

Community report

Rockingham (C)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Perth

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 Rockingham (C), accounting for 86.1% (116,738 people). This share was higher than Greater Perth (74%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 10,193 people and 0.9 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

Rockingham (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	103	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.1%	0.1%	+28	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	83	0.1%	0.1%	121	0.1%	0.2%	-38	0.0
Swiss, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	30	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+27	0.0
French Creole, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Irish	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Welsh	34	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
English	116,738	86.1%	74.0%	106,545	85.2%	74.0%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	391	0.3%	0.3%	366	0.3%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Dutch	220	0.2%	0.2%	295	0.2%	0.2%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Afrikaans	993	0.7%	0.6%	942	0.8%	0.6%
Danish	39	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Norwegian	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	22	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Estonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	21	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	0.0%
French	256	0.2%	0.4%	226	0.2%	0.4%
Greek	51	0.0%	0.2%	54	0.0%	0.2%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Portuguese	306	0.2%	0.4%	282	0.2%	0.4%
Spanish	456	0.3%	0.6%	424	0.3%	0.6%
Italian	345	0.3%	1.1%	418	0.3%	1.1%
Maltese	15	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lithuanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Hungarian	42	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	–
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian	134	0.1%	0.2%	133	0.1%	–
Ukrainian	23	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
South Slavic, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	35	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	–
Bulgarian	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Croatian	171	0.1%	0.2%	184	0.1%	–
Macedonian	32	0.0%	0.3%	36	0.0%	–
Serbian	379	0.3%	0.3%	330	0.3%	–
Slovene	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	35	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	–
Czech	41	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Polish	126	0.1%	0.2%	131	0.1%	–
Slovak	26	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Albanian	22	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Romanian	14	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Romany	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iranic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kurdish	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Pashto	—	—	0.0%	11	0.0%	—
Balochi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dari	11	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	—
Persian (excluding Dari)	52	0.0%	0.3%	64	0.1%	—
Hazaraghi	—	—	0.2%	—	—	—
Arabic	222	0.2%	0.7%	203	0.2%	—
Hebrew	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mandaean (Mandaic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkish	25	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	—
Azeri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tatar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkmen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uygur	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uzbek	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkic, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Armenian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Kannada	25	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Malayalam	92	0.1%	0.4%	79	0.1%	
Tamil	129	0.1%	0.4%	90	0.1%	
Telugu	32	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	54	0.0%	0.2%	44	0.0%	
Gujarati	38	0.0%	0.5%	42	0.0%	
Hindi	177	0.1%	0.5%	140	0.1%	
Konkani	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Marathi	8	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Nepali	66	0.0%	0.2%	49	0.0%	
Punjabi	439	0.3%	0.9%	196	0.2%	
Sindhi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	45	0.0%	0.3%	40	0.0%	
Urdu	83	0.1%	0.4%	41	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	4	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	87	0.1%	0.2%	66	0.1%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	19	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	285	0.2%	1.0%	232	0.2%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	436	0.3%	0.3%	351	0.3%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	36	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Bisaya	40	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Cebuano	29	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Ilokano	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	277	0.2%	0.5%	227	0.2%	–
Malay	132	0.1%	0.2%	137	0.1%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Tagalog	624	0.5%	0.7%	544	0.4%	
Filipino	389	0.3%	0.5%	334	0.3%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Cantonese	135	0.1%	0.9%	156	0.1%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	460	0.3%	2.3%	371	0.3%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	15	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Japanese	145	0.1%	0.3%	170	0.1%	
Korean	106	0.1%	0.3%	88	0.1%	
Tibetan	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	5	0.0%	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Walmajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worrorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kariyarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mangala	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarluma	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyangumarta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	81	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yinhawangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Acholi	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Akan	14	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	6	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	283	0.2%	0.1%	202	0.2%	–
Somali	4	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Swahili	46	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.0%	–
Yoruba	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Zulu	10	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Amharic	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bemba	20	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Dinka	46	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Kikuyu	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	35	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Nuer	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Shilluk	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anuak	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	21	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Kpelle	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	49	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	94	0.1%	0.0%	80	0.1%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	472	0.3%	0.1%	356	0.3%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Samoan	99	0.1%	0.0%	72	0.1%	–
Tongan	68	0.1%	0.0%	39	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
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%	4	0.0%	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	3	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–

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Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Auslan	107	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	7,890	5.8%	5.1%	8,892	7.1%	–
Total	135,631	100.0%	100.0%	125,046	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.