

Community report

Katherine (T)

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

AREA

Katherine (T)

COMPARISON

Regional NT

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

30 March 2026

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

Katherine (T) | Regional NT comparison | Persons

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Key takeaway

In 2021, English was the most common language used at home among residents in Katherine (T), accounting for 65.7% (6,314 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (43%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Kriol, which increased by 112 people and 1.2 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

Katherine (T) - Total persons (Usual residence)

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | | Change | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|---------------|--------|------|
| | Count | % | Regional NT % | Count | % | Regional NT % | Count | pp |
| Inadequately described | 21 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 11 | 0.1% | 0.1% | +10 | +0.1 |
| Non-verbal, so described | 16 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 22 | 0.2% | 0.1% | -6 | 0.0 |
| Swiss, so described | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Creole, nfd | 6 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 12 | 0.1% | 0.2% | -6 | 0.0 |
| French Creole, nfd | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | – | – | – |
| Pidgin, nfd | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 5 | 0.1% | 0.1% | -1 | -0.1 |
| Gaelic (Scotland) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Irish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Welsh | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – | – | – |
| English | 6,314 | 65.7% | 43.0% | 6,316 | 65.0% | 42.8% | -2 | +0.7 |
| German | 36 | 0.4% | 0.2% | 22 | 0.2% | 0.3% | +14 | +0.2 |
| Dutch | – | – | 0.1% | 6 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional NT % | Count | % | Region |
| Afrikaans | 14 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 10 | 0.1% | |
| Danish | 5 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Norwegian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Swedish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Estonian | – | – | 0.0% | 9 | 0.1% | |
| Finnish | 8 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| French | 8 | 0.1% | 0.2% | 16 | 0.2% | |
| Greek | 21 | 0.2% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Portuguese | 5 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Spanish | 12 | 0.1% | 0.2% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Iberian Romance, nec | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Italian | 9 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 15 | 0.2% | |
| Maltese | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Lithuanian | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Hungarian | – | – | 0.0% | 5 | 0.1% | |
| Russian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bosnian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bulgarian | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 5 | 0.1% | |
| Croatian | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Macedonian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Serbian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Czech | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional NT % | Count | % | Region |
| Polish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Romanian | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Pashto | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Dari | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Persian (excluding Dari) | – | – | 0.0% | 6 | 0.1% | |
| Hazaraghi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Arabic | 24 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 21 | 0.2% | |
| Hebrew | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Turkish | 6 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Southern Asian Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kannada | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Malayalam | 38 | 0.4% | 0.6% | 58 | 0.6% | |
| Tamil | 3 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 7 | 0.1% | |
| Telugu | 21 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 7 | 0.1% | |
| Bengali | 15 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Gujarati | 3 | 0.0% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Hindi | 24 | 0.2% | 0.3% | 18 | 0.2% | |
| Konkani | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Marathi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nepali | 152 | 1.6% | 0.5% | 40 | 0.4% | |
| Punjabi | 50 | 0.5% | 0.5% | 9 | 0.1% | |
| Sinhalese | 33 | 0.3% | 0.2% | 21 | 0.2% | |
| Urdu | 10 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Dhivehi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional NT % | Count | % | Region |
| Fijian Hindustani | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Indo-Aryan, nec | – | – | – | 7 | 0.1% | |
| Burmese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Khmer | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Vietnamese | 28 | 0.3% | 0.3% | 24 | 0.2% | |
| Thai | 27 | 0.3% | 0.2% | 20 | 0.2% | |
| Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bisaya | 8 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Cebuano | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ilokano | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Indonesian | 13 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 12 | 0.1% | |
| Malay | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tetum | 5 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tagalog | 125 | 1.3% | 0.6% | 107 | 1.1% | |
| Filipino | 58 | 0.6% | 0.3% | 67 | 0.7% | |
| Balinese | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ilonggo (Hiligaynon) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Chinese, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Cantonese | 9 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 11 | 0.1% | |
| Hakka | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 7 | 0.1% | |
| Mandarin | 43 | 0.4% | 0.5% | 35 | 0.4% | |
| Min Nan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Japanese | – | – | 0.1% | 9 | 0.1% | |

