

Community report

North Sydney (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 North Sydney (A), accounting for 71.8% (49,499 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,062 people and 1.7 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

North Sydney (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	32	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.1%	0.0%	-5	-0.1
Non-verbal, so described	76	0.1%	0.1%	107	0.2%	0.2%	-31	-0.1
Swiss, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Irish	12	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	49,499	71.8%	57.3%	47,437	70.1%	
German	382	0.6%	0.3%	488	0.7%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	111	0.2%	0.1%	144	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	162	0.2%	0.1%	169	0.2%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	31	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.1%	
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	31	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Swedish	114	0.2%	0.1%	116	0.2%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	14	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Finnish	28	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.1%	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	630	0.9%	0.4%	741	1.1%	
Greek	248	0.4%	1.4%	233	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Portuguese	654	0.9%	0.5%	443	0.7%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Spanish	1,098	1.6%	1.2%	942	1.4%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	496	0.7%	1.0%	504	0.7%	
Maltese	7	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	20	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Lithuanian	20	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Hungarian	91	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.2%	
Belorussian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Russian	455	0.7%	0.4%	389	0.6%	
Ukrainian	41	0.1%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	11	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Bulgarian	34	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Croatian	67	0.1%	0.3%	92	0.1%	
Macedonian	61	0.1%	0.4%	61	0.1%	
Serbian	134	0.2%	0.4%	98	0.1%	
Slovene	5	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	13	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Czech	70	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.1%	
Polish	262	0.4%	0.2%	247	0.4%	
Slovak	56	0.1%	0.0%	49	0.1%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Albanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	—	—	—	—	—	
Romanian	34	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.1%	
Romany	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	3	0.0%	
Iranic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kurdish	12	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Pashto	—	—	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Balochi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dari	5	0.0%	0.2%	—	—	
Persian (excluding Dari)	400	0.6%	0.5%	324	0.5%	
Hazaraghi	—	—	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Iranic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Arabic	210	0.3%	4.2%	183	0.3%	
Hebrew	79	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.1%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	13	0.0%	0.5%	10	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	3	0.0%	0.2%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkish	119	0.2%	0.4%	89	0.1%	—
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tatar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkmen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uygur	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uzbek	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkic, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Armenian	72	0.1%	0.2%	69	0.1%	—
Georgian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	—
Kannada	27	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.1%	—
Malayalam	81	0.1%	0.3%	38	0.1%	—
Tamil	166	0.2%	0.7%	166	0.2%	—
Telugu	78	0.1%	0.4%	87	0.1%	—
Tulu	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Dravidian, nec	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Indo-Aryan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bengali	114	0.2%	0.7%	113	0.2%	—
Gujarati	91	0.1%	0.5%	85	0.1%	—
Hindi	615	0.9%	1.5%	538	0.8%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Konkani	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Marathi	111	0.2%	0.2%	49	0.1%	
Nepali	293	0.4%	1.2%	305	0.5%	
Punjabi	97	0.1%	0.8%	63	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sinhalese	82	0.1%	0.2%	88	0.1%	
Urdu	87	0.1%	0.8%	74	0.1%	
Assamese	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	11	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	14	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Vietnamese	274	0.4%	2.2%	222	0.3%	

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Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lao	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Thai	415	0.6%	0.4%	495	0.7%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Cebuano	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	167	0.2%	0.6%	165	0.2%	–
Malay	24	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	268	0.4%	0.9%	262	0.4%	–
Filipino	191	0.3%	0.5%	170	0.3%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	17	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	—
Cantonese	1,888	2.7%	2.8%	1,655	2.4%	—
Hakka	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Mandarin	2,968	4.3%	5.0%	2,281	3.4%	—
Wu	32	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	—
Min Nan	84	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	—
Chinese, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Japanese	1,014	1.5%	0.3%	1,191	1.8%	—
Korean	527	0.8%	1.1%	431	0.6%	—
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tibetan	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Mongolian	4	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Tiwi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jawoyn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yolngu Matha, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kuku Yalanji	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Guugu Yimidhirr	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wik Mungkan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Kaurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	35	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Swahili	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yoruba	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	16	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Samoaan	13	0.0%	0.3%	9	0.0%	
Tongan	6	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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%	5	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,990	4.3%	5.3%	5,165	7.6%	
Total	68,947	100.0%	100.0%	67,649	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.