

Community report

Whyalla (C)

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COMPARISON

Regional SA

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 Whyalla (C), accounting for 87% (18,491 people). This share was lower than Regional SA (87.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which decreased by 472 people, while its share rose by 0.1 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

Whyalla (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	12	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+3	+0.1
Non-verbal, so described	16	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+9	+0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
English	18,491	87.0%	87.7%	18,963	86.9%	87.9%	-472	+0.1
German	39	0.2%	0.2%	78	0.4%	0.3%	-39	-0.2
Dutch	19	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	0.1%	-2	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	102	0.5%	0.2%	140	0.6%	
Danish	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
French	16	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Greek	82	0.4%	0.4%	106	0.5%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Spanish	60	0.3%	0.1%	59	0.3%	
Italian	85	0.4%	0.3%	100	0.5%	
Maltese	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Russian	11	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	42	0.2%	0.1%	48	0.2%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Serbian	28	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.1%	
Slovene	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Czech	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Polish	13	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.1%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	–	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romany	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Arabic	29	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kannada	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Malayalam	11	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.1%	

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Tamil	45	0.2%	0.0%	29	0.1%	
Telugu	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	24	0.1%	0.0%	33	0.2%	
Gujarati	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hindi	49	0.2%	0.1%	61	0.3%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marathi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Punjabi	80	0.4%	0.3%	22	0.1%	
Sindhi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	16	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Urdu	15	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chin Haka	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Khmer	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	13	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Thai	15	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	12	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Cebuano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	11	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.1%	
Malay	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	133	0.6%	0.2%	124	0.6%	
Filipino	96	0.5%	0.2%	102	0.5%	
Balinese	3	0.0%	–	–	–	
Bikol	–	–	–	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	4	0.0%	–	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	20	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Hakka	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mandarin	37	0.2%	0.3%	38	0.2%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Korean	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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Mongolian	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Iwaidja	–	–	–	–	–	
Nungali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Arrernte	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western Arrarnta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Antikarinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kukatha	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luritja	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngaanyatjarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	13	0.1%	0.5%	3	0.0%	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Adnymathanha	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Arabana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Diyari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	–	–	–	
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mirning	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	–	–	–	
Shona	40	0.2%	0.0%	37	0.2%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	–	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Kikuyu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Luganda	—	—	—	—	—	
Ndebele	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tswana	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kirundi (Rundi)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Madi	—	—	—	—	—	
Lingala	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
African Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	
Gilbertese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Maori (Cook Island)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Maori (New Zealand)	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Niue	—	—	—	—	—	
Samoan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tongan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bislama	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Norf'k–Pitcairn	—	—	—	—	—	
Solomon Islands Pijin	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Invented Languages	–	–	–	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	1,384	6.5%	6.9%	1,522	7.0%	
Total	21,258	100.0%	100.0%	21,815	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.