

# Community report

## Clarence Valley (A)

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

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**Clarence Valley (A)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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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 Clarence Valley (A), accounting for 88.8% (48,046 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,296 people, while its share fell by 1.5 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

Clarence Valley (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	16	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	17	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	0.1%	+7	0.0
Swiss, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	48,046	88.8%	86.8%	45,750	90.3%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	103	0.2%	0.2%	86	0.2%	0.2%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	57	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	35	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.0%	0.0%
Danish	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	49	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	0.1%
Greek	22	0.0%	0.2%	17	0.0%	0.0%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	28	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Spanish	64	0.1%	0.3%	58	0.1%	0.1%
Italian	48	0.1%	0.4%	33	0.1%	0.1%
Maltese	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	15	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Ukrainian	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	–	–	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.3%	4	0.0%	
Serbian	8	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	17	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	13	0.0%	0.3%	11	0.0%	–
Hebrew	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	7	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	24	0.0%	0.2%	15	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	3	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Telugu	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	10	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Hindi	27	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nepali	18	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Punjabi	116	0.2%	0.3%	48	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	7	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Urdu	17	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	33	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.1%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Thai	59	0.1%	0.2%	38	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cebuano	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	26	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Malay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	81	0.1%	0.2%	54	0.1%	
Filipino	34	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	56	0.1%	0.2%	77	0.2%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	82	0.2%	0.4%	62	0.1%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	33	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	–
Korean	–	–	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku–Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	35	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	48	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	38	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	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%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	9	0.0%	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	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	17	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoaan	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Rotuman	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	6	0.0%	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%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Auslan	26	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	4,573	8.5%	6.6%	3,838	7.6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,098</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>50,664</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.