

Community report

Yarra Ranges (S)

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

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Yarra Ranges (S)

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 Ranges (S), accounting for 88.3% (137,846 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (61.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 6,294 people and 0.3 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 Ranges (S) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	118	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.1%	0.1%	+20	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	95	0.1%	0.1%	139	0.1%	0.2%	-44	0.0
Swiss, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cypriot, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Creole, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+19	0.0
French Creole, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Spanish Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Portuguese Creole, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Pidgin, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Celtic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Gaelic (Scotland)	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Irish	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Welsh	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Celtic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	137,846	88.3%	61.1%	131,552	88.0%	60.0%
German	687	0.4%	0.3%	900	0.6%	0.3%
Letzeburgish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yiddish	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dutch	493	0.3%	0.1%	758	0.5%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaans	194	0.1%	0.1%	193	0.1%	0.1%
Scandinavian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Danish	25	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Norwegian	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Swedish	46	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	0.0%
Estonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Finnish	19	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	0.0%
French	274	0.2%	0.3%	303	0.2%	0.2%
Greek	408	0.3%	2.1%	349	0.2%	0.2%
Iberian Romance, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Portuguese	74	0.0%	0.2%	41	0.0%	0.0%
Spanish	351	0.2%	0.8%	346	0.2%	0.2%
Iberian Romance, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italian	1,148	0.7%	1.7%	1,374	0.9%	0.9%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Maltese	27	0.0%	0.3%	39	0.0%	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latin	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Southern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	30	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Lithuanian	15	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Hungarian	139	0.1%	0.1%	124	0.1%	
East Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belorussian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian	148	0.1%	0.4%	141	0.1%	
Ukrainian	44	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
South Slavic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	15	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Bulgarian	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Croatian	126	0.1%	0.3%	120	0.1%	
Macedonian	68	0.0%	0.6%	54	0.0%	
Serbian	85	0.1%	0.3%	55	0.0%	
Slovene	26	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Czech	43	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Polish	283	0.2%	0.3%	311	0.2%	
Slovak	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Czechoslovakian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian	36	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	–
Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	66	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.0%	–
Romany	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern European Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pashto	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Balochi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dari	3	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Persian (excluding Dari)	328	0.2%	0.4%	127	0.1%	–
Hazaraghi	6	0.0%	0.4%	–	–	–
Iranic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arabic	204	0.1%	1.8%	213	0.1%	–
Hebrew	77	0.0%	0.1%	53	0.0%	–
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	6	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Mandaean (Mandaic)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle Eastern Semitic Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	40	0.0%	0.7%	36	0.0%	–
Azeri	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	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	19	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Georgian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Kannada	16	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Malayalam	173	0.1%	0.4%	77	0.1%	–
Tamil	90	0.1%	0.7%	44	0.0%	–
Telugu	20	0.0%	0.5%	18	0.0%	–
Tulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dravidian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	34	0.0%	0.3%	13	0.0%	–
Gujarati	54	0.0%	0.5%	50	0.0%	–
Hindi	322	0.2%	1.3%	205	0.1%	–
Konkani	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Marathi	44	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	–
Nepali	79	0.1%	0.4%	46	0.0%	–
Punjabi	267	0.2%	2.0%	172	0.1%	–
Sindhi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	245	0.2%	1.0%	136	0.1%	–
Urdu	52	0.0%	0.7%	21	0.0%	–

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Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhivehi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Hindustani	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	41	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Burmese	175	0.1%	0.1%	104	0.1%	–
Chin Haka	1,066	0.7%	0.1%	649	0.4%	–
Karen	137	0.1%	0.1%	92	0.1%	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zomi	137	0.1%	0.0%	60	0.0%	–
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	136	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.0%	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer	66	0.0%	0.3%	48	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	194	0.1%	2.3%	149	0.1%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Thai	219	0.1%	0.3%	168	0.1%	–
Tai, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bisaya	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Cebuano	21	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	—
Ilokano	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Indonesian	111	0.1%	0.3%	95	0.1%	—
Malay	7	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	—
Tetum	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tagalog	207	0.1%	0.5%	196	0.1%	—
Filipino	163	0.1%	0.4%	122	0.1%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bikol	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Pampangan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Southeast Asian Languages	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese, nfd	16	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	—
Cantonese	398	0.3%	1.6%	261	0.2%	—
Hakka	8	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Mandarin	1,225	0.8%	4.3%	843	0.6%	—

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Wu	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Min Nan	25	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	–
Chinese, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	210	0.1%	0.2%	197	0.1%	–
Korean	102	0.1%	0.3%	60	0.0%	–
Tibetan	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Eastern Asian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maung	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tiwi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jawoyn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Murrinh Patha	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Na-kara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Garrwa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burarra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yolngu Matha, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Djambarrpuyngu	–	–	0.0%	3	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)	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Banyjima	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batjala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bidjara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dhanggatti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gamilaraay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kanai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Karajarri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kriol	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Narungga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ngarrindjeri	–	–	0.0%	5	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Mauritian Creole	9	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Oromo	–	–	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Shona	37	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	–
Somali	–	–	0.2%	6	0.0%	–
Swahili	26	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Yoruba	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Amharic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Bemba	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	9	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ewe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Harari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kikuyu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ndebele	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Nyanja (Chichewa)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shilluk	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrinya	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Tswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Xhosa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles Creole	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anuak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bassa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dan (Gio-Dan)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulfulde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Kirundi (Rundi)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kpelle	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Loma (Lorma)	–	–	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	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	20	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori (New Zealand)	16	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	29	0.0%	0.3%	25	0.0%	–
Tongan	27	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.0%	–
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Yapese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
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)	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Invented Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sign Languages, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Auslan	127	0.1%	0.1%	69	0.0%	–
Key Word Sign Australia	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	5,776	3.7%	4.8%	7,282	4.9%	–
Total	156,034	100.0%	100.0%	149,488	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.