

Community report

Whitsunday (R)

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

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Whitsunday (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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 Whitsunday (R), accounting for 82% (30,406 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (83.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 3,035 people and 0.9 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

Whitsunday (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	39	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+29	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.1%	0	0.0
Swiss, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Cypriot, so described	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	32	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.1%	+29	+0.1
French Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Irish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Welsh	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	30,406	82.0%	83.7%	27,371	81.1%	
German and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
German	107	0.3%	0.3%	115	0.3%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	49	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	76	0.2%	0.3%	64	0.2%	
Danish	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Swedish	34	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Finnish	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
French	118	0.3%	0.2%	98	0.3%	
Greek	23	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Portuguese	12	0.0%	0.3%	23	0.1%	
Spanish	303	0.8%	0.4%	59	0.2%	
Italian	83	0.2%	0.3%	105	0.3%	
Maltese	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	11	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	22	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	4	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Macedonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	9	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Slovene	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Polish	33	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Slovak	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Romanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Arabic	24	0.1%	0.2%	16	0.0%	
Hebrew	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkish	27	0.1%	0.0%	25	0.1%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kannada	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	14	0.0%	0.2%	18	0.1%	
Tamil	21	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Telugu	18	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Hindi	14	0.0%	0.2%	17	0.1%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	21	0.1%	0.2%	25	0.1%	
Punjabi	54	0.1%	0.3%	36	0.1%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	25	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Urdu	4	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Vietnamese	100	0.3%	0.2%	77	0.2%	–
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Thai	97	0.3%	0.2%	92	0.3%	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ilokano	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	53	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	–
Malay	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tetum	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Tagalog	130	0.4%	0.3%	135	0.4%	
Filipino	98	0.3%	0.3%	95	0.3%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	–	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Cantonese	46	0.1%	0.2%	52	0.2%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	227	0.6%	0.7%	276	0.8%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	42	0.1%	0.4%	83	0.2%	
Korean	64	0.2%	0.3%	154	0.5%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Anindilyakwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gudanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	–	–	–	
Marrithiyel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yanyuwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marridan (Maridan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	–	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuku-Ya'u	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dyirbal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Girramay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Koko-Bera	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuuk Thayorre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	15	0.0%	0.3%	21	0.1%	
Gurindji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Alyawarr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kaytetye	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Kukatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Gooniyandi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kija	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Diyari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Githabul	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kayardild	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Lardil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Muruwari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gudjal	–	–	–	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Mann	–	–	–	–	–	
Moro (Nuba Moro)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	22	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	19	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Tongan	99	0.3%	0.0%	52	0.2%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	52	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norf'k-Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islands Pijin	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kiwai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	15	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	4,228	11.4%	7.4%	4,277	12.7%	
Total	37,099	100.0%	100.0%	33,747	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.