

Community report

Warrnambool (C)

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

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Warrnambool (C)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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 Warrnambool (C), accounting for 89.1% (31,517 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (86.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,700 people and 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

Warrnambool (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	44	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	0.1%	+10	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	18	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.1%	+6	+0.1
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
English	31,517	89.1%	86.4%	29,817	88.5%	8
German	29	0.1%	0.2%	36	0.1%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	41	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	57	0.2%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Danish	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
French	36	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.1%	
Greek	23	0.1%	0.2%	32	0.1%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Spanish	41	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.1%	
Italian	34	0.1%	0.5%	40	0.1%	
Maltese	3	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	22	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Ukrainian	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	5	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Polish	13	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	–	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	–	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Arabic	58	0.2%	0.2%	68	0.2%	
Hebrew	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	16	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	33	0.1%	0.2%	13	0.0%	
Tamil	28	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Telugu	8	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Bengali	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Gujarati	14	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Hindi	45	0.1%	0.2%	38	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	38	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Punjabi	58	0.2%	0.5%	18	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	100	0.3%	0.1%	67	0.2%	
Urdu	16	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Vietnamese	127	0.4%	0.2%	14	0.0%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	76	0.2%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cebuano	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	34	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
Malay	5	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Tetum	40	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	55	0.2%	0.2%	35	0.1%	
Filipino	90	0.3%	0.2%	37	0.1%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.1%	
Cantonese	30	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.1%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mandarin	316	0.9%	0.6%	333	1.0%	
Wu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Japanese	38	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Korean	25	0.1%	0.0%	83	0.2%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dalabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	–	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Warlpiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	10	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Yoruba	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Samoan	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norf'k–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)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	13	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	1,993	5.6%	6.5%	2,383	7.1%	
Total	35,374	100.0%	100.0%	33,686	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.