

Table 1.4

## Languages Spoken at Home

- Australia: 2001 and 1996 Census

Ranking	Language	2001 Census	% of population	1996 Census	Change 1996-2001	% change 1996-2001
	English only	15,013,965	80.0	14,564,924	449,041	3.1
184	Acholi	61	0.0	..	..	..
173	Adnymathanha (Yura Ngawarla)	110	0.0	127	-17	-13.4
67	African languages (excluding North Africa), n.e.c. <sup>1</sup>	3,763	0.0	1,770	1,993	112.6
156	African languages (excluding North Africa), n.f.d.	221	0.0	181	40	22.1
46	Afrikaans	8,001	0.0	3,406	4,595	134.9
134	Akan	444	0.0	261	183	70.1
47	Albanian	7,524	0.0	6,211	1,313	21.1
94	Alyawarr (Alyawarra)	1,373	0.0	1,443	-70	-4.9
175	American languages	100	0.0	59	41	69.5
91	Amharic	1,470	0.0	883	587	66.5
95	Anindilyakwa	1,311	0.0	1,221	90	7.4
103	Anmatyerr (Anmatyirra)	862	0.0	1,223	-361	-29.5
203	Arabana (Arabuna)	11	0.0	20	-9	-45.0
4	Arabic (including Lebanese)	209,372	1.1	177,606	31,766	17.9
42	Armenian	9,747	0.1	9,939	-192	-1.9
176	Aromunian (Macedo-Romanian)	90	0.0	101	-11	-10.9
81	Arrernte (Aranda)	2,444	0.0	3,800	-1,356	-35.7
125	Asante	559	0.0	390	169	43.3
30	Assyrian (including Aramaic)	18,064	0.1	11,926	6,138	51.5
69	Auslan	3,292	0.0	1,911	1,381	72.3
203	Australian Creoles, n.f.d.	11	0.0	238	-227	-95.4
39	Australian Indigenous languages, n.f.d.	10,697	0.1	5,334	5,363	100.5
152	Bardi	236	0.0	369	-133	-36.0
181	Basque	67	0.0	64	3	4.7
145	Belorussian	313	0.0	190	123	64.7
37	Bengali	11,667	0.1	6,553	5,114	78.0
108	Bisaya	795	0.0	936	-141	-15.1
32	Bosnian	15,908	0.1	9,810	6,098	62.2
84	Bulgarian	1,923	0.0	1,603	320	20.0
165	Bunuba (Bunaba)	190	0.0	163	27	16.6
109	Burarra	777	0.0	699	78	11.2
114	Burman languages, n.e.c. <sup>2</sup>	707	0.0	708	-1	-0.1
130	Burman, n.f.d.	492	0.0	205	287	140.0
54	Burmese	5,904	0.0	5,087	817	16.1
3	Cantonese	225,307	1.2	202,494	22,813	11.3
152	Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal, n.e.c.	236	0.0	308	-72	-23.4
169	Catalan	136	0.0	129	7	5.4
106	Cebuano	820	0.0	745	75	10.1
192	Celtic, n.e.c. (Breton, Cornish, Manx)	30	0.0	14	16	114.3
189	Celtic, n.f.d.	36	0.0	20	16	80.0
65	Central Aboriginal, n.e.c.	4,067	0.0	2,071	1,996	96.4
111	Chinese, n.e.c. <sup>3</sup>	746	0.0	288	458	159.0
35	Chinese, n.f.d.	14,561	0.1	25,982	-11,421	-44.0
11	Croatian	69,851	0.4	69,152	699	1.0
49	Czech	7,295	0.0	7,540	-245	-3.2
58	Danish	5,226	0.0	4,998	228	4.6
203	Dhaangu	11	0.0	35	-24	-68.6
..	Dhay'yi	..	..	66	..	..
93	Dhuwal-Dhuwala	1,387	0.0	3,646	-2,259	-62.0
174	Djinang	105	0.0	119	-14	-11.8
166	Dravidian languages, n.e.c. <sup>4</sup>	187	0.0	72	115	159.7
133	Eastern Aboriginal, n.e.c.	478	0.0	396	82	20.7

