

Community report

Port Macquarie-Hastings (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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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 Macquarie–Hastings (A), accounting for 91.3% (79,252 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 7,992 people and 0.5 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

Port Macquarie-Hastings (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	60	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.0%	0.0%	+22	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	43	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	0.1%	+4	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	79,252	91.3%	86.8%	71,260	90.8%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	195	0.2%	0.2%	179	0.2%	0.2%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	109	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	93	0.1%	0.1%	71	0.1%	0.1%
Danish	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	39	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	150	0.2%	0.1%	142	0.2%	0.2%
Greek	57	0.1%	0.2%	59	0.1%	0.1%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	62	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.0%	0.0%
Spanish	168	0.2%	0.3%	155	0.2%	0.2%
Italian	129	0.1%	0.4%	134	0.2%	0.2%
Maltese	19	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Lithuanian	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hungarian	15	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	41	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Ukrainian	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	44	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Macedonian	8	0.0%	0.3%	6	0.0%	
Serbian	12	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Slovene	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Czech	29	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Polish	58	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Slovak	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Romanian	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Pashto	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	23	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	95	0.1%	0.3%	65	0.1%	
Hebrew	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkish	34	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kannada	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Malayalam	89	0.1%	0.2%	66	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	51	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Telugu	28	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bengali	20	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Gujarati	49	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Hindi	48	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Konkani	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	135	0.2%	0.2%	28	0.0%	
Punjabi	87	0.1%	0.3%	26	0.0%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	23	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Urdu	38	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Chin Haka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Karen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Rohingya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Zomi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hmong	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Khmer	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Vietnamese	96	0.1%	0.2%	66	0.1%	
Mon	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mon-Khmer, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Lao	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Thai	120	0.1%	0.2%	79	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bisaya	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cebuano	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indonesian	21	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Malay	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Timorese	—	—	—	—	—	
Tagalog	140	0.2%	0.2%	76	0.1%	
Filipino	114	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Cantonese	111	0.1%	0.2%	95	0.1%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	167	0.2%	0.4%	128	0.2%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Japanese	67	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	–
Korean	58	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku–Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	78	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
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%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Auslan	44	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	4,046	4.7%	6.6%	4,881	6.2%	
Total	86,764	100.0%	100.0%	78,516	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.