

Community report

Gold Coast (C)

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COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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 Gold Coast (C), accounting for 80.3% (501,988 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (83.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 55,096 people, while its share fell by 0.1 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

Gold Coast (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	375	0.1%	0.1%	280	0.1%	0.0%	+95	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	356	0.1%	0.0%	449	0.1%	0.1%	-93	0.0
Swiss, so described	17	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Cypriot, so described	–	–	–	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	60	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	0.1%	+25	0.0
French Creole, nfd	43	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	65	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	0.0%	+7	0.0
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	19	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Irish	20	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Welsh	68	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	501,988	80.3%	83.7%	446,892	80.4%	83.7%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
German	2,060	0.3%	0.3%	2,303	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Dutch	787	0.1%	0.1%	943	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	1,775	0.3%	0.3%	1,563	0.3%	
Danish	156	0.0%	0.0%	192	0.0%	
Icelandic	20	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Norwegian	111	0.0%	0.0%	147	0.0%	
Swedish	379	0.1%	0.0%	353	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Estonian	88	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Finnish	270	0.0%	0.0%	251	0.0%	
French	2,103	0.3%	0.2%	2,158	0.4%	
Greek	1,533	0.2%	0.1%	1,505	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Catalan	24	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Portuguese	5,153	0.8%	0.3%	2,377	0.4%	
Spanish	5,002	0.8%	0.4%	3,130	0.6%	
Italian	2,382	0.4%	0.3%	2,389	0.4%	
Maltese	236	0.0%	0.0%	278	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latin	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Latvian	35	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	–
Lithuanian	52	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	–
Hungarian	867	0.1%	0.1%	774	0.1%	–
Belorussian	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Russian	1,782	0.3%	0.1%	1,361	0.2%	–
Ukrainian	103	0.0%	0.0%	110	0.0%	–
Bosnian	838	0.1%	0.0%	702	0.1%	–
Bulgarian	111	0.0%	0.0%	92	0.0%	–
Croatian	1,047	0.2%	0.1%	1,068	0.2%	–
Macedonian	406	0.1%	0.0%	311	0.1%	–
Serbian	1,214	0.2%	0.1%	1,095	0.2%	–
Slovene	164	0.0%	0.0%	154	0.0%	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	126	0.0%	0.0%	186	0.0%	–
Czech	421	0.1%	0.0%	359	0.1%	–
Polish	1,090	0.2%	0.1%	958	0.2%	–
Slovak	199	0.0%	0.0%	168	0.0%	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Albanian	78	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	–
Romanian	483	0.1%	0.0%	359	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Romany	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iranic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kurdish	53	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.0%	—
Pashto	91	0.0%	0.0%	86	0.0%	—
Balochi	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Dari	97	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	—
Persian (excluding Dari)	1,102	0.2%	0.1%	867	0.2%	—
Hazaraghi	21	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	—
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arabic	1,850	0.3%	0.2%	1,735	0.3%	—
Hebrew	227	0.0%	0.0%	153	0.0%	—
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	67	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	—
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Mandaean (Mandaic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkish	689	0.1%	0.0%	525	0.1%	—
Azeri	17	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Turkmen	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Uygur	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Uzbek	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Armenian	52	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	—
Georgian	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	61	0.0%	0.0%	94	0.0%	
Kannada	78	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Malayalam	994	0.2%	0.2%	560	0.1%	
Tamil	435	0.1%	0.1%	306	0.1%	
Telugu	514	0.1%	0.1%	192	0.0%	
Tulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bengali	506	0.1%	0.0%	387	0.1%	
Gujarati	1,030	0.2%	0.1%	509	0.1%	
Hindi	1,740	0.3%	0.2%	1,352	0.2%	
Konkani	33	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Marathi	175	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	
Nepali	1,046	0.2%	0.2%	570	0.1%	
Punjabi	2,978	0.5%	0.3%	1,445	0.3%	
Sindhi	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sinhalese	490	0.1%	0.1%	323	0.1%	
Urdu	695	0.1%	0.1%	407	0.1%	
Assamese	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Dhivehi	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kashmiri	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Oriya	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	48	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Southern Asian Languages	22	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese	91	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Chin Haka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Karen	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Rohingya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Zomi	—	—	—	—	—	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Hmong	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Khmer	187	0.0%	0.0%	154	0.0%	
Vietnamese	1,555	0.2%	0.2%	946	0.2%	
Mon	—	—	—	3	0.0%	
Mon–Khmer, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Lao	61	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Thai	1,783	0.3%	0.2%	1,461	0.3%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	96	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bisaya	132	0.0%	0.0%	98	0.0%	
Cebuano	135	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Ilokano	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indonesian	853	0.1%	0.1%	721	0.1%	
Malay	164	0.0%	0.0%	174	0.0%	
Tetum	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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Timorese	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	2,082	0.3%	0.3%	1,576	0.3%	—
Filipino	1,461	0.2%	0.3%	1,090	0.2%	—
Balinese	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Bikol	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Javanese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pampangan	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	229	0.0%	0.0%	381	0.1%	—
Cantonese	3,353	0.5%	0.2%	2,988	0.5%	—
Hakka	23	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	—
Mandarin	11,721	1.9%	0.7%	9,266	1.7%	—
Wu	7	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	—
Min Nan	205	0.0%	0.0%	174	0.0%	—
Chinese, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Japanese	5,952	1.0%	0.4%	5,756	1.0%	—
Korean	3,772	0.6%	0.3%	3,469	0.6%	—
Tibetan	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Mongolian	42	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	—

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	51	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	—
Anindilyakwa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maung	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tiwi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gudanji	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Larrakiya	—	—	—	6	0.0%	—
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	3	0.0%	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Djabugay	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Dyirbal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	16	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kaytetye	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Bardi	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Gooniyandi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Worla	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kija	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	—	—	—	4	0.0%	—
Adnymathanha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bandjalang	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Batjala	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bidjara	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dhanggatti	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Diyari	—	—	—	3	0.0%	—
Gamilaraay	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Githabul	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gumbaynggir	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kayardild	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kriol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Lardil	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Muruwari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Narungga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngarrindjeri	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyungar	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Paakantyi	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Wajarri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Wiradjuri	28	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudjal	–	–	–	–	–	
Yugambah	64	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Akan	15	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Oromo	52	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Shona	181	0.0%	0.0%	144	0.0%	
Somali	25	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Swahili	111	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Yoruba	42	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Zulu	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Amharic	52	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Bemba	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Hausa	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	46	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	19	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	139	0.0%	0.0%	102	0.0%	
Tswana	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Xhosa	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Anuak	18	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Fijian	149	0.0%	0.0%	121	0.0%	
Gilbertese	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	177	0.0%	0.0%	171	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	1,118	0.2%	0.1%	917	0.2%	
Nauruan	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Niue	28	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Samoaan	670	0.1%	0.1%	557	0.1%	
Tongan	184	0.0%	0.0%	128	0.0%	
Rotuman	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tokelauan	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norf'k–Pitcairn	29	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	

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Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	22	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	70	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nfd	83	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Auslan	348	0.1%	0.1%	198	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	37,648	6.0%	7.4%	40,683	7.3%	
Total	625,029	100.0%	100.0%	555,693	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.