

Community report

Salisbury (C)

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Salisbury (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Adelaide

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 Salisbury (C), accounting for 62.9% (91,663 people). This share was lower than Greater Adelaide (74.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Punjabi, which increased by 2,198 people and 1.5 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

Salisbury (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	159	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.0%	0.0%	+95	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	220	0.2%	0.1%	276	0.2%	0.2%	-56	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Creole, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Irish	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Welsh	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
English	91,663	62.9%	74.8%	92,673	67.2%	75.4%	-1,010	-4.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	288	0.2%	0.3%	412	0.3%	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	113	0.1%	0.1%	166	0.1%	–
Frisian	–	–	–	–	–	–
Afrikaans	119	0.1%	0.2%	113	0.1%	–
Danish	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Finnish	18	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
French	107	0.1%	0.2%	131	0.1%	–
Greek	1,132	0.8%	1.5%	1,266	0.9%	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	118	0.1%	0.2%	130	0.1%	–
Spanish	1,071	0.7%	0.5%	1,029	0.7%	–
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	1,584	1.1%	1.6%	1,939	1.4%	–
Maltese	146	0.1%	0.0%	187	0.1%	–
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Latvian	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hungarian	123	0.1%	0.1%	157	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	252	0.2%	0.2%	272	0.2%	
Ukrainian	53	0.0%	0.1%	59	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	296	0.2%	0.1%	290	0.2%	
Bulgarian	46	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Croatian	350	0.2%	0.2%	399	0.3%	
Macedonian	114	0.1%	0.0%	131	0.1%	
Serbian	662	0.5%	0.3%	745	0.5%	
Slovene	11	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	69	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.0%	
Czech	71	0.0%	0.0%	91	0.1%	
Polish	761	0.5%	0.4%	926	0.7%	
Slovak	48	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Albanian	130	0.1%	0.1%	102	0.1%	
Romanian	114	0.1%	0.1%	129	0.1%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Kurdish	237	0.2%	0.1%	202	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Pashto	269	0.2%	0.1%	101	0.1%	
Balochi	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Dari	1,410	1.0%	0.2%	1,339	1.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	841	0.6%	0.4%	620	0.4%	
Hazaraghi	3,499	2.4%	0.5%	1,449	1.1%	
Arabic	2,363	1.6%	0.8%	1,632	1.2%	
Hebrew	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Turkic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Turkish	127	0.1%	0.1%	96	0.1%	
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tatar	14	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Turkmen	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uygur	182	0.1%	0.0%	144	0.1%	
Uzbek	131	0.1%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Turkic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Armenian	—	—	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Georgian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	41	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Kannada	106	0.1%	0.0%	104	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Malayalam	628	0.4%	0.3%	530	0.4%	
Tamil	425	0.3%	0.2%	375	0.3%	
Telugu	352	0.2%	0.2%	194	0.1%	
Tulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dravidian, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bengali	391	0.3%	0.2%	356	0.3%	
Gujarati	1,697	1.2%	0.5%	970	0.7%	
Hindi	1,200	0.8%	0.7%	871	0.6%	
Konkani	30	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Marathi	126	0.1%	0.1%	67	0.0%	
Nepali	2,133	1.5%	0.7%	1,653	1.2%	
Punjabi	3,437	2.4%	1.4%	1,239	0.9%	
Sindhi	31	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sinhalese	399	0.3%	0.3%	234	0.2%	
Urdu	721	0.5%	0.3%	365	0.3%	
Assamese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dhivehi	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kashmiri	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Oriya	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	11	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Other Southern Asian Languages	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	52	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Burmese	277	0.2%	0.0%	219	0.2%	
Chin Haka	558	0.4%	0.1%	323	0.2%	
Karen	21	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Rohingya	9	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Zomi	285	0.2%	0.0%	164	0.1%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	532	0.4%	0.0%	256	0.2%	
Khmer	2,597	1.8%	0.3%	2,389	1.7%	
Vietnamese	5,806	4.0%	1.5%	5,384	3.9%	
Mon	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lao	395	0.3%	0.0%	430	0.3%	
Thai	307	0.2%	0.1%	228	0.2%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	57	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Cebuano	48	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Ilokano	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Indonesian	138	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
Malay	128	0.1%	0.1%	80	0.1%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	1,248	0.9%	0.4%	1,043	0.8%	
Filipino	860	0.6%	0.3%	716	0.5%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Bikol	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	31	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Cantonese	701	0.5%	0.7%	805	0.6%	
Hakka	27	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mandarin	1,456	1.0%	2.2%	1,795	1.3%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	94	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.0%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	67	0.0%	0.2%	99	0.1%	
Korean	163	0.1%	0.3%	194	0.1%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warumungu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kukatha	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Martu Wangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabana	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurna	19	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Narungga	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Ngarrindjeri	34	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mirning	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Acholi	73	0.1%	0.0%	124	0.1%	
Akan	30	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Oromo	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Shona	61	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Somali	15	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Swahili	422	0.3%	0.2%	333	0.2%	
Yoruba	38	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Amharic	104	0.1%	0.0%	102	0.1%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	272	0.2%	0.1%	267	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Ewe	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Igbo	57	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Kikuyu	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Krio	39	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Luganda	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nuer	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	112	0.1%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	
Anuak	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	38	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	47	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Kirundi (Rundi)	216	0.1%	0.1%	214	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Loma (Lorma)	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Madi	50	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	–
Mandinka	33	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Mann	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Lingala	13	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
African Languages, nec	56	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	–
Fijian	24	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	19	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	55	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Tongan	37	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bislama	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Auslan	146	0.1%	0.1%	106	0.1%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated	6,758	4.6%	3.8%	6,608	4.8%	–
Total	145,778	100.0%	100.0%	137,951	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.