

# Community report

## Woollahra (A)

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

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**Woollahra (A)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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 Woollahra (A), accounting for 79.5% (42,520 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (57.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,479 people and 3.8 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

Woollahra (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	20	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	22	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.1%	0.2%	-14	-0.1
Swiss, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cypriot, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	—	—	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)	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Irish	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Welsh	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	42,520	79.5%	57.3%	41,041	75.7%	
German	299	0.6%	0.3%	367	0.7%	
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yiddish	18	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Dutch	65	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	57	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.2%	
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	20	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.1%	
Icelandic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	3	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Swedish	83	0.2%	0.1%	86	0.2%	
Scandinavian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Estonian	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Finnish	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Southern European Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
French	579	1.1%	0.4%	712	1.3%	
Greek	628	1.2%	1.4%	684	1.3%	
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Portuguese	317	0.6%	0.5%	321	0.6%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Spanish	608	1.1%	1.2%	573	1.1%	
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	513	1.0%	1.0%	557	1.0%	
Maltese	6	0.0%	0.2%	17	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baltic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Latvian	16	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Lithuanian	10	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Hungarian	164	0.3%	0.1%	292	0.5%	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	445	0.8%	0.4%	487	0.9%	
Ukrainian	27	0.1%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnian	5	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Bulgarian	18	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Croatian	66	0.1%	0.3%	62	0.1%	
Macedonian	28	0.1%	0.4%	37	0.1%	
Serbian	82	0.2%	0.4%	75	0.1%	
Slovene	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Serbo–Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	9	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

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Czech	54	0.1%	0.1%	51	0.1%	
Polish	109	0.2%	0.2%	141	0.3%	
Slovak	32	0.1%	0.0%	35	0.1%	
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	–	–	–	
Romanian	20	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.1%	
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Pashto	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dari	5	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Persian (excluding Dari)	122	0.2%	0.5%	110	0.2%	
Hazaraghi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arabic	142	0.3%	4.2%	126	0.2%	
Hebrew	364	0.7%	0.1%	427	0.8%	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	12	0.0%	0.5%	16	0.0%	
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	80	0.1%	0.4%	61	0.1%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	9	0.0%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kannada	9	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Malayalam	–	–	0.3%	8	0.0%	
Tamil	28	0.1%	0.7%	16	0.0%	
Telugu	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	24	0.0%	0.7%	16	0.0%	
Gujarati	18	0.0%	0.5%	9	0.0%	
Hindi	103	0.2%	1.5%	82	0.2%	

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Konkani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Nepali	13	0.0%	1.2%	11	0.0%	–
Punjabi	19	0.0%	0.8%	3	0.0%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	19	0.0%	0.2%	19	0.0%	–
Urdu	14	0.0%	0.8%	12	0.0%	–
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Hindustani	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	4	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	6	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Vietnamese	133	0.2%	2.2%	130	0.2%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon–Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tai, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lao	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Thai	112	0.2%	0.4%	98	0.2%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bisaya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cebuano	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesian	101	0.2%	0.6%	94	0.2%	–
Malay	17	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	–
Tetum	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tagalog	92	0.2%	0.9%	132	0.2%	–
Filipino	63	0.1%	0.5%	56	0.1%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bikol	–	–	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%	–	–	–
Other Southeast Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese, nfd	14	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.1%	–
Cantonese	614	1.1%	2.8%	554	1.0%	–
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandarin	1,369	2.6%	5.0%	890	1.6%	–
Wu	15	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	–
Min Nan	26	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Japanese	165	0.3%	0.3%	180	0.3%	–
Korean	108	0.2%	1.1%	136	0.3%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolian	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	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%	–	–	
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arrernte, 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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Kurna	–	–	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%	–	–	
Yugambeh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aboriginal English, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Swahili	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	5	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	–	–	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	15	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Samoaan	9	0.0%	0.3%	4	0.0%	
Tongan	4	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	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%	8	0.0%	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Auslan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,678	5.0%	5.3%	4,822	8.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,472</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>54,217</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.