

Community report

Georges River (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 Georges River (A), accounting for 42.1% (64,097 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Nepali, which increased by 3,723 people and 2.3 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

Georges River (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	82	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.0%	0.0%	+37	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	260	0.2%	0.1%	430	0.3%	0.2%	-170	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Creole, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	+14	0.0
French Creole, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-1	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)	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	64,097	42.1%	57.3%	62,159	42.3%	57.3%
German	212	0.1%	0.3%	267	0.2%	–
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	47	0.0%	0.1%	64	0.0%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	51	0.0%	0.1%	58	0.0%	–
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Danish	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Swedish	26	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	–
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Estonian	25	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Finnish	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	244	0.2%	0.4%	254	0.2%	–
Greek	7,892	5.2%	1.4%	7,871	5.4%	–
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	891	0.6%	0.5%	581	0.4%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Spanish	1,805	1.2%	1.2%	1,627	1.1%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,628	1.1%	1.0%	1,951	1.3%	
Maltese	118	0.1%	0.2%	144	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	5	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Lithuanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Hungarian	113	0.1%	0.1%	122	0.1%	
Belorussian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	443	0.3%	0.4%	491	0.3%	
Ukrainian	25	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	179	0.1%	0.1%	190	0.1%	
Bulgarian	24	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Croatian	1,242	0.8%	0.3%	1,254	0.9%	
Macedonian	3,205	2.1%	0.4%	3,214	2.2%	
Serbian	518	0.3%	0.4%	473	0.3%	
Slovene	14	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	44	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	

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Czech	42	0.0%	0.1%	66	0.0%	
Polish	209	0.1%	0.2%	200	0.1%	
Slovak	30	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	32	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	–	–	–	
Romanian	40	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	9	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Pashto	4	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	17	0.0%	0.2%	11	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	156	0.1%	0.5%	146	0.1%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	5,612	3.7%	4.2%	5,248	3.6%	
Hebrew	14	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	47	0.0%	0.5%	50	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	5	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	

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Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	213	0.1%	0.4%	215	0.1%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Uygur	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Uzbek	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Armenian	33	0.0%	0.2%	40	0.0%	–
Georgian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	27	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	–
Kannada	55	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.0%	–
Malayalam	224	0.1%	0.3%	214	0.1%	–
Tamil	271	0.2%	0.7%	226	0.2%	–
Telugu	197	0.1%	0.4%	228	0.2%	–
Tulu	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Bengali	956	0.6%	0.7%	983	0.7%	–
Gujarati	237	0.2%	0.5%	309	0.2%	–
Hindi	962	0.6%	1.5%	1,046	0.7%	–

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Konkani	25	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Marathi	126	0.1%	0.2%	72	0.0%	
Nepali	8,721	5.7%	1.2%	4,998	3.4%	
Punjabi	219	0.1%	0.8%	249	0.2%	
Sindhi	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	146	0.1%	0.2%	117	0.1%	
Urdu	358	0.2%	0.8%	329	0.2%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	31	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	34	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	82	0.1%	0.1%	119	0.1%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	60	0.0%	0.2%	50	0.0%	
Vietnamese	1,209	0.8%	2.2%	1,047	0.7%	

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Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lao	19	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Thai	772	0.5%	0.4%	673	0.5%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	86	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bisaya	27	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Cebuano	35	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Indonesian	1,520	1.0%	0.6%	1,608	1.1%	–
Malay	44	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.0%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	1,421	0.9%	0.9%	1,196	0.8%	–
Filipino	894	0.6%	0.5%	681	0.5%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	184	0.1%	0.1%	465	0.3%	–
Cantonese	14,301	9.4%	2.8%	14,539	9.9%	–
Hakka	61	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	–
Mandarin	19,507	12.8%	5.0%	21,068	14.3%	–
Wu	351	0.2%	0.1%	273	0.2%	–
Min Nan	174	0.1%	0.1%	180	0.1%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Japanese	428	0.3%	0.3%	414	0.3%	–
Korean	506	0.3%	1.1%	589	0.4%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Mongolian	104	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.1%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	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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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)	–	–	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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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	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	3	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Oromo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	40	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Somali	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Swahili	17	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Yoruba	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Amharic	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	6	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tswana	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	156	0.1%	0.1%	160	0.1%	
Gilbertese	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	29	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	69	0.0%	0.0%	95	0.1%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	22	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	

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Samoaan	125	0.1%	0.3%	161	0.1%	
Tongan	211	0.1%	0.2%	221	0.2%	
Rotuman	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norf'k-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%	5	0.0%	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Auslan	37	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	7,155	4.7%	5.3%	6,058	4.1%	
Total	152,228	100.0%	100.0%	146,830	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.