

## Language spoken at home - Ranked by size

Australia - Total persons (Usual residence)	2016			2011			Change
Language (excludes English)	Number	%	Greater Capital Cities %	Number	%	Greater Capital Cities %	2011 to 2016
Mandarin	596,703	2.5	3.6	336,178	1.6	2.3	+260,525
Arabic	321,720	1.4	2.0	287,171	1.3	2.0	+34,549
Cantonese	280,943	1.2	1.7	263,538	1.2	1.8	+17,405
Vietnamese	277,391	1.2	1.7	233,388	1.1	1.6	+44,003
Italian	271,602	1.2	1.5	299,829	1.4	1.8	-28,227
Greek	237,583	1.0	1.5	252,211	1.2	1.7	-14,628
Filipino/Tagalog	182,498	0.8	1.0	136,846	0.6	0.8	+45,652
Hindi	159,637	0.7	1.0	111,349	0.5	0.7	+48,288
Spanish	140,813	0.6	0.8	117,493	0.5	0.7	+23,320
Punjabi	132,500	0.6	0.8	71,231	0.3	0.5	+61,269
Persian/Dari	111,012	0.5	0.7	54,741	0.3	0.4	+56,271
Korean	108,994	0.5	0.6	79,784	0.4	0.5	+29,210
German	79,352	0.3	0.4	80,366	0.4	0.4	-1,014
Tamil	73,161	0.3	0.4	50,145	0.2	0.3	+23,016
French	70,878	0.3	0.4	57,741	0.3	0.3	+13,137
Urdu	69,295	0.3	0.4	36,835	0.2	0.2	+32,460
Indonesian	67,894	0.3	0.4	55,861	0.3	0.4	+12,033
Macedonian	66,020	0.3	0.4	68,843	0.3	0.4	-2,823
Australian Indigenous Languages	64,761	0.3	0.0	61,749	0.3	0.0	+3,012
Sinhalese	64,613	0.3	0.4	48,192	0.2	0.3	+16,421
Nepali	62,005	0.3	0.4	27,156	0.1	0.2	+34,849
Turkish	58,356	0.2	0.4	59,625	0.3	0.4	-1,269
Croatian	56,885	0.2	0.3	61,545	0.3	0.4	-4,660
Japanese	55,958	0.2	0.3	43,690	0.2	0.2	+12,268
Thai	55,438	0.2	0.3	36,665	0.2	0.2	+18,773
Bengali	54,552	0.2	0.3	35,647	0.2	0.2	+18,905
Serbian	53,800	0.2	0.3	55,114	0.3	0.3	-1,314
Malayalam	53,203	0.2	0.3	25,108	0.1	0.2	+28,095
Gujarati	52,871	0.2	0.3	34,210	0.2	0.2	+18,661
Russian	50,312	0.2	0.3	44,054	0.2	0.3	+6,258
Portuguese	48,856	0.2	0.3	33,348	0.2	0.2	+15,508
Polish	48,070	0.2	0.3	50,696	0.2	0.3	-2,626
Assyrian/Aramaic	45,690	0.2	0.3	31,317	0.1	0.2	+14,373
Samoan	44,875	0.2	0.3	36,574	0.2	0.2	+8,301
Afrikaans	43,748	0.2	0.2	35,027	0.2	0.2	+8,721
Khmer	35,429	0.2	0.2	29,518	0.1	0.2	+5,911
Telugu	34,434	0.1	0.2	18,723	0.1	0.1	+15,711
Dutch	33,826	0.1	0.1	37,247	0.2	0.2	-3,421
Non-verbal so described	33,166	0.1	0.2	21,907	0.1	0.1	+11,259

