

Community report

Macedon Ranges (S)

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

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Macedon Ranges (S)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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 Macedon Ranges (S), accounting for 90.5% (46,536 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (86.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 5,513 people and 1.5 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

Macedon Ranges (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	22	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	0.1%	+3	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.1%	0.1%	-19	-0.1
Swiss, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Irish	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
English	46,536	90.5%	86.4%	41,023	89.0%	8
German	163	0.3%	0.2%	192	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	81	0.2%	0.1%	72	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	61	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.1%	
Danish	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	21	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
French	124	0.2%	0.1%	91	0.2%	
Greek	138	0.3%	0.2%	122	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Spanish	129	0.3%	0.2%	97	0.2%	
Italian	261	0.5%	0.5%	346	0.8%	
Maltese	104	0.2%	0.1%	123	0.3%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Southern European Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Latvian	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Lithuanian	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hungarian	33	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Belorussian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Russian	14	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Ukrainian	13	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bosnian	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bulgarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Croatian	69	0.1%	0.2%	62	0.1%	
Macedonian	45	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Serbian	20	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Slovene	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czech	16	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Polish	54	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
Slovak	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	—	—	—	
Albanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Romanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Romany	—	—	—	—	—	
Iranic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	–	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Arabic	65	0.1%	0.2%	30	0.1%	
Hebrew	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Turkish	42	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	10	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Tamil	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Telugu	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Bengali	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Gujarati	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Hindi	36	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	20	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Punjabi	71	0.1%	0.5%	26	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	10	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Urdu	9	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Vietnamese	37	0.1%	0.2%	25	0.1%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	42	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	8	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Malay	9	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Tetum	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	40	0.1%	0.2%	28	0.1%	
Filipino	29	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.1%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	34	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	185	0.4%	0.6%	158	0.3%	
Wu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Japanese	30	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Korean	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dalabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	–	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Warlpiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gilbertese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	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	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	39	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,584	5.0%	6.5%	3,016	6.5%	
Total	51,412	100.0%	100.0%	46,113	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.