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COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Knox (C)

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AREA
Knox (C)

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 Knox (C), accounting for 68% (108,159 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Mandarin, which increased by 3,469 people and 2.1 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

Knox (C) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	101	0.1%	0.1%	107	0.1%	0.1%	-6	0.0
Non–verbal, so described	182	0.1%	0.1%	259	0.2%	0.2%	-77	-0.1
Swiss, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Cypriot, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Creole, nfd	83	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%	+57	+0.1
French Creole, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	0.0%	-14	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Portuguese Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Irish	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Welsh	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	108,159	68.0%	61.1%	109,485	71.1%	
German	845	0.5%	0.3%	1,104	0.7%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dutch	197	0.1%	0.1%	322	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	185	0.1%	0.1%	187	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Danish	21	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	30	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Estonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Finnish	14	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
French	297	0.2%	0.3%	358	0.2%	
Greek	1,707	1.1%	2.1%	1,802	1.2%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Portuguese	119	0.1%	0.2%	115	0.1%	
Spanish	734	0.5%	0.8%	745	0.5%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	1,389	0.9%	1.7%	1,805	1.2%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Maltese	70	0.0%	0.3%	86	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	86	0.1%	0.0%	91	0.1%	
Lithuanian	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Hungarian	318	0.2%	0.1%	403	0.3%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	277	0.2%	0.4%	245	0.2%	
Ukrainian	14	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	46	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.0%	
Bulgarian	24	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Croatian	278	0.2%	0.3%	299	0.2%	
Macedonian	138	0.1%	0.6%	118	0.1%	
Serbian	326	0.2%	0.3%	291	0.2%	
Slovene	29	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	23	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Czech	39	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Polish	526	0.3%	0.3%	606	0.4%	
Slovak	26	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	

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Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	17	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	130	0.1%	0.1%	152	0.1%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	18	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Pashto	94	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.1%	
Balochi	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	197	0.1%	0.2%	201	0.1%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	1,144	0.7%	0.4%	700	0.5%	
Hazaraghi	16	0.0%	0.4%	–	–	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	1,164	0.7%	1.8%	1,131	0.7%	
Hebrew	26	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	3	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	5	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	176	0.1%	0.7%	160	0.1%	
Azeri	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	27	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	210	0.1%	0.0%	230	0.1%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	58	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Kannada	144	0.1%	0.1%	81	0.1%	
Malayalam	572	0.4%	0.4%	468	0.3%	
Tamil	1,457	0.9%	0.7%	1,108	0.7%	
Telugu	349	0.2%	0.5%	195	0.1%	
Tulu	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bengali	216	0.1%	0.3%	149	0.1%	
Gujarati	983	0.6%	0.5%	664	0.4%	
Hindi	1,482	0.9%	1.3%	1,349	0.9%	
Konkani	53	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Marathi	314	0.2%	0.1%	184	0.1%	
Nepali	268	0.2%	0.4%	163	0.1%	
Punjabi	1,065	0.7%	2.0%	762	0.5%	
Sindhi	21	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sinhalese	2,705	1.7%	1.0%	2,079	1.3%	
Urdu	365	0.2%	0.7%	192	0.1%	

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Assamese	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dhivehi	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	27	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	93	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Chin Haka	20	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Karen	26	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	77	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	19	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	421	0.3%	0.3%	422	0.3%	
Vietnamese	1,294	0.8%	2.3%	1,186	0.8%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	131	0.1%	0.0%	132	0.1%	
Thai	362	0.2%	0.3%	298	0.2%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bisaya	50	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Cebuano	33	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ilokano	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Indonesian	682	0.4%	0.3%	578	0.4%	
Malay	155	0.1%	0.1%	155	0.1%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Timorese	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tagalog	626	0.4%	0.5%	606	0.4%	
Filipino	518	0.3%	0.4%	466	0.3%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	87	0.1%	0.1%	126	0.1%	
Cantonese	5,515	3.5%	1.6%	4,779	3.1%	
Hakka	125	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.1%	
Mandarin	11,536	7.3%	4.3%	8,067	5.2%	

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Wu	31	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Min Nan	533	0.3%	0.1%	508	0.3%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	242	0.2%	0.2%	202	0.1%	
Korean	949	0.6%	0.3%	715	0.5%	
Tibetan	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	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	3	0.0%	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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Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambeh	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	15	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
Oromo	10	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Shona	31	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Somali	7	0.0%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Swahili	35	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Yoruba	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Zulu	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Bemba	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dinka	20	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	

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Ewe	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	3	0.0%	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 Mel
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%	6	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	18	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	34	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Nauruan	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Niue	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	59	0.0%	0.3%	41	0.0%	
Tongan	71	0.0%	0.1%	75	0.0%	
Rotuman	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norf'k–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)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Auslan	142	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	5,217	3.3%	4.8%	5,800	3.8%	
Total	**159,117**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**154,063**	**100.0%**	**10**

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.