

# Community report

## Migratory – Offshore –

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

## Shipping (NT)

AREA

**Migratory – Offshore – Shipping  
(NT)**

COMPARISON

**Northern Territory**

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 (NT), accounting for 64.9% (63 people). This share was higher than Northern Territory (57.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 35 people and 25.5 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Northern Territory %	Count	%	Northern Territory %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Non-verbal, so described	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.2%	–	–
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
English	63	64.9%	57.6%	28	39.4%	58.1%	+35	+25.5
German	–	–	0.3%	–	–	0.4%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Northern Territory %	Count	%	Northern Territory %
Dutch	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Danish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Greek	–	–	1.4%	–	–	–
Portuguese	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Spanish	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Italian	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Croatian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Northern Territory %	Count	%	Northern Territory %
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	–	–	0.7%	–	–	–
Tamil	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Telugu	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Northern Territory %	Count	%	Northern Territory %
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Gujarati	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Hindi	–	–	0.4%	–	–	–
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepali	–	–	1.4%	–	–	–
Punjabi	–	–	0.7%	–	–	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	5	5.2%	0.4%	–	–	–
Urdu	–	–	0.4%	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Northern Territory %	Count	%	Northern Territory %
Vietnamese	–	–	0.7%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	–	–	0.4%	–	–	–
Tai, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Bisaya	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	5	5.2%	0.6%	20	28.2%	–
Malay	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Tetum	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	–	–	1.3%	–	–	–
Filipino	–	–	0.9%	5	7.0%	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Hakka	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Northern Territory %	Count	%	Northern Territory %
Mandarin	–	–	1.1%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	–	–	0.1%	7	9.9%	–
Korean	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.6%	–	–	–
Maung	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Ngan'ikurunggurr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nunggubuyu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rembarrnga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.9%	–	–	–
Dalabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iwaidja	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Jaminjung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jingulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kunbarlang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Larrakiya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malak Malak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Mangarrayi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maringarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.9%	–	–	–
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndjebbana (Gunavidji)	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Ngaliwurru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nungali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wambaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wardaman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Garrwa	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ngandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Waanyi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Wagiman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gundjeihmi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kune	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Kuninjku	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Kunwinjku	–	–	0.6%	–	–	–
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarran, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarra	–	–	0.5%	–	–	–
Gun-nartpa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Gurr-goni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.7%	–	–	–
Dhangu, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Galpu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Golumala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wangurri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhangu, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dhay'yi, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dhalwangu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhuwal, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	1.7%	–	–	–
Djapu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Daatiwuy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marrangu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Liyagalawumirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liyagawumirr	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dhuwal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhuwala, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gumatj	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gupapuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guyamirrilili	–	–	–	–	–	–
Wubulkarra	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Djinang, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wurlaki	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djinang, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djinba, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ganalbingu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djinba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manyjalpingu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ritharrngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wagilak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nhangu, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhuwaya	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Madarrpa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warramiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rirratjingu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Yolngu Matha, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Meriam Mir	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bilinarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Northern Territory %	Count	%	Northern Territory %
Gurindji	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Gurindji Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malngin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mudburra	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ngarinyman	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Walmajarri	–	–	–	–	–	–
Warlmanpa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	1.1%	–	–	–
Warumungu	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Arandic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Alyawarr	–	–	0.8%	–	–	–
Kaytetye	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Central Anmatyerr	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Eastern Anmatyerr	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.6%	–	–	–
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.4%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kukatja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luritja	–	–	0.5%	–	–	–
Martu Wangka	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pintupi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.4%	–	–	–
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarinyin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	2.3%	–	–	–
Lardil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	–	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	–	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ewe	–	–	–	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	–	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Samoan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Tongan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	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%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Northern Territory %	Count	%	Northern Territory %
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kiwai	–	–	–	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	24	24.7%	9.9%	11	15.5%	10.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.