

Community report

Derby-West Kimberley (S)

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

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Derby-West Kimberley (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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 Derby–West Kimberley (S), accounting for 44.4% (3,128 people). This share was lower than Regional WA (80.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which decreased by 615 people and 4.2 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

Derby-West Kimberley (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	3	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.1%	0.0%	-3	-0.1
Non-verbal, so described	5	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	0.1%	-3	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
English	3,128	44.4%	80.9%	3,743	48.6%	81.7%	-615	-4.2
German	—	—	0.3%	18	0.2%	0.3%	—	—
Letzeburgish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Dutch	–	–	0.1%	11	0.1%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	4	0.1%	0.5%	3	0.0%	–
Danish	–	–	0.0%	4	0.1%	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	6	0.1%	0.2%	7	0.1%	–
Greek	5	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Spanish	16	0.2%	0.2%	6	0.1%	–
Italian	10	0.1%	0.4%	12	0.2%	–
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lithuanian	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Russian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Croatian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polish	–	–	0.1%	4	0.1%	–
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Arabic	–	–	0.1%	9	0.1%	–
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Mandaeen (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	30	0.4%	0.1%	37	0.5%	–
Tamil	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	4	0.1%	–
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	13	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gujarati	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Hindi	9	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	–
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Punjabi	5	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	6	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.2%	–
Urdu	4	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Assamese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Vietnamese	–	–	0.2%	4	0.1%	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	12	0.2%	0.2%	4	0.1%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Malay	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	16	0.2%	0.5%	14	0.2%	–
Filipino	5	0.1%	0.4%	16	0.2%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	6	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	–
Hakka	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mandarin	15	0.2%	0.4%	8	0.1%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.1%	–
Japanese	3	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.1%	–
Korean	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.1%	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	49	0.7%	0.1%	247	3.2%	–
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Wardaman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kunwinjku	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djapu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Ngathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bilinarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	21	0.3%	0.1%	10	0.1%	–
Ngardi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarinyman	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	–
Walmajarri	220	3.1%	0.1%	227	2.9%	–
Warlpiri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	4	0.1%	–
Western Desert Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kartujarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Kukatja	7	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.2%	0.1%
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.1%
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Pintupi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wangkajunga	6	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.2%	0.0%
Wangkatha	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Warnman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yulparija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	11	0.2%	0.0%	21	0.3%	0.0%
Bunuba	129	1.8%	0.0%	30	0.4%	0.0%
Gooniyandi	63	0.9%	0.0%	45	0.6%	0.0%
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarinyin	39	0.6%	0.0%	26	0.3%	0.0%
Nyikina	21	0.3%	0.0%	48	0.6%	0.0%
Worrorra	5	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.1%	0.0%
Wunambal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	7	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	22	0.3%	0.0%	9	0.1%	0.0%
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	36	0.5%	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kariyarra	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurna	–	–	–	7	0.1%	–
Kriol	1,469	20.9%	0.4%	1,964	25.5%	–
Mangala	4	0.1%	0.0%	31	0.4%	–
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarluma	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyangumarta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	10	0.1%	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Yinhawangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	11	0.2%	0.0%	12	0.2%	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	8	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	15	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	11	0.2%	0.0%	4	0.1%	–
Gilbertese	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	10	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tongan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norf'k–Pitcairn	–	–	–	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
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%	3	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	1,541	21.9%	10.5%	945	12.3%	10.5%
Total	7,039	100.0%	100.0%	7,702	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.