

# Community report

## Newcastle (C)

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

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**Newcastle (C)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

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 Newcastle (C), accounting for 84.8% (143,184 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 11,373 people.

## 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

Newcastle (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	105	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	0.0%	+22	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	133	0.1%	0.1%	149	0.1%	0.1%	-16	0.0
Swiss, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Cypriot, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+9	0.0
Welsh	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	143,184	84.8%	86.8%	131,811	84.8%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	395	0.2%	0.2%	391	0.3%	0.3%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	105	0.1%	0.1%	108	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	146	0.1%	0.1%	106	0.1%	0.1%
Danish	38	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	52	0.0%	0.0%	70	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	103	0.1%	0.0%	83	0.1%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	24	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	323	0.2%	0.1%	311	0.2%	0.2%
Greek	740	0.4%	0.2%	767	0.5%	0.5%
Catalan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	274	0.2%	0.1%	177	0.1%	0.1%
Spanish	649	0.4%	0.3%	489	0.3%	0.3%
Italian	713	0.4%	0.4%	828	0.5%	0.5%
Maltese	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Latin	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Lithuanian	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hungarian	50	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	128	0.1%	0.1%	120	0.1%	
Ukrainian	22	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Bosnian	60	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Bulgarian	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Croatian	208	0.1%	0.1%	214	0.1%	
Macedonian	1,035	0.6%	0.3%	1,135	0.7%	
Serbian	254	0.2%	0.1%	236	0.2%	
Slovene	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	27	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Czech	24	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Polish	251	0.1%	0.1%	283	0.2%	
Slovak	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	21	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Romanian	25	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	18	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Pashto	134	0.1%	0.0%	138	0.1%	
Dari	133	0.1%	0.0%	145	0.1%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	261	0.2%	0.0%	245	0.2%	
Hazaraghi	87	0.1%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Arabic	909	0.5%	0.3%	698	0.4%	
Hebrew	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkish	78	0.0%	0.1%	53	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Uygur	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	4	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Georgian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Kannada	40	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Malayalam	529	0.3%	0.2%	345	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	253	0.1%	0.1%	194	0.1%	
Telugu	140	0.1%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Tulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dravidian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bengali	332	0.2%	0.1%	204	0.1%	
Gujarati	112	0.1%	0.1%	84	0.1%	
Hindi	420	0.2%	0.1%	299	0.2%	
Konkani	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Marathi	58	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Nepali	470	0.3%	0.2%	107	0.1%	
Punjabi	354	0.2%	0.3%	204	0.1%	
Sindhi	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Sinhalese	152	0.1%	0.1%	144	0.1%	
Urdu	525	0.3%	0.1%	261	0.2%	
Assamese	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Dhivehi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kashmiri	—	—	—	—	—	
Oriya	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indo-Aryan, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	11	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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Burmese	41	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Rohingya	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	67	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Vietnamese	680	0.4%	0.2%	485	0.3%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Thai	307	0.2%	0.2%	240	0.2%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bisaya	32	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Cebuano	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indonesian	218	0.1%	0.1%	133	0.1%	
Malay	84	0.0%	0.0%	82	0.1%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	381	0.2%	0.2%	329	0.2%	
Filipino	310	0.2%	0.1%	209	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	–	–	–	
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	198	0.1%	
Cantonese	584	0.3%	0.2%	581	0.4%	
Hakka	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mandarin	1,673	1.0%	0.4%	1,921	1.2%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Min Nan	28	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Japanese	235	0.1%	0.1%	168	0.1%	
Korean	392	0.2%	0.1%	408	0.3%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Tibetan	88	0.1%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Mongolian	16	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tiwi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Gudanji	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Murrinh Patha	—	—	—	—	—	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	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%	3	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dhanggatti	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	27	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	43	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
American Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Akan	41	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Oromo	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	93	0.1%	0.0%	85	0.1%	
Somali	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	214	0.1%	0.0%	115	0.1%	
Yoruba	36	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Zulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	28	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Bemba	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dinka	27	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Ewe	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	23	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Luganda	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Luo	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tswana	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	29	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	37	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Kirundi (Rundi)	10	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	27	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	51	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	120	0.1%	0.0%	129	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	142	0.1%	0.0%	125	0.1%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk–Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	20	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Auslan	133	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	7,926	4.7%	6.6%	8,220	5.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>168,838</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>155,373</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.