

# Community report

## Wodonga (C)

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

AREA

**Wodonga (C)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Vic.**

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 Wodonga (C), accounting for 88.1% (38,096 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (86.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 3,519 people and 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

Wodonga (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	26	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	0.1%	-3	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	35	0.1%	0.0%	30	0.1%	0.1%	+5	0.0
Swiss, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
French Creole, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Celtic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
English	38,096	88.1%	86.4%	34,577	88.0%	8
German	109	0.3%	0.2%	172	0.4%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dutch	37	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	35	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Danish	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Swedish	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
French	58	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.2%	
Greek	32	0.1%	0.2%	33	0.1%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portuguese	19	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Spanish	57	0.1%	0.2%	50	0.1%	
Italian	92	0.2%	0.5%	119	0.3%	
Maltese	10	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hungarian	17	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.1%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	13	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Ukrainian	8	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Bosnian	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	99	0.2%	0.2%	106	0.3%	
Macedonian	4	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Serbian	55	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.2%	
Slovene	15	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Czech	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Polish	20	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Slovak	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	–	–	–	
Albanian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Romany	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pashto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	–	–	–	
Dari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	16	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	8	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Arabic	74	0.2%	0.2%	55	0.1%	
Hebrew	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Turkish	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kannada	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malayalam	85	0.2%	0.2%	40	0.1%	
Tamil	18	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Telugu	33	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Tulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Bengali	30	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Gujarati	70	0.2%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Hindi	99	0.2%	0.2%	72	0.2%	
Konkani	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Marathi	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepali	217	0.5%	0.1%	193	0.5%	
Punjabi	187	0.4%	0.5%	126	0.3%	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sinhalese	53	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
Urdu	36	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	17	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	22	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Vietnamese	206	0.5%	0.2%	16	0.0%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	26	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Thai	41	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cebuano	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	12	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Malay	3	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	115	0.3%	0.2%	101	0.3%	
Filipino	92	0.2%	0.2%	68	0.2%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pampangan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	26	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	134	0.3%	0.6%	101	0.3%	
Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Japanese	6	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Korean	29	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dalabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Larrakiya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Waanyi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuku Yalanji	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yidiny	–	–	–	–	–	
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jaru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Warlpiri	–	–	–	–	–	
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wangkatha	–	–	–	–	–	
Yankunytjatjara	–	–	–	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bandjalang	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paakantyi	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiradjuri	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian Creole	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	23	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Somali	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Swahili	279	0.6%	0.1%	67	0.2%	
Yoruba	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bassa	–	–	–	–	–	
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	13	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.1%	
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	–	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Lingala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tongan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bislama	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norf'k–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	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Auslan	46	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,165	5.0%	6.5%	2,406	6.1%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,229</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>39,314</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.