

Community report

Melton (C)

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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 Melton (C), accounting for 54.4% (97,261 people). This share was lower than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 14,274 people, while its share fell by 6.9 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

Melton (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	124	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	0.1%	+41	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	294	0.2%	0.1%	270	0.2%	0.2%	+24	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	51	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+42	0.0
French Creole, nfd	42	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	0.0%	+22	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Irish	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	97,261	54.4%	61.1%	82,987	61.3%	61.1%
German	173	0.1%	0.3%	224	0.2%	0.2%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	50	0.0%	0.1%	79	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	98	0.1%	0.1%	91	0.1%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Danish	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Estonian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	18	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%
French	231	0.1%	0.3%	187	0.1%	0.1%
Greek	1,638	0.9%	2.1%	1,547	1.1%	1.1%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	316	0.2%	0.2%	257	0.2%	0.2%
Spanish	2,076	1.2%	0.8%	1,850	1.4%	1.4%
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	1,731	1.0%	1.7%	1,993	1.5%	1.5%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	2,316	1.3%	0.3%	2,532	1.9%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hungarian	102	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	129	0.1%	0.4%	123	0.1%	
Ukrainian	64	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	581	0.3%	0.1%	401	0.3%	
Bulgarian	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Croatian	1,434	0.8%	0.3%	1,279	0.9%	
Macedonian	2,691	1.5%	0.6%	2,316	1.7%	
Serbian	1,134	0.6%	0.3%	935	0.7%	
Slovene	20	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	78	0.0%	0.0%	98	0.1%	
Czech	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Polish	445	0.2%	0.3%	576	0.4%	
Slovak	134	0.1%	0.0%	141	0.1%	

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Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	723	0.4%	0.1%	507	0.4%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	231	0.1%	0.1%	183	0.1%	–
Romany	19	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	60	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	–
Pashto	182	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.0%	–
Balochi	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Dari	233	0.1%	0.2%	185	0.1%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	325	0.2%	0.4%	179	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	183	0.1%	0.4%	9	0.0%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	3,668	2.0%	1.8%	2,485	1.8%	–
Hebrew	5	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	896	0.5%	0.2%	223	0.2%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	59	0.0%	0.2%	56	0.0%	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	1,305	0.7%	0.7%	1,118	0.8%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	71	0.0%	0.0%	97	0.1%	
Kannada	143	0.1%	0.1%	79	0.1%	
Malayalam	779	0.4%	0.4%	363	0.3%	
Tamil	1,284	0.7%	0.7%	564	0.4%	
Telugu	1,254	0.7%	0.5%	332	0.2%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bengali	1,007	0.6%	0.3%	291	0.2%	
Gujarati	616	0.3%	0.5%	238	0.2%	
Hindi	3,490	2.0%	1.3%	1,918	1.4%	
Konkani	66	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Marathi	261	0.1%	0.1%	107	0.1%	
Nepali	487	0.3%	0.4%	156	0.1%	
Punjabi	10,639	5.9%	2.0%	2,613	1.9%	
Sindhi	31	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	1,506	0.8%	1.0%	1,003	0.7%	
Urdu	2,499	1.4%	0.7%	955	0.7%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Assamese	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Dhivehi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kashmiri	21	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Oriya	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Fijian Hindustani	100	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.0%	—
Indo-Aryan, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southern Asian Languages	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	31	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Burmese	414	0.2%	0.1%	63	0.0%	—
Chin Haka	166	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.0%	—
Karen	128	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.0%	—
Rohingya	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Zomi	20	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	285	0.2%	0.1%	119	0.1%	—
Hmong	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Khmer	64	0.0%	0.3%	51	0.0%	—
Vietnamese	4,557	2.5%	2.3%	2,732	2.0%	—
Mon	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mon-Khmer, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Lao	126	0.1%	0.0%	118	0.1%	—
Thai	353	0.2%	0.3%	267	0.2%	—
Tai, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bisaya	64	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Cebuano	75	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Ilokano	17	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indonesian	336	0.2%	0.3%	279	0.2%	
Malay	116	0.1%	0.1%	107	0.1%	
Tetum	43	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Timorese	56	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Tagalog	2,997	1.7%	0.5%	2,080	1.5%	
Filipino	2,181	1.2%	0.4%	1,487	1.1%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	25	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chinese, nfd	27	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Cantonese	853	0.5%	1.6%	773	0.6%	
Hakka	592	0.3%	0.1%	592	0.4%	
Mandarin	1,359	0.8%	4.3%	1,182	0.9%	

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Wu	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Min Nan	53	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	—
Chinese, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Japanese	133	0.1%	0.2%	102	0.1%	—
Korean	250	0.1%	0.3%	171	0.1%	—
Tibetan	22	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Mongolian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	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)	3	0.0%	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabwurrung	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	40	0.0%	0.0%	75	0.1%	–
Acholi	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Akan	40	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	22	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	–
Oromo	59	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	–
Shona	147	0.1%	0.1%	81	0.1%	–
Somali	120	0.1%	0.2%	33	0.0%	–
Swahili	429	0.2%	0.1%	160	0.1%	–
Yoruba	104	0.1%	0.0%	48	0.0%	–
Zulu	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Amharic	661	0.4%	0.1%	414	0.3%	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	1,341	0.7%	0.1%	1,217	0.9%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Harari	20	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	—
Hausa	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Igbo	77	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	—
Kikuyu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Krio	23	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	—
Luganda	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Luo	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Ndebele	20	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	—
Nuer	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Nyanja (Chichewa)	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Shilluk	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tigre	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Tigrinya	389	0.2%	0.1%	180	0.1%	—
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Xhosa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Seychelles Creole	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Anuak	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bari	32	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	—
Bassa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dan (Gio-Dan)	24	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Fulfulde	10	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	—
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—

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Kirundi (Rundi)	57	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Loma (Lorma)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mann	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	47	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	83	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	30	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	101	0.1%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Nauruan	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Niue	15	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Samoan	1,433	0.8%	0.3%	900	0.7%	
Tongan	346	0.2%	0.1%	180	0.1%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	45	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

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Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Auslan	94	0.1%	0.1%	69	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Not stated	11,977	6.7%	4.8%	8,874	6.6%	–
Total	178,940	100.0%	100.0%	135,409	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.