

Community report

South Burnett (R)

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South Burnett (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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 South Burnett (R), accounting for 87.9% (28,997 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (83.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Mandarin, which increased by 51 people and 0.2 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

South Burnett (R) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	14	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.1%	0.0%	-4	-0.1
Non-verbal, so described	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.1%	+2	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.1%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	24	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+18	+0.1
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
English	28,997	87.9%	83.7%	28,967	90.1%	83.7%
German and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
German	42	0.1%	0.3%	75	0.2%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yiddish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dutch	27	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Afrikaans	59	0.2%	0.3%	46	0.1%	0.3%
Danish	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Norwegian	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Estonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Finnish	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
French	36	0.1%	0.2%	32	0.1%	0.2%
Greek	9	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Iberian Romance, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Catalan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Portuguese	3	0.0%	0.3%	—	—	—
Spanish	24	0.1%	0.4%	11	0.0%	0.4%
Italian	26	0.1%	0.3%	27	0.1%	0.3%
Maltese	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Basque	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Latin	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southern European Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern European Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Latvian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Lithuanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hungarian	6	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	—
Belorussian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Russian	12	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	—
Ukrainian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bosnian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bulgarian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Croatian	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Macedonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Serbian	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Slovene	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Czech	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polish	8	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	—
Slovak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Albanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Romanian	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Romany	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iranic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kurdish	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Pashto	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Balochi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Persian (excluding Dari)	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Hazaraghi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arabic	33	0.1%	0.2%	13	0.0%	—
Hebrew	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mandaean (Mandaic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Azeri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkmen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uygur	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uzbek	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Armenian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Georgian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Kannada	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Malayalam	23	0.1%	0.2%	—	—	—
Tamil	4	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Telugu	—	—	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Tulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dravidian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indo-Aryan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Bengali	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Gujarati	4	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	—
Hindi	14	0.0%	0.2%	15	0.0%	—
Konkani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Marathi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nepali	21	0.1%	0.2%	9	0.0%	—
Punjabi	23	0.1%	0.3%	7	0.0%	—
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sinhalese	14	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	—
Urdu	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Assamese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dhivehi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kashmiri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Oriya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fijian Hindustani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indo-Aryan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Other Southern Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Burmese	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Chin Haka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Karen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Rohingya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Zomi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hmong	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Khmer	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Vietnamese	26	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.1%	—
Mon-Khmer, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Lao	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Thai	25	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.1%	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Cebuano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	6	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	—
Malay	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Tagalog	84	0.3%	0.3%	81	0.3%	0.3%
Filipino	81	0.2%	0.3%	93	0.3%	0.3%
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Javanese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Cantonese	21	0.1%	0.2%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Hakka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mandarin	84	0.3%	0.7%	33	0.1%	0.1%
Wu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Min Nan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Japanese	13	0.0%	0.4%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Korean	13	0.0%	0.3%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Tibetan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mongolian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Anindilyakwa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maung	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tiwi	—	—	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	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Djambarrpuyngu	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kuku Yalanji	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Guugu Yimidhirr	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kuuku-Ya'u	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wik Mungkan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Djabugay	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dyirbal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Meriam Mir	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	—	—	0.3%	—	—	—
Gurindji	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Warlpiri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Warumungu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Alyawarr	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kaytetye	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Anmatyerr, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Arrernte, nfd	—	—	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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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Gooniyandi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Worla	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kija	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Adnymathanha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bandjalang	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Batjala	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bidjara	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dhanggatti	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Diyari	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gamilaraay	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Githabul	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gumbaynggir	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kayardild	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kriol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Lardil	—	—	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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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Yorta Yorta	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gudjal	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yugambeh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Aboriginal English, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
American Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
African Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Akan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mauritian Creole	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Oromo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Shona	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Somali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Swahili	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Yoruba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Zulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Amharic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bemba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ewe	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hausa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Kikuyu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Krio	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Luganda	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Luo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ndebele	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nuer	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyanja (Chichewa)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tigrinya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tswana	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Xhosa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Seychelles Creole	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Anuak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fulfulde	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kirundi (Rundi)	—	—	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 Qld %
Themne	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lingala	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
African Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fijian	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Gilbertese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori (Cook Island)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori (New Zealand)	9	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	—
Nauruan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Niue	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Samoan	10	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	—
Tongan	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Rotuman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tuvaluan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bislama	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Norf'k-Pitcairn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Solomon Islands Pijin	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kiwai	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Motu (HiriMotu)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Invented Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sign Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Auslan	38	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	—
Key Word Sign Australia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sign Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Not stated	2,978	9.0%	7.4%	2,425	7.5%	—
Total	32,970	100.0%	100.0%	32,151	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.