

# Community report

## Unley (C)

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

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**Unley (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Adelaide**

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 Unley (C), accounting for 78.2% (30,220 people). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (74.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,528 people and 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

Unley (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	21	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	24	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	0.2%	-22	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
French Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
English	30,220	78.2%	74.8%	28,692	76.1%	75.4%	+1,528	+2.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	173	0.4%	0.3%	210	0.6%	–
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	48	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	–
Frisian	–	–	–	–	–	–
Afrikaans	42	0.1%	0.2%	30	0.1%	–
Danish	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Icelandic	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Swedish	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Finnish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
French	184	0.5%	0.2%	156	0.4%	–
Greek	1,264	3.3%	1.5%	1,303	3.5%	–
Catalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Portuguese	122	0.3%	0.2%	44	0.1%	–
Spanish	232	0.6%	0.5%	184	0.5%	–
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	575	1.5%	1.6%	714	1.9%	–
Maltese	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Basque	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latvian	33	0.1%	0.0%	37	0.1%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Lithuanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Hungarian	25	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	91	0.2%	0.2%	76	0.2%	
Ukrainian	28	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Bulgarian	7	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Croatian	35	0.1%	0.2%	51	0.1%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbian	34	0.1%	0.3%	33	0.1%	
Slovene	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Czech	28	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Polish	62	0.2%	0.4%	97	0.3%	
Slovak	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	5	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Romanian	8	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Pashto	6	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	4	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	145	0.4%	0.4%	145	0.4%	–
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.5%	3	0.0%	–
Arabic	105	0.3%	0.8%	124	0.3%	–
Hebrew	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	17	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.1%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Kannada	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Malayalam	94	0.2%	0.3%	59	0.2%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Tamil	98	0.3%	0.2%	70	0.2%	
Telugu	55	0.1%	0.2%	46	0.1%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	91	0.2%	0.2%	132	0.3%	
Gujarati	73	0.2%	0.5%	31	0.1%	
Hindi	279	0.7%	0.7%	240	0.6%	
Konkani	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Marathi	30	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Nepali	240	0.6%	0.7%	109	0.3%	
Punjabi	160	0.4%	1.4%	136	0.4%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sinhalese	174	0.5%	0.3%	92	0.2%	
Urdu	126	0.3%	0.3%	77	0.2%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	25	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	16	0.0%	0.3%	15	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	175	0.5%	1.5%	137	0.4%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	62	0.2%	0.1%	65	0.2%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Cebuano	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	62	0.2%	0.1%	77	0.2%	–
Malay	24	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	61	0.2%	0.4%	53	0.1%	–
Filipino	57	0.1%	0.3%	31	0.1%	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	84	0.2%	–
Cantonese	293	0.8%	0.7%	354	0.9%	–
Hakka	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Mandarin	1,366	3.5%	2.2%	1,357	3.6%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Min Nan	22	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	130	0.3%	0.2%	118	0.3%	–
Korean	136	0.4%	0.3%	169	0.4%	–
Tibetan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jaru	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Warlpiri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Warumungu	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alyawarr	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Arrernte, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern Arrernte	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Western Arrarnta	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Arrernte, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kukatha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Luritja	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Martu Wangka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ngaanyatjarra	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pitjantjatjara	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wangkatha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yankunytjatjara	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bardi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nyikina	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Adnymathanha	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Arabana	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Diyari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kurna	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Narungga	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mirning	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	41	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.1%	–
Yoruba	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	10	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	–	4	0.0%	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.1%	5	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norfolk-Pitcairn	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Auslan	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated	927	2.4%	3.8%	1,717	4.6%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,647</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>37,722</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.