

Community report

Wagga Wagga (C)

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

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Wagga Wagga (C)

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 Wagga Wagga (C), accounting for 85.4% (57,697 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (86.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,990 people, while its share fell by 2.3 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

Wagga Wagga (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	148	0.2%	0.1%	25	0.0%	0.0%	+123	+0.2
Non-verbal, so described	66	0.1%	0.1%	67	0.1%	0.1%	-1	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+9	0.0
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	57,697	85.4%	86.8%	54,707	87.7%	88.0%
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
German	55	0.1%	0.2%	83	0.1%	0.1%
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	32	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	0.0%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	77	0.1%	0.1%	96	0.2%	0.2%
Danish	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
French	42	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	0.1%
Greek	92	0.1%	0.2%	83	0.1%	0.1%
Catalan	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Portuguese	22	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	0.0%
Spanish	109	0.2%	0.3%	83	0.1%	0.1%
Italian	89	0.1%	0.4%	86	0.1%	0.1%
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Latin	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	21	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Ukrainian	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bosnian	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	20	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Macedonian	5	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Serbian	23	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Polish	15	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Slovak	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Kurdish	707	1.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Pashto	16	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Dari	18	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.1%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	64	0.1%	0.0%	73	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	42	0.1%	0.0%	73	0.1%	–
Arabic	339	0.5%	0.3%	290	0.5%	–
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Kannada	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Malayalam	554	0.8%	0.2%	398	0.6%	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tamil	117	0.2%	0.1%	86	0.1%	
Telugu	57	0.1%	0.0%	33	0.1%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	100	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.1%	
Gujarati	89	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Hindi	137	0.2%	0.1%	134	0.2%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	34	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Nepali	177	0.3%	0.2%	67	0.1%	
Punjabi	265	0.4%	0.3%	68	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	99	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.1%	
Urdu	119	0.2%	0.1%	73	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	

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Burmese	161	0.2%	0.0%	96	0.2%	
Chin Haka	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Rohingya	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	105	0.2%	0.0%	50	0.1%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Vietnamese	107	0.2%	0.2%	72	0.1%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	90	0.1%	0.2%	43	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Cebuano	18	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	22	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Malay	14	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	–	–	–	
Tagalog	156	0.2%	0.2%	183	0.3%	
Filipino	192	0.3%	0.1%	160	0.3%	

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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	9	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Cantonese	87	0.1%	0.2%	128	0.2%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mandarin	381	0.6%	0.4%	289	0.5%	–
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Japanese	19	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	–
Korean	30	0.0%	0.1%	58	0.1%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	3	0.0%	–
Tibetan	34	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	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	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	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	124	0.2%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Yindjibarndi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Acholi	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Akan	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Shona	38	0.1%	0.0%	39	0.1%	
Somali	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Swahili	37	0.1%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Yoruba	49	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Amharic	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	38	0.1%	0.0%	59	0.1%	
Ewe	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	–	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	16	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.1%	
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	6	0.0%	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%	8	0.0%	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kirundi (Rundi)	31	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Fijian	108	0.2%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	21	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoaan	73	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tongan	28	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	3	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)	5	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Auslan	26	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,747	5.5%	6.6%	3,548	5.7%	
Total	67,530	100.0%	100.0%	62,360	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.