

Community report

Onkaparinga (C)

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

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Onkaparinga (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Adelaide

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 Onkaparinga (C), accounting for 89% (155,870 people). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (74.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 8,572 people and 0.7 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

Onkaparinga (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	117	0.1%	0.1%	101	0.1%	0.0%	+16	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	111	0.1%	0.1%	140	0.1%	0.2%	-29	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
French Creole, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Pidgin, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	-12	0.0
Gaelic (Scotland)	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Welsh	38	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
English	155,870	89.0%	74.8%	147,298	88.3%	75.4%	+8,572	+0.7

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	641	0.4%	0.3%	772	0.5%	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	259	0.1%	0.1%	424	0.3%	
Frisian	–	–	–	–	–	
Afrikaans	412	0.2%	0.2%	313	0.2%	
Danish	45	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Icelandic	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	20	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Swedish	42	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Estonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Finnish	19	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
French	246	0.1%	0.2%	222	0.1%	
Greek	596	0.3%	1.5%	629	0.4%	
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Portuguese	188	0.1%	0.2%	118	0.1%	
Spanish	470	0.3%	0.5%	419	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	578	0.3%	1.6%	651	0.4%	
Maltese	47	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	21	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Lithuanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Hungarian	149	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	248	0.1%	0.2%	213	0.1%	
Ukrainian	35	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	36	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Bulgarian	18	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Croatian	179	0.1%	0.2%	211	0.1%	
Macedonian	16	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Serbian	190	0.1%	0.3%	170	0.1%	
Slovene	10	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	14	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Czech	61	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
Polish	643	0.4%	0.4%	700	0.4%	
Slovak	51	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Albanian	35	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Romanian	50	0.0%	0.1%	71	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	15	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Pashto	29	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	10	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	346	0.2%	0.4%	301	0.2%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.5%	16	0.0%	–
Arabic	633	0.4%	0.8%	501	0.3%	–
Hebrew	44	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	12	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Kannada	21	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Malayalam	316	0.2%	0.3%	279	0.2%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Tamil	110	0.1%	0.2%	79	0.0%	
Telugu	60	0.0%	0.2%	23	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bengali	83	0.0%	0.2%	42	0.0%	
Gujarati	49	0.0%	0.5%	41	0.0%	
Hindi	307	0.2%	0.7%	232	0.1%	
Konkani	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Marathi	28	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Nepali	101	0.1%	0.7%	35	0.0%	
Punjabi	428	0.2%	1.4%	194	0.1%	
Sindhi	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	120	0.1%	0.3%	63	0.0%	
Urdu	400	0.2%	0.3%	285	0.2%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	28	0.0%	0.3%	14	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	176	0.1%	1.5%	135	0.1%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Thai	175	0.1%	0.1%	121	0.1%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	38	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Cebuano	30	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	99	0.1%	0.1%	104	0.1%	–
Malay	30	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	–
Tetum	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	425	0.2%	0.4%	394	0.2%	–
Filipino	310	0.2%	0.3%	216	0.1%	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Cantonese	265	0.2%	0.7%	250	0.1%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	914	0.5%	2.2%	815	0.5%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Min Nan	17	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	203	0.1%	0.2%	150	0.1%	–
Korean	128	0.1%	0.3%	107	0.1%	–
Tibetan	15	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warumungu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Eastern Arrernte	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	5	0.0%	–
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Martu Wangka	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yankunytjatjara	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurna	22	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Narungga	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Ngarrindjeri	26	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mirning	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	49	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	159	0.1%	0.2%	87	0.1%	
Yoruba	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	8	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Igbo	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ndebele	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tswana	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio–Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	5	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Fijian	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	53	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Tongan	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Rotuman	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Sign Languages, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Auslan	196	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated	6,834	3.9%	3.8%	8,336	5.0%	–
Total	175,167	100.0%	100.0%	166,751	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.