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206	Eastern Aboriginal, n.f.d.	10	0.0	..	..	..
148	Eastern European, n.f.d.	261	0.0	468	-207	-44.2
89	Estonian	1,637	0.0	1,800	-163	-9.1
61	Fijian	4,894	0.0	4,992	-98	-2.0
199	Finnic, n.e.c. (includes Karelian, Lapp, Ludic)	18	0.0	..	..	..
183	Finnic, n.f.d.	66	0.0	28	38	135.7
52	Finnish	6,229	0.0	6,658	-429	-6.4
18	French	39,643	0.2	39,471	172	0.4
171	Frisian	113	0.0	72	41	56.9
105	Gaelic (Scotland)	822	0.0	934	-112	-12.0
9	German	76,444	0.4	98,811	-22,367	-22.6
163	Gilbertese	196	0.0	226	-30	-13.3
2	Greek	263,718	1.4	269,775	-6,057	-2.2
159	Gugu Yalanji	206	0.0	253	-47	-18.6
56	Gujarati	5,497	0.0	3,643	1,854	50.9
123	Guugu Yimidhirr	581	0.0	735	-154	-21.0
48	Hakka	7,451	0.0	7,178	273	3.8
53	Hebrew	5,947	0.0	5,923	24	0.4
15	Hindi	47,817	0.3	33,989	13,828	40.7
86	Hmon	1,786	0.0	1,420	366	25.8
45	Hokkien	8,293	0.0	10,136	-1,843	-18.2
24	Hungarian	24,485	0.1	26,380	-1,895	-7.2
197	Iberian Romance, n.e.c. <sup>5</sup>	21	0.0	26	-5	-19.2
198	Iberian Romance, n.f.d.	19	0.0	20	-1	-5.0
154	Icelandic	225	0.0	246	-21	-8.5
146	Ilokano	267	0.0	369	-102	-27.6
135	Indo-Aryan, n.e.c. <sup>6</sup>	426	0.0	370	56	15.1
87	Indo-Aryan, n.f.d.	1,706	0.0	126	1,580	1,254.0
20	Indonesian	38,724	0.2	27,201	11,523	42.4
171	Invented languages	113	0.0	134	-21	-15.7
118	Iranic, n.e.c. (includes Balochi, Ossetic, Tajik)	618	0.0	592	26	4.4
149	Iranic, n.f.d.	253	0.0	327	-74	-22.6
104	Irish	828	0.0	782	46	5.9
1	Italian	353,603	1.9	375,752	-22,149	-5.9
22	Japanese	28,286	0.2	25,668	2,618	10.2
124	Jaru (Djaru)	574	0.0	342	232	67.8
107	Kalaw Lagaw Ya (Kalaw Kawa Ya)	813	0.0	921	-108	-11.7
85	Kannada	1,922	0.0	1,319	603	45.7
177	Karrwa (Garrwa, Garawa)	89	0.0	115	-26	-22.6
28	Khmer	21,982	0.1	19,337	2,645	13.7
155	Kija (Gidya)	224	0.0	408	-184	-45.1
129	Konkani	529	0.0	449	80	17.8
19	Korean	39,531	0.2	29,910	9,621	32.2
72	Kriol	2,990	0.0	2,178	812	37.3
193	Kukatha (Kokatha, Gugada)	24	0.0	10	14	140.0
119	Kukatja (Gugaja)	610	0.0	570	40	7.0
102	Kunwinjku (Gunwinggu)	962	0.0	1,401	-439	-31.3
77	Kurdish	2,847	0.0	1,484	1,363	91.8
127	Kuurinji (Gurindji)	554	0.0	571	-17	-3.0
43	Lao	9,597	0.1	9,470	127	1.3
160	Latin	205	0.0	239	-34	-14.2
57	Latvian	5,351	0.0	6,209	-858	-13.8
190	Letzeburgish	35	0.0	43	-8	-18.6
79	Lithuanian	2,521	0.0	2,758	-237	-8.6

