

Community report

Darwin Waterfront Precinct

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

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Darwin Waterfront Precinct

COMPARISON

Greater Darwin

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 Darwin Waterfront Precinct, accounting for 72.2% (200 people). This share was higher than Greater Darwin (66.7%).

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

Darwin Waterfront Precinct - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Non-verbal, so described	4	1.4%	0.1%	–	–	0.2%	–	–
Swiss, so described	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
English	200	72.2%	66.7%	–	–	67.9%	–	–
German	–	–	0.3%	–	–	0.4%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater D
Dutch	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	3	1.1%	0.2%	–	–	–
Danish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Greek	–	–	2.3%	–	–	–
Portuguese	5	1.8%	0.4%	–	–	–
Spanish	–	–	0.4%	–	–	–
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Italian	–	–	0.4%	–	–	–
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latin	–	–	–	–	–	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Croatian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater D
Serbian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	–	–	0.8%	–	–	–
Tamil	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Telugu	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater D
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Hindi	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Nepali	–	–	1.9%	–	–	
Punjabi	–	–	0.8%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	–	–	0.6%	–	–	
Urdu	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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Vietnamese	–	–	0.9%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	3	1.1%	0.6%	–	–	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Bisaya	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Cebuano	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	–	–	0.8%	–	–	–
Malay	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Tetum	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	–	–	1.8%	–	–	–
Filipino	3	1.1%	1.3%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	5	1.8%	0.5%	–	–	–
Hakka	–	–	0.4%	–	–	–

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Mandarin	18	6.5%	1.5%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	9	3.2%	0.1%	–	–	–
Korean	7	2.5%	0.2%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngan'ikurunggurr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nunggubuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Iwaidja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jingulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Larrakiya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malak Malak	–	–	–	–	–	–
Maringarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndjebbana (Gunavidji)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gundjeihmi	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Kune	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kunwinjku	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarran, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Galpu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Djambarrpuyngu	4	1.4%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gupapuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ganalbingu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Koko-Bera	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	–	–	–	–
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bilinarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gurindji Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarinyman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kaytetye	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	–	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ewe	–	–	–	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	–	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kiwai	–	–	–	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater D
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	16	5.8%	9.8%	–	–	
Total	277	100.0%	100.0%	–	–	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.