

Community report

Coffs Harbour (C)

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

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Coffs Harbour (C)

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 Coffs Harbour (C), accounting for 84.8% (66,787 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 4,533 people, while its share fell by 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

Coffs Harbour (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	89	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	0.0%	+51	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	46	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	0.1%	-16	0.0
Swiss, so described	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Irish	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Welsh	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	66,787	84.8%	86.8%	62,254	85.4%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	281	0.4%	0.2%	322	0.4%	0.2%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	90	0.1%	0.1%	106	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	98	0.1%	0.1%	57	0.1%	0.1%
Danish	20	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Norwegian	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	10	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	160	0.2%	0.1%	159	0.2%	0.1%
Greek	53	0.1%	0.2%	64	0.1%	0.2%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	42	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.0%	0.1%
Spanish	245	0.3%	0.3%	211	0.3%	0.3%
Italian	161	0.2%	0.4%	202	0.3%	0.4%
Maltese	11	0.0%	0.0%	22	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	28	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Russian	37	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Ukrainian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bulgarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	14	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Macedonian	6	0.0%	0.3%	11	0.0%	
Serbian	5	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Czech	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Polish	43	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	
Slovak	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	14	0.0%	0.0%	13	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	367	0.5%	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Dari	35	0.0%	0.0%	104	0.1%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	11	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	32	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.1%	–
Arabic	190	0.2%	0.3%	151	0.2%	–
Hebrew	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	14	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Kannada	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	60	0.1%	0.2%	38	0.1%	–

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Tamil	21	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Telugu	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bengali	6	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Gujarati	17	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Hindi	82	0.1%	0.1%	82	0.1%	
Konkani	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nepali	92	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.0%	
Punjabi	1,808	2.3%	0.3%	1,282	1.8%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sinhalese	24	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Urdu	16	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	43	0.1%	0.0%	23	0.0%	

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Burmese	188	0.2%	0.0%	105	0.1%	
Chin Haka	207	0.3%	0.0%	132	0.2%	
Karen	84	0.1%	0.0%	50	0.1%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	70	0.1%	0.0%	48	0.1%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	63	0.1%	0.0%	56	0.1%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Vietnamese	89	0.1%	0.2%	61	0.1%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	119	0.2%	0.2%	101	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Cebuano	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	43	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.0%	
Malay	115	0.1%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	134	0.2%	0.2%	104	0.1%	
Filipino	87	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bikol	–	–	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Cantonese	103	0.1%	0.2%	101	0.1%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mandarin	365	0.5%	0.4%	230	0.3%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	19	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Japanese	149	0.2%	0.1%	91	0.1%	
Korean	56	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	10	0.0%	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)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	127	0.2%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Kanai	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	27	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	82	0.1%	0.0%	89	0.1%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	35	0.0%	0.0%	104	0.1%	
Ewe	25	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	35	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.1%	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anuak	34	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	29	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.1%	
Krahn	–	–	–	10	0.0%	
Liberian (Liberian English)	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	19	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoaan	14	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	84	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	65	0.1%	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)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	80	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	4,740	6.0%	6.6%	5,235	7.2%	
Total	78,727	100.0%	100.0%	72,923	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.