

Community report

Holdfast Bay (C)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Adelaide

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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 Holdfast Bay (C), accounting for 86% (32,245 people). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (74.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,354 people and 1.3 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

Holdfast Bay (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	34	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.0%	0.0%	+19	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	43	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	0.2%	+5	0.0
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Irish	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	16	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+11	0.0
Celtic, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
English	32,245	86.0%	74.8%	29,891	84.7%	75.4%	+2,354	+1.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	189	0.5%	0.3%	174	0.5%	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	84	0.2%	0.1%	66	0.2%	–
Frisian	–	–	–	–	–	–
Afrikaans	52	0.1%	0.2%	51	0.1%	–
Danish	9	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	25	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.1%	–
Swedish	33	0.1%	0.0%	35	0.1%	–
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
French	92	0.2%	0.2%	120	0.3%	–
Greek	323	0.9%	1.5%	308	0.9%	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	265	0.7%	0.2%	69	0.2%	–
Spanish	223	0.6%	0.5%	139	0.4%	–
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	242	0.6%	1.6%	292	0.8%	–
Maltese	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latvian	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Lithuanian	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hungarian	16	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	111	0.3%	0.2%	73	0.2%	
Ukrainian	10	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	41	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Bulgarian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Croatian	64	0.2%	0.2%	57	0.2%	
Macedonian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Serbian	42	0.1%	0.3%	38	0.1%	
Slovene	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Czech	26	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.1%	
Polish	99	0.3%	0.4%	77	0.2%	
Slovak	14	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.1%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	9	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Romanian	4	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Pashto	10	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	3	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	174	0.5%	0.4%	146	0.4%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.5%	3	0.0%	–
Arabic	106	0.3%	0.8%	103	0.3%	–
Hebrew	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	25	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Kannada	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Malayalam	29	0.1%	0.3%	23	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Tamil	39	0.1%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Telugu	15	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	24	0.1%	0.2%	17	0.0%	
Gujarati	14	0.0%	0.5%	7	0.0%	
Hindi	131	0.3%	0.7%	101	0.3%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	18	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Nepali	96	0.3%	0.7%	24	0.1%	
Punjabi	163	0.4%	1.4%	109	0.3%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	24	0.1%	0.3%	17	0.0%	
Urdu	38	0.1%	0.3%	20	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	3	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	–
Vietnamese	77	0.2%	1.5%	39	0.1%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	42	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Cebuano	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	36	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	–
Malay	7	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	63	0.2%	0.4%	49	0.1%	–
Filipino	44	0.1%	0.3%	45	0.1%	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Bikol	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Cantonese	127	0.3%	0.7%	116	0.3%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	300	0.8%	2.2%	307	0.9%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	9	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	60	0.2%	0.2%	69	0.2%	–
Korean	55	0.1%	0.3%	57	0.2%	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warumungu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kukatha	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Ngarrindjeri	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mirning	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	27	0.1%	0.2%	28	0.1%	–
Yoruba	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Fijian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	22	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated	1,234	3.3%	3.8%	2,044	5.8%	–
Total	37,504	100.0%	100.0%	35,293	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.