

Community report

Esperance (S)

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Esperance (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 Esperance (S), accounting for 85.1% (11,815 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (80.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which decreased by 339 people and 0.3 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

Esperance (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	9	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	3	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.1%	0.1%	-7	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
English	11,815	85.1%	80.9%	12,154	85.4%	81.7%	-339	-0.3
German	49	0.4%	0.3%	48	0.3%	0.3%	+1	+0.1
Letzeburgish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Dutch	12	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Afrikaans	111	0.8%	0.5%	101	0.7%	0.5%
Danish	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Norwegian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Swedish	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Estonian	11	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Finnish	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
French	25	0.2%	0.2%	24	0.2%	0.2%
Greek	5	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Catalan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Portuguese	15	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	0.0%
Spanish	20	0.1%	0.2%	—	—	0.0%
Italian	20	0.1%	0.4%	26	0.2%	0.2%
Maltese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Latin	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Other Southern European Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Eastern European Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%
Latvian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Lithuanian	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Hungarian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Belorussian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Russian	8	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.0%
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	3	0.0%	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)	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Hazaraghi	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Arabic	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Hebrew	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uzbek	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Armenian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kannada	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Malayalam	4	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Tamil	5	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	—
Telugu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indo-Aryan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bengali	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Gujarati	3	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	—
Hindi	5	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	—
Konkani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Marathi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nepali	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Punjabi	5	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.1%	—
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sinhalese	26	0.2%	0.1%	9	0.1%	—
Urdu	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Assamese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dhivehi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
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	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Vietnamese	20	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.0%	—
Lao	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Thai	34	0.2%	0.2%	24	0.2%	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Cebuano	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	10	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	—
Malay	—	—	0.2%	—	—	—
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	16	0.1%	0.5%	17	0.1%	—
Filipino	43	0.3%	0.4%	16	0.1%	—
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	13	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	—
Hakka	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mandarin	16	0.1%	0.4%	35	0.2%	—
Wu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Min Nan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Japanese	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Korean	—	—	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Tibetan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mongolian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	—
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	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Ngardi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ngarinyman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Walmajarri	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Warlpiri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Arrernte, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Western Desert Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kartujarra	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kukatha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Kukatja	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Luritja	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Manyjilyjarra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Martu Wangka	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Ngaanyatjarra	—	—	0.2%	—	—	—
Pintupi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pitjantjatjara	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wangkajunga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wangkatha	5	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Warnman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yankunytjatjara	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yulparija	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tjupany	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bardi	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Bunuba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gooniyandi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Miriwoong	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngarinyin	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyikina	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Worrorra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wunambal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yawuru	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kija	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Banyjima	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gamilaraay	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Karajarri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kariyarra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kurna	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kriol	4	0.0%	0.4%	—	—	—
Mangala	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Muruwari	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ngarluma	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngarrindjeri	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nyamal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyangumarta	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyungar	17	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wajarri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wiradjuri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yindjibarndi	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Yinhawangka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Badimaya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dharawal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngatjumaya	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Aboriginal English, so described	—	—	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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mauritian Creole	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Oromo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Shona	8	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	—
Somali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Swahili	3	0.0%	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Xhosa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Seychelles Creole	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fulfulde	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kirundi (Rundi)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Madi	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
African Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Fijian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gilbertese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori (Cook Island)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori (New Zealand)	11	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	—
Niue	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Samoan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tongan	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Rotuman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tuvaluan	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bislama	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Norfolk-Pitcairn	—	—	—	—	—	—
Solomon Islands Pijin	—	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	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)	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sign Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Auslan	12	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Key Word Sign Australia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Not stated	1,449	10.4%	10.5%	1,604	11.3%	11.3%
Total	13,882	100.0%	100.0%	14,228	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.