

Community report

Nillumbik (S)

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

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Nillumbik (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 Nillumbik (S), accounting for 87.7% (55,147 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,985 people and 0.9 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

Nillumbik (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	22	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.1%	0.1%	-18	-0.1
Non-verbal, so described	43	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	0.2%	-10	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Irish	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	55,147	87.7%	61.1%	53,162	86.8%	
German	253	0.4%	0.3%	296	0.5%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	117	0.2%	0.1%	135	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	102	0.2%	0.1%	127	0.2%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Danish	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Swedish	24	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.1%	
Estonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Finnish	27	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
French	168	0.3%	0.3%	184	0.3%	
Greek	538	0.9%	2.1%	552	0.9%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Portuguese	28	0.0%	0.2%	35	0.1%	
Spanish	223	0.4%	0.8%	157	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	795	1.3%	1.7%	1,060	1.7%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	51	0.1%	0.3%	71	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	15	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Lithuanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hungarian	28	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	71	0.1%	0.4%	56	0.1%	
Ukrainian	5	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Croatian	120	0.2%	0.3%	147	0.2%	
Macedonian	243	0.4%	0.6%	280	0.5%	
Serbian	89	0.1%	0.3%	100	0.2%	
Slovene	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Czech	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Polish	92	0.1%	0.3%	87	0.1%	
Slovak	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	27	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	35	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	314	0.5%	0.4%	119	0.2%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.4%	–	–	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	239	0.4%	1.8%	164	0.3%	–
Hebrew	14	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	4	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.0%	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	118	0.2%	0.7%	79	0.1%	–
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kannada	18	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Malayalam	47	0.1%	0.4%	24	0.0%	–
Tamil	59	0.1%	0.7%	24	0.0%	–
Telugu	21	0.0%	0.5%	4	0.0%	–
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	15	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	–
Gujarati	8	0.0%	0.5%	14	0.0%	–
Hindi	137	0.2%	1.3%	98	0.2%	–
Konkani	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	5	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Nepali	4	0.0%	0.4%	–	–	–
Punjabi	77	0.1%	2.0%	63	0.1%	–
Sindhi	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Sinhalese	120	0.2%	1.0%	78	0.1%	–
Urdu	44	0.1%	0.7%	33	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriya	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Hindustani	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	15	0.0%	0.3%	15	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	88	0.1%	2.3%	79	0.1%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	51	0.1%	0.3%	51	0.1%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Cebuano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	49	0.1%	0.3%	54	0.1%	—
Malay	14	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	45	0.1%	0.5%	25	0.0%	—
Filipino	24	0.0%	0.4%	21	0.0%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	5	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	—
Cantonese	194	0.3%	1.6%	161	0.3%	—
Hakka	8	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	—
Mandarin	734	1.2%	4.3%	536	0.9%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	20	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	77	0.1%	0.2%	104	0.2%	–
Korean	42	0.1%	0.3%	18	0.0%	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	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	5	0.0%	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%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Oromo	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Shona	7	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Somali	–	–	0.2%	4	0.0%	–
Swahili	5	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Yoruba	–	–	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 Melbourne %
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gilbertese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	3	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	–
Tongan	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	70	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	1,712	2.7%	4.8%	2,477	4.0%	–
Total	62,883	100.0%	100.0%	61,261	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.