

Community report

Northern Areas (DC)

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

AREA

Northern Areas (DC)

COMPARISON

Regional SA

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

Northern Areas (DC) | Regional SA comparison | Persons

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Key takeaway

In 2021, English was the most common language used at home among residents in Northern Areas (DC), accounting for 92% (4,188 people). This share was higher than Regional SA (87.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which decreased by 25 people and 1.6 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

Northern Areas (DC) - Total persons (Usual residence)

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | | Change | |
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| | Count | % | Regional SA % | Count | % | Regional SA % | Count | pp |
| Inadequately described | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Non-verbal, so described | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Swiss, so described | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Creole, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – | – | – |
| French Creole, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – | – | – |
| Pidgin, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Gaelic (Scotland) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Irish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Welsh | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| English | 4,188 | 92.0% | 87.7% | 4,213 | 93.6% | 87.9% | -25 | -1.6 |
| German | 5 | 0.1% | 0.2% | 7 | 0.2% | 0.3% | -2 | -0.1 |
| Dutch | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | 0.1% | – | – |

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| | Count | % | Regional SA % | Count | % | Region |
| Frisian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Afrikaans | 7 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 4 | 0.1% | |
| Danish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Norwegian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Swedish | 4 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Estonian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Finnish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| French | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Greek | 7 | 0.2% | 0.4% | – | – | |
| Catalan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Portuguese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Spanish | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Italian | – | – | 0.3% | – | – | |
| Maltese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Eastern European Languages, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Latvian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Lithuanian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Hungarian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Russian | 4 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ukrainian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bosnian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bulgarian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Croatian | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Macedonian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| Serbian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Slovene | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Czech | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Polish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Slovak | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Czechoslovakian, so described | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Albanian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Romanian | 5 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Romany | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Iranic, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Kurdish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Pashto | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Dari | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Persian (excluding Dari) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Hazaraghi | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Arabic | 4 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Hebrew | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Turkish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Uzbek | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Southern Asian Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kannada | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Malayalam | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| Tamil | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Telugu | 3 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Indo-Aryan, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bengali | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Gujarati | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Hindi | 3 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Konkani | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Marathi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nepali | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Punjabi | 8 | 0.2% | 0.3% | – | – | |
| Sindhi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Sinhalese | 4 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Urdu | 5 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Dhivehi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Oriya | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Fijian Hindustani | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Burmese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Chin Haka | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Karen | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Burmese and Related Languages, nec | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Khmer | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Vietnamese | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Lao | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| Thai | 5 | 0.1% | 0.1% | — | — | |
| Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Bisaya | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Cebuano | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Indonesian | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Malay | — | — | 0.1% | — | — | |
| Tetum | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Timorese | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Tagalog | — | — | 0.2% | 5 | 0.1% | |
| Filipino | — | — | 0.2% | — | — | |
| Bikol | — | — | — | — | — | |
| Ilonggo (Hiligaynon) | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Chinese, nfd | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Cantonese | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Hakka | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Mandarin | 5 | 0.1% | 0.3% | 7 | 0.2% | |
| Wu | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Min Nan | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Japanese | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Korean | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Mongolian | — | — | — | — | — | |
| Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd | — | — | 0.1% | — | — | |

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| Iwaidja | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Nungali | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya | 4 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Warlpiri | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Warumungu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Anmatyerr, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Anmatyerr, nec | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Arrernte, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Eastern Arrernte | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Western Arrarnta | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Arrernte, nec | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Antikarinya | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kukatha | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Luritja | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ngaanyatjarra | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Pitjantjatjara | – | – | 0.5% | – | – | |
| Wangkatha | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Yankunytjatjara | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Adnymathanha | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Arabana | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Diyari | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kurna | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kriol | – | – | – | – | – | |

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| Narungga | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ngarrindjeri | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nyungar | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Paakantyi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mirning | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Aboriginal English, so described | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| African Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Akan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mauritian Creole | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Oromo | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Shona | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Somali | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Swahili | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Yoruba | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Zulu | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Amharic | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bemba | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Dinka | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Harari | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Igbo | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kikuyu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Luganda | – | – | – | – | – | |

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| Ndebele | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nyanja (Chichewa) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tswana | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kinyarwanda (Rwanda) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kirundi (Rundi) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Madi | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Lingala | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| African Languages, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Fijian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Gilbertese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Maori (Cook Island) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Maori (New Zealand) | 8 | 0.2% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Niue | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Samoan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tongan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tokelauan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bislama | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Norf'k-Pitcairn | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Solomon Islands Pijin | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Invented Languages | – | – | – | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional SA % | Count | % | Region |
| Sign Languages, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Auslan | 4 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Key Word Sign Australia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Not stated | 280 | 6.1% | 6.9% | 265 | 5.9% | |
| Total | 4,553 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 4,501 | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.