

Community report

Palmerston (C)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Darwin

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 Palmerston (C), accounting for 72.6% (27,015 people). This share was higher than Greater Darwin (66.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,225 people, while its share fell by 3.8 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

Palmerston (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	56	0.2%	0.1%	32	0.1%	0.1%	+24	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	62	0.2%	0.1%	59	0.2%	0.2%	+3	0.0
Swiss, so described	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.1%	0.0%	-10	-0.1
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
English	27,015	72.6%	66.7%	25,790	76.4%	67.9%	+1,225	-3.8
German	74	0.2%	0.3%	97	0.3%	0.4%	-23	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %
Dutch	16	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Afrikaans	63	0.2%	0.2%	80	0.2%	
Danish	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norwegian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Swedish	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Finnish	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
French	92	0.2%	0.3%	70	0.2%	
Greek	372	1.0%	2.3%	296	0.9%	
Portuguese	86	0.2%	0.4%	80	0.2%	
Spanish	82	0.2%	0.4%	66	0.2%	
Iberian Romance, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Italian	65	0.2%	0.4%	64	0.2%	
Maltese	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Latin	—	—	—	—	—	
Latvian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Lithuanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hungarian	20	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Russian	18	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Ukrainian	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bosnian	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bulgarian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Croatian	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Macedonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	

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Serbian	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czech	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Polish	19	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Slovak	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	17	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Hazaraghi	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Arabic	45	0.1%	0.2%	40	0.1%	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkish	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Malayalam	105	0.3%	0.8%	55	0.2%	
Tamil	111	0.3%	0.3%	114	0.3%	
Telugu	100	0.3%	0.2%	87	0.3%	

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Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	–	5	0.0%	
Bengali	103	0.3%	0.5%	90	0.3%	
Gujarati	88	0.2%	0.3%	63	0.2%	
Hindi	168	0.5%	0.5%	120	0.4%	
Konkani	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	18	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Nepali	242	0.7%	1.9%	114	0.3%	
Punjabi	220	0.6%	0.8%	106	0.3%	
Sindhi	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sinhalese	114	0.3%	0.6%	64	0.2%	
Urdu	160	0.4%	0.5%	93	0.3%	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	10	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Chin Haka	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Karen	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	64	0.2%	0.1%	79	0.2%	

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Vietnamese	289	0.8%	0.9%	203	0.6%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Thai	231	0.6%	0.6%	169	0.5%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	38	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Bisaya	47	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Cebuano	14	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Ilokano	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indonesian	217	0.6%	0.8%	202	0.6%	
Malay	24	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Tetum	51	0.1%	0.2%	41	0.1%	
Timorese	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Tagalog	829	2.2%	1.8%	713	2.1%	
Filipino	613	1.6%	1.3%	465	1.4%	
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	
Pampangan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cantonese	57	0.2%	0.5%	41	0.1%	
Hakka	48	0.1%	0.4%	46	0.1%	

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Mandarin	260	0.7%	1.5%	172	0.5%	
Min Nan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	17	0.0%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Korean	77	0.2%	0.2%	42	0.1%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	22	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.2%	
Anindilyakwa	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maung	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ngan'ikurunggurr	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nunggubuyu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	37	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Iwaidja	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jingulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Malak Malak	–	–	–	11	0.0%	
Maringarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marrithiyel	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ndjebbana (Gunavidji)	–	–	–	–	–	
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gundjeihmi	–	–	–	–	–	

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Kune	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kunwinjku	7	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.1%	–
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarran, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarra	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	33	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	–
Galpu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Djambarrpuyngu	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Gupapuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ganalbingu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Koko–Bera	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	–	–	–	–
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Bilinarra	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Gurindji	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gurindji Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarinyman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Warumungu	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kaytetye	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	7	0.0%	–
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	85	0.2%	0.2%	21	0.1%	–
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	–	7	0.0%	–
Wiradjuri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	–	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Acholi	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

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Akan	18	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	141	0.4%	0.2%	96	0.3%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	90	0.2%	0.3%	25	0.1%	
Yoruba	46	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Zulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dinka	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Ewe	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	39	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Kikuyu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	–	–	–	
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	28	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Nuer	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bassa	–	–	–	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	8	0.0%	–
Madi	21	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lingala	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Fijian	55	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	32	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	–
Samoan	31	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Tongan	22	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Tokelauan	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Kiwai	–	–	–	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	26	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Sign Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	31	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater D
Key Word Sign Australia	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Not stated	3,543	9.5%	9.8%	2,929	8.7%	1
Total	37,226	100.0%	100.0%	33,755	100.0%	10

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.