

Community report

Mid-Coast (A)

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

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Mid-Coast (A)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Mid-Coast (A), accounting for 89.9% (86,805 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 5,152 people, while its share fell by 0.5 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

Mid-Coast (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	34	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	0.0%	+9	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	27	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	0.1%	+4	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	86,805	89.9%	86.8%	81,653	90.4%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	236	0.2%	0.2%	264	0.3%	0.2%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	79	0.1%	0.1%	121	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Afrikaans	59	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	0.1%
Danish	15	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	18	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	124	0.1%	0.1%	72	0.1%	0.1%
Greek	97	0.1%	0.2%	72	0.1%	0.1%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	49	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.0%	0.0%
Spanish	123	0.1%	0.3%	110	0.1%	0.1%
Italian	137	0.1%	0.4%	134	0.1%	0.1%
Maltese	45	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	0.0%
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lithuanian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hungarian	5	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	31	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Croatian	30	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Serbian	18	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	25	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Polish	54	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	21	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	114	0.1%	0.3%	67	0.1%	–
Hebrew	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	8	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Malayalam	124	0.1%	0.2%	76	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	24	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Telugu	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	29	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Gujarati	22	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Hindi	39	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Konkani	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nepali	136	0.1%	0.2%	13	0.0%	
Punjabi	74	0.1%	0.3%	47	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	21	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Urdu	44	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Assamese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Oriya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Vietnamese	80	0.1%	0.2%	33	0.0%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Thai	116	0.1%	0.2%	80	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cebuano	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	40	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.0%	
Malay	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	106	0.1%	0.2%	95	0.1%	
Filipino	110	0.1%	0.1%	51	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	87	0.1%	0.2%	103	0.1%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	149	0.2%	0.4%	108	0.1%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	35	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.1%	–
Korean	40	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku–Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	62	0.1%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	3	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%	3	0.0%	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Auslan	33	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	6,696	6.9%	6.6%	6,287	7.0%	
Total	96,549	100.0%	100.0%	90,306	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.