

Community report

Hornsby (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 Hornsby (A), accounting for 61.2% (92,951 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Mandarin, which increased by 3,698 people and 2 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

Hornsby (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	56	0.0%	0.1%	43	0.0%	0.0%	+13	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	194	0.1%	0.1%	311	0.2%	0.2%	-117	-0.1
Swiss, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Irish	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	92,951	61.2%	57.3%	93,165	65.3%	
German	523	0.3%	0.3%	510	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	204	0.1%	0.1%	242	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	487	0.3%	0.1%	546	0.4%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	69	0.0%	0.0%	76	0.1%	
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	22	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Swedish	84	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	7	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Finnish	35	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	392	0.3%	0.4%	397	0.3%	
Greek	366	0.2%	1.4%	380	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	231	0.2%	0.5%	148	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Spanish	1,266	0.8%	1.2%	1,287	0.9%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	891	0.6%	1.0%	1,025	0.7%	
Maltese	45	0.0%	0.2%	49	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	33	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Lithuanian	26	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Hungarian	137	0.1%	0.1%	166	0.1%	
Belorussian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	856	0.6%	0.4%	745	0.5%	
Ukrainian	81	0.1%	0.0%	73	0.1%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	23	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Bulgarian	51	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Croatian	155	0.1%	0.3%	170	0.1%	
Macedonian	30	0.0%	0.4%	24	0.0%	
Serbian	116	0.1%	0.4%	113	0.1%	
Slovene	13	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	20	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	

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Czech	95	0.1%	0.1%	91	0.1%	
Polish	420	0.3%	0.2%	402	0.3%	
Slovak	72	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	–	–	–	
Romanian	92	0.1%	0.0%	101	0.1%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Kurdish	21	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Pashto	41	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	145	0.1%	0.2%	148	0.1%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	2,197	1.4%	0.5%	1,769	1.2%	
Hazaraghi	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	1,530	1.0%	4.2%	1,440	1.0%	
Hebrew	111	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	26	0.0%	0.5%	25	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	136	0.1%	0.4%	124	0.1%	–
Azeri	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	208	0.1%	0.2%	193	0.1%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	41	0.0%	0.0%	99	0.1%	–
Kannada	371	0.2%	0.1%	212	0.1%	–
Malayalam	717	0.5%	0.3%	534	0.4%	–
Tamil	1,659	1.1%	0.7%	1,154	0.8%	–
Telugu	520	0.3%	0.4%	344	0.2%	–
Tulu	26	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Bengali	480	0.3%	0.7%	320	0.2%	–
Gujarati	431	0.3%	0.5%	333	0.2%	–
Hindi	3,391	2.2%	1.5%	2,345	1.6%	–

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Konkani	93	0.1%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Marathi	589	0.4%	0.2%	347	0.2%	
Nepali	1,816	1.2%	1.2%	997	0.7%	
Punjabi	831	0.5%	0.8%	578	0.4%	
Sindhi	29	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Sinhalese	1,165	0.8%	0.2%	1,099	0.8%	
Urdu	809	0.5%	0.8%	575	0.4%	
Assamese	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oriya	34	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	24	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	109	0.1%	0.1%	111	0.1%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	16	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	37	0.0%	0.2%	23	0.0%	
Vietnamese	687	0.5%	2.2%	566	0.4%	

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Mon	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	17	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Thai	501	0.3%	0.4%	372	0.3%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	51	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	42	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Cebuano	35	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Ilokano	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Indonesian	618	0.4%	0.6%	575	0.4%	
Malay	71	0.0%	0.1%	69	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	988	0.7%	0.9%	894	0.6%	
Filipino	781	0.5%	0.5%	514	0.4%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	63	0.0%	0.1%	108	0.1%	–
Cantonese	6,249	4.1%	2.8%	5,649	4.0%	–
Hakka	53	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	–
Mandarin	13,994	9.2%	5.0%	10,296	7.2%	–
Wu	134	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.1%	–
Min Nan	274	0.2%	0.1%	240	0.2%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Japanese	802	0.5%	0.3%	745	0.5%	–
Korean	3,474	2.3%	1.1%	3,298	2.3%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	33	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Mongolian	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Kaurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	20	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	11	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	76	0.1%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Swahili	29	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Amharic	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	39	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	32	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Samoaan	23	0.0%	0.3%	20	0.0%	
Tongan	76	0.1%	0.2%	76	0.1%	
Rotuman	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	21	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Auslan	42	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	4,656	3.1%	5.3%	5,122	3.6%	
Total	151,841	100.0%	100.0%	142,642	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.