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Community report
Whitehorse (C)

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Whitehorse (C)

COMPARISON
Greater Melbourne

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 Whitehorse (C), accounting for 55.9% (94,609 people). This share was lower than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Mandarin, which increased by 6,396 people and 3.3 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

Whitehorse (C) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	84	0.0%	0.1%	94	0.1%	0.1%	-10	-0.1
Non-verbal, so described	208	0.1%	0.1%	317	0.2%	0.2%	-109	-0.1
Swiss, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	41	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+35	0.0
French Creole, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Portuguese Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Irish	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Welsh	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	94,609	55.9%	61.1%	96,245	59.4%	
German	485	0.3%	0.3%	631	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	140	0.1%	0.1%	200	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	125	0.1%	0.1%	154	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Danish	7	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norwegian	11	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Swedish	47	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Estonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Finnish	12	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
French	399	0.2%	0.3%	481	0.3%	
Greek	3,817	2.3%	2.1%	4,127	2.5%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	116	0.1%	0.2%	76	0.0%	
Spanish	769	0.5%	0.8%	747	0.5%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Italian	1,745	1.0%	1.7%	2,233	1.4%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Maltese	57	0.0%	0.3%	74	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	77	0.0%	0.0%	95	0.1%	
Lithuanian	19	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Hungarian	165	0.1%	0.1%	221	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Russian	261	0.2%	0.4%	270	0.2%	
Ukrainian	27	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	41	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
Bulgarian	30	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Croatian	248	0.1%	0.3%	244	0.2%	
Macedonian	158	0.1%	0.6%	169	0.1%	
Serbian	244	0.1%	0.3%	231	0.1%	
Slovene	27	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Serbo–Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	31	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Czech	61	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.0%	
Polish	323	0.2%	0.3%	359	0.2%	
Slovak	16	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	

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Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	28	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	66	0.0%	0.1%	65	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kurdish	37	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Pashto	65	0.0%	0.1%	64	0.0%	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	69	0.0%	0.2%	58	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	1,288	0.8%	0.4%	1,066	0.7%	
Hazaraghi	4	0.0%	0.4%	3	0.0%	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	578	0.3%	1.8%	561	0.3%	
Hebrew	33	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	16	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	152	0.1%	0.7%	121	0.1%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	31	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	76	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	39	0.0%	0.0%	120	0.1%	
Kannada	196	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.1%	
Malayalam	564	0.3%	0.4%	359	0.2%	
Tamil	1,014	0.6%	0.7%	717	0.4%	
Telugu	600	0.4%	0.5%	302	0.2%	
Tulu	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo–Aryan, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bengali	367	0.2%	0.3%	301	0.2%	
Gujarati	897	0.5%	0.5%	637	0.4%	
Hindi	2,219	1.3%	1.3%	1,779	1.1%	
Konkani	56	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Marathi	325	0.2%	0.1%	183	0.1%	
Nepali	486	0.3%	0.4%	250	0.2%	
Punjabi	1,112	0.7%	2.0%	970	0.6%	
Sindhi	24	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Sinhalese	1,765	1.0%	1.0%	1,406	0.9%	
Urdu	646	0.4%	0.7%	419	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Assamese	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Dhivehi	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Oriya	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	19	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo–Aryan, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	26	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Burmese	83	0.0%	0.1%	80	0.0%	
Chin Haka	10	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Karen	4	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	51	0.0%	0.1%	60	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	284	0.2%	0.3%	242	0.1%	
Vietnamese	2,322	1.4%	2.3%	2,068	1.3%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	80	0.0%	0.0%	106	0.1%	
Thai	478	0.3%	0.3%	464	0.3%	
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	35	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	21	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Cebuano	27	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Ilokano	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indonesian	909	0.5%	0.3%	915	0.6%	
Malay	133	0.1%	0.1%	185	0.1%	
Tetum	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	563	0.3%	0.5%	402	0.2%	
Filipino	442	0.3%	0.4%	355	0.2%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	320	0.2%	0.1%	800	0.5%	
Cantonese	9,275	5.5%	1.6%	8,578	5.3%	
Hakka	123	0.1%	0.1%	117	0.1%	
Mandarin	27,362	16.2%	4.3%	20,966	12.9%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Wu	119	0.1%	0.0%	106	0.1%	
Min Nan	625	0.4%	0.1%	581	0.4%	
Chinese, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Japanese	649	0.4%	0.2%	578	0.4%	
Korean	1,346	0.8%	0.3%	1,232	0.8%	
Tibetan	10	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Mongolian	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Wajarri	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Wiradjuri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Yorta Yorta	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Djabwurrung	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Wergaia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Yugambeh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Aboriginal English, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
American Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
African Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Akan	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Mauritian Creole	23	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Oromo	13	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Shona	59	0.0%	0.1%	70	0.0%	
Somali	—	—	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Swahili	69	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Yoruba	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Zulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Amharic	12	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Bemba	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dinka	23	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nuer	19	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anuak	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	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	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Gilbertese	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (Cook Island)	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maori (New Zealand)	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nauruan	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	23	0.0%	0.3%	17	0.0%	
Tongan	33	0.0%	0.1%	62	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norf'k–Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islands Pijin	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	9	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Auslan	129	0.1%	0.1%	141	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	6,147	3.6%	4.8%	6,325	3.9%	
Total	**169,290**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**162,035**	**100.0%**	**10**

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.