

Community report

Port Hedland (T)

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Port Hedland (T)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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 Port Hedland (T), accounting for 69.8% (10,907 people). This share was lower than Regional WA (80.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 761 people, while its share fell by 0.4 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

Port Hedland (T) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	12	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	13	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	0.1%	-5	0.0
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	16	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Irish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
English	10,907	69.8%	80.9%	10,146	70.2%	81.7%	+761	-0.4
German	39	0.2%	0.3%	29	0.2%	0.3%	+10	0.0
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Dutch	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	92	0.6%	0.5%	94	0.7%	0.5%
Danish	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	36	0.2%	0.2%	29	0.2%	0.2%
Greek	15	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	19	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.3%	0.3%
Spanish	27	0.2%	0.2%	16	0.1%	0.1%
Italian	14	0.1%	0.4%	19	0.1%	0.1%
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Russian	8	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%
Ukrainian	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Bosnian	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Bulgarian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Croatian	15	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	0.0%
Macedonian	10	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.1%	0.0%
Serbian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Slovene	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Czech	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Polish	8	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Slovak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Albanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Romanian	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Kurdish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Pashto	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Dari	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Persian (excluding Dari)	14	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.1%	0.0%
Hazaraghi	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	0.0%
Arabic	30	0.2%	0.1%	22	0.2%	0.1%
Hebrew	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	10	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.1%	0.0%
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	19	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	0.1%
Tamil	17	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.3%	0.1%
Telugu	17	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.1%	0.0%
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	5	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.2%	0.0%
Gujarati	80	0.5%	0.1%	29	0.2%	0.1%
Hindi	37	0.2%	0.1%	31	0.2%	0.1%
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepali	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Punjabi	23	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	42	0.3%	0.1%	38	0.3%	0.1%
Urdu	11	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	0.1%
Assamese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	4	0.0%	–
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	42	0.3%	0.2%	23	0.2%	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	90	0.6%	0.2%	67	0.5%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	21	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Bisaya	15	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	83	0.5%	0.1%	85	0.6%	–
Malay	230	1.5%	0.2%	243	1.7%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	216	1.4%	0.5%	189	1.3%	–
Filipino	149	1.0%	0.4%	127	0.9%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bikol	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Javanese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pampangan	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Cantonese	23	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	—
Hakka	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mandarin	75	0.5%	0.4%	80	0.6%	—
Wu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Min Nan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Japanese	—	—	0.1%	14	0.1%	—
Korean	13	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.2%	—
Tibetan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mongolian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	29	0.2%	0.1%	57	0.4%	—
Maung	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tiwi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gudanji	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Marra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Murrinh Patha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Wardaman	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kunwinjku	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Djapu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Ngathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	17	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	38	0.2%	0.0%	42	0.3%	–
Bilinarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ngardi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarinyman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Walmajarri	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Western Desert Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kartujarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Kukatja	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	14	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Martu Wangka	29	0.2%	0.1%	8	0.1%	–
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Pintupi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wangkajunga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wangkatha	9	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Warnman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yulparija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ngarinyin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worrorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wunambal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Banyjima	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kariyarra	13	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.1%	0.0%
Kurna	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kriol	9	0.1%	0.4%	–	–	–
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarluma	15	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.1%	0.0%
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nyamal	10	0.1%	0.0%	23	0.2%	0.0%
Nyangumarta	89	0.6%	0.0%	102	0.7%	0.0%
Nyungar	16	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	0.0%
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Wajarri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	6	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.1%	0.0%
Yinhawangka	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	10	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	51	0.3%	0.1%	57	0.4%	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Yoruba	9	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Amharic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Dinka	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	9	0.1%	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Fijian	22	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	50	0.3%	0.1%	38	0.3%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	–
Tongan	49	0.3%	0.1%	38	0.3%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norf'k–Pitcairn	–	–	–	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	3	0.0%	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	2,497	16.0%	10.5%	2,245	15.5%	10.5%
Total	15,622	100.0%	100.0%	14,460	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.