

# Community report

## Monash (C)

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

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**Monash (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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 Monash (C), accounting for 43.9% (83,546 people). This share was lower than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Mandarin, which increased by 2,191 people and 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

Monash (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	111	0.1%	0.1%	129	0.1%	0.1%	-18	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	244	0.1%	0.1%	406	0.2%	0.2%	-162	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	124	0.1%	0.0%	54	0.0%	0.0%	+70	+0.1
French Creole, nfd	59	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Irish	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	83,546	43.9%	61.1%	82,942	45.4%	
German	499	0.3%	0.3%	696	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	128	0.1%	0.1%	184	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	136	0.1%	0.1%	171	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Danish	11	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Swedish	28	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Estonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Finnish	13	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
French	697	0.4%	0.3%	771	0.4%	
Greek	10,247	5.4%	2.1%	10,331	5.7%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Portuguese	237	0.1%	0.2%	239	0.1%	
Spanish	1,123	0.6%	0.8%	953	0.5%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	3,086	1.6%	1.7%	3,848	2.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	62	0.0%	0.3%	86	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Latvian	26	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Lithuanian	32	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Hungarian	269	0.1%	0.1%	330	0.2%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	923	0.5%	0.4%	936	0.5%	
Ukrainian	48	0.0%	0.0%	75	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	120	0.1%	0.1%	99	0.1%	
Bulgarian	30	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Croatian	474	0.2%	0.3%	482	0.3%	
Macedonian	181	0.1%	0.6%	202	0.1%	
Serbian	475	0.2%	0.3%	437	0.2%	
Slovene	53	0.0%	0.0%	79	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	27	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Czech	56	0.0%	0.0%	73	0.0%	
Polish	648	0.3%	0.3%	766	0.4%	
Slovak	23	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	32	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	148	0.1%	0.1%	151	0.1%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kurdish	16	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Pashto	101	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	203	0.1%	0.2%	196	0.1%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	1,015	0.5%	0.4%	778	0.4%	–
Hazaraghi	50	0.0%	0.4%	17	0.0%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	1,407	0.7%	1.8%	1,323	0.7%	–
Hebrew	191	0.1%	0.1%	147	0.1%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	23	0.0%	0.2%	30	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	18	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	301	0.2%	0.7%	296	0.2%	–
Azeri	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uyгур	21	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	—
Uzbek	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Turkic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Armenian	549	0.3%	0.0%	588	0.3%	—
Georgian	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	107	0.1%	0.0%	211	0.1%	—
Kannada	627	0.3%	0.1%	351	0.2%	—
Malayalam	978	0.5%	0.4%	863	0.5%	—
Tamil	3,177	1.7%	0.7%	2,668	1.5%	—
Telugu	1,539	0.8%	0.5%	839	0.5%	—
Tulu	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Dravidian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Indo-Aryan, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Bengali	1,068	0.6%	0.3%	908	0.5%	—
Gujarati	1,674	0.9%	0.5%	870	0.5%	—
Hindi	4,199	2.2%	1.3%	3,108	1.7%	—
Konkani	137	0.1%	0.0%	78	0.0%	—
Marathi	866	0.5%	0.1%	475	0.3%	—
Nepali	628	0.3%	0.4%	266	0.1%	—
Punjabi	1,848	1.0%	2.0%	1,542	0.8%	—
Sindhi	20	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	—
Sinhalese	5,565	2.9%	1.0%	4,643	2.5%	—
Urdu	977	0.5%	0.7%	714	0.4%	—

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Assamese	30	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Dhivehi	16	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Kashmiri	7	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Oriya	45	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	32	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	21	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	105	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	413	0.2%	0.3%	319	0.2%	
Vietnamese	3,497	1.8%	2.3%	2,982	1.6%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	42	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Thai	517	0.3%	0.3%	467	0.3%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	87	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	27	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	—
Cebuano	33	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	—
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	1,634	0.9%	0.3%	1,747	1.0%	—
Malay	281	0.1%	0.1%	338	0.2%	—
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	636	0.3%	0.5%	480	0.3%	—
Filipino	564	0.3%	0.4%	349	0.2%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iban	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Pampangan	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	336	0.2%	0.1%	971	0.5%	—
Cantonese	8,726	4.6%	1.6%	8,708	4.8%	—
Hakka	210	0.1%	0.1%	181	0.1%	—
Mandarin	29,014	15.2%	4.3%	26,823	14.7%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Wu	114	0.1%	0.0%	122	0.1%	
Min Nan	772	0.4%	0.1%	666	0.4%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	945	0.5%	0.2%	893	0.5%	
Korean	2,226	1.2%	0.3%	2,361	1.3%	
Tibetan	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mongolian	27	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	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	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yorta Yorta	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Acholi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	9	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	52	0.0%	0.0%	129	0.1%	–
Oromo	11	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Shona	54	0.0%	0.1%	58	0.0%	–
Somali	68	0.0%	0.2%	42	0.0%	–
Swahili	62	0.0%	0.1%	57	0.0%	–
Yoruba	15	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Amharic	21	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	–
Bemba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	22	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Harari	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Hausa	12	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Igbo	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Kikuyu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Krio	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Luganda	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Luo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ndebele	13	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Nuer	49	0.0%	0.0%	76	0.0%	—
Nyanja (Chichewa)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Shilluk	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tigre	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tigrinya	9	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	—
Tswana	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Xhosa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Seychelles Creole	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Anuak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bassa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dan (Gio-Dan)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fulfulde	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	39	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	54	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	28	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	56	0.0%	0.3%	53	0.0%	–
Tongan	25	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Auslan	97	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	7,858	4.1%	4.8%	8,122	4.4%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>190,417</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>182,613</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.