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| | Count | % | Regional NT % | Count | % | Region |
| Korean | 11 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 7 | 0.1% | |
| Mongolian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd | 14 | 0.1% | 0.6% | 87 | 0.9% | |
| Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Anindilyakwa | – | – | 1.6% | – | – | |
| Maung | – | – | 0.4% | – | – | |
| Ngan'gikurunggurr | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Nunggubuyu | – | – | 0.3% | – | – | |
| Rembarrnga | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Tiwi | 5 | 0.1% | 2.1% | 5 | 0.1% | |
| Dalabon | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Gudanji | – | – | 0.0% | 12 | 0.1% | |
| Iwaidja | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Jaminjung | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Jawoyn | 5 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Jingulu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kunbarlang | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Larrakiya | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Malak Malak | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mangarrayi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Maringarr | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Marra | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Marrithiyel | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional NT % | Count | % | Region |
| Murrinh Patha | – | – | 2.3% | – | – | |
| Na-kara | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Ndjebbana (Gunavidji) | – | – | 0.4% | – | – | |
| Ngaliwurru | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Nungali | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Wambaya | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Wardaman | 6 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 23 | 0.2% | |
| Garrwa | – | – | 0.1% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Ngandi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Waanyi | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Wagiman | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Yanyuwa | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Gundjeihmi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kune | – | – | 0.3% | – | – | |
| Kuninjku | – | – | 0.5% | – | – | |
| Kunwinjku | – | – | 1.6% | – | – | |
| Mayali | – | – | 0.1% | 6 | 0.1% | |
| Burarran, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Burarra | – | – | 1.3% | – | – | |
| Gun-nartpa | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Gurr-goni | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Yolngu Matha, nfd | – | – | 1.8% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional NT % | Count | % | Region |
| Dhangu, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Galpu | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Golumala | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Wangurri | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Dhangu, nec | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Dhay'yi, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Dhalwangu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Dhuwal, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Djambarrpuyngu | – | – | 4.3% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Djapu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Daatiwuy | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Marrangu | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Liyagalawumirr | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Liyagawumirr | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Dhuwal, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Dhuwala, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Gumatj | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Gupapuyngu | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Guyamirrilili | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Wubulkarra | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Djinang, nfd | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Wurlaki | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Djinang, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Djinba, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |

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| Ganalbingu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Djinba | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Manyjalpingu | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Ritharrngu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Wagilak | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nhangu, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Dhuwaya | – | – | 0.2% | – | – | |
| Madarrpa | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Warramiri | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Rirratjingu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Other Yolngu Matha, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kuku Yalanji | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Meriam Mir | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bilinarra | 3 | 0.0% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Gurindji | 29 | 0.3% | 0.6% | 29 | 0.3% | |
| Gurindji Kriol | 9 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Jaru | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Malngin | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mudburra | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |

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| Ngarinyman | 8 | 0.1% | 0.3% | 13 | 0.1% | |
| Walmajarri | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Warlmanpa | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Warlpiri | 52 | 0.5% | 2.7% | 48 | 0.5% | |
| Warumungu | 3 | 0.0% | 0.4% | – | – | |
| Arandic, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Alyawarr | – | – | 2.1% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Kaytetye | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Anmatyerr, nfd | – | – | 0.2% | – | – | |
| Central Anmatyerr | – | – | 0.5% | – | – | |
| Eastern Anmatyerr | – | – | 0.2% | – | – | |
| Anmatyerr, nec | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Arrernte, nfd | 9 | 0.1% | 1.4% | – | – | |
| Eastern Arrernte | 9 | 0.1% | 0.5% | – | – | |
| Western Arrarnta | – | – | 1.0% | – | – | |
| Arrernte, nec | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Kukatja | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Luritja | – | – | 1.4% | – | – | |
| Martu Wangka | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Ngaanyatjarra | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Pintupi | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Pitjantjatjara | – | – | 1.1% | – | – | |
| Yankunytjatjara | – | – | 0.3% | – | – | |
| Gooniyandi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional NT % | Count | % | Region |
| Miriwoong | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ngarinyin | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Yawuru | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Adnymathanha | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Gamilaraay | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Kriol | 546 | 5.7% | 5.4% | 434 | 4.5% | |
| Lardil | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Narungga | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Ngarrindjeri | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nyamal | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nyungar | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Wajarri | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Wiradjuri | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Aboriginal English, so described | – | – | 0.2% | – | – | |
| Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec | 12 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| African Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Acholi | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Akan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mauritian Creole | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Shona | 15 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 13 | 0.1% | |
| Somali | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Swahili | 13 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional NT % | Count | % | Region |
| Yoruba | 5 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Zulu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Amharic | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bemba | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Dinka | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Igbo | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ndebele | 3 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 7 | 0.1% | |
| Nuer | 7 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Tswana | – | – | – | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Anuak | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bari | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Madi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mandinka | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| African Languages, nec | – | – | 0.0% | 6 | 0.1% | |
| Fijian | 28 | 0.3% | 0.2% | 16 | 0.2% | |
| Gilbertese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Maori (Cook Island) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Maori (New Zealand) | 5 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 5 | 0.1% | |
| Samoan | 8 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 6 | 0.1% | |
| Tongan | 9 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Rotuman | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tuvaluan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec | – | – | – | – | – | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional NT % | Count | % | Region |
| Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Bislama | 24 | 0.2% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Norf'k–Pitcairn | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Solomon Islands Pijin | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Motu (HiriMotu) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian) | 5 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 6 | 0.1% | |
| Papua New Guinea Languages, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Sign Languages, nfd | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Auslan | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Key Word Sign Australia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Not stated | 1,556 | 16.2% | 10.1% | 2,005 | 20.6% | |
| Total | 9,606 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 9,715 | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.