

Community report

Karratha (C)

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

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Karratha (C)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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 Karratha (C), accounting for 70.4% (15,589 people). This share was lower than Regional WA (80.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which decreased by 393 people and 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

Karratha (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	8	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.1%	0.0%	-15	-0.1
Non-verbal, so described	22	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	0.1%	+12	+0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
English	15,589	70.4%	80.9%	15,982	74.7%	81.7%	-393	-4.3
German	37	0.2%	0.3%	57	0.3%	0.3%	-20	-0.1
Letzeburgish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Dutch	21	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	111	0.5%	0.5%	135	0.6%	0.6%
Danish	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Estonian	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	55	0.2%	0.2%	63	0.3%	0.3%
Greek	23	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	34	0.2%	0.1%	42	0.2%	0.2%
Spanish	58	0.3%	0.2%	62	0.3%	0.3%
Italian	31	0.1%	0.4%	30	0.1%	0.1%
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lithuanian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Russian	16	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	0.1%
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bulgarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Croatian	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.1%	0.1%
Macedonian	18	0.1%	0.0%	30	0.1%	0.1%
Serbian	18	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.1%	0.1%
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Czech	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Polish	16	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	0.1%
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pashto	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.0%	14	0.1%	0.1%
Hazaraghi	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Arabic	22	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	0.1%
Hebrew	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	30	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.2%	–
Tamil	23	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	–
Telugu	11	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.1%	–
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	22	0.1%	0.0%	25	0.1%	–
Gujarati	33	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.2%	–
Hindi	94	0.4%	0.1%	77	0.4%	–
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Marathi	22	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.1%	–
Nepali	50	0.2%	0.0%	25	0.1%	–
Punjabi	57	0.3%	0.1%	23	0.1%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	42	0.2%	0.1%	40	0.2%	–
Urdu	50	0.2%	0.1%	29	0.1%	–
Assamese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese	24	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	43	0.2%	0.2%	32	0.1%	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	147	0.7%	0.2%	114	0.5%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	15	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Cebuano	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	46	0.2%	0.1%	55	0.3%	–
Malay	10	0.0%	0.2%	13	0.1%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	247	1.1%	0.5%	287	1.3%	–
Filipino	173	0.8%	0.4%	201	0.9%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iban	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Chinese, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Cantonese	37	0.2%	0.1%	37	0.2%	–
Hakka	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mandarin	154	0.7%	0.4%	197	0.9%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	15	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	–
Korean	13	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	23	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.4%	–
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	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Bilinarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ngardi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarinyman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Walmajarri	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Western Desert Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kartujarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Kukatja	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Pintupi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wangkajunga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wangkatha	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Warnman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yulparija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarinyin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worrorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wunambal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Banyjima	24	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.1%	0.0%
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kariyarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurna	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kriol	3	0.0%	0.4%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Mangala	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarluma	40	0.2%	0.0%	24	0.1%	0.0%
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nyamal	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyangumarta	16	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	14	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	315	1.4%	0.1%	314	1.5%	0.1%
Yinhawangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dharawal	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	16	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	19	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–

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African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	38	0.2%	0.1%	51	0.2%	–
Somali	13	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Swahili	12	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ewe	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	65	0.3%	0.1%	65	0.3%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Samoan	13	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tongan	8	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norf'k–Pitcairn	–	–	–	6	0.0%	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	–	–	–	–

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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%	5	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	13	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	3,834	17.3%	10.5%	2,771	12.9%	10.5%
Total	22,137	100.0%	100.0%	21,404	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.