

Community report

Northam (S)

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Northam (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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 Northam (S), accounting for 82.2% (9,341 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (80.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 258 people and 0.4 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

Northam (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	—	—	0.1%	9	0.1%	0.0%	—	—
Non-verbal, so described	7	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.1%	+2	+0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
English	9,341	82.2%	80.9%	9,083	81.8%	81.7%	+258	+0.4
German	28	0.2%	0.3%	38	0.3%	0.3%	-10	-0.1
Letzeburgish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Dutch	13	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Afrikaans	28	0.2%	0.5%	27	0.2%	0.2%
Danish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Icelandic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Norwegian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Swedish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Estonian	7	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Finnish	6	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
French	10	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.1%	0.1%
Greek	—	—	0.1%	6	0.1%	0.1%
Catalan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Portuguese	7	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	0.1%
Spanish	7	0.1%	0.2%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Italian	13	0.1%	0.4%	20	0.2%	0.2%
Maltese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Latin	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southern European Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern European Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Latvian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Lithuanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hungarian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Belorussian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Russian	8	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Ukrainian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bosnian	—	—	0.0%	8	0.1%	0.0%
Bulgarian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Croatian	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Macedonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Serbian	12	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.1%	0.0%
Slovene	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Czech	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polish	32	0.3%	0.1%	30	0.3%	0.0%
Slovak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Albanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Romanian	6	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Kurdish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pashto	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Persian (excluding Dari)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hazaraghi	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Arabic	13	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Hebrew	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	—	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uzbek	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Armenian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kannada	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Malayalam	33	0.3%	0.1%	20	0.2%	—
Tamil	13	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	—
Telugu	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indo-Aryan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bengali	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Gujarati	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Hindi	5	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.1%	—
Konkani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Marathi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nepali	11	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Punjabi	3	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.1%	—
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sinhalese	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Urdu	21	0.2%	0.1%	5	0.0%	—
Assamese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dhivehi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Fijian Hindustani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indo-Aryan, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Southern Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burmese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Karen	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Rohingya	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Khmer	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Vietnamese	21	0.2%	0.2%	18	0.2%	—
Lao	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Thai	13	0.1%	0.2%	8	0.1%	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Cebuano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	17	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	—
Malay	—	—	0.2%	3	0.0%	—
Tetum	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.1%	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	75	0.7%	0.5%	114	1.0%	—
Filipino	64	0.6%	0.4%	52	0.5%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bikol	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Javanese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Cantonese	15	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	—
Hakka	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mandarin	19	0.2%	0.4%	8	0.1%	—
Wu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Min Nan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Japanese	—	—	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Korean	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Tibetan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mongolian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Maung	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tiwi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gudanji	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Marra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Murrinh Patha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Wardaman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yanyuwa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kunwinjku	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yolngu Matha, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Djapu	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guugu Yimidhirr	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wik Ngathan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
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%	—	—	—
Bilinarra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gurindji	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jaru	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Ngardi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ngarinyman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Walmajarri	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Warlpiri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Arrernte, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Western Desert Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kartujarra	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kukatha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Kukatja	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Luritja	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Manyjilyjarra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Martu Wangka	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Ngaanyatjarra	—	—	0.2%	—	—	—
Pintupi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pitjantjatjara	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wangkajunga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wangkatha	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Warnman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yankunytjatjara	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yulparija	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tjupany	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bardi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bunuba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gooniyandi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Miriwoong	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngarinyin	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyikina	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Worrorra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wunambal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yawuru	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kija	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Banyjima	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gamilaraay	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Karajarri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kariyarra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kurna	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kriol	—	—	0.4%	—	—	—
Mangala	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Muruwari	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ngarluma	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngarrindjeri	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nyamal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyangumarta	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyungar	29	0.3%	0.1%	13	0.1%	—
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wajarri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wiradjuri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yindjibarndi	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Yinhawangka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Badimaya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dharawal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngatjumaya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Aboriginal English, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
African Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Akan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mauritian Creole	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Oromo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Shona	4	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.1%	—
Somali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Swahili	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yoruba	—	—	0.0%	7	0.1%	—
Zulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Amharic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bemba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ewe	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hausa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Igbo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kikuyu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Krio	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Luganda	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ndebele	—	—	0.0%	11	0.1%	—
Nuer	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyanja (Chichewa)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tigrinya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Tswana	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Xhosa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Seychelles Creole	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fulfulde	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kirundi (Rundi)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Madi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
African Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Fijian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gilbertese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori (Cook Island)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori (New Zealand)	11	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	—
Niue	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Samoan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tongan	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Rotuman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tuvaluan	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bislama	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Norfolk-Pitcairn	—	—	—	—	—	—
Solomon Islands Pijin	—	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
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	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sign Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Auslan	6	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Key Word Sign Australia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Not stated	1,414	12.5%	10.5%	1,473	13.3%	10.5%
Total	11,357	100.0%	100.0%	11,100	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.