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10	Macedonian	71,994	0.4	71,347	647	0.9
162	Makaton	198	0.0	89	109	122.5
44	Malay	9,431	0.1	10,254	-823	-8.0
73	Malayalam	2,968	0.0	2,052	916	44.6
16	Maltese	41,392	0.2	45,243	-3,851	-8.5
6	Mandarin	139,286	0.7	92,360	46,926	50.8
70	Maori (Cook Island)	3,217	0.0	2,024	1,193	58.9
55	Maori (New Zealand)	5,504	0.0	4,154	1,350	32.5
82	Marathi	2,263	0.0	1,548	715	46.2
144	Maung	314	0.0	234	80	34.2
161	Mauritian Creole	201	0.0	556	-355	-63.8
167	Meryam Mir	185	0.0	326	-141	-43.3
131	Middle Eastern & North African languages, n.e.c. <sup>7</sup>	489	0.0	230	259	112.6
147	Middle Eastern & North African languages, n.f.d.	264	0.0	346	-82	-23.7
168	Miriwoong	140	0.0	103	37	35.9
157	Mon-Khmer, n.e.c. (includes Khasi, Khmu, Muong)	218	0.0	35	183	522.9
193	Mon-Khmer, n.f.d.	24	0.0	24	0	0.0
140	Motu	391	0.0	448	-57	-12.7
98	Murrinh-Patha	1,155	0.0	1,436	-281	-19.6
187	Mutpurra (Mudburra)	51	0.0	123	-72	-58.5
164	Nauruan	192	0.0	190	2	1.1
80	Nepali	2,494	0.0	1,310	1,184	90.4
17	Netherlandic	40,190	0.2	40,770	-580	-1.4
..	Ngaatjatjara	..	..	987	..	..
181	Ngangkikurungurr	67	0.0	225	-158	-70.2
201	Ngarluma	13	0.0	19	-6	-31.6
137	Niue	404	0.0	295	109	36.9
66	Northern Aboriginal, n.e.c.	3,989	0.0	2,539	1,450	57.1
76	Norwegian	2,859	0.0	1,217	1,642	134.9
185	Nunggubuyu	53	0.0	363	-310	-85.4
150	Nyangumarta	243	0.0	262	-19	-7.3
158	Nyungar (Noongar)	213	0.0	163	50	30.7
136	Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, n.e.c. <sup>8</sup>	423	0.0	258	165	64.0
50	Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, n.f.d.	7,165	0.0	5,958	1,207	20.3
97	Oceanic Austronesian languages, n.e.c. <sup>9</sup>	1,231	0.0	721	510	70.7
128	Oromo	545	0.0	268	277	103.4
117	Papuan languages	645	0.0	282	363	128.7
90	Pashto	1,598	0.0	1,162	436	37.5
23	Persian	25,238	0.1	19,047	6,191	32.5
121	Pintupi	588	0.0	381	207	54.3
74	Pitjantjatjara	2,962	0.0	2,106	856	40.6
12	Polish	59,056	0.3	62,772	-3,716	-5.9
26	Portuguese	23,687	0.1	24,594	-907	-3.7
33	Punjabi	14,896	0.1	10,943	3,953	36.1
196	Rembarnga	22	0.0	76	-54	-71.1
188	Ritharrngu	50	0.0	92	-42	-45.7
41	Romanian	10,265	0.1	9,163	1,102	12.0
21	Russian	34,790	0.2	31,030	3,760	12.1
27	Samoan	22,711	0.1	15,612	7,099	45.5
202	Scandinavian, n.e.c. (Faeroese)	12	0.0	10	2	20.0
14	Serbian	49,203	0.3	37,237	11,966	32.1
137	Shona	404	0.0	162	242	149.4
143	Sign languages, n.e.c.	318	0.0	298	20	6.7
88	Sign languages, n.f.d.	1,697	0.0	2,216	-519	-23.4

