

# Community report

## Stonnington (C)

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

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**Stonnington (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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 Stonnington (C), accounting for 73.1% (76,544 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 4,328 people and 3.5 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

Stonnington (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	59	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.0%	0.1%	+12	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	75	0.1%	0.1%	110	0.1%	0.2%	-35	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
French Creole, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Irish	33	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	+19	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	76,544	73.1%	61.1%	72,216	69.6%	61.1%
German	377	0.4%	0.3%	449	0.4%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	46	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.1%	0.0%
Dutch	110	0.1%	0.1%	167	0.2%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	90	0.1%	0.1%	99	0.1%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Danish	31	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	6	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	87	0.1%	0.0%	89	0.1%	0.0%
Estonian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
French	718	0.7%	0.3%	845	0.8%	0.3%
Greek	3,418	3.3%	2.1%	3,519	3.4%	2.1%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Portuguese	261	0.2%	0.2%	229	0.2%	0.2%
Spanish	1,237	1.2%	0.8%	932	0.9%	0.8%
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	929	0.9%	1.7%	1,200	1.2%	1.7%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	17	0.0%	0.3%	31	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	6	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Lithuanian	23	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Hungarian	93	0.1%	0.1%	122	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Russian	714	0.7%	0.4%	794	0.8%	
Ukrainian	50	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.1%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	64	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Bulgarian	15	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Croatian	118	0.1%	0.3%	130	0.1%	
Macedonian	77	0.1%	0.6%	62	0.1%	
Serbian	185	0.2%	0.3%	167	0.2%	
Slovene	6	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	25	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Czech	36	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Polish	268	0.3%	0.3%	326	0.3%	
Slovak	20	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Albanian	27	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	67	0.1%	0.1%	57	0.1%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Kurdish	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Pashto	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	24	0.0%	0.2%	12	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	331	0.3%	0.4%	297	0.3%	–
Hazaraghi	5	0.0%	0.4%	7	0.0%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	351	0.3%	1.8%	381	0.4%	–
Hebrew	258	0.2%	0.1%	212	0.2%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	8	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	261	0.2%	0.7%	266	0.3%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Uzbek	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Armenian	47	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–
Georgian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	–
Kannada	74	0.1%	0.1%	79	0.1%	–
Malayalam	125	0.1%	0.4%	147	0.1%	–
Tamil	260	0.2%	0.7%	208	0.2%	–
Telugu	215	0.2%	0.5%	180	0.2%	–
Tulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bengali	136	0.1%	0.3%	125	0.1%	–
Gujarati	350	0.3%	0.5%	502	0.5%	–
Hindi	767	0.7%	1.3%	874	0.8%	–
Konkani	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Marathi	120	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	–
Nepali	203	0.2%	0.4%	154	0.1%	–
Punjabi	178	0.2%	2.0%	174	0.2%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	298	0.3%	1.0%	297	0.3%	–
Urdu	105	0.1%	0.7%	112	0.1%	–

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Assamese	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Dhivehi	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	33	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	58	0.1%	0.3%	36	0.0%	
Vietnamese	666	0.6%	2.3%	612	0.6%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Thai	327	0.3%	0.3%	343	0.3%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Cebuano	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	406	0.4%	0.3%	494	0.5%	—
Malay	82	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.1%	—
Tetum	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	221	0.2%	0.5%	205	0.2%	—
Filipino	191	0.2%	0.4%	137	0.1%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	50	0.0%	0.1%	223	0.2%	—
Cantonese	1,449	1.4%	1.6%	1,494	1.4%	—
Hakka	27	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	—
Mandarin	4,840	4.6%	4.3%	5,036	4.9%	—

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Wu	57	0.1%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Min Nan	126	0.1%	0.1%	101	0.1%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	430	0.4%	0.2%	468	0.5%	
Korean	255	0.2%	0.3%	316	0.3%	
Tibetan	25	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Mongolian	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	10	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Oromo	33	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	–
Shona	27	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	–
Somali	22	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	–
Swahili	34	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	–
Yoruba	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	24	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	3	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	21	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	4	0.0%	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%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	3	0.0%	0.3%	15	0.0%	–
Tongan	18	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
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%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	25	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	4,953	4.7%	4.8%	7,548	7.3%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,645</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>103,799</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.