

Community report

Perth (C)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Perth

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 Perth (C), accounting for 52.5% (14,938 people). This share was lower than Greater Perth (74%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 4,714 people and 5.5 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

Perth (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	26	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	0.1%	+13	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	34	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.2%	0.2%	+1	-0.1
Swiss, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	9	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
French Creole, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.1%	0.0%	-5	-0.1
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	12	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.1%	0.0%	-5	-0.1
Welsh	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
English	14,938	52.5%	74.0%	10,224	47.0%	74.0%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	112	0.4%	0.3%	122	0.6%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Dutch	48	0.2%	0.2%	35	0.2%	0.2%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Afrikaans	119	0.4%	0.6%	59	0.3%	0.6%
Danish	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Norwegian	7	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	0.0%
Swedish	32	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.1%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Estonian	20	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	0.0%
French	247	0.9%	0.4%	245	1.1%	0.4%
Greek	69	0.2%	0.2%	56	0.3%	0.2%
Catalan	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Portuguese	305	1.1%	0.4%	385	1.8%	0.4%
Spanish	700	2.5%	0.6%	376	1.7%	0.6%
Italian	277	1.0%	1.1%	290	1.3%	1.1%
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lithuanian	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	–
Hungarian	9	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.1%	–
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian	152	0.5%	0.2%	111	0.5%	–
Ukrainian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	15	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	–
Bulgarian	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Croatian	46	0.2%	0.2%	19	0.1%	–
Macedonian	17	0.1%	0.3%	21	0.1%	–
Serbian	72	0.3%	0.3%	73	0.3%	–
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Czech	16	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.1%	–
Polish	103	0.4%	0.2%	86	0.4%	–
Slovak	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Albanian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	21	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Pashto	16	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	12	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.1%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	277	1.0%	0.3%	228	1.0%	–
Hazaraghi	3	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Arabic	286	1.0%	0.7%	212	1.0%	–
Hebrew	16	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	22	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.2%	–
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	11	0.1%	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Kannada	39	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.1%	
Malayalam	117	0.4%	0.4%	42	0.2%	
Tamil	193	0.7%	0.4%	132	0.6%	
Telugu	97	0.3%	0.1%	88	0.4%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bengali	163	0.6%	0.2%	71	0.3%	
Gujarati	86	0.3%	0.5%	59	0.3%	
Hindi	379	1.3%	0.5%	297	1.4%	
Konkani	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	79	0.3%	0.1%	49	0.2%	
Nepali	183	0.6%	0.2%	82	0.4%	
Punjabi	89	0.3%	0.9%	32	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	108	0.4%	0.3%	35	0.2%	
Urdu	199	0.7%	0.4%	109	0.5%	
Assamese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kashmiri	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	17	0.1%	0.2%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Burmese	55	0.2%	0.2%	31	0.1%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	13	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	361	1.3%	1.0%	176	0.8%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	232	0.8%	0.3%	153	0.7%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	17	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Cebuano	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	436	1.5%	0.5%	222	1.0%	–
Malay	113	0.4%	0.2%	121	0.6%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Tagalog	158	0.6%	0.7%	92	0.4%	
Filipino	137	0.5%	0.5%	113	0.5%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Javanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chinese, nfd	53	0.2%	0.0%	71	0.3%	
Cantonese	685	2.4%	0.9%	582	2.7%	
Hakka	16	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mandarin	2,398	8.4%	2.3%	1,631	7.5%	
Wu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	63	0.2%	0.1%	38	0.2%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Japanese	416	1.5%	0.3%	346	1.6%	
Korean	360	1.3%	0.3%	582	2.7%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	21	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
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%	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Walmajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worrorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kariyarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mangala	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarluma	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyangumarta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yinhawangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yorta Yorta	3	0.0%	–	–	–	–
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	36	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	–
Somali	4	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Swahili	23	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	–
Yoruba	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bemba	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	11	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tongan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	12	0.0%	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)	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

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Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	2,782	9.8%	5.1%	3,529	16.2%	–
Total	28,445	100.0%	100.0%	21,766	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.