

# Community report

## Sunshine Coast (R)

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

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**Sunshine Coast (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 Sunshine Coast (R), accounting for 88.8% (304,081 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (83.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 41,509 people, while its share fell by 0.4 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

Sunshine Coast (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	200	0.1%	0.1%	140	0.0%	0.0%	+60	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	154	0.0%	0.0%	184	0.1%	0.1%	-30	-0.1
Swiss, so described	31	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Cypriot, so described	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	58	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	0.1%	+38	0.0
French Creole, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+9	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	33	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	0.0%	-27	0.0
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	6	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	-11	0.0
Irish	17	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Welsh	19	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	304,081	88.8%	83.7%	262,572	89.2%	8
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
German	1,537	0.4%	0.3%	1,573	0.5%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	648	0.2%	0.1%	724	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	1,097	0.3%	0.3%	821	0.3%	
Danish	153	0.0%	0.0%	147	0.0%	
Icelandic	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	54	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Swedish	243	0.1%	0.0%	233	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Finnish	136	0.0%	0.0%	153	0.1%	
French	922	0.3%	0.2%	833	0.3%	
Greek	293	0.1%	0.1%	240	0.1%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Portuguese	1,057	0.3%	0.3%	265	0.1%	
Spanish	1,173	0.3%	0.4%	655	0.2%	
Italian	862	0.3%	0.3%	790	0.3%	
Maltese	65	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Latvian	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Lithuanian	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Hungarian	176	0.1%	0.1%	132	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	283	0.1%	0.1%	205	0.1%	
Ukrainian	28	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Bosnian	28	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Bulgarian	33	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Croatian	155	0.0%	0.1%	104	0.0%	
Macedonian	33	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Serbian	82	0.0%	0.1%	70	0.0%	
Slovene	35	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	17	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Czech	113	0.0%	0.0%	80	0.0%	
Polish	344	0.1%	0.1%	228	0.1%	
Slovak	70	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Albanian	33	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Romanian	79	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	162	0.0%	0.1%	94	0.0%	–
Hazaraghi	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arabic	196	0.1%	0.2%	174	0.1%	–
Hebrew	68	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	53	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Kannada	18	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Malayalam	680	0.2%	0.2%	281	0.1%	
Tamil	97	0.0%	0.1%	53	0.0%	
Telugu	60	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	61	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Gujarati	440	0.1%	0.1%	266	0.1%	
Hindi	386	0.1%	0.2%	271	0.1%	
Konkani	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Marathi	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Nepali	847	0.2%	0.2%	192	0.1%	
Punjabi	897	0.3%	0.3%	400	0.1%	
Sindhi	16	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sinhalese	148	0.0%	0.1%	92	0.0%	
Urdu	134	0.0%	0.1%	89	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Southern Asian Languages	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese	47	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Chin Haka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Karen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Rohingya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Zomi	—	—	—	—	—	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hmong	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Khmer	46	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Vietnamese	474	0.1%	0.2%	224	0.1%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Lao	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Thai	642	0.2%	0.2%	501	0.2%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bisaya	38	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Cebuano	49	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indonesian	241	0.1%	0.1%	211	0.1%	
Malay	31	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Tetum	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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Tagalog	552	0.2%	0.3%	418	0.1%	0.3%
Filipino	374	0.1%	0.3%	280	0.1%	0.3%
Balinese	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%
Cantonese	380	0.1%	0.2%	298	0.1%	0.2%
Hakka	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Mandarin	1,107	0.3%	0.7%	779	0.3%	0.7%
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Min Nan	14	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Japanese	561	0.2%	0.4%	475	0.2%	0.4%
Korean	589	0.2%	0.3%	367	0.1%	0.3%
Tibetan	20	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Mongolian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

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Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Anindilyakwa	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Maung	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tiwi	4	0.0%	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	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Djambarrpuyngu	—	—	—	—	—	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kuku Yalanji	5	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
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)	15	0.0%	0.3%	4	0.0%	
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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bidjara	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Diyari	–	–	–	–	–	
Gamilaraay	16	0.0%	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudjal	–	–	–	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	42	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	50	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Yoruba	20	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Zulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Amharic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Igbo	18	0.0%	0.0%	7	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%	26	0.0%	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian	58	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	27	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	184	0.1%	0.1%	96	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	101	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Tongan	43	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tokelauan	17	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Norf'k–Pitcairn	13	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Solomon Islands Pijin	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Motu (HiriMotu)	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	32	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Auslan	156	0.0%	0.1%	106	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	17,490	5.1%	7.4%	16,965	5.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>342,498</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>294,342</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.