

Community report

Kiama (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Kiama (A), accounting for 91% (20,993 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,780 people and 1.4 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

Kiama (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	14	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+7	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	8	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.1%	0.1%	-3	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Irish	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Welsh	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	20,993	91.0%	86.8%	19,213	89.6%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	80	0.3%	0.2%	90	0.4%	0.2%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	25	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.2%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	17	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	0.1%
Danish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	24	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	13	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	62	0.3%	0.1%	53	0.2%	0.1%
Greek	64	0.3%	0.2%	58	0.3%	0.2%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	21	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%
Spanish	80	0.3%	0.3%	60	0.3%	0.3%
Italian	93	0.4%	0.4%	109	0.5%	0.4%
Maltese	21	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	0.0%
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	9	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Ukrainian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	11	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Macedonian	48	0.2%	0.3%	35	0.2%	
Serbian	12	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Slovene	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czech	12	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Polish	11	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	35	0.2%	0.3%	21	0.1%	–
Hebrew	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	5	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	4	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	4	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Telugu	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dravidian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bengali	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Gujarati	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Hindi	11	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Konkani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Marathi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nepali	10	0.0%	0.2%	—	—	
Punjabi	—	—	0.3%	3	0.0%	
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sinhalese	—	—	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Urdu	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Assamese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dhivehi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kashmiri	—	—	—	—	—	
Oriya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Fijian Hindustani	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Indo-Aryan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Southern Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Vietnamese	27	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	35	0.2%	0.2%	48	0.2%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	13	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Malay	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	15	0.1%	0.2%	13	0.1%	
Filipino	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
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	–	–	–	–	–	
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cantonese	44	0.2%	0.2%	41	0.2%	
Hakka	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	59	0.3%	0.4%	44	0.2%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	19	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Korean	5	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku–Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	13	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Rotuman	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tuvaluan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
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)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Invented Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sign Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Auslan	13	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sign Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Not stated	1,040	4.5%	6.6%	1,322	6.2%	
Total	23,073	100.0%	100.0%	21,452	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.