

Community report

Central Highlands (R) (Qld)

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Central Highlands (R) (Qld)

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 Central Highlands (R) (Qld), accounting for 82.7% (23,022 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (83.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which decreased by 257 people and 0.5 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 Highlands (R) (Qld) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	9	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	19	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.1%	+13	+0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	15	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	+3	+0.1
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	23,022	82.7%	83.7%	23,279	83.2%	
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
German	32	0.1%	0.3%	36	0.1%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	15	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	182	0.7%	0.3%	159	0.6%	
Danish	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
French	30	0.1%	0.2%	18	0.1%	
Greek	16	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	8	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Spanish	51	0.2%	0.4%	43	0.2%	
Italian	18	0.1%	0.3%	26	0.1%	
Maltese	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lithuanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungarian	9	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian	12	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.1%	–
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Croatian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Serbian	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polish	14	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
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)	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arabic	3	0.0%	0.2%	7	0.0%	–
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	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%	4	0.0%	
Kannada	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	8	0.0%	0.2%	11	0.0%	
Tamil	19	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Telugu	15	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Gujarati	14	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Hindi	46	0.2%	0.2%	28	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	21	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.0%	
Punjabi	64	0.2%	0.3%	58	0.2%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	19	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Urdu	–	–	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Vietnamese	29	0.1%	0.2%	13	0.0%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	53	0.2%	0.2%	41	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	17	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cebuano	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	25	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Malay	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Tagalog	153	0.5%	0.3%	134	0.5%	0.3%
Filipino	113	0.4%	0.3%	125	0.4%	0.3%
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Cantonese	9	0.0%	0.2%	26	0.1%	0.2%
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Mandarin	108	0.4%	0.7%	74	0.3%	0.7%
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Japanese	17	0.1%	0.4%	9	0.0%	0.4%
Korean	34	0.1%	0.3%	30	0.1%	0.3%
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	–	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku-Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dyirbal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Girramay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Koko-Bera	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	3	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kayardild	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	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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Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudjal	–	–	–	–	–	
Yugambeh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	4	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	21	0.1%	0.0%	33	0.1%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	3	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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Igbo	–	–	0.0%	3	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	–	–	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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Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Maori (Cook Island)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	36	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	31	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Tongan	124	0.4%	0.0%	39	0.1%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	4	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	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%	–	–	–
Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	17	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	6	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,182	11.4%	7.4%	3,425	12.2%	
Total	27,843	100.0%	100.0%	27,990	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.