

# Community report

## Wellington (S)

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

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**Wellington (S)**

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 Wellington (S), accounting for 87.3% (39,808 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (86.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 2,453 people and 0.4 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

Wellington (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	13	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	0.1%	-4	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	13	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.1%	-6	0.0
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
English	39,808	87.3%	86.4%	37,355	86.9%	8
German	67	0.1%	0.2%	72	0.2%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	57	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	74	0.2%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Danish	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
French	37	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Greek	59	0.1%	0.2%	46	0.1%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Spanish	51	0.1%	0.2%	33	0.1%	
Italian	86	0.2%	0.5%	120	0.3%	
Maltese	13	0.0%	0.1%	8	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hungarian	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	27	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Ukrainian	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	28	0.1%	0.2%	44	0.1%	
Macedonian	3	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Serbian	16	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Czech	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Polish	32	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Slovak	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	–	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Kurdish	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	–	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Arabic	33	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.1%	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	7	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	54	0.1%	0.2%	49	0.1%	
Tamil	49	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	
Telugu	16	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Bengali	18	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Gujarati	20	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Hindi	43	0.1%	0.2%	48	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nepali	21	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Punjabi	84	0.2%	0.5%	65	0.2%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	41	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Urdu	30	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	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%	–	–	
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	28	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Vietnamese	90	0.2%	0.2%	65	0.2%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	55	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Cebuano	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ilokano	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	21	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Malay	16	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	119	0.3%	0.2%	91	0.2%	
Filipino	87	0.2%	0.2%	55	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	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Cantonese	19	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
Hakka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	122	0.3%	0.6%	117	0.3%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	7	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Korean	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dalabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kune	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	–	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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%	–	–	

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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	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Yoruba	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	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%	3	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tongan	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	29	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	4,032	8.8%	6.5%	4,010	9.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,618</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>42,979</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.