

# Community report

## Kalgoorlie/Boulder (C)

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

AREA

**Kalgoorlie/Boulder (C)**

COMPARISON

**Regional WA**

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 Kalgoorlie/Boulder (C), accounting for 76.2% (22,298 people). This share was lower than Regional WA (80.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which decreased by 1,312 people and 2.4 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

Kalgoorlie/Boulder (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	21	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+12	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	37	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.1%	0.1%	-2	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	36	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
English	22,298	76.2%	80.9%	23,610	78.6%	81.7%	-1,312	-2.4
German	51	0.2%	0.3%	60	0.2%	0.3%	-9	0.0
Letzeburgish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Dutch	11	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	307	1.0%	0.5%	397	1.3%	0.5%
Danish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
French	48	0.2%	0.2%	37	0.1%	0.1%
Greek	16	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	0.1%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	60	0.2%	0.1%	18	0.1%	0.1%
Spanish	102	0.3%	0.2%	41	0.1%	0.1%
Italian	60	0.2%	0.4%	44	0.1%	0.1%
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Russian	31	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	0.1%
Ukrainian	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Bosnian	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Bulgarian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Croatian	21	0.1%	0.0%	37	0.1%	0.0%
Macedonian	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Serbian	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Slovene	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%
Czech	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Polish	9	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.1%	0.1%
Slovak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Albanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Romanian	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Kurdish	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Pashto	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Dari	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Persian (excluding Dari)	53	0.2%	0.0%	35	0.1%	0.0%
Hazaraghi	37	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	0.1%
Arabic	52	0.2%	0.1%	40	0.1%	0.1%
Hebrew	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	—	—	—	3	0.0%	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkish	10	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.1%	0.0%
Uzbek	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Armenian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Kannada	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Malayalam	66	0.2%	0.1%	78	0.3%	0.1%
Tamil	43	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	0.1%
Telugu	31	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.1%	0.0%
Tulu	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Indo-Aryan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bengali	16	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	0.0%
Gujarati	53	0.2%	0.1%	36	0.1%	0.1%
Hindi	127	0.4%	0.1%	151	0.5%	0.1%
Konkani	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Marathi	28	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Nepali	21	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Punjabi	102	0.3%	0.1%	64	0.2%	0.1%
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sinhalese	35	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	0.1%
Urdu	64	0.2%	0.1%	30	0.1%	0.1%
Assamese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dhivehi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Fijian Hindustani	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Indo-Aryan, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Southern Asian Languages	13	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burmese	10	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.1%	0.0%
Karen	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Rohingya	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Khmer	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Vietnamese	58	0.2%	0.2%	32	0.1%	0.0%
Lao	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Thai	149	0.5%	0.2%	118	0.4%	0.0%
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	28	0.1%	0.0%	29	0.1%	0.0%
Cebuano	19	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.1%	0.0%
Ilokano	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Indonesian	63	0.2%	0.1%	70	0.2%	0.0%
Malay	8	0.0%	0.2%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	330	1.1%	0.5%	321	1.1%	0.0%
Filipino	277	0.9%	0.4%	224	0.7%	0.0%
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Cantonese	18	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	–
Hakka	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mandarin	199	0.7%	0.4%	220	0.7%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	6	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	–
Korean	31	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	26	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	44	0.2%	0.1%	64	0.2%	–
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Wardaman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kunwinjku	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djapu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Ngathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
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%	4	0.0%	–
Bilinarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ngardi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarinyman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Walmajarri	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Western Desert Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kartujarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Kukatja	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Martu Wangka	18	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Ngaanyatjarra	6	0.0%	0.2%	19	0.1%	–
Pintupi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	9	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.1%	–
Wangkajunga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wangkatha	53	0.2%	0.1%	80	0.3%	–
Warnman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yulparija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tjupany	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarinyin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worrorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wunambal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kariyarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurna	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kriol	8	0.0%	0.4%	–	–	–
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarluma	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyangumarta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	11	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Yinhawangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Acholi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	31	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Shona	187	0.6%	0.1%	151	0.5%	–
Somali	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	22	0.1%	0.0%	30	0.1%	–
Yoruba	16	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Amharic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	9	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.1%	–
Dinka	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Hausa	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kikuyu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Tswana	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Xhosa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Seychelles Creole	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fulfulde	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	—	—	—	3	0.0%	—
Kirundi (Rundi)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Madi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
African Languages, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Fijian	24	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Gilbertese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori (Cook Island)	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori (New Zealand)	141	0.5%	0.1%	132	0.4%	—
Niue	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Samoan	64	0.2%	0.0%	43	0.1%	—
Tongan	5	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.1%	—
Rotuman	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tuvaluan	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bislama	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Norf'k-Pitcairn	—	—	—	—	—	—
Solomon Islands Pijin	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	44	0.2%	0.0%	65	0.2%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Auslan	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	3,262	11.1%	10.5%	2,987	9.9%	10.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,258</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>30,031</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.