

# Community report

## Mount Isa (C)

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

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**Mount Isa (C)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Qld**

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 Mount Isa (C), accounting for 80.3% (15,027 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (83.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 168 people and 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

Mount Isa (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	15	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	17	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	0.1%	-3	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	12	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	0.1%	+2	0.0
French Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	19	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.1%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	15,027	80.3%	83.7%	14,859	79.7%	83.7%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	22	0.1%	0.3%	39	0.2%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	9	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	116	0.6%	0.3%	95	0.5%	0.3%
Danish	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	13	0.1%	0.0%	37	0.2%	0.0%
French	28	0.1%	0.2%	33	0.2%	0.2%
Greek	16	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	0.1%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	18	0.1%	0.3%	22	0.1%	0.3%
Spanish	38	0.2%	0.4%	36	0.2%	0.4%
Italian	36	0.2%	0.3%	47	0.3%	0.3%
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	10	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	12	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	7	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	8	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	13	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Pashto	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Arabic	16	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkish	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kannada	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	63	0.3%	0.2%	34	0.2%	
Tamil	26	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.2%	
Telugu	13	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	13	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Hindi	36	0.2%	0.2%	75	0.4%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	17	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.1%	
Punjabi	50	0.3%	0.3%	24	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	41	0.2%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Urdu	28	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	21	0.1%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Thai	27	0.1%	0.2%	19	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	16	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	
Cebuano	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	26	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Malay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tetum	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Tagalog	190	1.0%	0.3%	150	0.8%	
Filipino	174	0.9%	0.3%	179	1.0%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cantonese	20	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.1%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	53	0.3%	0.7%	37	0.2%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	10	0.1%	0.4%	6	0.0%	
Korean	–	–	0.3%	5	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	26	0.1%	0.0%	27	0.1%	
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	–	–	–	
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marridan (Maridan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	–	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku-Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dyirbal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Girramay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Koko-Bera	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	7	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Alyawarr	25	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kaytetye	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	8	0.0%	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Diyari	–	–	–	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kayardild	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lardil	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Yorta Yorta	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Gudjal	—	—	—	—	—	
Yugambah	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Aboriginal English, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	9	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Oromo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Shona	63	0.3%	0.0%	45	0.2%	
Somali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Swahili	10	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Yoruba	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Zulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Amharic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bemba	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Dinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ewe	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hausa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Igbo	11	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	92	0.5%	0.0%	81	0.4%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	46	0.2%	0.1%	45	0.2%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	44	0.2%	0.1%	44	0.2%	–
Tongan	21	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	18	0.1%	0.0%	23	0.1%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norf'k-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	31	0.2%	0.0%	32	0.2%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	1,879	10.0%	7.4%	2,212	11.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,716</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>18,639</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.