

Community report

East Gippsland (S)

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

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East Gippsland (S)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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 East Gippsland (S), accounting for 88.5% (43,084 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (86.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 3,527 people and 0.6 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 Gippsland (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	40	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	0.1%	+12	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	10	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.1%	-8	0.0
Swiss, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
English	43,084	88.5%	86.4%	39,557	87.9%	8
German	130	0.3%	0.2%	162	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	47	0.1%	0.1%	69	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	56	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.1%	
Danish	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
French	62	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Greek	70	0.1%	0.2%	63	0.1%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Spanish	53	0.1%	0.2%	49	0.1%	
Italian	181	0.4%	0.5%	223	0.5%	
Maltese	13	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	16	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	10	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Ukrainian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	4	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Macedonian	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Serbian	8	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Slovene	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czech	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Polish	35	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.1%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	–	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romany	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	–	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	11	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Arabic	31	0.1%	0.2%	14	0.0%	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	6	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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	23	0.0%	0.2%	24	0.1%	
Tamil	41	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Telugu	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Bengali	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gujarati	12	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Hindi	24	0.0%	0.2%	37	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	18	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Punjabi	89	0.2%	0.5%	29	0.1%	
Sindhi	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	16	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Urdu	19	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	114	0.2%	0.2%	77	0.2%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	71	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	13	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Malay	26	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Tetum	38	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	93	0.2%	0.2%	61	0.1%	
Filipino	92	0.2%	0.2%	52	0.1%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cantonese	29	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Hakka	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mandarin	153	0.3%	0.6%	135	0.3%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	11	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Korean	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mongolian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dalabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	–	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Warlpiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	5	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tongan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	40	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,664	7.5%	6.5%	3,895	8.7%	
Total	48,656	100.0%	100.0%	45,005	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.