

# Community report

## Gladstone (R)

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

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**Gladstone (R)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Qld**

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 Gladstone (R), accounting for 87.4% (55,537 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (83.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,264 people and 1 percentage point.

## 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

Gladstone (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	25	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	33	0.1%	0.0%	49	0.1%	0.1%	-16	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	12	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	-10	0.0
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	55,537	87.4%	83.7%	53,273	86.4%	
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
German	101	0.2%	0.3%	119	0.2%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	36	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	419	0.7%	0.3%	392	0.6%	
Danish	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Swedish	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
French	59	0.1%	0.2%	57	0.1%	
Greek	51	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.1%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	27	0.0%	0.3%	38	0.1%	
Spanish	155	0.2%	0.4%	115	0.2%	
Italian	77	0.1%	0.3%	76	0.1%	
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	20	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	62	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	27	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Macedonian	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Serbian	21	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Slovene	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Czech	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Polish	34	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Romanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	26	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arabic	68	0.1%	0.2%	107	0.2%	–
Hebrew	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kannada	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Malayalam	54	0.1%	0.2%	68	0.1%	
Tamil	108	0.2%	0.1%	111	0.2%	
Telugu	57	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.1%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	50	0.1%	0.0%	71	0.1%	
Gujarati	34	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Hindi	118	0.2%	0.2%	139	0.2%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Nepali	25	0.0%	0.2%	14	0.0%	
Punjabi	98	0.2%	0.3%	98	0.2%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	48	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Urdu	60	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	34	0.1%	0.0%	92	0.1%	
Vietnamese	65	0.1%	0.2%	51	0.1%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	112	0.2%	0.2%	94	0.2%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	16	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Cebuano	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	60	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.1%	
Malay	4	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Tagalog	383	0.6%	0.3%	440	0.7%	0.3%
Filipino	329	0.5%	0.3%	282	0.5%	0.3%
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Iban	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Javanese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Cantonese	34	0.1%	0.2%	34	0.1%	0.2%
Hakka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Mandarin	133	0.2%	0.7%	178	0.3%	0.7%
Wu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Min Nan	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Chinese, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Japanese	28	0.0%	0.4%	31	0.1%	0.4%
Korean	23	0.0%	0.3%	50	0.1%	0.3%
Tibetan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Mongolian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	–	–	–	
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marridan (Maridan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	–	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku-Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dyirbal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Girramay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Koko-Bera	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kaytetye	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Diyari	–	–	–	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kayardild	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lardil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudjal	–	–	–	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
African Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	32	0.1%	0.0%	65	0.1%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	74	0.1%	0.1%	71	0.1%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	18	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Tongan	19	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Rotuman	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Norf'k–Pitcairn	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Motu (HiriMotu)	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	21	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Auslan	26	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	4,369	6.9%	7.4%	4,525	7.3%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,512</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>61,644</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.