

Community report

Playford (C)

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

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Playford (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Adelaide

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 Playford (C), accounting for 78.9% (78,212 people). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (74.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 5,936 people, while its share fell by 2 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

Playford (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	125	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.1%	0.0%	+50	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	117	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.2%	0.2%	-19	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
French Creole, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
English	78,212	78.9%	74.8%	72,276	80.9%	75.4%	+5,936	-2.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	120	0.1%	0.3%	176	0.2%	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	70	0.1%	0.1%	107	0.1%	–
Frisian	–	–	–	–	–	–
Afrikaans	93	0.1%	0.2%	83	0.1%	–
Danish	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Icelandic	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
French	89	0.1%	0.2%	70	0.1%	–
Greek	385	0.4%	1.5%	387	0.4%	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	25	0.0%	0.2%	30	0.0%	–
Spanish	271	0.3%	0.5%	276	0.3%	–
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	528	0.5%	1.6%	646	0.7%	–
Maltese	26	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungarian	37	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	–
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Russian	243	0.2%	0.2%	216	0.2%	–
Ukrainian	17	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	–
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	30	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	–
Bulgarian	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Croatian	79	0.1%	0.2%	85	0.1%	–
Macedonian	32	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Serbian	125	0.1%	0.3%	146	0.2%	–
Slovene	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	23	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Czech	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Polish	106	0.1%	0.4%	112	0.1%	–
Slovak	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	7	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Romanian	177	0.2%	0.1%	183	0.2%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Kurdish	56	0.1%	0.1%	80	0.1%	–
Pashto	103	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	405	0.4%	0.2%	426	0.5%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	250	0.3%	0.4%	133	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	1,238	1.2%	0.5%	539	0.6%	–
Arabic	571	0.6%	0.8%	447	0.5%	–
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	104	0.1%	0.1%	67	0.1%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Uygur	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Uzbek	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Kannada	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	116	0.1%	0.3%	106	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Tamil	81	0.1%	0.2%	101	0.1%	
Telugu	30	0.0%	0.2%	17	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	144	0.1%	0.2%	76	0.1%	
Gujarati	67	0.1%	0.5%	23	0.0%	
Hindi	180	0.2%	0.7%	127	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Nepali	1,357	1.4%	0.7%	650	0.7%	
Punjabi	479	0.5%	1.4%	166	0.2%	
Sindhi	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sinhalese	27	0.0%	0.3%	17	0.0%	
Urdu	126	0.1%	0.3%	38	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Burmese	86	0.1%	0.0%	66	0.1%	
Chin Haka	262	0.3%	0.1%	66	0.1%	
Karen	32	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Rohingya	102	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Zomi	103	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	61	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Khmer	496	0.5%	0.3%	460	0.5%	
Vietnamese	915	0.9%	1.5%	827	0.9%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	117	0.1%	0.0%	93	0.1%	
Thai	141	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	31	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Cebuano	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Indonesian	144	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.1%	
Malay	82	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	395	0.4%	0.4%	243	0.3%	
Filipino	253	0.3%	0.3%	176	0.2%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Cantonese	58	0.1%	0.7%	43	0.0%	–
Hakka	21	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	220	0.2%	2.2%	201	0.2%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	18	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	23	0.0%	0.2%	25	0.0%	–
Korean	18	0.0%	0.3%	14	0.0%	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Warumungu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Alyawarr	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kukatha	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	17	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yankunytjatjara	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurna	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Narungga	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Ngarrindjeri	25	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nyungar	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mirning	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Acholi	38	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Akan	36	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	138	0.1%	0.0%	101	0.1%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Swahili	752	0.8%	0.2%	443	0.5%	
Yoruba	46	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Zulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Amharic	19	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	819	0.8%	0.1%	797	0.9%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Ewe	11	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Ga	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Luganda	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	39	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	
Anuak	7	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Bari	34	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Bassa	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Fulfulde	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	85	0.1%	0.0%	57	0.1%	
Kirundi (Rundi)	557	0.6%	0.1%	507	0.6%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Krahn	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	86	0.1%	0.0%	60	0.1%	–
Mandinka	38	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Mann	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	46	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Fijian	30	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	21	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Tongan	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Auslan	80	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated	5,871	5.9%	3.8%	5,961	6.7%	–
Total	99,145	100.0%	100.0%	89,339	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.