

Community report

Tweed (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Tweed (A), accounting for 88.1% (85,814 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 4,761 people, while its share fell by 0.6 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

Tweed (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	40	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	0.0%	+9	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	34	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.1%	0.1%	-20	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Irish	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	85,814	88.1%	86.8%	81,053	88.7%	86.8%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	314	0.3%	0.2%	316	0.3%	0.2%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	55	0.1%	0.1%	94	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	62	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.0%	0.0%
Danish	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	26	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	41	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	27	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	255	0.3%	0.1%	220	0.2%	0.2%
Greek	75	0.1%	0.2%	70	0.1%	0.1%
Catalan	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Portuguese	470	0.5%	0.1%	162	0.2%	0.2%
Spanish	333	0.3%	0.3%	219	0.2%	0.2%
Italian	230	0.2%	0.4%	226	0.2%	0.2%
Maltese	24	0.0%	0.0%	23	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%	11	0.0%	
Lithuanian	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	12	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	55	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.0%	
Ukrainian	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Croatian	21	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Macedonian	5	0.0%	0.3%	8	0.0%	
Serbian	19	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Slovene	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czech	25	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Polish	67	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	
Slovak	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	7	0.0%	0.0%	17	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)	17	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	30	0.0%	0.3%	41	0.0%	–
Hebrew	36	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	25	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Malayalam	118	0.1%	0.2%	83	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	33	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Telugu	18	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	13	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Gujarati	26	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Hindi	79	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	56	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.0%	
Punjabi	311	0.3%	0.3%	245	0.3%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	13	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Urdu	9	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Vietnamese	88	0.1%	0.2%	36	0.0%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	210	0.2%	0.2%	140	0.2%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cebuano	17	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	58	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Malay	16	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	165	0.2%	0.2%	186	0.2%	
Filipino	156	0.2%	0.1%	106	0.1%	

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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	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Cantonese	111	0.1%	0.2%	117	0.1%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	208	0.2%	0.4%	226	0.2%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Japanese	308	0.3%	0.1%	276	0.3%	–
Korean	41	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	27	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku–Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	51	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Githabul	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Luganda	8	0.0%	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	–	–	–	–	–	

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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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	6	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	36	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoaan	29	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	6	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Solomon Islands Pijin	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Auslan	41	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	6,715	6.9%	6.6%	6,470	7.1%	
Total	97,370	100.0%	100.0%	91,364	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.