

Community report

Port Phillip (C)

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

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Port Phillip (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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 Phillip (C), accounting for 72.5% (73,895 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 3,936 people and 3.1 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 Phillip (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	77	0.1%	0.1%	82	0.1%	0.1%	-5	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	80	0.1%	0.1%	104	0.1%	0.2%	-24	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	30	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	+19	0.0
French Creole, nfd	33	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	0.0%	+12	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	24	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+14	0.0
Irish	45	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.1%	0.0%	-9	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	27	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	73,895	72.5%	61.1%	69,959	69.4%	61.1%
German	638	0.6%	0.3%	708	0.7%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	185	0.2%	0.0%	225	0.2%	0.0%
Dutch	206	0.2%	0.1%	257	0.3%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	98	0.1%	0.1%	109	0.1%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Danish	56	0.1%	0.0%	53	0.1%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	23	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	130	0.1%	0.0%	124	0.1%	0.0%
Estonian	22	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	59	0.1%	0.0%	61	0.1%	0.0%
French	1,026	1.0%	0.3%	1,026	1.0%	0.3%
Greek	2,590	2.5%	2.1%	2,650	2.6%	2.1%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Portuguese	612	0.6%	0.2%	407	0.4%	0.2%
Spanish	1,920	1.9%	0.8%	1,208	1.2%	0.8%
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	1,244	1.2%	1.7%	1,437	1.4%	1.7%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	44	0.0%	0.3%	60	0.1%	
Basque	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Latvian	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Lithuanian	10	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Hungarian	125	0.1%	0.1%	166	0.2%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Russian	1,149	1.1%	0.4%	1,320	1.3%	
Ukrainian	65	0.1%	0.0%	79	0.1%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	77	0.1%	0.1%	76	0.1%	
Bulgarian	16	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Croatian	189	0.2%	0.3%	186	0.2%	
Macedonian	147	0.1%	0.6%	119	0.1%	
Serbian	246	0.2%	0.3%	232	0.2%	
Slovene	25	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	13	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Czech	34	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.1%	
Polish	404	0.4%	0.3%	401	0.4%	
Slovak	25	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	153	0.2%	0.1%	120	0.1%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	80	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.1%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Kurdish	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Pashto	7	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	5	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	307	0.3%	0.4%	240	0.2%	–
Hazaraghi	9	0.0%	0.4%	7	0.0%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	395	0.4%	1.8%	357	0.4%	–
Hebrew	359	0.4%	0.1%	382	0.4%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	3	0.0%	0.2%	15	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	4	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	264	0.3%	0.7%	247	0.2%	–
Azeri	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Turkic, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	10	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Georgian	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	–
Kannada	60	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.0%	–
Malayalam	88	0.1%	0.4%	42	0.0%	–
Tamil	192	0.2%	0.7%	191	0.2%	–
Telugu	145	0.1%	0.5%	166	0.2%	–
Tulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Bengali	71	0.1%	0.3%	109	0.1%	–
Gujarati	256	0.3%	0.5%	290	0.3%	–
Hindi	731	0.7%	1.3%	747	0.7%	–
Konkani	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Marathi	119	0.1%	0.1%	68	0.1%	–
Nepali	231	0.2%	0.4%	139	0.1%	–
Punjabi	174	0.2%	2.0%	129	0.1%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Sinhalese	120	0.1%	1.0%	98	0.1%	–
Urdu	113	0.1%	0.7%	87	0.1%	–

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Assamese	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	15	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	34	0.0%	0.3%	19	0.0%	
Vietnamese	518	0.5%	2.3%	402	0.4%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Thai	278	0.3%	0.3%	241	0.2%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Cebuano	18	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	293	0.3%	0.3%	370	0.4%	—
Malay	72	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.1%	—
Tetum	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	216	0.2%	0.5%	154	0.2%	—
Filipino	169	0.2%	0.4%	135	0.1%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	25	0.0%	0.1%	70	0.1%	—
Cantonese	725	0.7%	1.6%	742	0.7%	—
Hakka	23	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	—
Mandarin	2,130	2.1%	4.3%	2,215	2.2%	—

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Wu	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Min Nan	52	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	347	0.3%	0.2%	388	0.4%	
Korean	286	0.3%	0.3%	232	0.2%	
Tibetan	22	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Mongolian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	9	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	–
Oromo	51	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.0%	–
Shona	37	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	–
Somali	31	0.0%	0.2%	35	0.0%	–
Swahili	24	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	–
Yoruba	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	51	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.0%	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	7	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	38	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	–
Tswana	6	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%	–	–	–

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Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	33	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Samoan	21	0.0%	0.3%	30	0.0%	–
Tongan	6	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Yapese	–	–	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%	3	0.0%	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	44	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	6,590	6.5%	4.8%	10,143	10.1%	–
Total	101,917	100.0%	100.0%	100,878	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.