

Community report

West Arnhem (R)

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COMPARISON

Regional NT

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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, Kunwinjku was the most common language used at home among residents in West Arnhem (R), accounting for 23.1% (1,449 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (1.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Kuninjku, which increased by 358 people and 5.7 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

West Arnhem (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	9	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.1%	0.1%	+4	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	19	0.3%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.1%	+16	+0.3
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	12	0.2%	0.2%	–	–
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	5	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.1%	0.1%	0	0.0
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
English	1,037	16.5%	43.0%	1,165	18.9%	42.8%	-128	-2.4
German	–	–	0.2%	16	0.3%	0.3%	–	–
Dutch	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Afrikaans	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Danish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	–	–	0.2%	10	0.2%	
Greek	–	–	0.1%	4	0.1%	
Portuguese	6	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Spanish	17	0.3%	0.2%	7	0.1%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	–	–	0.1%	7	0.1%	
Maltese	–	–	–	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	–	–	–	
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Russian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Polish	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kannada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	4	0.1%	0.6%	8	0.1%	
Tamil	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Telugu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Hindi	4	0.1%	0.3%	–	–	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	5	0.1%	0.5%	–	–	
Punjabi	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Sinhalese	4	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.1%	
Urdu	5	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Thai	8	0.1%	0.2%	4	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	–	–	–	
Indonesian	8	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	
Malay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tetum	5	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.1%	
Tagalog	8	0.1%	0.6%	4	0.1%	
Filipino	9	0.1%	0.3%	8	0.1%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	26	0.4%	0.5%	10	0.2%	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	–	–	0.1%	6	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Korean	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	25	0.4%	0.6%	171	2.8%	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nfd	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Anindilyakwa	3	0.0%	1.6%	–	–	
Maung	320	5.1%	0.4%	325	5.3%	
Ngan'gikurrunggurr	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Nunggubuyu	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Rembarrnga	33	0.5%	0.1%	28	0.5%	
Tiwi	17	0.3%	2.1%	11	0.2%	
Dalabon	9	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iwaidja	124	2.0%	0.1%	102	1.7%	
Jaminjung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jingulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kunbarlang	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Malak Malak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangarrayi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maringarr	–	–	–	–	–	
Marra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Murrinh Patha	–	–	2.3%	–	–	
Na-kara	48	0.8%	0.1%	55	0.9%	
Ndjebbana (Gunavidji)	361	5.8%	0.4%	167	2.7%	
Ngaliwurru	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Nungali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wambaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wardaman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ngandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	–	–	–	
Wagiman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gundjeihmi	10	0.2%	0.0%	25	0.4%	
Kune	243	3.9%	0.3%	172	2.8%	
Kuninjku	413	6.6%	0.5%	55	0.9%	
Kunwinjku	1,449	23.1%	1.6%	1,644	26.6%	
Mayali	43	0.7%	0.1%	108	1.7%	
Burarran, nfd	10	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	1,133	18.1%	1.3%	908	14.7%	
Gun-nartpa	50	0.8%	0.1%	55	0.9%	
Gurr-goni	40	0.6%	0.0%	46	0.7%	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	15	0.2%	1.8%	25	0.4%	

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Dhangu, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Galpu	39	0.6%	0.1%	–	–	
Golumala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangurri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhangu, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Dhay'yi, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Dhalwangu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhuwal, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	33	0.5%	4.3%	15	0.2%	
Djapu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Daatiwuy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marrangu	–	–	–	–	–	
Liyagalawumirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liyagawumirr	–	–	–	–	–	
Dhuwal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhuwala, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumatj	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gupapuyngu	20	0.3%	0.1%	–	–	
Guyamirrillili	–	–	–	–	–	
Wubulkarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Djinang, nfd	95	1.5%	0.1%	72	1.2%	
Wurlaki	33	0.5%	0.0%	5	0.1%	
Djinang, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Djinba, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Ganalbingu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djinba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manyjalpingu	–	–	–	–	–	
Ritharrngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wagilak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nhangu, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhuwaya	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Madarrpa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warramiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rirratjingu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Yolngu Matha, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	11	0.2%	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	–	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	7	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Bilinarra	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	0.6%	–	–	
Gurindji Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malngin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mudburra	4	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	

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Ngarinyman	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Walmajarri	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlmanpa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	2.7%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Arandic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Alyawarr	–	–	2.1%	–	–	
Kaytetye	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Central Anmatyerr	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Eastern Anmatyerr	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	26	0.4%	1.4%	14	0.2%	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.5%	4	0.1%	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	1.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Kukatja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	1.4%	–	–	
Martu Wangka	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pintupi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	1.1%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Miriwoong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarinyin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	16	0.3%	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	–	–	–	
Kriol	68	1.1%	5.4%	41	0.7%	
Lardil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Narungga	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	–	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	–	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	–	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	–	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	3	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Gilbertese	5	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.1%	
Maori (Cook Island)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	4	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Samoan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tongan	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

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Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	8	0.1%	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norf'k–Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	354	5.6%	10.1%	763	12.4%	
Total	6,266	100.0%	100.0%	6,177	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.