

# Community report

## Joondalup (C)

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**Joondalup (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Perth**

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 Joondalup (C), accounting for 86.2% (137,864 people). This share was higher than Greater Perth (74%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 6,209 people and 0.9 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

Joondalup (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	79	0.0%	0.1%	61	0.0%	0.1%	+18	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	96	0.1%	0.1%	166	0.1%	0.2%	-70	0.0
Swiss, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	24	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+18	0.0
French Creole, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	16	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Irish	37	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	0.0%	+12	0.0
Welsh	32	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	0.0%	-13	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
English	137,864	86.2%	74.0%	131,655	85.3%	74.0%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	854	0.5%	0.3%	910	0.6%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Dutch	317	0.2%	0.2%	369	0.2%	0.2%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Afrikaans	1,739	1.1%	0.6%	1,789	1.2%	0.6%
Danish	43	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Norwegian	22	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	103	0.1%	0.0%	90	0.1%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Estonian	26	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	40	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	0.0%
French	584	0.4%	0.4%	642	0.4%	0.4%
Greek	305	0.2%	0.2%	316	0.2%	0.2%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Portuguese	512	0.3%	0.4%	390	0.3%	0.4%
Spanish	731	0.5%	0.6%	616	0.4%	0.6%
Italian	1,108	0.7%	1.1%	1,184	0.8%	1.1%
Maltese	19	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	0.0%
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latvian	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Lithuanian	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Hungarian	115	0.1%	0.1%	125	0.1%	–
Belorussian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian	299	0.2%	0.2%	232	0.2%	–
Ukrainian	31	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	–
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	54	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	–
Bulgarian	41	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Croatian	201	0.1%	0.2%	238	0.2%	–
Macedonian	292	0.2%	0.3%	280	0.2%	–
Serbian	207	0.1%	0.3%	226	0.1%	–
Slovene	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	22	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	–
Czech	113	0.1%	0.0%	97	0.1%	–
Polish	645	0.4%	0.2%	680	0.4%	–
Slovak	37	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Albanian	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Romanian	119	0.1%	0.1%	149	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kurdish	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Pashto	12	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Balochi	4	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Dari	42	0.0%	0.1%	72	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	531	0.3%	0.3%	407	0.3%	–
Hazaraghi	5	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Arabic	587	0.4%	0.7%	642	0.4%	–
Hebrew	39	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	37	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	38	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Kannada	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Malayalam	116	0.1%	0.4%	110	0.1%	
Tamil	125	0.1%	0.4%	102	0.1%	
Telugu	18	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	67	0.0%	0.2%	72	0.0%	
Gujarati	514	0.3%	0.5%	471	0.3%	
Hindi	278	0.2%	0.5%	249	0.2%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	47	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Nepali	41	0.0%	0.2%	25	0.0%	
Punjabi	199	0.1%	0.9%	198	0.1%	
Sindhi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	107	0.1%	0.3%	60	0.0%	
Urdu	120	0.1%	0.4%	64	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	6	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	78	0.0%	0.2%	96	0.1%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	26	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	457	0.3%	1.0%	430	0.3%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Thai	352	0.2%	0.3%	328	0.2%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	34	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Bisaya	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Cebuano	20	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ilokano	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Indonesian	297	0.2%	0.5%	269	0.2%	–
Malay	210	0.1%	0.2%	235	0.2%	–
Tetum	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Tagalog	218	0.1%	0.7%	269	0.2%	
Filipino	160	0.1%	0.5%	166	0.1%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	3	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	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Cantonese	720	0.4%	0.9%	718	0.5%	
Hakka	15	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Mandarin	1,407	0.9%	2.3%	1,374	0.9%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	110	0.1%	0.1%	99	0.1%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Japanese	382	0.2%	0.3%	364	0.2%	
Korean	146	0.1%	0.3%	124	0.1%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Walmajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worrorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Yawuru	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Kija	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Banyjima	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dhanggatti	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gamilaraay	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Karajarri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kariyarra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kriol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mangala	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ngarluma	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngarrindjeri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyamal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyangumarta	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyungar	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	—
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wajarri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wiradjuri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yindjibarndi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yinhawangka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Badimaya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngatjumaya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Aboriginal English, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
American Languages	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
African Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Akan	22	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Mauritian Creole	3	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	—
Oromo	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Shona	46	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	—
Somali	17	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	—
Swahili	40	0.0%	0.1%	68	0.0%	—
Yoruba	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Zulu	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Amharic	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Bemba	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Dinka	20	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	—
Ewe	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Harari	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Hausa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Kikuyu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Krio	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Luganda	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tswana	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	97	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	26	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Tongan	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Sign Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Auslan	130	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	4,948	3.1%	5.1%	5,907	3.8%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,012</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>154,428</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.