

Community report

Kalamunda (S)

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

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Kalamunda (S)

COMPARISON

Greater Perth

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 Kalamunda (S), accounting for 83.2% (48,865 people). This share was higher than Greater Perth (74%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,398 people and 0.6 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

Kalamunda (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	40	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.0%	0.1%	+14	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	50	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.2%	0.2%	-40	-0.1
Swiss, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	35	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	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	12	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Irish	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Welsh	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
English	48,865	83.2%	74.0%	47,467	82.6%	74.0%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	3	0.0%	–
German	246	0.4%	0.3%	248	0.4%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	111	0.2%	0.2%	165	0.3%	0.2%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	195	0.3%	0.6%	193	0.3%	0.6%
Danish	21	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	21	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	19	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
French	167	0.3%	0.4%	215	0.4%	0.4%
Greek	40	0.1%	0.2%	36	0.1%	0.2%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	66	0.1%	0.4%	35	0.1%	0.4%
Spanish	116	0.2%	0.6%	116	0.2%	0.6%
Italian	565	1.0%	1.1%	683	1.2%	1.1%
Maltese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Latin	–	–	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Lithuanian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungarian	29	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	–
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian	68	0.1%	0.2%	71	0.1%	–
Ukrainian	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	8	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Bulgarian	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Croatian	46	0.1%	0.2%	62	0.1%	–
Macedonian	11	0.0%	0.3%	12	0.0%	–
Serbian	60	0.1%	0.3%	68	0.1%	–
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Czech	18	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Polish	91	0.2%	0.2%	97	0.2%	–
Slovak	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	44	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pashto	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Balochi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	149	0.3%	0.1%	164	0.3%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	42	0.1%	0.3%	46	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	286	0.5%	0.2%	156	0.3%	–
Arabic	144	0.2%	0.7%	131	0.2%	–
Hebrew	8	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	26	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.1%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Kannada	40	0.1%	0.0%	38	0.1%	
Malayalam	323	0.5%	0.4%	274	0.5%	
Tamil	172	0.3%	0.4%	154	0.3%	
Telugu	102	0.2%	0.1%	80	0.1%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dravidian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	155	0.3%	0.2%	167	0.3%	
Gujarati	56	0.1%	0.5%	33	0.1%	
Hindi	254	0.4%	0.5%	178	0.3%	
Konkani	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Marathi	31	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Nepali	28	0.0%	0.2%	23	0.0%	
Punjabi	280	0.5%	0.9%	170	0.3%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	124	0.2%	0.3%	113	0.2%	
Urdu	83	0.1%	0.4%	36	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	11	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	93	0.2%	0.2%	109	0.2%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	19	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	83	0.1%	1.0%	72	0.1%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Thai	188	0.3%	0.3%	140	0.2%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Cebuano	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Indonesian	165	0.3%	0.5%	168	0.3%	–
Malay	136	0.2%	0.2%	136	0.2%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Tagalog	372	0.6%	0.7%	358	0.6%	
Filipino	280	0.5%	0.5%	244	0.4%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	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%	6	0.0%	
Cantonese	187	0.3%	0.9%	146	0.3%	
Hakka	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Mandarin	610	1.0%	2.3%	539	0.9%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	16	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Japanese	84	0.1%	0.3%	72	0.1%	
Korean	47	0.1%	0.3%	40	0.1%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	4	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	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Martu Wangka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worrorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Yawuru	–	–	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	26	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yinhawangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Acholi	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Akan	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	10	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.1%	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	74	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.1%	–
Somali	39	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	–
Swahili	19	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	–
Yoruba	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Zulu	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Amharic	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	5	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
African Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	5	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	68	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.1%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	29	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Tongan	12	0.0%	0.0%	24	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)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	4	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–

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Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	60	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	2,501	4.3%	5.1%	3,186	5.5%	–
Total	58,751	100.0%	100.0%	57,454	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.