

Community report

Greater Geelong (C)

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

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Greater Geelong (C)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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 Greater Geelong (C), accounting for 83.1% (225,345 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (86.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 31,188 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	167	0.1%	0.1%	167	0.1%	0.1%	0	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	179	0.1%	0.0%	181	0.1%	0.1%	-2	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Creole, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Pidgin, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Irish	22	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Welsh	14	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
English	225,345	83.1%	86.4%	194,157	83.2%	8
German	611	0.2%	0.2%	843	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	379	0.1%	0.1%	499	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	210	0.1%	0.1%	158	0.1%	
Danish	51	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	15	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Swedish	95	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	36	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
French	450	0.2%	0.1%	371	0.2%	
Greek	1,077	0.4%	0.2%	935	0.4%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	267	0.1%	0.0%	188	0.1%	
Spanish	836	0.3%	0.2%	577	0.2%	
Italian	2,113	0.8%	0.5%	2,405	1.0%	
Maltese	245	0.1%	0.1%	225	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Southern European Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	—	—	—	5	0.0%	
Latvian	17	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Lithuanian	40	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Hungarian	178	0.1%	0.0%	235	0.1%	
Belorussian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Russian	322	0.1%	0.1%	255	0.1%	
Ukrainian	224	0.1%	0.0%	276	0.1%	
Bosnian	251	0.1%	0.0%	234	0.1%	
Bulgarian	26	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Croatian	1,984	0.7%	0.2%	2,115	0.9%	
Macedonian	1,102	0.4%	0.1%	1,043	0.4%	
Serbian	836	0.3%	0.1%	787	0.3%	
Slovene	118	0.0%	0.0%	141	0.1%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	70	0.0%	0.0%	129	0.1%	
Czech	36	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Polish	430	0.2%	0.1%	488	0.2%	
Slovak	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	—	—	—	
Albanian	80	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	3	0.0%	—	—	—	
Romanian	24	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Romany	—	—	—	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	7	0.0%	
Kurdish	24	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Pashto	147	0.1%	0.0%	123	0.1%	
Balochi	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Dari	193	0.1%	0.0%	313	0.1%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	470	0.2%	0.1%	418	0.2%	
Hazaraghi	651	0.2%	0.1%	323	0.1%	
Arabic	901	0.3%	0.2%	667	0.3%	
Hebrew	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	65	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	340	0.1%	0.1%	316	0.1%	
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	27	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	33	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Kannada	85	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Malayalam	782	0.3%	0.2%	374	0.2%	
Tamil	462	0.2%	0.1%	194	0.1%	
Telugu	589	0.2%	0.1%	189	0.1%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Indo-Aryan, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bengali	225	0.1%	0.0%	125	0.1%	
Gujarati	406	0.1%	0.1%	183	0.1%	
Hindi	965	0.4%	0.2%	547	0.2%	
Konkani	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	99	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Nepali	379	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.0%	
Punjabi	2,138	0.8%	0.5%	772	0.3%	
Sindhi	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Sinhalese	540	0.2%	0.1%	259	0.1%	
Urdu	668	0.2%	0.1%	236	0.1%	
Assamese	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Dhivehi	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	76	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	914	0.3%	0.2%	590	0.3%	
Rohingya	32	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	81	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Vietnamese	897	0.3%	0.2%	714	0.3%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	74	0.0%	0.0%	80	0.0%	
Thai	436	0.2%	0.1%	277	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	44	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Cebuano	67	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	234	0.1%	0.1%	236	0.1%	
Malay	89	0.0%	0.1%	104	0.0%	
Tetum	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	784	0.3%	0.2%	518	0.2%	
Filipino	682	0.3%	0.2%	426	0.2%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	48	0.0%	0.0%	100	0.0%	
Cantonese	480	0.2%	0.1%	434	0.2%	
Hakka	17	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mandarin	2,161	0.8%	0.6%	1,795	0.8%	
Wu	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Min Nan	29	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Japanese	285	0.1%	0.1%	256	0.1%	
Korean	196	0.1%	0.0%	149	0.1%	
Tibetan	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mongolian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dalabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	–	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	5	0.0%	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabwurrung	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Aboriginal English, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	22	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	130	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	243	0.1%	0.1%	138	0.1%	
Yoruba	22	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Zulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	50	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Ewe	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hausa	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	25	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nuer	83	0.0%	0.0%	90	0.0%	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Shilluk	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tigrinya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	7	0.0%	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	26	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	9	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Fijian	41	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	47	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Nauruan	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	51	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tongan	44	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
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%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Auslan	219	0.1%	0.1%	117	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	13,915	5.1%	6.5%	14,460	6.2%	
Total	271,066	100.0%	100.0%	233,354	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.