

Community report

Lane Cove (A)

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

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Lane Cove (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 Lane Cove (A), accounting for 68% (26,798 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,898 people, while its share fell by 1.1 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

Lane Cove (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	13	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	55	0.1%	0.1%	92	0.3%	0.2%	-37	-0.2
Swiss, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	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%	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Irish	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	26,798	68.0%	57.3%	24,900	69.1%	57.3%
German	161	0.4%	0.3%	195	0.5%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	58	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.2%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	70	0.2%	0.1%	67	0.2%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Danish	8	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	49	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Estonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	242	0.6%	0.4%	207	0.6%	0.4%
Greek	229	0.6%	1.4%	230	0.6%	1.4%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Portuguese	232	0.6%	0.5%	178	0.5%	0.5%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Spanish	614	1.6%	1.2%	457	1.3%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	255	0.6%	1.0%	309	0.9%	
Maltese	7	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Lithuanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hungarian	40	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Belorussian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	202	0.5%	0.4%	164	0.5%	
Ukrainian	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	8	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Bulgarian	47	0.1%	0.0%	29	0.1%	
Croatian	120	0.3%	0.3%	115	0.3%	
Macedonian	54	0.1%	0.4%	51	0.1%	
Serbian	81	0.2%	0.4%	61	0.2%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Czech	34	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	
Polish	185	0.5%	0.2%	163	0.5%	
Slovak	26	0.1%	0.0%	39	0.1%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	–	–	–	
Romanian	28	0.1%	0.0%	30	0.1%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Pashto	10	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	12	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	552	1.4%	0.5%	414	1.1%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	178	0.5%	4.2%	101	0.3%	
Hebrew	59	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.2%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	8	0.0%	0.5%	3	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	88	0.2%	0.4%	36	0.1%	–
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	180	0.5%	0.2%	185	0.5%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.1%	–
Kannada	30	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Malayalam	55	0.1%	0.3%	87	0.2%	–
Tamil	115	0.3%	0.7%	90	0.2%	–
Telugu	84	0.2%	0.4%	84	0.2%	–
Tulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bengali	107	0.3%	0.7%	138	0.4%	–
Gujarati	65	0.2%	0.5%	62	0.2%	–
Hindi	443	1.1%	1.5%	343	1.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Konkani	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Marathi	54	0.1%	0.2%	42	0.1%	
Nepali	209	0.5%	1.2%	337	0.9%	
Punjabi	83	0.2%	0.8%	67	0.2%	
Sindhi	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sinhalese	86	0.2%	0.2%	54	0.1%	
Urdu	92	0.2%	0.8%	72	0.2%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oriya	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	11	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	20	0.1%	0.2%	18	0.0%	
Vietnamese	146	0.4%	2.2%	124	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	10	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Thai	195	0.5%	0.4%	159	0.4%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cebuano	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	172	0.4%	0.6%	129	0.4%	
Malay	28	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	209	0.5%	0.9%	159	0.4%	
Filipino	145	0.4%	0.5%	135	0.4%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	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	16	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.1%	–
Cantonese	1,411	3.6%	2.8%	1,125	3.1%	–
Hakka	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Mandarin	2,197	5.6%	5.0%	1,690	4.7%	–
Wu	21	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	–
Min Nan	65	0.2%	0.1%	57	0.2%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Japanese	514	1.3%	0.3%	441	1.2%	–
Korean	390	1.0%	1.1%	334	0.9%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	24	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
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%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	3	0.0%	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	–	–	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%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	16	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.1%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Swahili	11	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Yoruba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Zulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Amharic	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Bemba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ewe	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Harari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hausa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Igbo	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Kikuyu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Krio	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Luganda	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Luo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ndebele	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nuer	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyanja (Chichewa)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Shilluk	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tigre	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tigrinya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tswana	—	—	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)	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	8	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Samoan	11	0.0%	0.3%	—	—	—
Tongan	—	—	0.2%	3	0.0%	—
Rotuman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tuvaluan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yapese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
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	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Key Word Sign Australia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sign Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Not stated	1,459	3.7%	5.3%	1,636	4.5%	—
Total	39,433	100.0%	100.0%	36,030	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.