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132	Sindhi	479	0.0	249	230	92.4
29	Sinhalese	20,660	0.1	15,901	4,759	29.9
63	Slovak	4,695	0.0	4,107	588	14.3
59	Slovene	5,066	0.0	5,615	-549	-9.8
62	Somali	4,736	0.0	2,284	2,452	107.4
34	South Slavic, n.f.d.	14,606	0.1	17,924	-3,318	-18.5
199	Southeast Asian, n.f.d.	18	0.0	29	-11	-37.9
51	Southern Asian, n.f.d.	6,555	0.0	6,369	186	2.9
7	Spanish	93,595	0.5	91,253	2,342	2.6
92	Swahili	1,404	0.0	826	578	70.0
60	Swedish	5,033	0.0	4,272	761	17.8
8	Tagalog (Filipino)	78,878	0.4	70,444	8,434	12.0
191	Tai, n.e.c. (includes Buyi, Jui, Tho)	34	0.0	..	..	..
25	Tamil	24,074	0.1	18,690	5,384	28.8
68	Telugu	3,484	0.0	1,920	1,564	81.5
64	Teochew	4,693	0.0	5,098	-405	-7.9
113	Tetum	724	0.0	567	157	27.7
31	Thai	17,349	0.1	13,487	3,862	28.6
101	Tigrinya	996	0.0	810	186	23.0
110	Timorese	751	0.0	697	54	7.7
83	Tiwi	2,050	0.0	1,823	227	12.5
71	Tok Pisin	3,117	0.0	3,831	-714	-18.6
40	Tongan	10,591	0.1	9,182	1,409	15.3
96	Torres Strait Creole (Broken)	1,240	0.0	1,742	-502	-28.8
126	Torres Strait, n.f.d.	556	0.0	718	-162	-22.6
13	Turkish	50,693	0.3	46,198	4,495	9.7
112	Turkish and Central Asian languages, n.e.c. <sup>10</sup>	730	0.0	535	195	36.4
195	Turkish and Central Asian languages, n.f.d.	23	0.0	..	..	..
38	Ukrainian	10,722	0.1	11,275	-553	-4.9
36	Urdu	12,483	0.1	7,689	4,794	62.3
5	Vietnamese	174,236	0.9	146,267	27,969	19.1
120	Walmajarri (Walmadjari)	596	0.0	853	-257	-30.1
75	Warlpiri	2,937	0.0	2,668	269	10.1
139	Warumungu (Warumunga)	395	0.0	524	-129	-24.6
99	Welsh	1,060	0.0	1,085	-25	-2.3
178	West Coast Aboriginal, n.e.c.	73	0.0	67	6	9.0
141	West Slavic, n.f.d.	361	0.0	498	-137	-27.5
116	Western Austronesian languages, n.e.c. <sup>11</sup>	656	0.0	664	-8	-1.2
121	Western Austronesian languages, n.f.d.	588	0.0	142	446	314.1
115	Wik-Mungkan	668	0.0	846	-178	-21.0
100	Wu	1,022	0.0	786	236	30.0
179	Yankunytjatjara	71	0.0	68	3	4.4
180	Yanyuwa (Anula)	68	0.0	52	16	30.8
78	Yiddish	2,666	0.0	2,840	-174	-6.1
151	Yindjibarndi	237	0.0	327	-90	-27.5
142	Yoruba	335	0.0	166	169	101.8
186	Yulparija	52	0.0	93	-41	-44.1
170	Zulu	120	0.0	105	15	14.3
	Other Eastern European languages, n.e.c. <sup>12</sup>	331	0.0	144	187	129.9
	Other Southern European languages, n.e.c. <sup>13</sup>	77	0.0	48	29	60.4
	Other Eastern Asian languages, n.e.c. <sup>14</sup>	263	0.0	155	108	69.7
	Other Southeast Asian languages, n.e.c.	27	0.0	29	-2	-6.9
	Other Southern Asian languages, n.e.c. <sup>15</sup>	26	0.0	..	..	..
	Other Languages, n.e.c. <sup>16</sup>	111	0.0	978	n.c.	n.c.

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Inadequately described	25,502	0.1	52,965	-27,463	-51.9
Non-verbal so described	11,860	0.1	1,435	10,425	726.5
Not stated	901,433	4.8	530,138	371,295	70.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,769,227</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17,752,813</b>	<b>1,016,414</b>	<b>5.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> includes Bemba, Fante, Malagasy<sup>2</sup> includes Lisu, Pho, Rawang<sup>3</sup> includes Chang Chow, Hunan, Kan<sup>4</sup> includes Brahui, Malto, Tulu<sup>5</sup> includes Crioulo, Galician, Ladino<sup>6</sup> includes Assamese, Kashmiri, Rajasthani<sup>7</sup> includes Kabyle, Riff, Shluh<sup>8</sup> includes Bislama (Bichelamar), Pitcairnese, Solomon Islands Pidgin (Pijin)<sup>9</sup> includes Hawai'ian, Rotuman, Tuvaluan<sup>10</sup> includes Azeri, Mongol, Tatar<sup>11</sup> includes Balinese, Bikol, Kapampangan<sup>12</sup> includes Georgian, Ingush, Romany<sup>13</sup> includes Friulian, Ladin, Romansch<sup>14</sup> includes Ainu, Bhotia, Tibetan<sup>15</sup> includes Balti, Burushaski, Nuristani<sup>16</sup> includes 'other languages, n.f.d.'