

Community report

Willoughby (C)

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

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Willoughby (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 Willoughby (C), accounting for 55.5% (41,979 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,113 people and 0.5 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

Willoughby (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	35	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	0.0%	+16	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	103	0.1%	0.1%	165	0.2%	0.2%	-62	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	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%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Irish	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	41,979	55.5%	57.3%	40,866	55.0%	
German	259	0.3%	0.3%	284	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	94	0.1%	0.1%	119	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	102	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	15	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	23	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Swedish	71	0.1%	0.1%	72	0.1%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Finnish	31	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	386	0.5%	0.4%	408	0.5%	
Greek	394	0.5%	1.4%	389	0.5%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Portuguese	256	0.3%	0.5%	163	0.2%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Spanish	604	0.8%	1.2%	521	0.7%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	593	0.8%	1.0%	726	1.0%	
Maltese	7	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Lithuanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hungarian	71	0.1%	0.1%	104	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	234	0.3%	0.4%	261	0.4%	
Ukrainian	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	5	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Bulgarian	25	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Croatian	389	0.5%	0.3%	382	0.5%	
Macedonian	79	0.1%	0.4%	86	0.1%	
Serbian	115	0.2%	0.4%	98	0.1%	
Slovene	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	11	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	

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Czech	32	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Polish	129	0.2%	0.2%	135	0.2%	
Slovak	25	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Albanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	—	—	—	—	—	
Romanian	26	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Romany	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Iranic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kurdish	7	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Pashto	4	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Balochi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dari	4	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Persian (excluding Dari)	484	0.6%	0.5%	502	0.7%	
Hazaraghi	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Iranic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Arabic	434	0.6%	4.2%	461	0.6%	
Hebrew	49	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.1%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	5	0.0%	0.5%	15	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.2%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	60	0.1%	0.4%	42	0.1%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	767	1.0%	0.2%	792	1.1%	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Kannada	74	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.1%	–
Malayalam	141	0.2%	0.3%	91	0.1%	–
Tamil	244	0.3%	0.7%	171	0.2%	–
Telugu	139	0.2%	0.4%	167	0.2%	–
Tulu	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Bengali	154	0.2%	0.7%	118	0.2%	–
Gujarati	91	0.1%	0.5%	147	0.2%	–
Hindi	1,071	1.4%	1.5%	794	1.1%	–

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Konkani	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Marathi	176	0.2%	0.2%	135	0.2%	
Nepali	477	0.6%	1.2%	389	0.5%	
Punjabi	130	0.2%	0.8%	87	0.1%	
Sindhi	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Sinhalese	76	0.1%	0.2%	75	0.1%	
Urdu	160	0.2%	0.8%	116	0.2%	
Assamese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Fijian Hindustani	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	28	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	30	0.0%	0.2%	23	0.0%	
Vietnamese	350	0.5%	2.2%	302	0.4%	

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Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lao	19	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	–
Thai	560	0.7%	0.4%	485	0.7%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	32	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Cebuano	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	557	0.7%	0.6%	537	0.7%	–
Malay	30	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	425	0.6%	0.9%	368	0.5%	–
Filipino	317	0.4%	0.5%	293	0.4%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	67	0.1%	0.1%	134	0.2%	–
Cantonese	5,863	7.8%	2.8%	5,521	7.4%	–
Hakka	20	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Mandarin	9,751	12.9%	5.0%	8,962	12.1%	–
Wu	92	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	–
Min Nan	181	0.2%	0.1%	154	0.2%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Japanese	1,789	2.4%	0.3%	1,775	2.4%	–
Korean	1,755	2.3%	1.1%	2,435	3.3%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	48	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wik Mungkan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Djabugay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gurindji	–	–	–	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warumungu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrente, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrente, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gumbaynggir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Kaurna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mangala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Muruwari	–	–	–	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyamal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dharawal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Swahili	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	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%	–	–	
Luganda	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kpelle	–	–	–	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	14	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Samoaan	12	0.0%	0.3%	9	0.0%	
Tongan	13	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	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%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,599	3.4%	5.3%	3,541	4.8%	
Total	75,609	100.0%	100.0%	74,306	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.