

Community report

Maribyrnong (C)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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 Maribyrnong (C), accounting for 56.6% (48,241 people). This share was lower than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 6,197 people and 5.5 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

Maribyrnong (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	70	0.1%	0.1%	107	0.1%	0.1%	-37	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	100	0.1%	0.1%	188	0.2%	0.2%	-88	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	27	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+19	0.0
French Creole, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Irish	6	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	0.0%	-14	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	48,241	56.6%	61.1%	42,044	51.1%	61.1%
German	233	0.3%	0.3%	218	0.3%	–
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	80	0.1%	0.1%	82	0.1%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	32	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	–
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Danish	26	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	19	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Swedish	51	0.1%	0.0%	42	0.1%	–
Estonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Finnish	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
French	261	0.3%	0.3%	250	0.3%	–
Greek	1,626	1.9%	2.1%	1,777	2.2%	–
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	253	0.3%	0.2%	237	0.3%	–
Spanish	1,482	1.7%	0.8%	1,059	1.3%	–
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	1,211	1.4%	1.7%	1,460	1.8%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	117	0.1%	0.3%	168	0.2%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hungarian	44	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	92	0.1%	0.4%	99	0.1%	
Ukrainian	42	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.1%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	148	0.2%	0.1%	139	0.2%	
Bulgarian	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Croatian	478	0.6%	0.3%	497	0.6%	
Macedonian	704	0.8%	0.6%	717	0.9%	
Serbian	406	0.5%	0.3%	400	0.5%	
Slovene	17	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	34	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.1%	
Czech	33	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Polish	247	0.3%	0.3%	238	0.3%	
Slovak	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	113	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.1%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	33	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.1%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	9	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Pashto	26	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	–
Balochi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	22	0.0%	0.2%	30	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	162	0.2%	0.4%	218	0.3%	–
Hazaraghi	51	0.1%	0.4%	63	0.1%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	731	0.9%	1.8%	800	1.0%	–
Hebrew	18	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	29	0.0%	0.2%	17	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	6	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	360	0.4%	0.7%	353	0.4%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Georgian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.1%	–
Kannada	27	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	–
Malayalam	73	0.1%	0.4%	89	0.1%	–
Tamil	209	0.2%	0.7%	307	0.4%	–
Telugu	967	1.1%	0.5%	912	1.1%	–
Tulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	462	0.5%	0.3%	641	0.8%	–
Gujarati	290	0.3%	0.5%	445	0.5%	–
Hindi	581	0.7%	1.3%	873	1.1%	–
Konkani	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Marathi	48	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	–
Nepali	524	0.6%	0.4%	604	0.7%	–
Punjabi	263	0.3%	2.0%	377	0.5%	–
Sindhi	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	113	0.1%	1.0%	198	0.2%	–
Urdu	546	0.6%	0.7%	597	0.7%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Dhivehi	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Hindustani	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	66	0.1%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Burmese	81	0.1%	0.1%	68	0.1%	–
Chin Haka	61	0.1%	0.1%	149	0.2%	–
Karen	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	103	0.1%	0.1%	210	0.3%	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	44	0.1%	0.3%	41	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	9,928	11.7%	2.3%	9,771	11.9%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	25	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Thai	253	0.3%	0.3%	241	0.3%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	—
Cebuano	16	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	—
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Indonesian	297	0.3%	0.3%	289	0.4%	—
Malay	65	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	—
Tetum	10	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	—
Timorese	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	582	0.7%	0.5%	502	0.6%	—
Filipino	330	0.4%	0.4%	314	0.4%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bikol	3	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	37	0.0%	0.1%	133	0.2%	—
Cantonese	2,425	2.8%	1.6%	2,451	3.0%	—
Hakka	155	0.2%	0.1%	150	0.2%	—
Mandarin	2,044	2.4%	4.3%	2,627	3.2%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Wu	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Min Nan	136	0.2%	0.1%	137	0.2%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	266	0.3%	0.2%	229	0.3%	
Korean	207	0.2%	0.3%	207	0.3%	
Tibetan	154	0.2%	0.0%	69	0.1%	
Mongolian	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kanai	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yorta Yorta	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Acholi	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Akan	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	16	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.1%	–
Oromo	103	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.1%	–
Shona	41	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	–
Somali	274	0.3%	0.2%	354	0.4%	–
Swahili	49	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	–
Yoruba	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Zulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	270	0.3%	0.1%	329	0.4%	–
Bemba	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Dinka	88	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.2%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Igbo	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Luganda	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Nuer	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tigrinya	202	0.2%	0.1%	238	0.3%	–
Tswana	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	26	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Samoan	51	0.1%	0.3%	59	0.1%	–
Tongan	46	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.1%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
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)	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Sign Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	40	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	4,533	5.3%	4.8%	5,798	7.0%	–
Total	85,194	100.0%	100.0%	82,245	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.