Maltese	31,993	0.1	0.2	34,398	0.2	0.2	-2,405
Chinese, nfd	19,974	0.1	0.1	23,792	0.1	0.2	-3,818
Hungarian	19,890	0.1	0.1	20,875	0.1	0.1	-985
Malay	17,936	0.1	0.1	15,893	0.1	0.1	+2,043
Min Nan (incl.Hokkien)	17,900	0.1	0.1	16,352	0.1	0.1	+1,548
Tongan	17,694	0.1	0.1	16,005	0.1	0.1	+1,689
Burmese	16,321	0.1	0.1	12,337	0.1	0.1	+3,984
Bosnian	15,822	0.1	0.1	16,266	0.1	0.1	-444
Somali	14,174	0.1	0.1	9,912	0.0	0.1	+4,262
Marathi	13,057	0.1	0.1	8,570	0.0	0.1	+4,487
Romanian	12,954	0.1	0.1	12,251	0.1	0.1	+703
Dinka	12,692	0.1	0.1	9,807	0.0	0.1	+2,885
Maori (New Zealand)	11,746	0.1	0.1	9,977	0.0	0.1	+1,769
Swahili	11,463	0.0	0.1	6,884	0.0	0.0	+4,579
Shona	11,039	0.0	0.1	8,004	0.0	0.0	+3,035
Hebrew	10,344	0.0	0.1	9,666	0.0	0.1	+678
Karen	10,267	0.0	0.0	6,399	0.0	0.0	+3,868
Armenian	10,205	0.0	0.1	9,706	0.0	0.1	+499
Auslan	10,118	0.0	0.0	8,406	0.0	0.0	+1,712
Lao	9,985	0.0	0.1	9,539	0.0	0.1	+446
Kannada	9,698	0.0	0.1	5,925	0.0	0.0	+3,773
Pashto	9,234	0.0	0.1	4,799	0.0	0.0	+4,435
Albanian	9,183	0.0	0.1	8,945	0.0	0.1	+238
Hakka	8,978	0.0	0.1	8,912	0.0	0.1	+66
Swedish	8,959	0.0	0.0	7,329	0.0	0.0	+1,630
Fijian	8,148	0.0	0.0	6,827	0.0	0.0	+1,321
Czech	7,940	0.0	0.0	7,270	0.0	0.0	+670
Ukrainian	7,675	0.0	0.0	7,761	0.0	0.0	-86
Amharic	6,813	0.0	0.0	4,515	0.0	0.0	+2,298
Kurdish	6,202	0.0	0.0	4,590	0.0	0.0	+1,612
Serbo-Croatian Yugoslavian, so described	6,062	0.0	0.0	6,688	0.0	0.0	-626
Finnish	5,979	0.0	0.0	5,971	0.0	0.0	+8
Danish	5,777	0.0	0.0	5,751	0.0	0.0	+26
Slovak	5,432	0.0	0.0	4,992	0.0	0.0	+440
Maori (Cook Island)	5,119	0.0	0.0	4,635	0.0	0.0	+484
Chin Haka	4,807	0.0	0.0	828	0.0	0.0	+3,979
Tigrinya	4,579	0.0	0.0	2,792	0.0	0.0	+1,787
Slovene	4,083	0.0	0.0	4,185	0.0	0.0	-102
Wu	3,380	0.0	0.0	2,064	0.0	0.0	+1,316
Oromo	3,047	0.0	0.0	2,027	0.0	0.0	+1,020
Latvian	2,952	0.0	0.0	3,627	0.0	0.0	-675
Norwegian	2,895	0.0	0.0	2,673	0.0	0.0	+222
Fijian Hindustani	2,702	0.0	0.0	1,406	0.0	0.0	+1,296
Bulgarian	2,679	0.0	0.0	2,316	0.0	0.0	+363
Hmong	2,452	0.0	0.0	2,023	0.0	0.0	+429

Nuer	2,158	0.0	0.0	1,700	0.0	0.0	+458
Estonian	1,836	0.0	0.0	1,417	0.0	0.0	+419
Yiddish	1,502	0.0	0.0	1,762	0.0	0.0	-260
Tibetan	1,479	0.0	0.0	743	0.0	0.0	+736
Indo-Aryan, nfd	1,391	0.0	0.0	4,229	0.0	0.0	-2,838
Tetum	1,107	0.0	0.0	954	0.0	0.0	+153
Uyгур	1,020	0.0	0.0	872	0.0	0.0	+148
Tokelauan	956	0.0	0.0	860	0.0	0.0	+96
Tswana	444	0.0	0.0	440	0.0	0.0	+4