

# Community report

## Port Stephens (A)

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

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**Port Stephens (A)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

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 Stephens (A), accounting for 90.9% (68,383 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 6,176 people and 1.4 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 Stephens (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	41	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.0%	0.0%	+16	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	28	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	0.1%	-6	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	68,383	90.9%	86.8%	62,207	89.5%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	143	0.2%	0.2%	150	0.2%	0.2%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	82	0.1%	0.1%	79	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	114	0.2%	0.1%	90	0.1%	0.1%
Danish	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	26	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	16	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	123	0.2%	0.1%	120	0.2%	0.1%
Greek	148	0.2%	0.2%	127	0.2%	0.2%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	57	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.0%	0.0%
Spanish	162	0.2%	0.3%	151	0.2%	0.2%
Italian	171	0.2%	0.4%	172	0.2%	0.2%
Maltese	34	0.0%	0.0%	33	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	22	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	56	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Ukrainian	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bosnian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	89	0.1%	0.1%	97	0.1%	
Macedonian	38	0.1%	0.3%	28	0.0%	
Serbian	15	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Slovene	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Czech	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Polish	49	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Slovak	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	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%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	61	0.1%	0.3%	48	0.1%	–
Hebrew	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	21	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	37	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	6	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Telugu	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dravidian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bengali	23	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Gujarati	10	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Hindi	42	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Konkani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Marathi	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nepali	96	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.0%	
Punjabi	51	0.1%	0.3%	33	0.0%	
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sinhalese	6	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Urdu	29	0.0%	0.1%	7	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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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Burmese	–	–	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Vietnamese	82	0.1%	0.2%	53	0.1%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	143	0.2%	0.2%	76	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	30	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Malay	40	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	124	0.2%	0.2%	95	0.1%	
Filipino	49	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cantonese	61	0.1%	0.2%	66	0.1%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	159	0.2%	0.4%	120	0.2%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Japanese	46	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.1%	–
Korean	38	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	8	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%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	16	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	3	0.0%	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	19	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	22	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	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%	–	–	
Norf'k–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)	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Auslan	79	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,863	5.1%	6.6%	4,978	7.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,241</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>69,514</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.