

# Community report

## Tablelands (R)

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

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**Tablelands (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 Tablelands (R), accounting for 85.2% (22,335 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (83.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 679 people, while its share fell by 2.1 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

Tablelands (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	16	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+10	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.1%	-1	0.0
Swiss, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Cypriot, so described	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	48	0.2%	0.1%	31	0.1%	0.1%	+17	+0.1
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	18	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+15	+0.1
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	22,335	85.2%	83.7%	21,656	87.3%	83.7%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
German	184	0.7%	0.3%	157	0.6%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	67	0.3%	0.1%	50	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	25	0.1%	0.3%	15	0.1%	
Danish	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Finnish	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
French	40	0.2%	0.2%	37	0.1%	
Greek	11	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	22	0.1%	0.3%	10	0.0%	
Spanish	21	0.1%	0.4%	21	0.1%	
Italian	152	0.6%	0.3%	219	0.9%	
Maltese	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	6	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	6	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Ukrainian	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bosnian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	10	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Polish	12	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Slovak	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arabic	14	0.1%	0.2%	7	0.0%	–
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malayalam	16	0.1%	0.2%	11	0.0%	–
Tamil	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Telugu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gujarati	3	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Hindi	–	–	0.2%	7	0.0%	–
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Nepali	11	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Punjabi	33	0.1%	0.3%	12	0.0%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	6	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Urdu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Hindustani	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Khmer	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	11	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	31	0.1%	0.2%	24	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cebuano	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	14	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Malay	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tetum	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Tagalog	18	0.1%	0.3%	27	0.1%	
Filipino	31	0.1%	0.3%	32	0.1%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	5	0.0%	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	19	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	30	0.1%	0.7%	28	0.1%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	62	0.2%	0.4%	45	0.2%	
Korean	13	0.0%	0.3%	9	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	14	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	
Anindilyakwa	21	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	16	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kuuku-Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dyirbal	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Girramay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Koko-Bera	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	16	0.1%	0.3%	17	0.1%	
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	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kayardild	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Lardil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudjal	–	–	–	–	–	
Yugambeh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	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	–	–	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%	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	17	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Tongan	21	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	84	0.3%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norf'k-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Motu (HiriMotu)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	21	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.1%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	16	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,568	9.8%	7.4%	2,107	8.5%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,229</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>24,812</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.