

Community report

Darebin (C)

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COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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 Darebin (C), accounting for 63.4% (94,119 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 11,499 people and 7.1 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

Darebin (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	120	0.1%	0.1%	165	0.1%	0.1%	-45	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	160	0.1%	0.1%	303	0.2%	0.2%	-143	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Creole, nfd	32	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+25	0.0
French Creole, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Irish	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
English	94,119	63.4%	61.1%	82,620	56.3%	
German	527	0.4%	0.3%	459	0.3%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	128	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	59	0.0%	0.1%	55	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Danish	32	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norwegian	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Swedish	90	0.1%	0.0%	67	0.0%	
Estonian	12	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Finnish	28	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
French	533	0.4%	0.3%	590	0.4%	
Greek	8,510	5.7%	2.1%	9,303	6.3%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Portuguese	348	0.2%	0.2%	262	0.2%	
Spanish	1,475	1.0%	0.8%	1,180	0.8%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	7,806	5.3%	1.7%	9,708	6.6%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	215	0.1%	0.3%	269	0.2%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Latvian	23	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Lithuanian	15	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Hungarian	51	0.0%	0.1%	71	0.0%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Russian	114	0.1%	0.4%	126	0.1%	
Ukrainian	36	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	83	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	
Bulgarian	28	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Croatian	442	0.3%	0.3%	512	0.3%	
Macedonian	1,971	1.3%	0.6%	2,169	1.5%	
Serbian	342	0.2%	0.3%	337	0.2%	
Slovene	30	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	27	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Czech	39	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Polish	184	0.1%	0.3%	204	0.1%	
Slovak	20	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	275	0.2%	0.1%	260	0.2%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	44	0.0%	0.1%	49	0.0%	–
Romany	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kurdish	64	0.0%	0.0%	124	0.1%	–
Pashto	80	0.1%	0.1%	79	0.1%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Dari	13	0.0%	0.2%	34	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	357	0.2%	0.4%	502	0.3%	–
Hazaraghi	14	0.0%	0.4%	27	0.0%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	3,634	2.4%	1.8%	4,452	3.0%	–
Hebrew	43	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	106	0.1%	0.2%	110	0.1%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	22	0.0%	0.2%	19	0.0%	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	424	0.3%	0.7%	374	0.3%	–
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	22	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Georgian	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.1%	–
Kannada	33	0.0%	0.1%	58	0.0%	–
Malayalam	243	0.2%	0.4%	258	0.2%	–
Tamil	461	0.3%	0.7%	517	0.4%	–
Telugu	509	0.3%	0.5%	403	0.3%	–
Tulu	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bengali	310	0.2%	0.3%	418	0.3%	–
Gujarati	246	0.2%	0.5%	386	0.3%	–
Hindi	1,063	0.7%	1.3%	1,591	1.1%	–
Konkani	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Marathi	113	0.1%	0.1%	82	0.1%	–
Nepali	1,071	0.7%	0.4%	919	0.6%	–
Punjabi	766	0.5%	2.0%	1,300	0.9%	–
Sindhi	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Sinhalese	507	0.3%	1.0%	495	0.3%	–
Urdu	666	0.4%	0.7%	740	0.5%	–

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Assamese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Dhivehi	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Oriya	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Fijian Hindustani	20	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	14	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	22	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	82	0.1%	0.3%	68	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	3,067	2.1%	2.3%	3,404	2.3%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	21	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Thai	308	0.2%	0.3%	365	0.2%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	24	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	—
Cebuano	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Ilokano	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	276	0.2%	0.3%	297	0.2%	—
Malay	103	0.1%	0.1%	128	0.1%	—
Tetum	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Tagalog	417	0.3%	0.5%	420	0.3%	—
Filipino	309	0.2%	0.4%	302	0.2%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pampangan	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	48	0.0%	0.1%	223	0.2%	—
Cantonese	1,636	1.1%	1.6%	1,770	1.2%	—
Hakka	55	0.0%	0.1%	75	0.1%	—
Mandarin	4,603	3.1%	4.3%	5,346	3.6%	—

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Wu	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Min Nan	110	0.1%	0.1%	97	0.1%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	460	0.3%	0.2%	410	0.3%	
Korean	175	0.1%	0.3%	172	0.1%	
Tibetan	3	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Mongolian	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yorta Yorta	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yugambah	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	19	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	16	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	–
Oromo	54	0.0%	0.1%	70	0.0%	–
Shona	47	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–
Somali	627	0.4%	0.2%	573	0.4%	–
Swahili	65	0.0%	0.1%	69	0.0%	–
Yoruba	15	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Zulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	23	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	–
Bemba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	5	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ga	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Harari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hausa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Igbo	20	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	—
Kikuyu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Krio	5	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	—
Luganda	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Luo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ndebele	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Nuer	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyanja (Chichewa)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Shilluk	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tigre	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tigrinya	18	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	—
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Xhosa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Seychelles Creole	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Anuak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bassa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dan (Gio-Dan)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fulfulde	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Kirundi (Rundi)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	16	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	12	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	51	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	77	0.1%	0.3%	84	0.1%	–
Tongan	20	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	139	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	6,448	4.3%	4.8%	9,762	6.7%	–
Total	148,540	100.0%	100.0%	146,672	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.