

Community report

Queanbeyan-Palerang

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

Regional (A)

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Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional (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 Queanbeyan–Palerang Regional (A), accounting for 81.5% (51,554 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 6,335 people and 0.8 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

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	42	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	58	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	0.1%	-2	0.0
Swiss, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	6	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)	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	51,554	81.5%	86.8%	45,219	80.7%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	169	0.3%	0.2%	174	0.3%	0.2%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	49	0.1%	0.1%	61	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	98	0.2%	0.1%	52	0.1%	0.1%
Danish	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	51	0.1%	0.0%	45	0.1%	0.0%
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	171	0.3%	0.1%	134	0.2%	0.1%
Greek	215	0.3%	0.2%	211	0.4%	0.2%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	118	0.2%	0.1%	92	0.2%	0.1%
Spanish	228	0.4%	0.3%	198	0.4%	0.3%
Italian	578	0.9%	0.4%	641	1.1%	0.4%
Maltese	24	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.1%	0.0%
Basque	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	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	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Lithuanian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hungarian	45	0.1%	0.0%	52	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	76	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.1%	
Ukrainian	29	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.1%	
Bosnian	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bulgarian	16	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Croatian	236	0.4%	0.1%	242	0.4%	
Macedonian	901	1.4%	0.3%	897	1.6%	
Serbian	319	0.5%	0.1%	270	0.5%	
Slovene	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	9	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Czech	22	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Polish	96	0.2%	0.1%	98	0.2%	
Slovak	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Romanian	20	0.0%	0.0%	16	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	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dari	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	50	0.1%	0.0%	36	0.1%	
Hazaraghi	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	177	0.3%	0.3%	127	0.2%	
Hebrew	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkish	40	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	
Uygur	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Kannada	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Malayalam	150	0.2%	0.2%	82	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	85	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.1%	
Telugu	130	0.2%	0.0%	65	0.1%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	188	0.3%	0.1%	184	0.3%	
Gujarati	126	0.2%	0.1%	77	0.1%	
Hindi	292	0.5%	0.1%	244	0.4%	
Konkani	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Marathi	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nepali	544	0.9%	0.2%	145	0.3%	
Punjabi	796	1.3%	0.3%	446	0.8%	
Sindhi	20	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	63	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.1%	
Urdu	206	0.3%	0.1%	133	0.2%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	25	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Vietnamese	99	0.2%	0.2%	98	0.2%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Thai	101	0.2%	0.2%	80	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cebuano	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Ilokano	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	84	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.1%	
Malay	22	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	293	0.5%	0.2%	222	0.4%	
Filipino	188	0.3%	0.1%	119	0.2%	

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Acehnese	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
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	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cantonese	117	0.2%	0.2%	110	0.2%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	264	0.4%	0.4%	260	0.5%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Japanese	44	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Korean	71	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	3	0.0%	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	34	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Swahili	23	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Yoruba	16	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	4	0.0%	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	30	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Gilbertese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	45	0.1%	0.0%	31	0.1%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	48	0.1%	0.0%	67	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	93	0.1%	0.0%	46	0.1%	
Rotuman	3	0.0%	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	31	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,213	5.1%	6.6%	4,021	7.2%	
Total	63,248	100.0%	100.0%	56,009	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.