

Community report

Moreton Bay (R)

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Moreton Bay (R)

COMPARISON

Greater Brisbane

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 Moreton Bay (R), accounting for 86.7% (412,761 people). This share was higher than Greater Brisbane (77.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 41,380 people, while its share fell by 0.6 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

Moreton Bay (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	286	0.1%	0.1%	222	0.1%	0.1%	+64	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	352	0.1%	0.1%	409	0.1%	0.1%	-57	0.0
Swiss, so described	29	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	+17	0.0
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	97	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	0.0%	+60	0.0
French Creole, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	+12	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	110	0.0%	0.0%	121	0.0%	0.0%	-11	0.0
Gaelic (Scotland)	16	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Irish	24	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	0.0%	-9	0.0
Welsh	47	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
English	412,761	86.7%	77.3%	371,381	87.3%	
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
German	1,182	0.2%	0.3%	1,261	0.3%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Dutch	639	0.1%	0.1%	702	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Afrikaans	2,087	0.4%	0.3%	1,740	0.4%	
Danish	111	0.0%	0.0%	130	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	39	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Swedish	113	0.0%	0.0%	88	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Estonian	22	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Finnish	112	0.0%	0.0%	112	0.0%	
French	821	0.2%	0.3%	838	0.2%	
Greek	383	0.1%	0.3%	339	0.1%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	658	0.1%	0.3%	389	0.1%	
Spanish	1,756	0.4%	0.8%	1,277	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,167	0.2%	0.4%	1,188	0.3%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Maltese	91	0.0%	0.0%	105	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Lithuanian	26	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Hungarian	382	0.1%	0.1%	341	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Russian	624	0.1%	0.2%	446	0.1%	
Ukrainian	61	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Bosnian	74	0.0%	0.1%	82	0.0%	
Bulgarian	18	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Croatian	179	0.0%	0.1%	188	0.0%	
Macedonian	77	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Serbian	183	0.0%	0.1%	147	0.0%	
Slovene	43	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	30	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Czech	120	0.0%	0.0%	102	0.0%	
Polish	498	0.1%	0.1%	436	0.1%	
Slovak	71	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	96	0.0%	0.1%	67	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	76	0.0%	0.1%	43	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	446	0.1%	0.3%	254	0.1%	
Hazaraghi	19	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Arabic	1,002	0.2%	0.5%	549	0.1%	
Hebrew	50	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	43	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Turkish	120	0.0%	0.1%	72	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	42	0.0%	0.0%	93	0.0%	
Kannada	38	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Malayalam	921	0.2%	0.3%	420	0.1%	
Tamil	311	0.1%	0.2%	180	0.0%	
Telugu	424	0.1%	0.2%	151	0.0%	
Tulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bengali	205	0.0%	0.1%	116	0.0%	
Gujarati	491	0.1%	0.3%	235	0.1%	
Hindi	1,987	0.4%	0.7%	1,462	0.3%	
Konkani	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Marathi	97	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.0%	
Nepali	761	0.2%	0.3%	211	0.0%	
Punjabi	2,748	0.6%	0.9%	752	0.2%	
Sindhi	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	397	0.1%	0.2%	220	0.1%	
Urdu	277	0.1%	0.2%	136	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Oriya	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	85	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burmese	46	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Chin Haka	14	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Karen	270	0.1%	0.1%	151	0.0%	
Rohingya	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Hmong	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	115	0.0%	0.1%	98	0.0%	
Vietnamese	674	0.1%	1.1%	486	0.1%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Lao	39	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Thai	911	0.2%	0.2%	547	0.1%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	30	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bisaya	126	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Cebuano	95	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Ilokano	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

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Indonesian	288	0.1%	0.1%	251	0.1%	
Malay	88	0.0%	0.0%	78	0.0%	
Tetum	17	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Timorese	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	2,105	0.4%	0.5%	1,565	0.4%	
Filipino	1,482	0.3%	0.3%	945	0.2%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	33	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	40	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Cantonese	733	0.2%	0.9%	684	0.2%	
Hakka	51	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Mandarin	2,534	0.5%	2.5%	1,919	0.5%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Min Nan	35	0.0%	0.1%	55	0.0%	
Japanese	691	0.1%	0.3%	615	0.1%	
Korean	1,005	0.2%	0.6%	610	0.1%	

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Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	17	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	109	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iwaidja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jawoyn	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ndjebbana (Gunavidji)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuuku–Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dyirbal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	37	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Gumbaynggir	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Lardil	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Wiradjuri	20	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkangurru	–	–	–	–	–	
Yugambah	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Aboriginal English, so described	31	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	50	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Acholi	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	46	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Oromo	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	316	0.1%	0.1%	203	0.0%	
Somali	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Swahili	81	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	
Yoruba	35	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Zulu	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Amharic	32	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Bemba	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Dinka	116	0.0%	0.1%	124	0.0%	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	37	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Luganda	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	36	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shilluk	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Anuak	14	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	156	0.0%	0.0%	116	0.0%	
Gilbertese	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	88	0.0%	0.0%	82	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	642	0.1%	0.1%	468	0.1%	
Nauruan	24	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Niue	42	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Samoaan	2,315	0.5%	0.6%	2,040	0.5%	
Tongan	402	0.1%	0.1%	276	0.1%	
Rotuman	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tokelauan	31	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Tuvaluan	15	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Yapese	–	–	–	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Bislama	20	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Solomon Islands Pijin	22	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	50	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	194	0.0%	0.0%	166	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Invented Languages	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	36	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Auslan	479	0.1%	0.1%	241	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Not stated	22,883	4.8%	5.0%	24,634	5.8%	
Total	476,262	100.0%	100.0%	425,237	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.