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COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Mornington Peninsula (S)

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

AREA
Mornington Peninsula (S)

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 Mornington Peninsula (S), accounting for 89.2% (150,667 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 12,870 people and 0.3 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

Mornington Peninsula (S) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	66	0.0%	0.1%	63	0.0%	0.1%	+3	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	60	0.0%	0.1%	89	0.1%	0.2%	-29	-0.1
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Creole, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
French Creole, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Portuguese Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Irish	17	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Welsh	21	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
English	150,667	89.2%	61.1%	137,797	88.9%	6
German	588	0.3%	0.3%	664	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Yiddish	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dutch	229	0.1%	0.1%	332	0.2%	
Frisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Afrikaans	132	0.1%	0.1%	132	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Danish	48	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Icelandic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Norwegian	33	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Swedish	92	0.1%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Estonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Finnish	30	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
French	355	0.2%	0.3%	384	0.2%	
Greek	1,353	0.8%	2.1%	1,159	0.7%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Catalan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Portuguese	80	0.0%	0.2%	59	0.0%	
Spanish	453	0.3%	0.8%	326	0.2%	
Iberian Romance, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Italian	1,493	0.9%	1.7%	1,546	1.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Maltese	68	0.0%	0.3%	106	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	10	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Lithuanian	14	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Hungarian	80	0.0%	0.1%	97	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	161	0.1%	0.4%	103	0.1%	
Ukrainian	43	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	12	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Bulgarian	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Croatian	291	0.2%	0.3%	274	0.2%	
Macedonian	120	0.1%	0.6%	72	0.0%	
Serbian	121	0.1%	0.3%	82	0.1%	
Slovene	20	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Serbo–Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Czech	37	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Polish	206	0.1%	0.3%	177	0.1%	
Slovak	18	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	21	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	18	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Pashto	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	6	0.0%	0.2%	16	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	59	0.0%	0.4%	34	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	194	0.1%	1.8%	143	0.1%	
Hebrew	21	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	14	0.0%	0.2%	12	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	76	0.0%	0.7%	47	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	26	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kannada	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Malayalam	69	0.0%	0.4%	98	0.1%	
Tamil	34	0.0%	0.7%	20	0.0%	
Telugu	3	0.0%	0.5%	7	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	9	0.0%	0.3%	7	0.0%	
Gujarati	13	0.0%	0.5%	8	0.0%	
Hindi	85	0.1%	1.3%	44	0.0%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Nepali	27	0.0%	0.4%	13	0.0%	
Punjabi	125	0.1%	2.0%	62	0.0%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	46	0.0%	1.0%	20	0.0%	
Urdu	4	0.0%	0.7%	7	0.0%	

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Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo–Aryan, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	9	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Chin Haka	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Karen	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	38	0.0%	0.3%	47	0.0%	
Vietnamese	130	0.1%	2.3%	67	0.0%	
Mon	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Thai	225	0.1%	0.3%	174	0.1%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bisaya	20	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cebuano	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indonesian	90	0.1%	0.3%	102	0.1%	
Malay	7	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tagalog	175	0.1%	0.5%	156	0.1%	
Filipino	146	0.1%	0.4%	106	0.1%	
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Chinese, nfd	4	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Cantonese	177	0.1%	1.6%	163	0.1%	
Hakka	6	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Mandarin	476	0.3%	4.3%	427	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Wu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Min Nan	7	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	151	0.1%	0.2%	138	0.1%	
Korean	36	0.0%	0.3%	28	0.0%	
Tibetan	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayali	3	0.0%	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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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	4	0.0%	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambeh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Shona	12	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Swahili	17	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Yoruba	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	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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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	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	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	20	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	31	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Nauruan	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Niue	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Samoan	14	0.0%	0.3%	24	0.0%	
Tongan	10	0.0%	0.1%	9	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%	–	–	
Norf'k–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)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Auslan	71	0.0%	0.1%	57	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	9,108	5.4%	4.8%	8,797	5.7%	
Total	**168,924**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**154,973**	**100.0%**	**1**

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.