

Community report

Yarra (C)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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 Yarra (C), accounting for 74.8% (67,385 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 7,814 people and 6.1 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

Yarra (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	70	0.1%	0.1%	71	0.1%	0.1%	-1	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	75	0.1%	0.1%	97	0.1%	0.2%	-22	0.0
Swiss, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
French Creole, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	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%	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Irish	23	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	67,385	74.8%	61.1%	59,571	68.7%	61.1%
German	462	0.5%	0.3%	421	0.5%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Dutch	173	0.2%	0.1%	155	0.2%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	48	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	0.0%
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Danish	30	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Norwegian	24	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	77	0.1%	0.0%	69	0.1%	0.0%
Estonian	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Finnish	17	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	0.0%
French	607	0.7%	0.3%	627	0.7%	0.3%
Greek	1,982	2.2%	2.1%	2,285	2.6%	2.1%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	18	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Portuguese	199	0.2%	0.2%	176	0.2%	0.2%
Spanish	865	1.0%	0.8%	876	1.0%	0.8%
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	1,243	1.4%	1.7%	1,567	1.8%	1.7%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	30	0.0%	0.3%	55	0.1%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	14	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Lithuanian	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Hungarian	45	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	159	0.2%	0.4%	142	0.2%	
Ukrainian	32	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	30	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Bulgarian	16	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Croatian	151	0.2%	0.3%	187	0.2%	
Macedonian	161	0.2%	0.6%	165	0.2%	
Serbian	186	0.2%	0.3%	165	0.2%	
Slovene	23	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	15	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Czech	28	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Polish	161	0.2%	0.3%	144	0.2%	
Slovak	17	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	16	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	41	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	–
Romany	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Kurdish	3	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Pashto	6	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	30	0.0%	0.2%	27	0.0%	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	161	0.2%	0.4%	128	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	25	0.0%	0.4%	9	0.0%	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	584	0.6%	1.8%	690	0.8%	–
Hebrew	46	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	14	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	273	0.3%	0.7%	241	0.3%	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uygur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Kannada	16	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Malayalam	31	0.0%	0.4%	44	0.1%	–
Tamil	94	0.1%	0.7%	93	0.1%	–
Telugu	66	0.1%	0.5%	52	0.1%	–
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	50	0.1%	0.3%	41	0.0%	–
Gujarati	38	0.0%	0.5%	45	0.1%	–
Hindi	220	0.2%	1.3%	183	0.2%	–
Konkani	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Marathi	25	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	–
Nepali	78	0.1%	0.4%	54	0.1%	–
Punjabi	57	0.1%	2.0%	57	0.1%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	124	0.1%	1.0%	76	0.1%	–
Urdu	45	0.0%	0.7%	70	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Assamese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhivehi	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Hindustani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	21	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	–
Chin Haka	7	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	30	0.0%	0.3%	29	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	2,998	3.3%	2.3%	3,373	3.9%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	14	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Thai	226	0.3%	0.3%	266	0.3%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	18	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Cebuano	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Ilokano	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	149	0.2%	0.3%	181	0.2%	—
Malay	60	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	—
Tetum	11	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	—
Timorese	24	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	—
Tagalog	158	0.2%	0.5%	100	0.1%	—
Filipino	120	0.1%	0.4%	78	0.1%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Javanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	26	0.0%	0.1%	70	0.1%	—
Cantonese	1,071	1.2%	1.6%	1,174	1.4%	—
Hakka	272	0.3%	0.1%	374	0.4%	—
Mandarin	1,710	1.9%	4.3%	1,906	2.2%	—

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Wu	23	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Min Nan	70	0.1%	0.1%	108	0.1%	
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	274	0.3%	0.2%	277	0.3%	
Korean	159	0.2%	0.3%	147	0.2%	
Tibetan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Murrinh Patha	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guugu Yimidhirr	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cape York Peninsula Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Torres Strait Island Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kalaw Kawaw Ya/Kalaw Lagaw Ya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Meriam Mir	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anmatyerr, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arrernte, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Manyjilyjarra	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pitjantjatjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bunuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yawuru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Adnymathanha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bandjalang	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nyungar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Wajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wiradjuri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yorta Yorta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djabwurrung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wergaia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yugambah	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aboriginal English, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian Creole	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Oromo	330	0.4%	0.1%	254	0.3%	–
Shona	11	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Somali	402	0.4%	0.2%	411	0.5%	–
Swahili	15	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Amharic	130	0.1%	0.1%	134	0.2%	–
Bemba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	87	0.1%	0.1%	228	0.3%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	15	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Kikuyu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	21	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tigre	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Tigrinya	126	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.1%	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	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	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Maori (New Zealand)	42	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Nauruan	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	13	0.0%	0.3%	11	0.0%	–
Tongan	7	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bislama	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	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%	5	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Auslan	46	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	4,705	5.2%	4.8%	7,765	9.0%	–
Total	90,066	100.0%	100.0%	86,664	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.