

Community report

Dubbo Regional

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

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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 Dubbo Regional, accounting for 82.2% (45,188 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (86.8%).

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

Dubbo Regional - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	27	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Non-verbal, so described	37	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	45,188	82.2%	86.8%	–	–	8
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	44	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	27	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	49	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Danish	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	29	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Greek	36	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	19	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Spanish	97	0.2%	0.3%	–	–	–
Italian	50	0.1%	0.4%	–	–	–
Maltese	9	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	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	19	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Macedonian	9	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	22	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	22	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	96	0.2%	0.3%	–	–	–
Hebrew	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	212	0.4%	0.2%	–	–	–

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Tamil	84	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Telugu	54	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	158	0.3%	0.1%	–	–	
Gujarati	86	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Hindi	153	0.3%	0.1%	–	–	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	767	1.4%	0.2%	–	–	
Punjabi	358	0.7%	0.3%	–	–	
Sindhi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	123	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Urdu	182	0.3%	0.1%	–	–	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	66	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	51	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	14	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Malay	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	162	0.3%	0.2%	–	–	
Filipino	139	0.3%	0.1%	–	–	

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Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	110	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	171	0.3%	0.4%	–	–	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	18	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Korean	56	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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

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Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	30	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	100	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	98	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	38	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk–Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
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%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	32	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	5,582	10.2%	6.6%	–	–	
Total	54,940	100.0%	100.0%	–	–	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.