

# Community report

## Hobart (C)

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

AREA

**Hobart (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Hobart**

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 Hobart (C), accounting for 75% (41,311 people). This share was lower than Greater Hobart (82.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,431 people, while its share fell by 4.1 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

Hobart (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Hobart %	Count	%	Greater Hobart %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	46	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	0.1%	+5	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	62	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	0.1%	+9	0.0
Swiss, so described	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
French Creole, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Irish	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
English	41,311	75.0%	82.6%	39,880	79.1%	86.5%	+1,431	-4.1
German	269	0.5%	0.3%	292	0.6%	0.4%	-23	-0.1
Yiddish	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Dutch	80	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.2%	0.2%	-5	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Hobart %	Count	%	Greater H
Afrikaans	56	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Danish	25	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Swedish	23	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.1%	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Finnish	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
French	209	0.4%	0.2%	230	0.5%	
Greek	392	0.7%	0.4%	474	0.9%	
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Portuguese	109	0.2%	0.2%	38	0.1%	
Spanish	354	0.6%	0.4%	206	0.4%	
Italian	259	0.5%	0.2%	340	0.7%	
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Lithuanian	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hungarian	23	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Russian	83	0.2%	0.1%	71	0.1%	
Ukrainian	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bosnian	18	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	50	0.1%	0.1%	61	0.1%	
Macedonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Serbian	44	0.1%	0.0%	46	0.1%	

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Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	26	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Polish	137	0.2%	0.2%	152	0.3%	–
Slovak	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	–	–	–	–
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Romanian	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Kurdish	5	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Pashto	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Balochi	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	94	0.2%	0.1%	133	0.3%	–
Hazaraghi	11	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Arabic	312	0.6%	0.3%	292	0.6%	–
Hebrew	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	30	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.1%	–
Azeri	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uzbek	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

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Southern Asian Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kannada	20	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Malayalam	140	0.3%	0.2%	60	0.1%	
Tamil	102	0.2%	0.1%	72	0.1%	
Telugu	77	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bengali	197	0.4%	0.2%	66	0.1%	
Gujarati	110	0.2%	0.2%	33	0.1%	
Hindi	367	0.7%	0.4%	245	0.5%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	38	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Nepali	1,020	1.9%	1.8%	195	0.4%	
Punjabi	401	0.7%	0.7%	121	0.2%	
Sindhi	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sinhalese	228	0.4%	0.3%	52	0.1%	
Urdu	200	0.4%	0.4%	103	0.2%	
Dhivehi	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Karen	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	

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Burmese and Related Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	33	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Vietnamese	372	0.7%	0.4%	130	0.3%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	103	0.2%	0.1%	125	0.2%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bisaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	122	0.2%	0.1%	64	0.1%	
Malay	36	0.1%	0.0%	70	0.1%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	99	0.2%	0.2%	58	0.1%	
Filipino	84	0.2%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	54	0.1%	0.0%	173	0.3%	
Cantonese	612	1.1%	0.5%	406	0.8%	
Hakka	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mandarin	3,378	6.1%	2.6%	1,999	4.0%	
Wu	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Min Nan	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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Japanese	165	0.3%	0.1%	164	0.3%	
Korean	177	0.3%	0.2%	167	0.3%	
Tibetan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	27	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Shona	28	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Swahili	21	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Yoruba	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	64	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.1%	
Bemba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Tigrinya	40	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.1%	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mandinka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Moro (Nuba Moro)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Fijian	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–

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Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	19	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,365	4.3%	4.6%	2,970	5.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,085</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>50,414</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.