

Community report

Tamworth Regional (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Tamworth Regional (A), accounting for 87.2% (54,968 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,035 people, while its share fell by 1.6 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

Tamworth Regional (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	29	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	33	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.1%	0.1%	-6	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	54,968	87.2%	86.8%	52,933	88.8%	88.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	50	0.1%	0.2%	70	0.1%	0.1%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	20	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	51	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	0.1%
Danish	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swedish	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	54	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	0.1%
Greek	32	0.1%	0.2%	28	0.0%	0.0%
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	13	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Spanish	59	0.1%	0.3%	30	0.1%	0.1%
Italian	37	0.1%	0.4%	53	0.1%	0.1%
Maltese	22	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	18	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Macedonian	5	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Serbian	9	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Polish	8	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	29	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Hazaraghi	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	91	0.1%	0.3%	49	0.1%	–
Hebrew	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kannada	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Malayalam	136	0.2%	0.2%	54	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	29	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Telugu	25	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	41	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Gujarati	45	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Hindi	95	0.2%	0.1%	86	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nepali	213	0.3%	0.2%	44	0.1%	
Punjabi	224	0.4%	0.3%	84	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	19	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Urdu	81	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Burmese	19	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	53	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Rohingya	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	349	0.6%	0.2%	61	0.1%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	21	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Thai	59	0.1%	0.2%	43	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	24	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Malay	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tetum	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	290	0.5%	0.2%	225	0.4%	
Filipino	150	0.2%	0.1%	117	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Cantonese	90	0.1%	0.2%	98	0.2%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	441	0.7%	0.4%	268	0.4%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Japanese	24	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	–
Korean	20	0.0%	0.1%	152	0.3%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku–Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	156	0.2%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	31	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	4	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	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	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	72	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Gilbertese	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	23	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Auslan	51	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	4,463	7.1%	6.6%	4,490	7.5%	
Total	63,031	100.0%	100.0%	59,631	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.