovak	83	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Albanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	—	—	—	—	—	
Romanian	41	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Romany	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Iranic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kurdish	11	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Pashto	17	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Balochi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dari	13	0.0%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	201	0.1%	0.5%	112	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Iranic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Arabic	740	0.2%	4.2%	554	0.2%	
Hebrew	38	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	28	0.0%	0.5%	29	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.2%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	164	0.0%	0.4%	118	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	31	0.0%	0.2%	37	0.0%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	–
Kannada	30	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Malayalam	828	0.2%	0.3%	452	0.1%	–
Tamil	196	0.1%	0.7%	134	0.0%	–
Telugu	139	0.0%	0.4%	72	0.0%	–
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Bengali	163	0.0%	0.7%	76	0.0%	–
Gujarati	145	0.0%	0.5%	76	0.0%	–
Hindi	546	0.2%	1.5%	360	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Konkani	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Marathi	62	0.0%	0.2%	47	0.0%	
Nepali	541	0.2%	1.2%	96	0.0%	
Punjabi	619	0.2%	0.8%	244	0.1%	
Sindhi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	117	0.0%	0.2%	74	0.0%	
Urdu	230	0.1%	0.8%	127	0.0%	
Assamese	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	14	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	44	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	82	0.0%	0.2%	62	0.0%	
Vietnamese	488	0.1%	2.2%	351	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lao	29	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	–
Thai	772	0.2%	0.4%	553	0.2%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	84	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	–
Cebuano	52	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	–
Ilokano	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	373	0.1%	0.6%	272	0.1%	–
Malay	67	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Tagalog	932	0.3%	0.9%	673	0.2%	–
Filipino	620	0.2%	0.5%	397	0.1%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	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	25	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	–
Cantonese	898	0.3%	2.8%	815	0.2%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mandarin	1,953	0.6%	5.0%	1,514	0.5%	–
Wu	14	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Min Nan	30	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Japanese	481	0.1%	0.3%	414	0.1%	–
Korean	881	0.3%	1.1%	638	0.2%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	77	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	12	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	46	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Tiwi	–	–	–	–	–	–
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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	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%	–	–	
Gurindji	3	0.0%	–	6	0.0%	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrente, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrente, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	41	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	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	65	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	51	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	140	0.0%	0.0%	114	0.0%	
Somali	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Swahili	34	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Yoruba	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Zulu	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Amharic	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	20	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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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	–	–	–	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	121	0.0%	0.1%	119	0.0%	
Gilbertese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	148	0.0%	0.0%	100	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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Samoan	129	0.0%	0.3%	134	0.0%	
Tongan	262	0.1%	0.2%	227	0.1%	
Rotuman	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Motu (HiriMotu)	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	15	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Invented Languages	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	30	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Auslan	299	0.1%	0.0%	234	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	17,939	5.2%	5.3%	18,748	5.7%	
Total	346,569	100.0%	100.0%	327,678	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.