

Community report

Port Pirie City and Dists (M)

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

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Port Pirie City and Dists (M)

COMPARISON

Regional SA

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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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 Pirie City and Dists (M), accounting for 90% (15,527 people). This share was higher than Regional SA (87.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which decreased by 33 people, while its share rose by 0.3 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 Pirie City and Dists (M) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	16	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+12	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	0.0%	-5	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
English	15,527	90.0%	87.7%	15,560	89.7%	87.9%	-33	+0.3
German	16	0.1%	0.2%	20	0.1%	0.3%	-4	0.0
Dutch	5	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.1%	0.1%	-12	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	27	0.2%	0.2%	31	0.2%	
Danish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	11	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Greek	79	0.5%	0.4%	95	0.5%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	9	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Spanish	14	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Italian	125	0.7%	0.3%	154	0.9%	
Maltese	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Russian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bosnian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Serbian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	–	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	73	0.4%	0.0%	55	0.3%	
Romany	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Arabic	21	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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Tamil	13	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.1%	
Telugu	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gujarati	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.1%	
Hindi	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	13	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Punjabi	15	0.1%	0.3%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	9	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Urdu	41	0.2%	0.1%	32	0.2%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Khmer	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	22	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Thai	16	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.1%	
Malay	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	38	0.2%	0.2%	34	0.2%	
Filipino	26	0.2%	0.2%	39	0.2%	
Bikol	–	–	–	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	31	0.2%	0.3%	20	0.1%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Korean	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	

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Iwaidja	–	–	–	–	–	
Nungali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Antikarinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	11	0.1%	0.5%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	–	–	–	

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Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mirning	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	–	–	–	
Shona	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	–	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	10	0.1%	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	–	–	–	

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Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	–	–	–	
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norf'k-Pitcairn	–	–	–	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	–	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	9	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	991	5.7%	6.9%	1,061	6.1%	
Total	17,253	100.0%	100.0%	17,343	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.