

Community report

Swan (C)

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Swan (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Perth

POPULATION

Persons

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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 Swan (C), accounting for 71.5% (109,433 people). This share was lower than Greater Perth (74%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 12,363 people, while its share fell by 1 percentage point.

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

Swan (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	181	0.1%	0.1%	87	0.1%	0.1%	+94	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	217	0.1%	0.1%	256	0.2%	0.2%	-39	-0.1
Swiss, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	203	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.0%	0.0%	+188	+0.1
French Creole, nfd	108	0.1%	0.0%	74	0.1%	0.0%	+34	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Welsh	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
English	109,433	71.5%	74.0%	97,070	72.5%	74.0%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	340	0.2%	0.3%	342	0.3%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Dutch	120	0.1%	0.2%	185	0.1%	0.2%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Afrikaans	866	0.6%	0.6%	840	0.6%	0.6%
Danish	30	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Norwegian	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	19	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Estonian	34	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	24	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%
French	596	0.4%	0.4%	483	0.4%	0.4%
Greek	209	0.1%	0.2%	201	0.2%	0.2%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Portuguese	256	0.2%	0.4%	214	0.2%	0.4%
Spanish	554	0.4%	0.6%	460	0.3%	0.6%
Italian	1,126	0.7%	1.1%	1,397	1.0%	1.1%
Maltese	37	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	0.0%
Latin	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Latvian	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Lithuanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungarian	79	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.1%	–
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian	155	0.1%	0.2%	126	0.1%	–
Ukrainian	61	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	–
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	384	0.3%	0.1%	317	0.2%	–
Bulgarian	26	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Croatian	440	0.3%	0.2%	524	0.4%	–
Macedonian	364	0.2%	0.3%	316	0.2%	–
Serbian	456	0.3%	0.3%	416	0.3%	–
Slovene	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	45	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	–
Czech	28	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Polish	402	0.3%	0.2%	453	0.3%	–
Slovak	31	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Czechoslovakian, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Albanian	116	0.1%	0.0%	104	0.1%	–
Romanian	215	0.1%	0.1%	178	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Romany	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kurdish	66	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Pashto	37	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Balochi	19	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Dari	406	0.3%	0.1%	314	0.2%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	470	0.3%	0.3%	375	0.3%	
Hazaraghi	539	0.4%	0.2%	259	0.2%	
Arabic	1,899	1.2%	0.7%	1,503	1.1%	
Hebrew	26	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	16	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	7	0.0%	
Turkish	54	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Kannada	186	0.1%	0.0%	131	0.1%	
Malayalam	539	0.4%	0.4%	367	0.3%	
Tamil	612	0.4%	0.4%	443	0.3%	
Telugu	174	0.1%	0.1%	82	0.1%	
Tulu	30	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bengali	142	0.1%	0.2%	101	0.1%	
Gujarati	1,393	0.9%	0.5%	809	0.6%	
Hindi	1,098	0.7%	0.5%	894	0.7%	
Konkani	21	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Marathi	82	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Nepali	228	0.1%	0.2%	116	0.1%	
Punjabi	3,058	2.0%	0.9%	1,288	1.0%	
Sindhi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	392	0.3%	0.3%	282	0.2%	
Urdu	376	0.2%	0.4%	187	0.1%	
Assamese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	5	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	62	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	–
Burmese	654	0.4%	0.2%	540	0.4%	–
Chin Haka	167	0.1%	0.0%	116	0.1%	–
Karen	237	0.2%	0.1%	100	0.1%	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	40	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Khmer	218	0.1%	0.1%	230	0.2%	–
Vietnamese	3,078	2.0%	1.0%	2,905	2.2%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	42	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	–
Thai	470	0.3%	0.3%	360	0.3%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	32	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Bisaya	108	0.1%	0.0%	90	0.1%	–
Cebuano	96	0.1%	0.0%	33	0.0%	–
Ilokano	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Indonesian	387	0.3%	0.5%	309	0.2%	–
Malay	372	0.2%	0.2%	318	0.2%	–
Tetum	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Tagalog	2,081	1.4%	0.7%	1,375	1.0%	
Filipino	1,335	0.9%	0.5%	847	0.6%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Cantonese	842	0.6%	0.9%	834	0.6%	
Hakka	32	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Mandarin	1,371	0.9%	2.3%	1,313	1.0%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	118	0.1%	0.1%	117	0.1%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Japanese	223	0.1%	0.3%	188	0.1%	
Korean	140	0.1%	0.3%	129	0.1%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	40	0.0%	0.0%	21	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Walmajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatja	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Martu Wangka	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tjupany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyikina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worrorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kimberley Area Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	4	0.0%	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	159	0.1%	0.0%	34	0.0%	–
Palyku/Nyiyaparli	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yindjibarndi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yinhawangka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Badimaya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngatjumaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	7	0.0%	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	14	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Acholi	33	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Akan	89	0.1%	0.0%	61	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	61	0.0%	0.0%	122	0.1%	–
Oromo	41	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Shona	445	0.3%	0.1%	356	0.3%	–
Somali	167	0.1%	0.1%	176	0.1%	–
Swahili	314	0.2%	0.1%	159	0.1%	–
Yoruba	32	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Zulu	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Amharic	182	0.1%	0.0%	119	0.1%	–
Bemba	82	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.0%	–
Dinka	537	0.4%	0.1%	398	0.3%	–
Ewe	20	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	43	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	30	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Luganda	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Luo	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Ndebele	60	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Nuer	116	0.1%	0.0%	81	0.1%	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	80	0.1%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Tswana	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Seychelles Creole	6	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Anuak	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bari	106	0.1%	0.0%	86	0.1%	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	25	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	29	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kirundi (Rundi)	50	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Loma (Lorma)	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Madi	41	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Mandinka	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Moro (Nuba Moro)	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
African Languages, nec	49	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	15	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	293	0.2%	0.1%	238	0.2%	
Niue	4	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Samoan	55	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Tongan	72	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	24	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	

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Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Auslan	107	0.1%	0.1%	61	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	7,985	5.2%	5.1%	9,044	6.8%	–
Total	152,992	100.0%	100.0%	133,817	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.