

Community report

Kingston (C) (Vic.)

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

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Kingston (C) (Vic.)

COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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 Kingston (C) (Vic.), accounting for 70.5% (111,535 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 7,127 people and 1.5 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

Kingston (C) (Vic.) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	116	0.1%	0.1%	117	0.1%	0.1%	-1	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	167	0.1%	0.1%	267	0.2%	0.2%	-100	-0.1
Swiss, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Creole, nfd	142	0.1%	0.0%	51	0.0%	0.0%	+91	+0.1
French Creole, nfd	62	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Irish	16	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	111,535	70.5%	61.1%	104,408	69.0%	61.1%
German	561	0.4%	0.3%	643	0.4%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	19	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%
Dutch	208	0.1%	0.1%	208	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	273	0.2%	0.1%	225	0.1%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Danish	54	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	87	0.1%	0.0%	93	0.1%	0.0%
Estonian	21	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	42	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	0.0%
French	768	0.5%	0.3%	801	0.5%	0.3%
Greek	6,611	4.2%	2.1%	6,837	4.5%	2.1%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Portuguese	344	0.2%	0.2%	231	0.2%	0.2%
Spanish	1,214	0.8%	0.8%	999	0.7%	0.8%
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	1,999	1.3%	1.7%	2,329	1.5%	1.7%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	74	0.0%	0.3%	96	0.1%	
Basque	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	14	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Lithuanian	13	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Hungarian	220	0.1%	0.1%	261	0.2%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Russian	2,081	1.3%	0.4%	1,937	1.3%	
Ukrainian	81	0.1%	0.0%	111	0.1%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	147	0.1%	0.1%	138	0.1%	
Bulgarian	35	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Croatian	488	0.3%	0.3%	462	0.3%	
Macedonian	128	0.1%	0.6%	116	0.1%	
Serbian	520	0.3%	0.3%	451	0.3%	
Slovene	42	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	37	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Czech	127	0.1%	0.0%	124	0.1%	
Polish	690	0.4%	0.3%	681	0.4%	
Slovak	41	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	34	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	94	0.1%	0.1%	112	0.1%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Pashto	25	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	70	0.0%	0.2%	72	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	216	0.1%	0.4%	204	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	13	0.0%	0.4%	–	–	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	1,069	0.7%	1.8%	1,234	0.8%	–
Hebrew	365	0.2%	0.1%	316	0.2%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	14	0.0%	0.2%	18	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	49	0.0%	0.2%	53	0.0%	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	767	0.5%	0.7%	684	0.5%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	125	0.1%	0.0%	117	0.1%	–
Georgian	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	30	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	–
Kannada	223	0.1%	0.1%	180	0.1%	–
Malayalam	454	0.3%	0.4%	432	0.3%	–
Tamil	775	0.5%	0.7%	679	0.4%	–
Telugu	395	0.2%	0.5%	228	0.2%	–
Tulu	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bengali	245	0.2%	0.3%	203	0.1%	–
Gujarati	656	0.4%	0.5%	323	0.2%	–
Hindi	1,517	1.0%	1.3%	1,322	0.9%	–
Konkani	51	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	–
Marathi	186	0.1%	0.1%	134	0.1%	–
Nepali	257	0.2%	0.4%	127	0.1%	–
Punjabi	952	0.6%	2.0%	1,278	0.8%	–
Sindhi	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Sinhalese	673	0.4%	1.0%	620	0.4%	–
Urdu	244	0.2%	0.7%	254	0.2%	–

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Assamese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	24	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	77	0.0%	0.1%	67	0.0%	
Chin Haka	12	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	892	0.6%	0.3%	922	0.6%	
Vietnamese	1,727	1.1%	2.3%	1,566	1.0%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	69	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Thai	401	0.3%	0.3%	331	0.2%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bisaya	31	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Cebuano	31	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Indonesian	249	0.2%	0.3%	271	0.2%	
Malay	98	0.1%	0.1%	82	0.1%	
Tetum	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Timorese	14	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tagalog	605	0.4%	0.5%	602	0.4%	
Filipino	447	0.3%	0.4%	472	0.3%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	108	0.1%	0.1%	235	0.2%	
Cantonese	1,691	1.1%	1.6%	1,633	1.1%	
Hakka	153	0.1%	0.1%	174	0.1%	
Mandarin	5,467	3.5%	4.3%	4,578	3.0%	

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Wu	56	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Min Nan	260	0.2%	0.1%	271	0.2%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	545	0.3%	0.2%	495	0.3%	
Korean	402	0.3%	0.3%	319	0.2%	
Tibetan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	46	0.0%	0.0%	112	0.1%	–
Oromo	21	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	–
Shona	46	0.0%	0.1%	46	0.0%	–
Somali	7	0.0%	0.2%	11	0.0%	–
Swahili	40	0.0%	0.1%	53	0.0%	–
Yoruba	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	8	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	3	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luo	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Nuer	12	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Tigrinya	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	31	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	89	0.1%	0.0%	92	0.1%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	38	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Niue	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Samoan	49	0.0%	0.3%	48	0.0%	–
Tongan	17	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	8	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)	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Auslan	111	0.1%	0.1%	79	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	5,466	3.5%	4.8%	7,631	5.0%	–
Total	158,107	100.0%	100.0%	151,383	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.