

Community report

Parramatta (C)

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 Parramatta (C), accounting for 38.2% (98,111 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Mandarin, which increased by 8,120 people and 1.9 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

Parramatta (C) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	186	0.1%	0.1%	80	0.0%	0.0%	+106	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	573	0.2%	0.1%	793	0.4%	0.2%	-220	-0.2
Swiss, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Cypriot, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	+7	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Portuguese Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+12	0.0
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Irish	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Welsh	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	98,111	38.2%	57.3%	94,333	41.7%	
German	345	0.1%	0.3%	457	0.2%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	96	0.0%	0.1%	173	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	159	0.1%	0.1%	133	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	24	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Norwegian	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Swedish	28	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	18	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Finnish	28	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	449	0.2%	0.4%	472	0.2%	
Greek	1,342	0.5%	1.4%	1,348	0.6%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Portuguese	581	0.2%	0.5%	361	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Spanish	2,129	0.8%	1.2%	1,952	0.9%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,294	0.5%	1.0%	1,450	0.6%	
Maltese	179	0.1%	0.2%	222	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	19	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Lithuanian	45	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Hungarian	146	0.1%	0.1%	144	0.1%	
Belorussian	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Russian	704	0.3%	0.4%	687	0.3%	
Ukrainian	98	0.0%	0.0%	104	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	109	0.0%	0.1%	97	0.0%	
Bulgarian	49	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Croatian	493	0.2%	0.3%	487	0.2%	
Macedonian	101	0.0%	0.4%	105	0.0%	
Serbian	461	0.2%	0.4%	470	0.2%	
Slovene	29	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	61	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Czech	78	0.0%	0.1%	104	0.0%	
Polish	497	0.2%	0.2%	570	0.3%	
Slovak	78	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	37	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	–	–	–	
Romanian	115	0.0%	0.0%	129	0.1%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Kurdish	215	0.1%	0.1%	239	0.1%	
Pashto	158	0.1%	0.1%	167	0.1%	
Balochi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	705	0.3%	0.2%	750	0.3%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	3,590	1.4%	0.5%	2,873	1.3%	
Hazaraghi	195	0.1%	0.1%	177	0.1%	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	8,311	3.2%	4.2%	7,278	3.2%	
Hebrew	25	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	184	0.1%	0.5%	156	0.1%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	30	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.0%	

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Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	1,145	0.4%	0.4%	858	0.4%	–
Azeri	33	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Uygur	37	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Turkic, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	1,041	0.4%	0.2%	699	0.3%	–
Georgian	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	169	0.1%	0.0%	277	0.1%	–
Kannada	937	0.4%	0.1%	668	0.3%	–
Malayalam	1,919	0.7%	0.3%	1,509	0.7%	–
Tamil	5,712	2.2%	0.7%	4,859	2.1%	–
Telugu	3,642	1.4%	0.4%	2,787	1.2%	–
Tulu	54	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	–
Bengali	2,061	0.8%	0.7%	1,700	0.8%	–
Gujarati	4,325	1.7%	0.5%	4,901	2.2%	–
Hindi	9,590	3.7%	1.5%	8,077	3.6%	–

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Konkani	187	0.1%	0.0%	137	0.1%	
Marathi	1,625	0.6%	0.2%	981	0.4%	
Nepali	4,271	1.7%	1.2%	1,335	0.6%	
Punjabi	3,308	1.3%	0.8%	2,914	1.3%	
Sindhi	70	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Sinhalese	1,383	0.5%	0.2%	1,324	0.6%	
Urdu	3,194	1.2%	0.8%	1,742	0.8%	
Assamese	47	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	28	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Oriya	170	0.1%	0.0%	92	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	97	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	83	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	37	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	370	0.1%	0.1%	365	0.2%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hmong	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	147	0.1%	0.2%	106	0.0%	
Vietnamese	1,736	0.7%	2.2%	1,127	0.5%	

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Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	46	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Thai	852	0.3%	0.4%	660	0.3%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	67	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	58	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Cebuano	78	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Ilokano	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indonesian	1,508	0.6%	0.6%	1,342	0.6%	
Malay	159	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	
Tetum	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	2,183	0.9%	0.9%	1,818	0.8%	
Filipino	1,637	0.6%	0.5%	1,123	0.5%	
Acehnese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	21	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	249	0.1%	0.1%	411	0.2%	—
Cantonese	16,404	6.4%	2.8%	14,724	6.5%	—
Hakka	75	0.0%	0.0%	75	0.0%	—
Mandarin	31,823	12.4%	5.0%	23,703	10.5%	—
Wu	290	0.1%	0.1%	217	0.1%	—
Min Nan	412	0.2%	0.1%	353	0.2%	—
Chinese, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Japanese	665	0.3%	0.3%	541	0.2%	—
Korean	14,190	5.5%	1.1%	11,246	5.0%	—
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tibetan	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Mongolian	419	0.2%	0.1%	56	0.0%	—
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tiwi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jawoyn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yolngu Matha, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kuku Yalanji	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Guugu Yimidhirr	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wik Mungkan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Gurindji	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Kaurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	77	0.0%	0.0%	80	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	24	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Oromo	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	175	0.1%	0.0%	151	0.1%	
Somali	37	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	

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Swahili	137	0.1%	0.0%	100	0.0%	
Yoruba	43	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Amharic	48	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Bemba	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Dinka	39	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Ewe	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	57	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	60	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Luganda	12	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Anuak	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Lingala	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	49	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	232	0.1%	0.1%	160	0.1%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	28	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	71	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

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Samoan	240	0.1%	0.3%	241	0.1%	
Tongan	326	0.1%	0.2%	302	0.1%	
Rotuman	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Tokelauan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Motu (HiriMotu)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Auslan	129	0.1%	0.0%	105	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	13,813	5.4%	5.3%	14,204	6.3%	
Total	256,710	100.0%	100.0%	226,120	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.