

Community report

East Pilbara (S)

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East Pilbara (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

POPULATION

Persons

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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 Pilbara (S), accounting for 55.2% (5,386 people). This share was lower than Regional WA (80.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which decreased by 1,227 people and 7.5 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 Pilbara (S) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	8	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	7	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%	-5	0.0
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	8	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
English	5,386	55.2%	80.9%	6,613	62.7%	81.7%	-1,227	-7.5
German	10	0.1%	0.3%	13	0.1%	0.3%	-3	0.0
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Dutch	5	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	42	0.4%	0.5%	38	0.4%	0.4%
Danish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	9	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
French	37	0.4%	0.2%	17	0.2%	0.2%
Greek	3	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.1%	0.1%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	13	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Spanish	51	0.5%	0.2%	31	0.3%	0.3%
Italian	17	0.2%	0.4%	11	0.1%	0.1%
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungarian	8	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Russian	5	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	0.1%
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Croatian	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.1%
Macedonian	9	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	0.1%
Serbian	9	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	0.1%
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Polish	7	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	0.1%
Slovak	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	10	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Hazaraghi	5	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Arabic	18	0.2%	0.1%	14	0.1%	0.1%
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Mandaeen (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	9	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Tamil	9	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	–
Telugu	7	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.1%	–
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Gujarati	8	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	–
Hindi	13	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	–
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	6	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.1%	–
Nepali	5	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Punjabi	26	0.3%	0.1%	6	0.1%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	10	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Urdu	13	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Assamese	–	–	–	4	0.0%	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–

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Fijian Hindustani	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Indo-Aryan, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Southern Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burmese	9	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Karen	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Rohingya	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Khmer	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Vietnamese	11	0.1%	0.2%	13	0.1%	—
Lao	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Thai	59	0.6%	0.2%	56	0.5%	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	10	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	12	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Cebuano	5	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	33	0.3%	0.1%	24	0.2%	—
Malay	3	0.0%	0.2%	14	0.1%	—
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	106	1.1%	0.5%	107	1.0%	—
Filipino	87	0.9%	0.4%	56	0.5%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	7	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	–
Hakka	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mandarin	54	0.6%	0.4%	30	0.3%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	7	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	–
Korean	6	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	23	0.2%	0.1%	74	0.7%	–
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marra	16	0.2%	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)	7	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.1%	–
Bilinarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ngardi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarinyman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Walmajarri	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Western Desert Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kartujarra	–	–	–	18	0.2%	–
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Kukatja	3	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.2%	0.1%
Luritja	6	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.2%	0.1%
Manyjilyjarra	53	0.5%	0.0%	287	2.7%	0.1%
Martu Wangka	582	6.0%	0.1%	507	4.8%	0.1%
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.2%	–	–	0.1%
Pintupi	153	1.6%	0.0%	59	0.6%	0.1%
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Wangkajunga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Wangkatha	14	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	0.0%
Warnman	9	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.0%
Yulparija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Ngarinyin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Worrorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Wunambal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

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Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kariyarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurna	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kriol	3	0.0%	0.4%	–	–	–
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarluma	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nyamal	8	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyangumarta	90	0.9%	0.0%	92	0.9%	–
Nyungar	8	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	–
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Yinhawangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
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	6	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	40	0.4%	0.1%	44	0.4%	–
Somali	8	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	9	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	6	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Amharic	9	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bemba	13	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.1%	–
Dinka	7	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	9	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	4	0.0%	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Fulfulde	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	45	0.5%	0.1%	31	0.3%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	12	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.2%	–
Tongan	22	0.2%	0.1%	16	0.2%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	4	0.0%	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%	3	0.0%	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	8	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.2%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	2,326	23.9%	10.5%	2,003	19.0%	10.5%
Total	9,752	100.0%	100.0%	10,552	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.