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COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Glen Eira (C)

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

AREA
Glen Eira (C)

COMPARISON
Greater Melbourne

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

SECTION
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Key takeaway

In 2021, English was the most common language used at home among residents in Glen Eira (C), accounting for 65.6% (97,714 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 7,774 people and 1.8 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

Glen Eira (C) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	102	0.1%	0.1%	91	0.1%	0.1%	+11	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	168	0.1%	0.1%	263	0.2%	0.2%	-95	-0.1
Swiss, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Cypriot, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Creole, nfd	32	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	+19	0.0
French Creole, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	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%	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Irish	32	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+22	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Welsh	16	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	97,714	65.6%	61.1%	89,940	63.8%	6
German	518	0.3%	0.3%	651	0.5%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	876	0.6%	0.0%	887	0.6%	
Dutch	118	0.1%	0.1%	138	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	152	0.1%	0.1%	148	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Danish	35	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norwegian	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Swedish	92	0.1%	0.0%	90	0.1%	
Estonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Finnish	20	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
French	1,223	0.8%	0.3%	1,118	0.8%	
Greek	5,373	3.6%	2.1%	5,470	3.9%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Portuguese	338	0.2%	0.2%	248	0.2%	
Spanish	1,248	0.8%	0.8%	925	0.7%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	1,532	1.0%	1.7%	1,773	1.3%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Maltese	34	0.0%	0.3%	49	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	23	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Lithuanian	31	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Hungarian	302	0.2%	0.1%	411	0.3%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Russian	4,613	3.1%	0.4%	4,733	3.4%	
Ukrainian	92	0.1%	0.0%	81	0.1%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	52	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Bulgarian	37	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Croatian	220	0.1%	0.3%	224	0.2%	
Macedonian	100	0.1%	0.6%	93	0.1%	
Serbian	421	0.3%	0.3%	330	0.2%	
Slovene	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	21	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Czech	53	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Polish	674	0.5%	0.3%	871	0.6%	
Slovak	39	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	

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Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Albanian	26	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	153	0.1%	0.1%	156	0.1%	
Romany	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Pashto	9	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	17	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	252	0.2%	0.4%	214	0.2%	
Hazaraghi	3	0.0%	0.4%	4	0.0%	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	507	0.3%	1.8%	434	0.3%	
Hebrew	3,187	2.1%	0.1%	3,101	2.2%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	5	0.0%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	10	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	200	0.1%	0.7%	133	0.1%	
Azeri	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tatar	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	53	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Georgian	15	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	78	0.1%	
Kannada	239	0.2%	0.1%	144	0.1%	
Malayalam	290	0.2%	0.4%	278	0.2%	
Tamil	813	0.5%	0.7%	620	0.4%	
Telugu	943	0.6%	0.5%	1,081	0.8%	
Tulu	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	241	0.2%	0.3%	229	0.2%	
Gujarati	1,045	0.7%	0.5%	1,051	0.7%	
Hindi	1,842	1.2%	1.3%	1,812	1.3%	
Konkani	46	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Marathi	320	0.2%	0.1%	242	0.2%	
Nepali	473	0.3%	0.4%	274	0.2%	
Punjabi	413	0.3%	2.0%	415	0.3%	
Sindhi	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Sinhalese	437	0.3%	1.0%	408	0.3%	
Urdu	177	0.1%	0.7%	168	0.1%	

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Assamese	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kashmiri	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	20	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	30	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Chin Haka	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	63	0.0%	0.3%	62	0.0%	
Vietnamese	1,143	0.8%	2.3%	738	0.5%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Thai	352	0.2%	0.3%	315	0.2%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bisaya	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Cebuano	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indonesian	500	0.3%	0.3%	422	0.3%	
Malay	76	0.1%	0.1%	72	0.1%	
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tagalog	330	0.2%	0.5%	288	0.2%	
Filipino	304	0.2%	0.4%	222	0.2%	
Acehnese	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Balinese	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Javanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Chinese, nfd	79	0.1%	0.1%	330	0.2%	
Cantonese	1,839	1.2%	1.6%	1,729	1.2%	
Hakka	30	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Mandarin	8,384	5.6%	4.3%	7,790	5.5%	

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Wu	74	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Min Nan	114	0.1%	0.1%	112	0.1%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	1,027	0.7%	0.2%	891	0.6%	
Korean	716	0.5%	0.3%	763	0.5%	
Tibetan	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Mongolian	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	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%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	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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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambeh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	23	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Oromo	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Shona	34	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	
Somali	7	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Swahili	29	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.0%	
Yoruba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	23	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Ewe	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	30	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Samoan	15	0.0%	0.3%	23	0.0%	
Tongan	14	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	4	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%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	47	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	5,143	3.5%	4.8%	6,567	4.7%	
Total	**148,871**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**140,870**	**100.0%**	**10**

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.