

Community report

Swan Hill (RC)

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

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Swan Hill (RC)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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 Swan Hill (RC), accounting for 74.9% (16,030 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (86.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Malay, which increased by 396 people and 1.8 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

Swan Hill (RC) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	25	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	0.1%	+12	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.1%	-1	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
English	16,030	74.9%	86.4%	15,710	76.4%	8
German	12	0.1%	0.2%	19	0.1%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	14	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	49	0.2%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Danish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Estonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	23	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.2%	
Greek	52	0.2%	0.2%	68	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Spanish	22	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.1%	
Italian	319	1.5%	0.5%	393	1.9%	
Maltese	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	6	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	–	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romany	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	13	0.1%	
Balochi	–	–	–	–	–	
Dari	47	0.2%	0.0%	52	0.3%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	8	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	62	0.3%	0.1%	107	0.5%	
Arabic	26	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.1%	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	51	0.2%	0.2%	46	0.2%	
Tamil	24	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.2%	
Telugu	13	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Bengali	–	–	0.0%	16	0.1%	
Gujarati	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Hindi	24	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	26	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Punjabi	215	1.0%	0.5%	174	0.8%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	28	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Urdu	32	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burmese	21	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	73	0.3%	0.0%	60	0.3%	
Vietnamese	408	1.9%	0.2%	217	1.1%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	129	0.6%	0.1%	51	0.2%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	76	0.4%	0.1%	52	0.3%	
Malay	435	2.0%	0.1%	39	0.2%	
Tetum	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	80	0.4%	0.2%	50	0.2%	
Filipino	55	0.3%	0.2%	51	0.2%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chinese, nfd	35	0.2%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cantonese	64	0.3%	0.1%	55	0.3%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	417	1.9%	0.6%	181	0.9%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	–	–	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Korean	9	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dalabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	–	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Warlpiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	
Somali	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Yoruba	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	13	0.1%	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	12	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.1%	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	57	0.3%	0.0%	40	0.2%	
Gilbertese	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	18	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tongan	271	1.3%	0.0%	253	1.2%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tokelauan	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tuvaluan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bislama	35	0.2%	0.0%	—	—	
Norf'k–Pitcairn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Solomon Islands Pijin	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Motu (HiriMotu)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	33	0.2%	0.0%	—	—	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Invented Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sign Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Auslan	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sign Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Not stated	1,870	8.7%	6.5%	2,506	12.2%	
Total	21,405	100.0%	100.0%	20,550	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.