

# Community report

## South Perth (C)

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

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**South Perth (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Perth**

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 Perth (C), accounting for 74.5% (32,305 people). This share was higher than Greater Perth (74%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,406 people and 3.2 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 Perth (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	38	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	0.1%	+25	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	40	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	0.2%	-13	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	10	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Irish	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-9	0.0
Welsh	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
English	32,305	74.5%	74.0%	29,899	71.3%	71.3%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	136	0.3%	0.3%	163	0.4%	0.4%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	91	0.2%	0.2%	64	0.2%	0.2%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	121	0.3%	0.6%	141	0.3%	0.3%
Danish	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Norwegian	17	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.1%	0.1%
Swedish	30	0.1%	0.0%	23	0.1%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	12	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
French	260	0.6%	0.4%	274	0.7%	0.7%
Greek	119	0.3%	0.2%	155	0.4%	0.4%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	127	0.3%	0.4%	137	0.3%	0.3%
Spanish	363	0.8%	0.6%	332	0.8%	0.8%
Italian	394	0.9%	1.1%	469	1.1%	1.1%
Maltese	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungarian	41	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	–
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian	75	0.2%	0.2%	95	0.2%	–
Ukrainian	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	38	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Bulgarian	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Croatian	63	0.1%	0.2%	63	0.2%	–
Macedonian	30	0.1%	0.3%	37	0.1%	–
Serbian	54	0.1%	0.3%	54	0.1%	–
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Czech	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Polish	129	0.3%	0.2%	152	0.4%	–
Slovak	10	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.1%	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Romanian	24	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Pashto	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	14	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.1%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	336	0.8%	0.3%	430	1.0%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Arabic	304	0.7%	0.7%	349	0.8%	–
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	60	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.2%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Kannada	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Malayalam	102	0.2%	0.4%	87	0.2%	
Tamil	133	0.3%	0.4%	100	0.2%	
Telugu	58	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bengali	59	0.1%	0.2%	58	0.1%	
Gujarati	73	0.2%	0.5%	79	0.2%	
Hindi	187	0.4%	0.5%	226	0.5%	
Konkani	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Marathi	68	0.2%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Nepali	137	0.3%	0.2%	68	0.2%	
Punjabi	102	0.2%	0.9%	87	0.2%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	116	0.3%	0.3%	105	0.3%	
Urdu	140	0.3%	0.4%	79	0.2%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	103	0.2%	0.2%	55	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	70	0.2%	0.2%	80	0.2%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Khmer	20	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	270	0.6%	1.0%	261	0.6%	–
Mon	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Thai	160	0.4%	0.3%	172	0.4%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	483	1.1%	0.5%	519	1.2%	–
Malay	106	0.2%	0.2%	111	0.3%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Tagalog	96	0.2%	0.7%	89	0.2%	
Filipino	84	0.2%	0.5%	74	0.2%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	31	0.1%	0.0%	75	0.2%	
Cantonese	639	1.5%	0.9%	675	1.6%	
Hakka	29	0.1%	0.0%	31	0.1%	
Mandarin	1,618	3.7%	2.3%	1,598	3.8%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	104	0.2%	0.1%	106	0.3%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Japanese	206	0.5%	0.3%	235	0.6%	
Korean	200	0.5%	0.3%	279	0.7%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	5	0.0%	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worrorra	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kariyarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mangala	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ngarluma	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyangumarta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	14	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yinhawangka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Badimaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	24	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	–
Somali	106	0.2%	0.1%	152	0.4%	–
Swahili	49	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	–
Yoruba	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Bemba	3	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Dinka	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	12	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.1%	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	17	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Niue	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	9	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–

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Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	19	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	2,201	5.1%	5.1%	2,814	6.7%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,337</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>41,917</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.