

Community report

East Arnhem (R)

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COMPARISON

Regional NT

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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, Djambarrpuyngu was the most common language used at home among residents in East Arnhem (R), accounting for 42.7% (3,743 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (4.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Yolngu Matha, nfd, which increased by 1,059 people and 12.2 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

East Arnhem (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	5	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.1%	+2	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	3	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.2%	0.1%	-13	-0.2
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	9	0.1%	0.2%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	9	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.1%	0.1%	+4	0.0
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
English	504	5.8%	43.0%	434	4.8%	42.8%	+70	+1.0
German	9	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	0.3%	+6	+0.1
Dutch	8	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.1%	+5	+0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Afrikaans	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Danish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
French	4	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Greek	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Portuguese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Spanish	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Maltese	–	–	–	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	–	–	–	
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	7	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Polish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	6	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	–	–	0.6%	–	–	
Tamil	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Telugu	5	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Hindi	3	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Punjabi	–	–	0.5%	4	0.0%	
Sinhalese	–	–	0.2%	5	0.1%	
Urdu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	–	–	0.3%	3	0.0%	
Thai	–	–	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Cebuano	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	–	–	–	
Indonesian	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Malay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	3	0.0%	0.6%	–	–	
Filipino	3	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	8	0.1%	0.5%	–	–	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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Korean	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	172	2.0%	0.6%	334	3.7%	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anindilyakwa	1,380	15.8%	1.6%	1,333	14.8%	
Maung	3	0.0%	0.4%	–	–	
Ngan'gikurrunggurr	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Nunggubuyu	3	0.0%	0.3%	9	0.1%	
Rembarrnga	15	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Tiwi	3	0.0%	2.1%	–	–	
Dalabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iwaidja	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Jaminjung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jingulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kunbarlang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malak Malak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangarrayi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maringarr	–	–	–	–	–	
Marra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Murrinh Patha	–	–	2.3%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ndjebbana (Gunavidji)	–	–	0.4%	3	0.0%	
Ngaliwurru	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Nungali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wambaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wardaman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ngandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	–	–	–	
Wagiman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gundjeihmi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kune	4	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Kuninjku	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Kunwinjku	–	–	1.6%	–	–	
Mayali	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Burarran, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	18	0.2%	1.3%	23	0.3%	
Gun-nartpa	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gurr-goni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	1,488	17.0%	1.8%	429	4.8%	

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Dhangu, nfd	7	0.1%	0.0%	43	0.5%	
Galpu	85	1.0%	0.1%	87	1.0%	
Golumala	6	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Wangurri	19	0.2%	0.0%	59	0.7%	
Dhangu, nec	–	–	–	5	0.1%	
Dhay'yi, nfd	–	–	–	21	0.2%	
Dhalwangu	13	0.1%	0.0%	58	0.6%	
Dhuwal, nfd	39	0.4%	0.0%	262	2.9%	
Djambarrpuyngu	3,743	42.7%	4.3%	4,166	46.2%	
Djapu	21	0.2%	0.0%	49	0.5%	
Daatiwuy	14	0.2%	0.0%	32	0.4%	
Marrangu	–	–	–	5	0.1%	
Liyagalawumirr	12	0.1%	0.0%	48	0.5%	
Liyagawumirr	–	–	–	12	0.1%	
Dhuwal, nec	18	0.2%	0.0%	27	0.3%	
Dhuwala, nfd	36	0.4%	0.0%	127	1.4%	
Gumatj	94	1.1%	0.1%	112	1.2%	
Gupapuyngu	80	0.9%	0.1%	133	1.5%	
Guyamirrilili	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Wubulkarra	–	–	–	17	0.2%	
Djinang, nfd	17	0.2%	0.1%	41	0.5%	
Wurlaki	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djinang, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.1%	
Djinba, nfd	–	–	–	16	0.2%	

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Ganalbingu	26	0.3%	0.0%	54	0.6%	
Djinba	15	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	
Manyjalpingu	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Ritharrngu	–	–	0.0%	17	0.2%	
Wagilak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nhangu, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dhuwaya	142	1.6%	0.2%	336	3.7%	
Madarrpa	6	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Warramiri	19	0.2%	0.0%	16	0.2%	
Rirratjingu	9	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.2%	
Other Yolngu Matha, nec	14	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	–	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	9	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Bilinarra	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	0.6%	6	0.1%	
Gurindji Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malngin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mudburra	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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Ngarinyman	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Walmajarri	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlmanpa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	2.7%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Arandic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Alyawarr	–	–	2.1%	–	–	
Kaytetye	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Central Anmatyerr	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Eastern Anmatyerr	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	1.4%	7	0.1%	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	1.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Kukatja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	13	0.1%	1.4%	–	–	
Martu Wangka	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pintupi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	3	0.0%	1.1%	3	0.0%	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarinyin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	14	0.2%	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	–	–	–	
Kriol	49	0.6%	5.4%	38	0.4%	
Lardil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Narungga	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	6	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	–	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	–	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	44	0.5%	0.1%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	–	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	5	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	–	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	18	0.2%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	9	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Samoan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tongan	14	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

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Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norf'k–Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	6	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	469	5.4%	10.1%	527	5.8%	1
Total	8,759	100.0%	100.0%	9,016	100.0%	10

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.