

# Community report

## Ku-ring-gai (A)

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

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**Ku-ring-gai (A)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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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 Ku-ring-gai (A), accounting for 64.1% (79,470 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Mandarin, which increased by 5,953 people and 4.4 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

Ku-ring-gai (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	34	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	129	0.1%	0.1%	185	0.2%	0.2%	-56	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Irish	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	15	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	79,470	64.1%	57.3%	81,076	68.7%	
German	607	0.5%	0.3%	660	0.6%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	218	0.2%	0.1%	299	0.3%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	494	0.4%	0.1%	519	0.4%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	77	0.1%	0.0%	63	0.1%	
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	23	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Swedish	73	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Finnish	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	450	0.4%	0.4%	483	0.4%	
Greek	360	0.3%	1.4%	402	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Portuguese	244	0.2%	0.5%	158	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Spanish	942	0.8%	1.2%	804	0.7%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	478	0.4%	1.0%	592	0.5%	
Maltese	8	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	22	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Lithuanian	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Hungarian	133	0.1%	0.1%	153	0.1%	
Belorussian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	505	0.4%	0.4%	439	0.4%	
Ukrainian	26	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	7	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Bulgarian	23	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Croatian	119	0.1%	0.3%	105	0.1%	
Macedonian	46	0.0%	0.4%	30	0.0%	
Serbian	103	0.1%	0.4%	97	0.1%	
Slovene	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Czech	58	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	
Polish	234	0.2%	0.2%	202	0.2%	
Slovak	46	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	–	–	–	
Romanian	72	0.1%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kurdish	9	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Pashto	9	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	15	0.0%	0.2%	17	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	1,578	1.3%	0.5%	1,234	1.0%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	399	0.3%	4.2%	323	0.3%	
Hebrew	327	0.3%	0.1%	291	0.2%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	12	0.0%	0.5%	11	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	121	0.1%	0.4%	99	0.1%	–
Azeri	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	307	0.2%	0.2%	279	0.2%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Kannada	47	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	–
Malayalam	137	0.1%	0.3%	107	0.1%	–
Tamil	432	0.3%	0.7%	256	0.2%	–
Telugu	139	0.1%	0.4%	122	0.1%	–
Tulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Bengali	123	0.1%	0.7%	98	0.1%	–
Gujarati	221	0.2%	0.5%	211	0.2%	–
Hindi	1,134	0.9%	1.5%	861	0.7%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Konkani	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Marathi	109	0.1%	0.2%	81	0.1%	
Nepali	139	0.1%	1.2%	103	0.1%	
Punjabi	437	0.4%	0.8%	378	0.3%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	357	0.3%	0.2%	263	0.2%	
Urdu	228	0.2%	0.8%	165	0.1%	
Assamese	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kashmiri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	23	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	16	0.0%	0.2%	24	0.0%	
Vietnamese	423	0.3%	2.2%	329	0.3%	

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Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	13	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Thai	311	0.3%	0.4%	222	0.2%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cebuano	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	403	0.3%	0.6%	405	0.3%	
Malay	25	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	222	0.2%	0.9%	178	0.2%	
Filipino	190	0.2%	0.5%	144	0.1%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	62	0.0%	0.1%	128	0.1%	–
Cantonese	6,860	5.5%	2.8%	5,937	5.0%	–
Hakka	19	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Mandarin	16,199	13.1%	5.0%	10,246	8.7%	–
Wu	122	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	–
Min Nan	235	0.2%	0.1%	168	0.1%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	5	0.0%	–
Japanese	1,010	0.8%	0.3%	953	0.8%	–
Korean	3,100	2.5%	1.1%	2,949	2.5%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrente, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrente, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Kaurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambeh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	29	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Swahili	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kikuyu	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	10	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Samoaan	12	0.0%	0.3%	10	0.0%	
Tongan	9	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	4	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%	13	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	23	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,137	2.5%	5.3%	4,231	3.6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>124,059</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>118,046</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.