

Community report

Orange (C)

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Orange (C)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Orange (C), accounting for 87.2% (37,958 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,545 people, while its share fell by 0.6 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

Orange (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	34	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	0.0%	+17	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	31	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	0.1%	-28	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	37,958	87.2%	86.8%	35,413	87.8%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	68	0.2%	0.2%	82	0.2%	0.2%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	24	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	0.0%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	89	0.2%	0.1%	61	0.2%	0.2%
Danish	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	19	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	39	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	0.1%
Greek	62	0.1%	0.2%	62	0.2%	0.2%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	16	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Spanish	88	0.2%	0.3%	68	0.2%	0.2%
Italian	103	0.2%	0.4%	130	0.3%	0.3%
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	14	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	70	0.2%	0.1%	81	0.2%	
Ukrainian	8	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	37	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	
Macedonian	5	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Serbian	17	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	18	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Slovak	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	4	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Pashto	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Dari	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	29	0.1%	0.0%	31	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Arabic	82	0.2%	0.3%	82	0.2%	–
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	26	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Malayalam	280	0.6%	0.2%	250	0.6%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	55	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Telugu	51	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	30	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Gujarati	19	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Hindi	96	0.2%	0.1%	64	0.2%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	233	0.5%	0.2%	112	0.3%	
Punjabi	126	0.3%	0.3%	68	0.2%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	42	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Urdu	120	0.3%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Burmese	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Vietnamese	56	0.1%	0.2%	50	0.1%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	18	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Thai	72	0.2%	0.2%	30	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cebuano	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	27	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Malay	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	139	0.3%	0.2%	66	0.2%	
Filipino	91	0.2%	0.1%	60	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Cantonese	79	0.2%	0.2%	94	0.2%	–
Hakka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	177	0.4%	0.4%	133	0.3%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	29	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	–
Korean	72	0.2%	0.1%	65	0.2%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku–Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	65	0.1%	0.0%	58	0.1%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yoruba	23	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	3	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.1%	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	10	0.0%	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoaan	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	39	0.1%	0.0%	35	0.1%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	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)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Auslan	16	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,421	5.6%	6.6%	2,524	6.3%	
Total	43,512	100.0%	100.0%	40,341	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.