

Community report

Rockhampton (R)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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 Rockhampton (R), accounting for 86.1% (70,536 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (83.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,017 people, while its share fell by 1.1 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

Rockhampton (R) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	45	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.0%	0.0%	+17	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	53	0.1%	0.0%	78	0.1%	0.1%	-25	0.0
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	43	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	0.1%	+27	+0.1
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	70,536	86.1%	83.7%	69,519	87.2%	83.7%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
German	93	0.1%	0.3%	108	0.1%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	30	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	192	0.2%	0.3%	188	0.2%	
Danish	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Swedish	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Finnish	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
French	28	0.0%	0.2%	47	0.1%	
Greek	26	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	173	0.2%	0.3%	245	0.3%	
Spanish	68	0.1%	0.4%	65	0.1%	
Italian	31	0.0%	0.3%	36	0.0%	
Maltese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	7	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	31	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Ukrainian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	12	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	5	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Polish	23	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	4	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	32	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	34	0.0%	0.0%	89	0.1%	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Arabic	41	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.0%	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkish	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Kannada	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Malayalam	216	0.3%	0.2%	138	0.2%	
Tamil	194	0.2%	0.1%	208	0.3%	
Telugu	47	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Tulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bengali	119	0.1%	0.0%	112	0.1%	
Gujarati	65	0.1%	0.1%	61	0.1%	
Hindi	146	0.2%	0.2%	142	0.2%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nepali	241	0.3%	0.2%	130	0.2%	
Punjabi	244	0.3%	0.3%	167	0.2%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	100	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Urdu	46	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	23	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.1%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	69	0.1%	0.0%	80	0.1%	
Zomi	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	415	0.5%	0.2%	411	0.5%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Thai	97	0.1%	0.2%	80	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	37	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Cebuano	21	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Ilokano	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Indonesian	28	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Malay	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Tagalog	446	0.5%	0.3%	360	0.5%	
Filipino	273	0.3%	0.3%	243	0.3%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Cantonese	90	0.1%	0.2%	109	0.1%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	478	0.6%	0.7%	233	0.3%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	46	0.1%	0.4%	45	0.1%	
Korean	61	0.1%	0.3%	78	0.1%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	53	0.1%	0.0%	50	0.1%	
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	–	–	–	
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marridan (Maridan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	–	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guugu Yimidhirr	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku-Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dyirbal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Girramay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Koko-Bera	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Meriam Mir	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	30	0.0%	0.3%	21	0.0%	–
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kaytetye	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kayardild	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Lardil	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gudjal	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yugambeh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	30	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	106	0.1%	0.0%	88	0.1%	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Swahili	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Yoruba	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Zulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Dinka	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Igbo	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Fijian	35	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	37	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	17	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	–
Tongan	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norf'k-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Motu (HiriMotu)	6	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	27	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	0.0%
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Sign Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Auslan	69	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.0%	0.0%
Key Word Sign Australia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Not stated	6,138	7.5%	7.4%	5,583	7.0%	7.0%
Total	81,921	100.0%	100.0%	79,735	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.