

# Community report

## Greater Dandenong (C)

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

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**Greater Dandenong (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

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, English was the most common language used at home among residents in Greater Dandenong (C), accounting for 29.3% (46,362 people). This share was lower than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Vietnamese, which increased by 1,710 people and 0.7 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

Greater Dandenong (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	157	0.1%	0.1%	165	0.1%	0.1%	-8	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	273	0.2%	0.1%	508	0.3%	0.2%	-235	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	273	0.2%	0.0%	120	0.1%	0.0%	+153	+0.1
French Creole, nfd	173	0.1%	0.0%	118	0.1%	0.0%	+55	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	46,362	29.3%	61.1%	45,354	29.8%	61.1%
German	194	0.1%	0.3%	305	0.2%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	112	0.1%	0.1%	153	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	79	0.0%	0.1%	72	0.0%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Danish	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%
French	716	0.5%	0.3%	948	0.6%	0.3%
Greek	3,509	2.2%	2.1%	3,626	2.4%	2.1%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Portuguese	184	0.1%	0.2%	190	0.1%	0.2%
Spanish	1,361	0.9%	0.8%	1,477	1.0%	0.8%
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	1,877	1.2%	1.7%	2,350	1.5%	1.7%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	165	0.1%	0.3%	232	0.2%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Lithuanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hungarian	311	0.2%	0.1%	444	0.3%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Russian	474	0.3%	0.4%	502	0.3%	
Ukrainian	72	0.0%	0.0%	82	0.1%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	1,257	0.8%	0.1%	1,289	0.8%	
Bulgarian	11	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Croatian	681	0.4%	0.3%	790	0.5%	
Macedonian	303	0.2%	0.6%	341	0.2%	
Serbian	2,027	1.3%	0.3%	2,220	1.5%	
Slovene	32	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	107	0.1%	0.0%	169	0.1%	
Czech	39	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Polish	631	0.4%	0.3%	756	0.5%	
Slovak	38	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	1,628	1.0%	0.1%	1,623	1.1%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	304	0.2%	0.1%	366	0.2%	–
Romany	6	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	–
Kurdish	17	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	–
Pashto	935	0.6%	0.1%	784	0.5%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	1,940	1.2%	0.2%	2,759	1.8%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	809	0.5%	0.4%	873	0.6%	–
Hazaraghi	4,029	2.5%	0.4%	3,140	2.1%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	2,522	1.6%	1.8%	2,673	1.8%	–
Hebrew	24	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	18	0.0%	0.2%	37	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	59	0.0%	0.2%	35	0.0%	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	1,518	1.0%	0.7%	1,508	1.0%	–
Azeri	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Tatar	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uyгур	66	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	–
Uzbek	17	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Turkic, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Armenian	190	0.1%	0.0%	190	0.1%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	125	0.1%	0.0%	191	0.1%	–
Kannada	354	0.2%	0.1%	354	0.2%	–
Malayalam	1,056	0.7%	0.4%	1,130	0.7%	–
Tamil	2,797	1.8%	0.7%	3,120	2.1%	–
Telugu	832	0.5%	0.5%	638	0.4%	–
Tulu	32	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Bengali	687	0.4%	0.3%	694	0.5%	–
Gujarati	786	0.5%	0.5%	580	0.4%	–
Hindi	2,256	1.4%	1.3%	2,525	1.7%	–
Konkani	72	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	–
Marathi	189	0.1%	0.1%	185	0.1%	–
Nepali	311	0.2%	0.4%	200	0.1%	–
Punjabi	5,399	3.4%	2.0%	5,858	3.9%	–
Sindhi	22	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Sinhalese	3,907	2.5%	1.0%	3,505	2.3%	–
Urdu	1,715	1.1%	0.7%	1,400	0.9%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Assamese	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dhivehi	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kashmiri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	58	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	1,498	0.9%	0.1%	1,502	1.0%	
Chin Haka	6	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Karen	123	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	
Rohingya	240	0.2%	0.0%	528	0.3%	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	20	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	9,663	6.1%	0.3%	7,974	5.2%	
Vietnamese	18,784	11.9%	2.3%	17,074	11.2%	
Mon	8	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	188	0.1%	0.0%	195	0.1%	
Thai	657	0.4%	0.3%	514	0.3%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	58	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bisaya	48	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Cebuano	41	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Ilokano	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Indonesian	811	0.5%	0.3%	553	0.4%	
Malay	1,790	1.1%	0.1%	336	0.2%	
Tetum	23	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Timorese	29	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Tagalog	1,152	0.7%	0.5%	975	0.6%	
Filipino	940	0.6%	0.4%	695	0.5%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Javanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	178	0.1%	0.1%	296	0.2%	
Cantonese	4,410	2.8%	1.6%	4,506	3.0%	
Hakka	407	0.3%	0.1%	431	0.3%	
Mandarin	6,201	3.9%	4.3%	5,423	3.6%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Wu	13	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Min Nan	841	0.5%	0.1%	791	0.5%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	186	0.1%	0.2%	166	0.1%	
Korean	630	0.4%	0.3%	415	0.3%	
Tibetan	34	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	4	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%	4	0.0%	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	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	22	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	0.0%
Acholi	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Akan	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Mauritian Creole	105	0.1%	0.0%	281	0.2%	0.0%
Oromo	331	0.2%	0.1%	245	0.2%	0.1%
Shona	59	0.0%	0.1%	89	0.1%	0.1%
Somali	286	0.2%	0.2%	325	0.2%	0.2%
Swahili	201	0.1%	0.1%	156	0.1%	0.1%
Yoruba	41	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	0.0%
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Amharic	135	0.1%	0.1%	112	0.1%	0.1%
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Dinka	80	0.1%	0.1%	110	0.1%	0.1%

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Harari	79	0.0%	0.0%	83	0.1%	—
Hausa	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Igbo	13	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	—
Kikuyu	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Krio	27	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	—
Luganda	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Luo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ndebele	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	—
Nuer	148	0.1%	0.0%	225	0.1%	—
Nyanja (Chichewa)	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Shilluk	34	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	—
Tigre	20	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Tigrinya	97	0.1%	0.1%	125	0.1%	—
Tswana	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Xhosa	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Seychelles Creole	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Anuak	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Bari	—	—	0.0%	11	0.0%	—
Bassa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dan (Gio-Dan)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fulfulde	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Kirundi (Rundi)	21	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	27	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Fijian	55	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	300	0.2%	0.0%	318	0.2%	
Maori (New Zealand)	59	0.0%	0.0%	79	0.1%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Samoan	507	0.3%	0.3%	728	0.5%	
Tongan	61	0.0%	0.1%	73	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	3	0.0%	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%	3	0.0%	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	13	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Auslan	78	0.0%	0.1%	49	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	9,994	6.3%	4.8%	8,678	5.7%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,186</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>152,021</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.