

Community report

Ipswich (C)

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

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Ipswich (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Brisbane

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 Ipswich (C), accounting for 79.8% (182,849 people). This share was higher than Greater Brisbane (77.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 24,282 people, while its share fell by 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

Ipswich (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	244	0.1%	0.1%	119	0.1%	0.1%	+125	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	231	0.1%	0.1%	285	0.1%	0.1%	-54	0.0
Swiss, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	60	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	+43	0.0
French Creole, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	72	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Gaelic (Scotland)	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Irish	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
English	182,849	79.8%	77.3%	158,567	81.8%	
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
German	369	0.2%	0.3%	366	0.2%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Dutch	194	0.1%	0.1%	301	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	529	0.2%	0.3%	354	0.2%	
Danish	58	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Norwegian	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	51	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Estonian	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Finnish	43	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
French	324	0.1%	0.3%	261	0.1%	
Greek	180	0.1%	0.3%	121	0.1%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Catalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	355	0.2%	0.3%	269	0.1%	
Spanish	1,307	0.6%	0.8%	1,033	0.5%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	200	0.1%	0.4%	202	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Maltese	50	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lithuanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hungarian	126	0.1%	0.1%	117	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	209	0.1%	0.2%	162	0.1%	
Ukrainian	10	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Bosnian	69	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Bulgarian	23	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Croatian	102	0.0%	0.1%	88	0.0%	
Macedonian	34	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Serbian	140	0.1%	0.1%	161	0.1%	
Slovene	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	20	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Czech	41	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Polish	217	0.1%	0.1%	198	0.1%	
Slovak	27	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Albanian	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	63	0.0%	0.1%	100	0.1%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kurdish	33	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Pashto	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	57	0.0%	0.1%	65	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	264	0.1%	0.3%	240	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	109	0.0%	0.1%	46	0.0%	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arabic	630	0.3%	0.5%	499	0.3%	–
Hebrew	22	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	89	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.0%	–
Azeri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Kannada	96	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Malayalam	1,471	0.6%	0.3%	573	0.3%	
Tamil	550	0.2%	0.2%	315	0.2%	
Telugu	499	0.2%	0.2%	189	0.1%	
Tulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Bengali	293	0.1%	0.1%	106	0.1%	
Gujarati	336	0.1%	0.3%	145	0.1%	
Hindi	1,415	0.6%	0.7%	918	0.5%	
Konkani	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Marathi	115	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.0%	
Nepali	439	0.2%	0.3%	83	0.0%	
Punjabi	2,186	1.0%	0.9%	483	0.2%	
Sindhi	28	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sinhalese	355	0.2%	0.2%	204	0.1%	
Urdu	336	0.1%	0.2%	165	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Oriya	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	66	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	23	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Rohingya	53	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	40	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Khmer	55	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Vietnamese	2,115	0.9%	1.1%	1,821	0.9%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lao	295	0.1%	0.0%	325	0.2%	
Thai	353	0.2%	0.2%	217	0.1%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	76	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Cebuano	71	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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Indonesian	173	0.1%	0.1%	143	0.1%	
Malay	34	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	1,286	0.6%	0.5%	769	0.4%	
Filipino	804	0.4%	0.3%	545	0.3%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chinese, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Cantonese	389	0.2%	0.9%	287	0.1%	
Hakka	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mandarin	1,166	0.5%	2.5%	863	0.4%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	26	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Japanese	272	0.1%	0.3%	215	0.1%	
Korean	399	0.2%	0.6%	217	0.1%	

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Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	73	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iwaidja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ndjebbana (Gunavidji)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuuku-Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dyirbal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	25	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Arrernte, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	8	0.0%	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	–	4	0.0%	–
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bidjara	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Gumbaynggir	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Lardil	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Wiradjuri	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Yorta Yorta	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Wangkangurru	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yugambah	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Aboriginal English, so described	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	38	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
American Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
African Languages, nfd	37	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	—
Acholi	171	0.1%	0.0%	161	0.1%	—
Akan	64	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	—
Mauritian Creole	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Oromo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Shona	242	0.1%	0.1%	141	0.1%	—
Somali	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Swahili	794	0.3%	0.1%	490	0.3%	—
Yoruba	84	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	—
Zulu	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Amharic	104	0.0%	0.0%	75	0.0%	—
Bemba	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Dinka	877	0.4%	0.1%	819	0.4%	—
Ewe	24	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Ga	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Igbo	63	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Kikuyu	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	73	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Luganda	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	30	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Nuer	34	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	19	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	55	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Tswana	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Anuak	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	52	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	33	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Kirundi (Rundi)	151	0.1%	0.0%	143	0.1%	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Krahn	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Liberian (Liberian English)	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Madi	92	0.0%	0.0%	79	0.0%	
Mandinka	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mann	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	21	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
African Languages, nec	83	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	207	0.1%	0.0%	194	0.1%	
Gilbertese	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	78	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	466	0.2%	0.1%	340	0.2%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	57	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Samoaan	4,420	1.9%	0.6%	4,087	2.1%	
Tongan	322	0.1%	0.1%	225	0.1%	
Rotuman	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tokelauan	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tuvaluan	44	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Yapese	–	–	–	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Bislama	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norf'k–Pitcairn	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Solomon Islands Pijin	25	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	66	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	34	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Auslan	371	0.2%	0.1%	168	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	22	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	14,116	6.2%	5.0%	12,651	6.5%	
Total	229,225	100.0%	100.0%	193,734	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.