

# Community report

## Migratory - Offshore -

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

## Shipping (WA)

AREA

**Migratory - Offshore - Shipping  
(WA)**

COMPARISON

**Western Australia**

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 Migratory – Offshore – Shipping (WA), accounting for 47.2% (232 people). This share was lower than Western Australia (75.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which decreased by 75 people and 23.1 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

Migratory - Offshore - Shipping (WA) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Non-verbal, so described	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
English	232	47.2%	75.4%	307	70.3%	75.3%	-75	-23.1
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
German	–	–	0.3%	4	0.9%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	3	0.6%	0.2%	–	–	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	–	–	0.6%	3	0.7%	
Danish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.7%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	4	0.9%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.7%	
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Greek	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	4	0.8%	0.3%	–	–	
Spanish	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Italian	–	–	1.0%	5	1.1%	
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	3	0.6%	0.1%	5	1.1%	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Macedonian	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	4	0.8%	0.2%	–	–	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Arabic	–	–	0.6%	–	–	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Tamil	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Hindi	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Nepali	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Punjabi	–	–	0.8%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	–	–	0.2%	5	1.1%	
Urdu	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	5	1.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Vietnamese	–	–	0.9%	5	1.1%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	–	–	0.3%	3	0.7%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	3	0.6%	0.5%	10	2.3%	
Malay	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	9	1.8%	0.7%	3	0.7%	
Filipino	8	1.6%	0.5%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	–	–	0.7%	–	–	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	–	–	2.0%	8	1.8%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Korean	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wardaman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
Kunwinjku	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djapu	–	–	–	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wik Ngathan	–	–	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%	–	–	
Bilinarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngardi	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarinyman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Walmajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Western Desert Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kartujarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pintupi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkajunga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warnman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Yulparija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarinyin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worrorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wunambal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kariyarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurna	–	–	–	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarluma	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyangumarta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Palyku/Niyaparli	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yinhawangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norf'k-Pitcairn	–	–	–	–	–	–
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	–	–	–	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Western Australia %	Count	%	Western A
Auslan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	221	44.9%	6.2%	69	15.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.