

Community report

Penrith (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 Penrith (C), accounting for 74.2% (161,419 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 10,125 people, while its share fell by 3 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

Penrith (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	135	0.1%	0.1%	115	0.1%	0.0%	+20	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	238	0.1%	0.1%	338	0.2%	0.2%	-100	-0.1
Swiss, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Irish	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+9	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	6	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	161,419	74.2%	57.3%	151,294	77.2%	
German	278	0.1%	0.3%	395	0.2%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	137	0.1%	0.1%	219	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	119	0.1%	0.1%	102	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	26	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Icelandic	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Swedish	16	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Finnish	32	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	293	0.1%	0.4%	333	0.2%	
Greek	1,190	0.5%	1.4%	1,168	0.6%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Portuguese	227	0.1%	0.5%	188	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Spanish	1,306	0.6%	1.2%	1,326	0.7%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,133	0.5%	1.0%	1,329	0.7%	
Maltese	1,297	0.6%	0.2%	1,424	0.7%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Lithuanian	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Hungarian	190	0.1%	0.1%	258	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	272	0.1%	0.4%	220	0.1%	
Ukrainian	54	0.0%	0.0%	73	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	80	0.0%	0.1%	77	0.0%	
Bulgarian	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Croatian	961	0.4%	0.3%	1,022	0.5%	
Macedonian	176	0.1%	0.4%	180	0.1%	
Serbian	402	0.2%	0.4%	406	0.2%	
Slovene	36	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	29	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	

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Czech	68	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.0%	
Polish	362	0.2%	0.2%	460	0.2%	
Slovak	43	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Albanian	29	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	–	–	–	
Romanian	58	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kurdish	52	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.0%	
Pashto	87	0.0%	0.1%	78	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	335	0.2%	0.2%	274	0.1%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	547	0.3%	0.5%	375	0.2%	
Hazaraghi	305	0.1%	0.1%	95	0.0%	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	3,922	1.8%	4.2%	3,135	1.6%	
Hebrew	7	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	338	0.2%	0.5%	260	0.1%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	157	0.1%	0.2%	135	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	763	0.4%	0.4%	625	0.3%	–
Azeri	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	80	0.0%	0.2%	74	0.0%	–
Georgian	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	49	0.0%	0.0%	92	0.0%	–
Kannada	119	0.1%	0.1%	57	0.0%	–
Malayalam	964	0.4%	0.3%	614	0.3%	–
Tamil	892	0.4%	0.7%	464	0.2%	–
Telugu	502	0.2%	0.4%	205	0.1%	–
Tulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dravidian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Bengali	668	0.3%	0.7%	381	0.2%	–
Gujarati	1,096	0.5%	0.5%	284	0.1%	–
Hindi	2,367	1.1%	1.5%	1,745	0.9%	–

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Konkani	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Marathi	146	0.1%	0.2%	63	0.0%	
Nepali	1,147	0.5%	1.2%	477	0.2%	
Punjabi	3,105	1.4%	0.8%	1,667	0.9%	
Sindhi	30	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Sinhalese	605	0.3%	0.2%	466	0.2%	
Urdu	1,330	0.6%	0.8%	821	0.4%	
Assamese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	129	0.1%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	126	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	154	0.1%	0.2%	116	0.1%	
Vietnamese	546	0.3%	2.2%	473	0.2%	

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Mon	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	18	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Thai	534	0.2%	0.4%	361	0.2%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	105	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
Cebuano	68	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Ilokano	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indonesian	375	0.2%	0.6%	259	0.1%	
Malay	49	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
Tetum	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Timorese	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tagalog	2,646	1.2%	0.9%	2,119	1.1%	
Filipino	1,462	0.7%	0.5%	1,044	0.5%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	22	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	22	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Cantonese	731	0.3%	2.8%	645	0.3%	
Hakka	25	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Mandarin	1,747	0.8%	5.0%	1,353	0.7%	
Wu	4	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Min Nan	51	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Japanese	159	0.1%	0.3%	95	0.0%	
Korean	641	0.3%	1.1%	373	0.2%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Tibetan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	47	0.0%	0.0%	14	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)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	14	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	29	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	27	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
African Languages, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Acholi	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Akan	175	0.1%	0.0%	90	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	7	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	144	0.1%	0.0%	157	0.1%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Swahili	84	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Yoruba	74	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Zulu	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	370	0.2%	0.0%	338	0.2%	
Ewe	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ga	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Harari	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	88	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	42	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Luganda	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	11	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Anuak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bari	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bassa	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Fulfulde	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Kirundi (Rundi)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kpelle	—	—	—	—	—	
Krahn	—	—	—	—	—	
Liberian (Liberian English)	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Madi	37	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Mandinka	9	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Mann	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Themne	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Lingala	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
African Languages, nec	43	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Fijian	236	0.1%	0.1%	137	0.1%	
Gilbertese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Maori (Cook Island)	105	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	143	0.1%	0.0%	133	0.1%	
Nauruan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Niue	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

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Samoaan	1,343	0.6%	0.3%	1,094	0.6%	
Tongan	414	0.2%	0.2%	322	0.2%	
Rotuman	25	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Tokelauan	120	0.1%	0.0%	141	0.1%	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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%	4	0.0%	
Motu (HiriMotu)	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Auslan	189	0.1%	0.0%	141	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	13,522	6.2%	5.3%	11,693	6.0%	
Total	217,661	100.0%	100.0%	196,045	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.