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COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Sutherland Shire (A)

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

POPULATION

Persons

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1 April 2026

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 Sutherland Shire (A), accounting for 82.9% (190,743 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 9,120 people, while its share fell by 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

Sutherland Shire (A) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	101	0.0%	0.1%	96	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Non–verbal, so described	188	0.1%	0.1%	250	0.1%	0.2%	-62	0.0
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Portuguese Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Irish	26	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+18	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Welsh	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	190,743	82.9%	57.3%	181,623	83.1%	5
German	646	0.3%	0.3%	805	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	261	0.1%	0.1%	328	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	242	0.1%	0.1%	244	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	30	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Icelandic	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	25	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Swedish	160	0.1%	0.1%	120	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Finnish	44	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	620	0.3%	0.4%	576	0.3%	
Greek	4,245	1.8%	1.4%	4,137	1.9%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	1,074	0.5%	0.5%	661	0.3%	

Category	2021			2016		Greater Sy
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	
Spanish	1,979	0.9%	1.2%	1,615	0.7%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,583	0.7%	1.0%	1,806	0.8%	
Maltese	158	0.1%	0.2%	202	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	22	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Lithuanian	36	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Hungarian	126	0.1%	0.1%	159	0.1%	
Belorussian	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	1,382	0.6%	0.4%	999	0.5%	
Ukrainian	103	0.0%	0.0%	98	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	150	0.1%	0.1%	143	0.1%	
Bulgarian	26	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Croatian	662	0.3%	0.3%	608	0.3%	
Macedonian	1,320	0.6%	0.4%	1,093	0.5%	
Serbian	433	0.2%	0.4%	318	0.1%	
Slovene	52	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Serbo–Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	57	0.0%	0.0%	78	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Czech	159	0.1%	0.1%	111	0.1%	
Polish	582	0.3%	0.2%	496	0.2%	
Slovak	137	0.1%	0.0%	77	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	50	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	–	–	–	
Romanian	74	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	5	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Pashto	–	–	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	4	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	198	0.1%	0.5%	130	0.1%	
Hazaraghi	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	2,281	1.0%	4.2%	2,021	0.9%	
Hebrew	29	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	41	0.0%	0.5%	24	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	3	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	210	0.1%	0.4%	156	0.1%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	25	0.0%	0.2%	22	0.0%	
Georgian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Kannada	13	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Malayalam	129	0.1%	0.3%	154	0.1%	
Tamil	97	0.0%	0.7%	65	0.0%	
Telugu	37	0.0%	0.4%	35	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bengali	146	0.1%	0.7%	126	0.1%	
Gujarati	170	0.1%	0.5%	159	0.1%	
Hindi	419	0.2%	1.5%	405	0.2%	

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Konkani	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Marathi	35	0.0%	0.2%	52	0.0%	
Nepali	292	0.1%	1.2%	226	0.1%	
Punjabi	172	0.1%	0.8%	211	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	82	0.0%	0.2%	74	0.0%	
Urdu	110	0.0%	0.8%	102	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	60	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	79	0.0%	0.2%	65	0.0%	
Vietnamese	604	0.3%	2.2%	444	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	21	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Thai	598	0.3%	0.4%	414	0.2%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bisaya	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Cebuano	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Indonesian	396	0.2%	0.6%	422	0.2%	
Malay	19	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	480	0.2%	0.9%	471	0.2%	
Filipino	344	0.1%	0.5%	300	0.1%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	27	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Cantonese	2,320	1.0%	2.8%	2,166	1.0%	
Hakka	28	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Mandarin	3,763	1.6%	5.0%	3,066	1.4%	
Wu	66	0.0%	0.1%	64	0.0%	
Min Nan	81	0.0%	0.1%	75	0.0%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Japanese	453	0.2%	0.3%	408	0.2%	
Korean	278	0.1%	1.1%	224	0.1%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	28	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	–	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Kaurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambeh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	26	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Swahili	55	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Yoruba	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zulu	6	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	9	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	6	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	60	0.0%	0.1%	49	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	90	0.0%	0.0%	105	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Samoan	62	0.0%	0.3%	69	0.0%	
Tongan	88	0.0%	0.2%	96	0.0%	
Rotuman	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norf'k–Pitcairn	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Motu (HiriMotu)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Auslan	94	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	7,709	3.3%	5.3%	8,431	3.9%	
Total	**230,173**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**218,473**	**100.0%**	**10**

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.