

# Community report

## Unincorporated NT

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

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**Unincorporated NT**

COMPARISON

**Regional NT**

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 Unincorporated NT, accounting for 65.5% (4,442 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (43%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which decreased by 470 people and 5.8 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

Unincorporated NT - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	8	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.2%	0.1%	-5	-0.1
Non-verbal, so described	4	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.1%	0.1%	-2	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	10	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.1%	0.2%	0	0.0
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.1%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
English	4,442	65.5%	43.0%	4,912	71.3%	42.8%	-470	-5.8
German	21	0.3%	0.2%	29	0.4%	0.3%	-8	-0.1
Dutch	3	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.1%	0.1%	-6	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Afrikaans	13	0.2%	0.1%	20	0.3%	
Danish	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	13	0.2%	0.2%	27	0.4%	
Greek	23	0.3%	0.1%	12	0.2%	
Portuguese	9	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.2%	
Spanish	19	0.3%	0.2%	21	0.3%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Italian	9	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.3%	
Maltese	–	–	–	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	–	–	–	
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	6	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.1%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Polish	–	–	0.0%	4	0.1%	
Romanian	6	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.1%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	20	0.3%	0.2%	18	0.3%	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	4	0.1%	
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kannada	4	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.1%	
Malayalam	30	0.4%	0.6%	4	0.1%	
Tamil	14	0.2%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Telugu	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Bengali	14	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Gujarati	11	0.2%	0.1%	6	0.1%	
Hindi	3	0.0%	0.3%	26	0.4%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	17	0.3%	0.5%	30	0.4%	
Punjabi	27	0.4%	0.5%	4	0.1%	
Sinhalese	18	0.3%	0.2%	9	0.1%	
Urdu	3	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.1%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	7	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	10	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.2%	
Vietnamese	103	1.5%	0.3%	78	1.1%	
Thai	23	0.3%	0.2%	24	0.3%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.1%	
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	–	–	–	
Indonesian	13	0.2%	0.1%	11	0.2%	
Malay	10	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	76	1.1%	0.6%	30	0.4%	
Filipino	48	0.7%	0.3%	30	0.4%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	14	0.2%	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	21	0.3%	0.5%	33	0.5%	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	12	0.2%	0.1%	65	0.9%	

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Korean	7	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.2%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	6	0.1%	0.6%	13	0.2%	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anindilyakwa	6	0.1%	1.6%	15	0.2%	
Maung	8	0.1%	0.4%	–	–	
Ngan'gikurunggurr	4	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Nunggubuyu	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Rembarrnga	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tiwi	3	0.0%	2.1%	5	0.1%	
Dalabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iwaidja	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Jaminjung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jingulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kunbarlang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malak Malak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangarrayi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maringarr	–	–	–	–	–	
Marra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Murrinh Patha	–	–	2.3%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ndjebbana (Gunavidji)	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Ngaliwurru	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Nungali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wambaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wardaman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ngandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	–	–	–	
Wagiman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gundjeihmi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kune	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Kuninjku	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Kunwinjku	–	–	1.6%	–	–	
Mayali	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Burarran, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	1.3%	–	–	
Gun-nartpa	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gurr-goni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	50	0.7%	1.8%	53	0.8%	

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Dhangu, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Galpu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Golumala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangurri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhangu, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Dhay'yi, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Dhalwangu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhuwal, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	8	0.1%	4.3%	3	0.0%	
Djapu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Daatiwuy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marrangu	–	–	–	–	–	
Liyagalawumirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liyagawumirr	–	–	–	–	–	
Dhuwal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhuwala, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumatj	5	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Gupapuyngu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Guyamirrilili	–	–	–	–	–	
Wubulkarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Djinang, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Wurlaki	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djinang, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djinba, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Ganalbingu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djinba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manyjalpingu	–	–	–	–	–	
Ritharrngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wagilak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nhangu, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhuwaya	4	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Madarrpa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warramiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rirratjingu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Yolngu Matha, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	–	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	7	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.1%	
Bilinarra	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gurindji	4	0.1%	0.6%	–	–	
Gurindji Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malngin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mudburra	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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Ngarinyman	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Walmajarri	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlmanpa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	9	0.1%	2.7%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Arandic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Alyawarr	–	–	2.1%	–	–	
Kaytetye	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Central Anmatyerr	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Eastern Anmatyerr	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	3	0.0%	1.4%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	1.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Kukatja	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	1.4%	3	0.0%	
Martu Wangka	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pintupi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	5	0.1%	1.1%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarinyin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	–	–	–	
Kriol	25	0.4%	5.4%	19	0.3%	
Lardil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Narungga	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	–	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	–	4	0.1%	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	6	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	–	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	12	0.2%	0.2%	5	0.1%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.1%	5	0.1%	

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Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.1%	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Igbo	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	–	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	
Fijian	22	0.3%	0.2%	5	0.1%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	5	0.1%	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	13	0.2%	0.1%	10	0.1%	
Samoan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tongan	34	0.5%	0.1%	27	0.4%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norf'k–Pitcairn	7	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.1%	
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.1%	12	0.2%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	1,406	20.7%	10.1%	1,128	16.4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,780</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6,894</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.