

# Community report

## Fairfield (C)

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

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**Fairfield (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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 Fairfield (C), accounting for 23.4% (48,753 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Arabic, which increased by 3,721 people and 1.4 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

Fairfield (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	158	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.0%	0.0%	+60	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	340	0.2%	0.1%	510	0.3%	0.2%	-170	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+13	0.0
French Creole, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	48,753	23.4%	57.3%	49,350	24.8%	57.3%
German	151	0.1%	0.3%	277	0.1%	–
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	31	0.0%	0.1%	49	0.0%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	3	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Danish	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Swedish	7	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Estonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Finnish	14	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	226	0.1%	0.4%	264	0.1%	–
Greek	893	0.4%	1.4%	1,074	0.5%	–
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	198	0.1%	0.5%	250	0.1%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Spanish	4,832	2.3%	1.2%	6,218	3.1%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	3,931	1.9%	1.0%	5,169	2.6%	
Maltese	752	0.4%	0.2%	907	0.5%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Hungarian	100	0.0%	0.1%	131	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Russian	258	0.1%	0.4%	417	0.2%	
Ukrainian	50	0.0%	0.0%	108	0.1%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	437	0.2%	0.1%	437	0.2%	
Bulgarian	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Croatian	2,360	1.1%	0.3%	2,672	1.3%	
Macedonian	1,113	0.5%	0.4%	1,218	0.6%	
Serbian	3,343	1.6%	0.4%	3,701	1.9%	
Slovene	76	0.0%	0.0%	97	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	104	0.0%	0.0%	161	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Czech	31	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
Polish	449	0.2%	0.2%	597	0.3%	
Slovak	21	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Albanian	36	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	—	—	—	—	—	
Romanian	47	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Romany	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Iranic, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Kurdish	187	0.1%	0.1%	177	0.1%	
Pashto	59	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Balochi	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dari	216	0.1%	0.2%	215	0.1%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	486	0.2%	0.5%	652	0.3%	
Hazaraghi	334	0.2%	0.1%	132	0.1%	
Iranic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Arabic	19,334	9.3%	4.2%	15,613	7.9%	
Hebrew	3	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	16,305	7.8%	0.5%	13,366	6.7%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	8,437	4.0%	0.2%	6,629	3.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Mandaean (Mandaic)	21	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	1,064	0.5%	0.4%	1,118	0.6%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	28	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Uygur	48	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	813	0.4%	0.2%	715	0.4%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	35	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Kannada	5	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Malayalam	68	0.0%	0.3%	96	0.0%	
Tamil	117	0.1%	0.7%	152	0.1%	
Telugu	34	0.0%	0.4%	33	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Bengali	110	0.1%	0.7%	89	0.0%	
Gujarati	43	0.0%	0.5%	37	0.0%	
Hindi	1,095	0.5%	1.5%	1,325	0.7%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	53	0.0%	0.2%	49	0.0%	–
Nepali	102	0.0%	1.2%	80	0.0%	–
Punjabi	154	0.1%	0.8%	168	0.1%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	48	0.0%	0.2%	38	0.0%	–
Urdu	376	0.2%	0.8%	358	0.2%	–
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Hindustani	78	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	117	0.1%	0.1%	153	0.1%	–
Chin Haka	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Karen	287	0.1%	0.0%	361	0.2%	–
Rohingya	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Hmong	23	0.0%	0.0%	83	0.0%	–
Khmer	6,891	3.3%	0.2%	7,130	3.6%	–
Vietnamese	43,936	21.1%	2.2%	40,491	20.4%	–

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Mon	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	1,698	0.8%	0.1%	1,928	1.0%	
Thai	1,117	0.5%	0.4%	1,008	0.5%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	38	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Cebuano	34	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Ilokano	22	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Indonesian	332	0.2%	0.6%	369	0.2%	
Malay	51	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Tetum	82	0.0%	0.0%	97	0.0%	
Timorese	27	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Tagalog	1,223	0.6%	0.9%	1,340	0.7%	
Filipino	588	0.3%	0.5%	629	0.3%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Chinese, nfd	290	0.1%	0.1%	399	0.2%	—
Cantonese	7,668	3.7%	2.8%	8,598	4.3%	—
Hakka	413	0.2%	0.0%	443	0.2%	—
Mandarin	4,701	2.3%	5.0%	5,064	2.5%	—
Wu	14	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	—
Min Nan	2,319	1.1%	0.1%	2,342	1.2%	—
Chinese, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Japanese	59	0.0%	0.3%	76	0.0%	—
Korean	135	0.1%	1.1%	108	0.1%	—
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tibetan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mongolian	6	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tiwi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jawoyn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yolngu Matha, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kuku Yalanji	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Guugu Yimidhirr	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wik Mungkan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Kaurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
African Languages, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Akan	68	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	7	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	14	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Somali	36	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Swahili	117	0.1%	0.0%	103	0.1%	
Yoruba	33	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	26	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dinka	57	0.0%	0.0%	103	0.1%	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	45	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	23	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	5	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Fulfulde	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	9	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	291	0.1%	0.1%	251	0.1%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	43	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	57	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	–
Nauruan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Samoaan	1,554	0.7%	0.3%	1,930	1.0%	
Tongan	910	0.4%	0.2%	872	0.4%	
Rotuman	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tokelauan	4	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bislama	–	–	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)	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Auslan	40	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	14,421	6.9%	5.3%	8,742	4.4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>208,451</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>198,752</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.