

# Community report

## Waverley (A)

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

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**Waverley (A)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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 Waverley (A), accounting for 73.1% (50,164 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 4,291 people and 4.4 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

Waverley (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	42	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.1%	0.0%	+7	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	37	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	0.2%	-22	0.0
Swiss, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Portuguese Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Irish	36	0.1%	0.0%	49	0.1%	0.0%	-13	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	19	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	50,164	73.1%	57.3%	45,873	68.7%	
German	561	0.8%	0.3%	640	1.0%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	62	0.1%	0.0%	58	0.1%	
Dutch	218	0.3%	0.1%	172	0.3%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	54	0.1%	0.1%	71	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	11	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norwegian	28	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.1%	
Swedish	194	0.3%	0.1%	208	0.3%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	22	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Finnish	29	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.1%	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	1,276	1.9%	0.4%	1,174	1.8%	
Greek	736	1.1%	1.4%	678	1.0%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	20	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Portuguese	1,252	1.8%	0.5%	1,262	1.9%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Spanish	1,967	2.9%	1.2%	1,414	2.1%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,091	1.6%	1.0%	1,103	1.7%	
Maltese	29	0.0%	0.2%	37	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Lithuanian	27	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Hungarian	224	0.3%	0.1%	390	0.6%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	1,335	1.9%	0.4%	1,487	2.2%	
Ukrainian	12	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	5	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Bulgarian	24	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Croatian	88	0.1%	0.3%	91	0.1%	
Macedonian	43	0.1%	0.4%	45	0.1%	
Serbian	121	0.2%	0.4%	106	0.2%	
Slovene	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

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Czech	116	0.2%	0.1%	139	0.2%	
Polish	201	0.3%	0.2%	227	0.3%	
Slovak	98	0.1%	0.0%	121	0.2%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Albanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	—	—	—	—	—	
Romanian	19	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Romany	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Iranic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kurdish	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Pashto	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Balochi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dari	4	0.0%	0.2%	—	—	
Persian (excluding Dari)	105	0.2%	0.5%	94	0.1%	
Hazaraghi	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Iranic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Arabic	221	0.3%	4.2%	211	0.3%	
Hebrew	925	1.3%	0.1%	907	1.4%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	13	0.0%	0.5%	9	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.2%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	82	0.1%	0.4%	52	0.1%	
Azeri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	17	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kannada	9	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Malayalam	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Tamil	16	0.0%	0.7%	14	0.0%	
Telugu	6	0.0%	0.4%	12	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	45	0.1%	0.7%	47	0.1%	
Gujarati	16	0.0%	0.5%	18	0.0%	
Hindi	96	0.1%	1.5%	82	0.1%	

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Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	6	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	–
Nepali	33	0.0%	1.2%	49	0.1%	–
Punjabi	30	0.0%	0.8%	39	0.1%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	25	0.0%	0.2%	13	0.0%	–
Urdu	19	0.0%	0.8%	15	0.0%	–
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	6	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	–	–	0.2%	5	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	111	0.2%	2.2%	98	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	5	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Thai	140	0.2%	0.4%	178	0.3%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	136	0.2%	0.6%	127	0.2%	
Malay	13	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	198	0.3%	0.9%	189	0.3%	
Filipino	124	0.2%	0.5%	120	0.2%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	14	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	–
Cantonese	377	0.5%	2.8%	364	0.5%	–
Hakka	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	941	1.4%	5.0%	746	1.1%	–
Wu	11	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Min Nan	13	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Japanese	265	0.4%	0.3%	350	0.5%	–
Korean	167	0.2%	1.1%	159	0.2%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mongolian	14	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Gurindji	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrente, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrente, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Kaurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Swahili	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Yoruba	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mann	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	9	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	21	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Samoaan	9	0.0%	0.3%	7	0.0%	
Tongan	5	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	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)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	14	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	4,077	5.9%	5.3%	6,924	10.4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,586</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>66,776</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.