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COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Hobsons Bay (C)

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

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Hobsons Bay (C)

COMPARISON
Greater Melbourne

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 Hobsons Bay (C), accounting for 68.3% (62,380 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 4,146 people and 2.7 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

Hobsons Bay (C) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	53	0.1%	0.1%	68	0.1%	0.1%	-15	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	99	0.1%	0.1%	175	0.2%	0.2%	-76	-0.1
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+19	0.0
French Creole, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	0.0%	-3	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%	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Irish	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Welsh	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
English	62,380	68.3%	61.1%	58,234	65.6%	
German	350	0.4%	0.3%	376	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Yiddish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dutch	118	0.1%	0.1%	112	0.1%	
Frisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Afrikaans	95	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Danish	20	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Icelandic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Norwegian	23	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Swedish	46	0.1%	0.0%	53	0.1%	
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Finnish	27	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
French	314	0.3%	0.3%	232	0.3%	
Greek	2,269	2.5%	2.1%	2,356	2.7%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Catalan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Portuguese	288	0.3%	0.2%	192	0.2%	
Spanish	832	0.9%	0.8%	621	0.7%	
Iberian Romance, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Italian	1,831	2.0%	1.7%	2,379	2.7%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Maltese	986	1.1%	0.3%	1,232	1.4%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Lithuanian	19	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Hungarian	84	0.1%	0.1%	103	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	168	0.2%	0.4%	109	0.1%	
Ukrainian	32	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.1%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	75	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	
Bulgarian	12	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Croatian	737	0.8%	0.3%	759	0.9%	
Macedonian	1,030	1.1%	0.6%	1,077	1.2%	
Serbian	587	0.6%	0.3%	611	0.7%	
Slovene	36	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	44	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.1%	
Czech	19	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Polish	342	0.4%	0.3%	362	0.4%	
Slovak	126	0.1%	0.0%	169	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel...
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Albanian	297	0.3%	0.1%	246	0.3%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	104	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.1%	
Romany	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Pashto	23	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	15	0.0%	0.2%	15	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	208	0.2%	0.4%	171	0.2%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.4%	7	0.0%	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	2,779	3.0%	1.8%	3,040	3.4%	
Hebrew	18	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	11	0.0%	0.2%	12	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	3	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	132	0.1%	0.7%	93	0.1%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Kannada	47	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Malayalam	119	0.1%	0.4%	108	0.1%	
Tamil	194	0.2%	0.7%	187	0.2%	
Telugu	333	0.4%	0.5%	301	0.3%	
Tulu	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bengali	118	0.1%	0.3%	168	0.2%	
Gujarati	150	0.2%	0.5%	162	0.2%	
Hindi	750	0.8%	1.3%	835	0.9%	
Konkani	17	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Marathi	80	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Nepali	251	0.3%	0.4%	136	0.2%	
Punjabi	741	0.8%	2.0%	853	1.0%	
Sindhi	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sinhalese	101	0.1%	1.0%	125	0.1%	
Urdu	269	0.3%	0.7%	294	0.3%	

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Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Burmese	46	0.1%	0.1%	51	0.1%	
Chin Haka	8	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Karen	274	0.3%	0.1%	329	0.4%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	3	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	18	0.0%	0.1%	43	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	145	0.2%	0.3%	126	0.1%	
Vietnamese	1,873	2.1%	2.3%	1,777	2.0%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	49	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Thai	237	0.3%	0.3%	198	0.2%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bisaya	23	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Cebuano	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indonesian	346	0.4%	0.3%	303	0.3%	
Malay	73	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	
Tetum	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tagalog	465	0.5%	0.5%	411	0.5%	
Filipino	390	0.4%	0.4%	394	0.4%	
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Chinese, nfd	16	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Cantonese	839	0.9%	1.6%	903	1.0%	
Hakka	22	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Mandarin	1,158	1.3%	4.3%	1,289	1.5%	

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Wu	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Min Nan	64	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	194	0.2%	0.2%	186	0.2%	
Korean	101	0.1%	0.3%	69	0.1%	
Tibetan	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mongolian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	3	0.0%	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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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	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	14	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	14	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.1%	
Oromo	53	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Shona	33	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Somali	54	0.1%	0.2%	62	0.1%	
Swahili	14	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Yoruba	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	130	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
Bemba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	40	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	64	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	3	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%	10	0.0%	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	18	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	59	0.1%	0.0%	77	0.1%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Niue	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Samoan	70	0.1%	0.3%	89	0.1%	
Tongan	70	0.1%	0.1%	121	0.1%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Yapese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	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)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Auslan	53	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	4,213	4.6%	4.8%	4,786	5.4%	
Total	**91,292**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**88,770**	**100.0%**	**10**

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.