

Community report

Lismore (C)

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

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Lismore (C)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Lismore (C), accounting for 87.4% (38,754 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 990 people, while its share fell by 0.2 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

Lismore (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	30	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	0.0%	-10	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	13	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.1%	0.1%	-14	-0.1
Swiss, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	38,754	87.4%	86.8%	37,764	87.6%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	210	0.5%	0.2%	203	0.5%	0.2%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	53	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	31	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	0.1%
Danish	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	113	0.3%	0.1%	109	0.3%	0.1%
Greek	28	0.1%	0.2%	19	0.0%	0.2%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	40	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.0%	0.1%
Spanish	123	0.3%	0.3%	96	0.2%	0.3%
Italian	197	0.4%	0.4%	304	0.7%	0.4%
Maltese	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Latin	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	12	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	17	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	7	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Macedonian	3	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Serbian	9	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	16	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Dari	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	47	0.1%	0.3%	19	0.0%	–
Hebrew	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Malayalam	23	0.1%	0.2%	14	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	6	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Telugu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	15	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Gujarati	11	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Hindi	20	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nepali	42	0.1%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Punjabi	158	0.4%	0.3%	66	0.2%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	19	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Urdu	32	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Assamese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Vietnamese	74	0.2%	0.2%	55	0.1%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	88	0.2%	0.2%	55	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cebuano	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	22	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Malay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tetum	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	56	0.1%	0.2%	66	0.2%	
Filipino	58	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Cantonese	42	0.1%	0.2%	30	0.1%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	94	0.2%	0.4%	87	0.2%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	83	0.2%	0.1%	70	0.2%	–
Korean	37	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku–Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	69	0.2%	0.0%	27	0.1%	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	28	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	7	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.1%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	21	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	29	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	6	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.1%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Auslan	92	0.2%	0.1%	71	0.2%	
Key Word Sign Australia	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,253	7.3%	6.6%	3,381	7.8%	
Total	44,334	100.0%	100.0%	43,108	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.