

Community report

Frankston (C)

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COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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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 Frankston (C), accounting for 83.6% (116,411 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 5,790 people and 1.1 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

Frankston (C) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	108	0.1%	0.1%	99	0.1%	0.1%	+9	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	111	0.1%	0.1%	156	0.1%	0.2%	-45	0.0
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	78	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%	+52	+0.1
French Creole, nfd	35	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Portuguese Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Irish	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	116,411	83.6%	61.1%	110,621	82.5%	61.1%
German	438	0.3%	0.3%	578	0.4%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Dutch	234	0.2%	0.1%	382	0.3%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	255	0.2%	0.1%	244	0.2%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	4	0.0%	–
Danish	33	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	59	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	0.0%
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	16	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	0.0%
French	363	0.3%	0.3%	339	0.3%	0.3%
Greek	1,238	0.9%	2.1%	1,156	0.9%	2.1%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	146	0.1%	0.2%	85	0.1%	0.2%
Spanish	671	0.5%	0.8%	634	0.5%	0.8%
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	712	0.5%	1.7%	846	0.6%	1.7%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	33	0.0%	0.3%	58	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	25	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Lithuanian	18	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Hungarian	126	0.1%	0.1%	172	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Russian	699	0.5%	0.4%	536	0.4%	
Ukrainian	30	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	216	0.2%	0.1%	222	0.2%	
Bulgarian	18	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Croatian	265	0.2%	0.3%	289	0.2%	
Macedonian	61	0.0%	0.6%	51	0.0%	
Serbian	288	0.2%	0.3%	307	0.2%	
Slovene	36	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	25	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Czech	59	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Polish	350	0.3%	0.3%	326	0.2%	
Slovak	40	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	

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Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	24	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	109	0.1%	0.1%	96	0.1%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Pashto	12	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	153	0.1%	0.2%	219	0.2%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	140	0.1%	0.4%	85	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	28	0.0%	0.4%	4	0.0%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	552	0.4%	1.8%	516	0.4%	–
Hebrew	48	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	13	0.0%	0.2%	15	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	7	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	180	0.1%	0.7%	156	0.1%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	26	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Georgian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Kannada	30	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	–
Malayalam	561	0.4%	0.4%	685	0.5%	–
Tamil	333	0.2%	0.7%	350	0.3%	–
Telugu	67	0.0%	0.5%	37	0.0%	–
Tulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bengali	50	0.0%	0.3%	41	0.0%	–
Gujarati	77	0.1%	0.5%	69	0.1%	–
Hindi	431	0.3%	1.3%	509	0.4%	–
Konkani	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Marathi	33	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	–
Nepali	92	0.1%	0.4%	17	0.0%	–
Punjabi	360	0.3%	2.0%	264	0.2%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Sinhalese	256	0.2%	1.0%	273	0.2%	–
Urdu	76	0.1%	0.7%	79	0.1%	–

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Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Hindustani	19	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	37	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Karen	6	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	141	0.1%	0.3%	134	0.1%	–
Vietnamese	327	0.2%	2.3%	219	0.2%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	17	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Thai	353	0.3%	0.3%	277	0.2%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	29	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Cebuano	19	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Indonesian	152	0.1%	0.3%	142	0.1%	–
Malay	47	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.0%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	484	0.3%	0.5%	453	0.3%	–
Filipino	416	0.3%	0.4%	343	0.3%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	18	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	–
Cantonese	394	0.3%	1.6%	377	0.3%	–
Hakka	26	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	–
Mandarin	1,371	1.0%	4.3%	1,089	0.8%	–

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Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	19	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	133	0.1%	0.2%	141	0.1%	–
Korean	121	0.1%	0.3%	74	0.1%	–
Tibetan	19	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
African Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	14	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	–
Oromo	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Shona	66	0.0%	0.1%	111	0.1%	–
Somali	6	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Swahili	22	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	–
Yoruba	18	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Amharic	6	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Bemba	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Dinka	14	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	17	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Kikuyu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Luganda	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Nuer	55	0.0%	0.0%	130	0.1%	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shilluk	21	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Xhosa	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	35	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	69	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	115	0.1%	0.0%	112	0.1%	–
Nauruan	20	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Niue	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Samoan	186	0.1%	0.3%	203	0.2%	–
Tongan	31	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
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)	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Auslan	143	0.1%	0.1%	119	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	7,131	5.1%	4.8%	8,281	6.2%	–
Total	139,212	100.0%	100.0%	134,127	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.