

Community report

Hume (C)

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Hume (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 Hume (C), accounting for 45.2% (110,184 people). This share was lower than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 12,586 people, while its share fell by 4.3 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

Hume (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	241	0.1%	0.1%	196	0.1%	0.1%	+45	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	440	0.2%	0.1%	463	0.2%	0.2%	-23	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	42	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	0.0%	+15	0.0
French Creole, nfd	38	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Irish	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	110,184	45.2%	61.1%	97,598	49.5%	
German	220	0.1%	0.3%	259	0.1%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	51	0.0%	0.1%	65	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	91	0.0%	0.1%	107	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Danish	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	33	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Estonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	40	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
French	238	0.1%	0.3%	231	0.1%	
Greek	2,769	1.1%	2.1%	2,812	1.4%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	348	0.1%	0.2%	325	0.2%	
Spanish	1,249	0.5%	0.8%	1,117	0.6%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	4,880	2.0%	1.7%	5,697	2.9%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	942	0.4%	0.3%	1,041	0.5%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hungarian	90	0.0%	0.1%	119	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	148	0.1%	0.4%	125	0.1%	
Ukrainian	158	0.1%	0.0%	170	0.1%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	222	0.1%	0.1%	209	0.1%	
Bulgarian	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Croatian	813	0.3%	0.3%	967	0.5%	
Macedonian	737	0.3%	0.6%	671	0.3%	
Serbian	569	0.2%	0.3%	549	0.3%	
Slovene	66	0.0%	0.0%	80	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	26	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.0%	
Czech	22	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Polish	358	0.1%	0.3%	394	0.2%	
Slovak	26	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	129	0.1%	0.1%	94	0.0%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	43	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.0%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Kurdish	222	0.1%	0.0%	202	0.1%	–
Pashto	235	0.1%	0.1%	132	0.1%	–
Balochi	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Dari	127	0.1%	0.2%	137	0.1%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	693	0.3%	0.4%	455	0.2%	–
Hazaraghi	367	0.2%	0.4%	154	0.1%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Arabic	22,658	9.3%	1.8%	16,297	8.3%	–
Hebrew	13	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	8,448	3.5%	0.2%	5,514	2.8%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	7,617	3.1%	0.2%	6,417	3.3%	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Turkish	14,814	6.1%	0.7%	13,484	6.8%	–
Azeri	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	36	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Uygur	32	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Uzbek	18	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Turkic, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Armenian	59	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Georgian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	102	0.0%	0.0%	204	0.1%	
Kannada	117	0.0%	0.1%	86	0.0%	
Malayalam	1,453	0.6%	0.4%	1,005	0.5%	
Tamil	975	0.4%	0.7%	629	0.3%	
Telugu	821	0.3%	0.5%	442	0.2%	
Tulu	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Dravidian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Bengali	691	0.3%	0.3%	402	0.2%	
Gujarati	667	0.3%	0.5%	328	0.2%	
Hindi	4,049	1.7%	1.3%	2,691	1.4%	
Konkani	65	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Marathi	128	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.0%	
Nepali	3,114	1.3%	0.4%	909	0.5%	
Punjabi	12,653	5.2%	2.0%	5,054	2.6%	
Sindhi	83	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Sinhalese	3,930	1.6%	1.0%	3,178	1.6%	
Urdu	5,415	2.2%	0.7%	2,630	1.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Assamese	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dhivehi	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kashmiri	41	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Oriya	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Fijian Hindustani	101	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese	60	0.0%	0.1%	59	0.0%	
Chin Haka	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Karen	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Rohingya	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zomi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Hmong	410	0.2%	0.0%	466	0.2%	
Khmer	67	0.0%	0.3%	56	0.0%	
Vietnamese	2,081	0.9%	2.3%	1,966	1.0%	
Mon	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mon-Khmer, nec	—	—	0.0%	72	0.0%	
Lao	59	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Thai	518	0.2%	0.3%	309	0.2%	
Tai, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bisaya	67	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Cebuano	42	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Ilokano	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Indonesian	352	0.1%	0.3%	258	0.1%	
Malay	304	0.1%	0.1%	226	0.1%	
Tetum	63	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Timorese	21	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Tagalog	1,543	0.6%	0.5%	1,350	0.7%	
Filipino	1,254	0.5%	0.4%	892	0.5%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	15	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	23	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Cantonese	607	0.2%	1.6%	554	0.3%	
Hakka	103	0.0%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Mandarin	1,336	0.5%	4.3%	1,047	0.5%	

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Wu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Min Nan	34	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	147	0.1%	0.2%	101	0.1%	–
Korean	158	0.1%	0.3%	92	0.0%	–
Tibetan	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mongolian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Garrwa	–	–	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 Melbourne %
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%	5	0.0%	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	69	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	19	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Oromo	201	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	–
Shona	159	0.1%	0.1%	104	0.1%	–
Somali	1,014	0.4%	0.2%	735	0.4%	–
Swahili	86	0.0%	0.1%	50	0.0%	–
Yoruba	61	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	57	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	–
Bemba	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Dinka	16	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Harari	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Hausa	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Igbo	22	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	—
Kikuyu	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Krio	30	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Luganda	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Luo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ndebele	12	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Nuer	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyanja (Chichewa)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Shilluk	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tigre	40	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	—
Tigrinya	89	0.0%	0.1%	78	0.0%	—
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Xhosa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Seychelles Creole	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Anuak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bari	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Bassa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dan (Gio-Dan)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fulfulde	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Kirundi (Rundi)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Kpelle	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Krahn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Liberian (Liberian English)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Loma (Lorma)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Madi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mandinka	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Mann	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Moro (Nuba Moro)	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Themne	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Lingala	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
African Languages, nec	53	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	—
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fijian	83	0.0%	0.0%	86	0.0%	—
Gilbertese	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Maori (Cook Island)	67	0.0%	0.0%	71	0.0%	—
Maori (New Zealand)	62	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	—
Nauruan	8	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	—
Niue	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Samoan	2,107	0.9%	0.3%	1,959	1.0%	—
Tongan	163	0.1%	0.1%	157	0.1%	—
Rotuman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Tuvaluan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	10	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Auslan	131	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	14,697	6.0%	4.8%	11,227	5.7%	–
Total	243,854	100.0%	100.0%	197,363	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.