

Community report

Cockburn (C)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Perth

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 Cockburn (C), accounting for 74% (87,418 people). This share was similar to Greater Perth (74%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 11,832 people and 1.6 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

Cockburn (C) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	80	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	0.1%	+21	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	127	0.1%	0.1%	186	0.2%	0.2%	-59	-0.1
Swiss, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Cypriot, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	47	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+44	0.0
French Creole, nfd	30	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+22	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	19	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Irish	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Welsh	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
English	87,418	74.0%	74.0%	75,586	72.4%	72.4%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	504	0.4%	0.3%	427	0.4%	0.4%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	167	0.1%	0.2%	176	0.2%	0.2%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	563	0.5%	0.6%	489	0.5%	0.5%
Danish	38	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	65	0.1%	0.0%	42	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	21	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	28	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%
French	529	0.4%	0.4%	393	0.4%	0.4%
Greek	105	0.1%	0.2%	90	0.1%	0.1%
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	1,469	1.2%	0.4%	1,447	1.4%	1.4%
Spanish	1,048	0.9%	0.6%	893	0.9%	0.9%
Italian	2,354	2.0%	1.1%	2,485	2.4%	2.4%
Maltese	18	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	0.0%
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Southern European Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Latvian	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Lithuanian	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hungarian	56	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	274	0.2%	0.2%	221	0.2%	
Ukrainian	9	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	141	0.1%	0.1%	121	0.1%	
Bulgarian	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Croatian	1,382	1.2%	0.2%	1,453	1.4%	
Macedonian	35	0.0%	0.3%	39	0.0%	
Serbian	833	0.7%	0.3%	720	0.7%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	82	0.1%	0.0%	91	0.1%	
Czech	78	0.1%	0.0%	61	0.1%	
Polish	326	0.3%	0.2%	291	0.3%	
Slovak	54	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Albanian	16	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Romanian	79	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	20	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Pashto	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	30	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	449	0.4%	0.3%	309	0.3%	–
Hazaraghi	4	0.0%	0.2%	11	0.0%	–
Arabic	411	0.3%	0.7%	385	0.4%	–
Hebrew	18	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	59	0.0%	0.1%	60	0.1%	–
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Kannada	42	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Malayalam	591	0.5%	0.4%	418	0.4%	
Tamil	301	0.3%	0.4%	229	0.2%	
Telugu	206	0.2%	0.1%	122	0.1%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	221	0.2%	0.2%	169	0.2%	
Gujarati	329	0.3%	0.5%	252	0.2%	
Hindi	476	0.4%	0.5%	355	0.3%	
Konkani	24	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Marathi	68	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.0%	
Nepali	188	0.2%	0.2%	92	0.1%	
Punjabi	418	0.4%	0.9%	315	0.3%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sinhalese	275	0.2%	0.3%	215	0.2%	
Urdu	313	0.3%	0.4%	153	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	12	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	25	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	84	0.1%	0.2%	57	0.1%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	4	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	15	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	346	0.3%	1.0%	259	0.2%	–
Mon	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Thai	320	0.3%	0.3%	264	0.3%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	33	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Bisaya	96	0.1%	0.0%	56	0.1%	–
Cebuano	55	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.1%	–
Ilokano	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Indonesian	704	0.6%	0.5%	608	0.6%	–
Malay	162	0.1%	0.2%	130	0.1%	–
Tetum	18	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Timorese	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Tagalog	1,433	1.2%	0.7%	1,351	1.3%	
Filipino	940	0.8%	0.5%	764	0.7%	
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Balinese	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Chinese, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.1%	
Cantonese	887	0.8%	0.9%	800	0.8%	
Hakka	27	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Mandarin	3,129	2.6%	2.3%	2,834	2.7%	
Wu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Min Nan	92	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.1%	
Chinese, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Japanese	303	0.3%	0.3%	250	0.2%	
Korean	458	0.4%	0.3%	418	0.4%	
Tibetan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mongolian	19	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Tiwi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Walmajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatja	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worrorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kariyarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mangala	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarluma	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyangumarta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	61	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yinhawangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
African Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Acholi	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Akan	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	19	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	199	0.2%	0.1%	166	0.2%	–
Somali	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Swahili	125	0.1%	0.1%	91	0.1%	–
Yoruba	36	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Zulu	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Amharic	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Bemba	18	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	11	0.0%	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kikuyu	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Krio	10	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	23	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Nuer	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	33	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mandinka	16	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
African Languages, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	126	0.1%	0.1%	105	0.1%	–
Niue	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Samoan	39	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	–
Tongan	76	0.1%	0.0%	72	0.1%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
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)	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Sign Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Auslan	127	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	5,178	4.4%	5.1%	6,424	6.2%	–
Total	118,090	100.0%	100.0%	104,437	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.