

Community report

Mareeba (S)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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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 Mareeba (S), accounting for 74.4% (17,006 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (83.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 673 people, while its share fell by 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

Mareeba (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	17	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+13	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.1%	+1	0.0
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	24	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.1%	+17	+0.1
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	17	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.1%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	17,006	74.4%	83.7%	16,333	75.9%	83.7%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	179	0.8%	0.3%	194	0.9%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	42	0.2%	0.1%	46	0.2%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	111	0.5%	0.3%	44	0.2%	0.3%
Danish	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	76	0.3%	0.2%	86	0.4%	0.2%
Greek	22	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	0.1%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	–	–	0.3%	4	0.0%	0.3%
Spanish	75	0.3%	0.4%	54	0.3%	0.4%
Italian	664	2.9%	0.3%	867	4.0%	0.3%
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	9	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	10	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Ukrainian	18	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	71	0.3%	0.1%	70	0.3%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	4	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Slovene	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Czech	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Polish	10	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	21	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.1%	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Arabic	4	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Hebrew	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	6	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.1%	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	7	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Tamil	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Telugu	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	6	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Hindi	18	0.1%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	28	0.1%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Punjabi	63	0.3%	0.3%	38	0.2%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	–	–	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Urdu	7	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	18	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Vietnamese	23	0.1%	0.2%	11	0.1%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Lao	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Thai	50	0.2%	0.2%	25	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indonesian	38	0.2%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Malay	41	0.2%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Tagalog	11	0.0%	0.3%	26	0.1%	
Filipino	33	0.1%	0.3%	34	0.2%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	10	0.0%	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	23	0.1%	0.2%	15	0.1%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	149	0.7%	0.7%	112	0.5%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	68	0.3%	0.4%	61	0.3%	
Korean	16	0.1%	0.3%	31	0.1%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	23	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	0.0%
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Larrakiya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marridan (Maridan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuuku-Ya'u	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabugay	46	0.2%	0.0%	41	0.2%	0.0%
Dyirbal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Girramay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Koko-Bera	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.3%	3	0.0%	
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kaytetye	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kayardild	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lardil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gudjal	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Fijian	25	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	–
Gilbertese	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	17	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Tongan	14	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	33	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norf'k-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	21	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Auslan	20	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,483	15.2%	7.4%	3,044	14.1%	
Total	22,846	100.0%	100.0%	21,518	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.