

# Community report

## Melville (C)

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

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**Melville (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Perth**

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 Melville (C), accounting for 76.1% (78,738 people). This share was higher than Greater Perth (74%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 4,832 people and 0.7 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

Melville (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	53	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.0%	0.1%	+8	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	74	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	0.2%	-42	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	17	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-8	0.0
Irish	15	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%	-9	0.0
Welsh	9	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%	-10	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
English	78,738	76.1%	74.0%	73,906	75.4%	71.0%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	421	0.4%	0.3%	448	0.5%	0.4%
Letzeburgish	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	172	0.2%	0.2%	230	0.2%	0.2%
Frisian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	315	0.3%	0.6%	349	0.4%	0.5%
Danish	32	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	20	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	45	0.0%	0.0%	82	0.1%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Estonian	18	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	22	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
French	442	0.4%	0.4%	486	0.5%	0.5%
Greek	146	0.1%	0.2%	184	0.2%	0.2%
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Portuguese	364	0.4%	0.4%	327	0.3%	0.3%
Spanish	624	0.6%	0.6%	561	0.6%	0.6%
Italian	1,262	1.2%	1.1%	1,421	1.4%	1.4%
Maltese	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latvian	12	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Lithuanian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Hungarian	61	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.1%	–
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian	206	0.2%	0.2%	172	0.2%	–
Ukrainian	21	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	45	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.0%	–
Bulgarian	41	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Croatian	292	0.3%	0.2%	280	0.3%	–
Macedonian	37	0.0%	0.3%	43	0.0%	–
Serbian	189	0.2%	0.3%	170	0.2%	–
Slovene	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	14	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Czech	34	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Polish	188	0.2%	0.2%	196	0.2%	–
Slovak	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Albanian	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Romanian	25	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Kurdish	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Pashto	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	13	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	696	0.7%	0.3%	592	0.6%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Arabic	444	0.4%	0.7%	424	0.4%	–
Hebrew	23	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	54	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Kannada	46	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Malayalam	289	0.3%	0.4%	306	0.3%	
Tamil	453	0.4%	0.4%	371	0.4%	
Telugu	115	0.1%	0.1%	73	0.1%	
Tulu	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bengali	170	0.2%	0.2%	145	0.1%	
Gujarati	105	0.1%	0.5%	73	0.1%	
Hindi	455	0.4%	0.5%	420	0.4%	
Konkani	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Marathi	60	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Nepali	90	0.1%	0.2%	52	0.1%	
Punjabi	298	0.3%	0.9%	257	0.3%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	325	0.3%	0.3%	298	0.3%	
Urdu	167	0.2%	0.4%	72	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dhivehi	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Oriya	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	35	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	73	0.1%	0.2%	50	0.1%	–
Chin Haka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Khmer	23	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	330	0.3%	1.0%	283	0.3%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	302	0.3%	0.3%	201	0.2%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	45	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	24	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Cebuano	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Ilokano	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	1,661	1.6%	0.5%	1,358	1.4%	–
Malay	174	0.2%	0.2%	197	0.2%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Tagalog	204	0.2%	0.7%	260	0.3%	
Filipino	178	0.2%	0.5%	159	0.2%	
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Balinese	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Iban	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Chinese, nfd	41	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.1%	
Cantonese	2,079	2.0%	0.9%	2,038	2.1%	
Hakka	93	0.1%	0.0%	78	0.1%	
Mandarin	4,824	4.7%	2.3%	4,182	4.3%	
Wu	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Min Nan	321	0.3%	0.1%	331	0.3%	
Chinese, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Japanese	335	0.3%	0.3%	388	0.4%	
Korean	657	0.6%	0.3%	604	0.6%	
Tibetan	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Mongolian	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tiwi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yolngu Matha, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Meriam Mir	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jaru	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Walmajarri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Warlpiri	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arrernte, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kukatha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kukatja	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Luritja	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manyjilyjarra	—	—	—	—	—	—
Martu Wangka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngaanyatjarra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wangkatha	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tjupany	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bardi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Miriwoong	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyikina	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Worrorra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kariyarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mangala	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarluma	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyangumarta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yinhawangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Acholi	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Akan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	3	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	53	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.0%	–
Somali	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Swahili	47	0.0%	0.1%	53	0.1%	–
Yoruba	26	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bemba	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Nuer	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tswana	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	12	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	25	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	–
Niue	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Tongan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	3	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%	8	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	47	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	3,754	3.6%	5.1%	4,674	4.8%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,503</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>98,067</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.