

Community report

Litchfield (M)

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

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Litchfield (M)

COMPARISON

Greater Darwin

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 Litchfield (M), accounting for 79.2% (16,923 people). This share was higher than Greater Darwin (66.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which decreased by 891 people, while its share rose by 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

Litchfield (M) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	13	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.0%	0.1%	+2	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	5	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.1%	0.2%	-16	-0.1
Swiss, so described	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
English	16,923	79.2%	66.7%	17,814	74.8%	67.9%	-891	+4.4
German	75	0.4%	0.3%	72	0.3%	0.4%	+3	+0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %
Dutch	18	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Afrikaans	21	0.1%	0.2%	20	0.1%	
Danish	4	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	
Norwegian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Swedish	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Estonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Finnish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
French	35	0.2%	0.3%	38	0.2%	
Greek	97	0.5%	2.3%	85	0.4%	
Portuguese	10	0.0%	0.4%	21	0.1%	
Spanish	19	0.1%	0.4%	39	0.2%	
Iberian Romance, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Italian	31	0.1%	0.4%	46	0.2%	
Maltese	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Latin	—	—	—	—	—	
Latvian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Lithuanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hungarian	—	—	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Russian	6	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Ukrainian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bosnian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bulgarian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Croatian	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Macedonian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater D
Serbian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Slovene	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Czech	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Polish	9	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	—
Slovak	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Albanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Romanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Iranic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kurdish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pashto	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dari	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Persian (excluding Dari)	—	—	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Hazaraghi	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Arabic	9	0.0%	0.2%	11	0.0%	—
Hebrew	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kannada	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Malayalam	9	0.0%	0.8%	—	—	—
Tamil	3	0.0%	0.3%	4	0.0%	—
Telugu	10	0.0%	0.2%	7	0.0%	—

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Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bengali	11	0.1%	0.5%	–	–	
Gujarati	4	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Hindi	12	0.1%	0.5%	8	0.0%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Nepali	11	0.1%	1.9%	–	–	
Punjabi	12	0.1%	0.8%	3	0.0%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	9	0.0%	0.6%	5	0.0%	
Urdu	5	0.0%	0.5%	7	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	36	0.2%	0.1%	61	0.3%	

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Vietnamese	143	0.7%	0.9%	222	0.9%	
Mon	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Thai	119	0.6%	0.6%	70	0.3%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bisaya	6	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Cebuano	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	52	0.2%	0.8%	75	0.3%	
Malay	14	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Tetum	9	0.0%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	38	0.2%	1.8%	87	0.4%	
Filipino	35	0.2%	1.3%	66	0.3%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cantonese	12	0.1%	0.5%	18	0.1%	
Hakka	11	0.1%	0.4%	13	0.1%	

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Mandarin	81	0.4%	1.5%	64	0.3%	
Min Nan	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Japanese	4	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Korean	15	0.1%	0.2%	20	0.1%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	12	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.2%	
Anindilyakwa	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ngan'ikurunggurr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nunggubuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	5	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Iwaidja	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jingulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malak Malak	–	–	–	–	–	
Maringarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ndjebbana (Gunavidji)	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gundjeihmi	–	–	–	–	–	

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Kune	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kunwinjku	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarran, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarra	11	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Galpu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Gupapuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ganalbingu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Koko–Bera	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	–	–	–	–
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bilinarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gurindji Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarinyman	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kaytetye	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	5	0.0%	
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	32	0.1%	0.2%	15	0.1%	
Nyamal	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	–	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	9	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	3	0.0%	0.3%	3	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	–	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	

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Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	3	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kiwai	–	–	–	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	11	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater D
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,177	14.9%	9.8%	4,629	19.4%	
Total	21,360	100.0%	100.0%	23,809	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.