

Community report

The Hills Shire (A)

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

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The Hills Shire (A)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 The Hills Shire (A), accounting for 58.6% (112,395 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 9,809 people, while its share fell by 6.7 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

The Hills Shire (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	93	0.0%	0.1%	50	0.0%	0.0%	+43	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	264	0.1%	0.1%	284	0.2%	0.2%	-20	-0.1
Swiss, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+17	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Irish	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+12	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	7	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
English	112,395	58.6%	57.3%	102,586	65.3%	
German	342	0.2%	0.3%	516	0.3%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dutch	154	0.1%	0.1%	202	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	863	0.4%	0.1%	643	0.4%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	35	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	24	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Swedish	81	0.0%	0.1%	60	0.0%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	21	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Finnish	17	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	323	0.2%	0.4%	361	0.2%	
Greek	1,017	0.5%	1.4%	961	0.6%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Portuguese	352	0.2%	0.5%	216	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Spanish	1,659	0.9%	1.2%	1,370	0.9%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,440	0.8%	1.0%	1,660	1.1%	
Maltese	382	0.2%	0.2%	454	0.3%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	24	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Lithuanian	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hungarian	152	0.1%	0.1%	162	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	524	0.3%	0.4%	431	0.3%	
Ukrainian	73	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	24	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Bulgarian	27	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Croatian	667	0.3%	0.3%	644	0.4%	
Macedonian	90	0.0%	0.4%	63	0.0%	
Serbian	352	0.2%	0.4%	295	0.2%	
Slovene	31	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	24	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	

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Czech	51	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.0%	
Polish	501	0.3%	0.2%	503	0.3%	
Slovak	53	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	–	–	–	
Romanian	97	0.1%	0.0%	93	0.1%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Kurdish	92	0.0%	0.1%	85	0.1%	
Pashto	159	0.1%	0.1%	86	0.1%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	393	0.2%	0.2%	324	0.2%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	3,573	1.9%	0.5%	2,043	1.3%	
Hazaraghi	29	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	3,856	2.0%	4.2%	2,705	1.7%	
Hebrew	26	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	86	0.0%	0.5%	83	0.1%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	11	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	501	0.3%	0.4%	405	0.3%	–
Azeri	37	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	251	0.1%	0.2%	249	0.2%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	56	0.0%	0.0%	79	0.1%	–
Kannada	379	0.2%	0.1%	143	0.1%	–
Malayalam	759	0.4%	0.3%	306	0.2%	–
Tamil	2,843	1.5%	0.7%	1,777	1.1%	–
Telugu	1,113	0.6%	0.4%	401	0.3%	–
Tulu	23	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Dravidian, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Bengali	1,095	0.6%	0.7%	546	0.3%	–
Gujarati	1,632	0.9%	0.5%	627	0.4%	–
Hindi	5,418	2.8%	1.5%	2,974	1.9%	–

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Konkani	94	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Marathi	630	0.3%	0.2%	244	0.2%	
Nepali	713	0.4%	1.2%	167	0.1%	
Punjabi	2,980	1.6%	0.8%	1,324	0.8%	
Sindhi	32	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sinhalese	1,948	1.0%	0.2%	1,330	0.8%	
Urdu	2,341	1.2%	0.8%	943	0.6%	
Assamese	24	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oriya	27	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	56	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	39	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	206	0.1%	0.1%	138	0.1%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	64	0.0%	0.2%	54	0.0%	
Vietnamese	721	0.4%	2.2%	520	0.3%	

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Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lao	23	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	–
Thai	381	0.2%	0.4%	315	0.2%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	51	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	35	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Cebuano	22	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Ilokano	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	1,088	0.6%	0.6%	845	0.5%	–
Malay	70	0.0%	0.1%	64	0.0%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	1,642	0.9%	0.9%	1,133	0.7%	–
Filipino	1,003	0.5%	0.5%	767	0.5%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	79	0.0%	0.1%	82	0.1%	–
Cantonese	6,446	3.4%	2.8%	5,357	3.4%	–
Hakka	51	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	–
Mandarin	15,678	8.2%	5.0%	10,000	6.4%	–
Wu	136	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	–
Min Nan	266	0.1%	0.1%	191	0.1%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Japanese	319	0.2%	0.3%	247	0.2%	–
Korean	4,052	2.1%	1.1%	3,097	2.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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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	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
African Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	106	0.1%	0.0%	80	0.1%	
Mauritian Creole	4	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	166	0.1%	0.0%	76	0.0%	
Somali	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Swahili	46	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Yoruba	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Zulu	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Amharic	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bemba	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dinka	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	20	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kikuyu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Luganda	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	21	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	6	0.0%	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)	9	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)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	53	0.0%	0.1%	55	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	29	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Samoan	44	0.0%	0.3%	16	0.0%	
Tongan	87	0.0%	0.2%	60	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Auslan	95	0.0%	0.0%	71	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	5,102	2.7%	5.3%	4,545	2.9%	
Total	191,903	100.0%	100.0%	157,219	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.