



# Languages with low English proficiency speakers by age group

The table below presents languages other than English including Australian Indigenous languages spoken at home by Western Australian residents with low English proficiency by age group (in descending order) based on the 2021 Population and Housing Census data. Please note:

1. Languages are listed in order of highest number of speakers and are limited to up to a total of 10 or more speakers of that language with low English proficiency.
2. In this process, 112 languages other than English and 11 Australian Indigenous languages are listed.
3. Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted by the ABS to avoid the release of confidential data. The ABS advises that no reliance should be placed on small cells.
4. Languages with 'nec' at the end refers to responses which are 'not elsewhere classified' and those with 'nfd' at the end refers to responses that are 'not further defined' as defined by the ABS. Further details of the classifications of languages and the use of supplementary codes can be found on the ABS website.

Languages	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65+ years	Total
<b>Mandarin</b>	1,612	367	3,042	3,887	2,174	11,082
<b>Vietnamese</b>	676	153	1,447	2,798	1,565	6,639
<b>Cantonese</b>	370	60	526	1,407	1,485	3,848
<b>Italian</b>	237	33	105	162	1,882	2,419
<b>Arabic</b>	550	81	609	599	273	2,112
<b>Korean</b>	425	20	738	459	135	1,777
<b>Punjabi</b>	793	18	311	367	264	1,753
<b>Hazaraghi</b>	335	51	473	313	45	1,217
<b>Thai</b>	178	74	349	409	113	1,123
<b>Karen</b>	169	51	398	324	118	1,060
<b>Indonesian</b>	265	20	166	274	335	1,060

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<b>Spanish</b>	312	16	168	168	362	1,026
<b>Persian (excluding Dari)</b>	205	18	237	304	240	1,004
<b>Burmese</b>	92	11	293	399	202	997
<b>Japanese</b>	309	22	232	133	100	796
<b>Gujarati</b>	329	4	111	177	171	792
<b>Portuguese</b>	220	17	100	97	356	790
<b>Serbian</b>	85	7	26	235	427	780
<b>Macedonian</b>	71	7	30	111	486	705
<b>Hindi</b>	261	7	135	127	97	627
<b>Dari</b>	146	26	167	185	76	600
<b>Tamil</b>	238	8	154	108	70	578
<b>Croatian</b>	43	4	16	78	434	575
<b>Malay</b>	122	23	114	102	214	575
<b>Malayalam</b>	326	0	26	95	103	550
<b>Tagalog</b>	140	13	104	209	80	546
<b>Urdu</b>	277	7	98	62	50	494
<b>Polish</b>	71	0	11	75	310	467
<b>Auslan</b>	144	41	72	123	55	435
<b>Khmer</b>	44	12	103	148	121	428
<b>Greek</b>	50	14	29	32	276	401
<b>Turkish</b>	79	7	115	118	54	373
<b>Russian</b>	135	5	41	61	127	369
<b>French</b>	212	18	44	24	66	364
<b>Chin Haka</b>	67	7	189	73	3	339

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<b>Nepali</b>	188	6	49	66	25	334
<b>Filipino</b>	108	8	49	94	63	322
<b>Sinhalese</b>	98	3	51	66	91	309
<b>Min Nan</b>	21	0	23	71	190	305
<b>Somali</b>	84	14	73	88	44	303
<b>Bosnian</b>	32	0	14	110	139	295
<b>Burmese and Related Languages, nec/nfd</b>	51	8	129	76	20	284
<b>German</b>	177	0	14	15	65	271
<b>Bengali</b>	107	6	71	34	32	250
<b>Dinka</b>	100	9	36	56	10	211
<b>Afrikaans</b>	170	0	9	10	21	210
<b>Telugu</b>	106	4	44	38	18	210
<b>Tigrinya</b>	28	5	61	82	24	200
<b>Swahili</b>	84	6	40	39	7	176
<b>Chinese, nfd</b>	5	16	55	44	26	146
<b>Kirundi (Rundi)</b>	29	3	51	51	9	143
<b>Romanian</b>	36	0	6	34	63	139
<b>Maori (New Zealand)</b>	104	8	11	0	0	123
<b>Kurdish</b>	31	9	37	28	11	116
<b>Pashto</b>	41	5	42	19	7	114
<b>Oromo</b>	33	4	47	18	9	111
<b>Amharic</b>	20	5	34	40	5	104
<b>Tongan</b>	11	17	46	19	10	103
<b>Hungarian</b>	21	0	3	21	49	94

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<b>Marathi</b>	49	0	19	10	15	93
<b>Other Southern Asian Languages</b>	53	0	20	14	5	92
<b>Dutch</b>	48	0	0	13	26	87
<b>Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd</b>	30	0	21	21	15	87
<b>Hakka</b>	3	0	0	14	64	81
<b>Samoan</b>	18	8	11	27	9	73
<b>Shona</b>	48	3	9	0	5	65
<b>Serbo-Croatian/ Yugoslavian, so described</b>	0	0	0	17	46	63
<b>Albanian</b>	17	0	15	9	20	61
<b>Lao</b>	11	0	19	16	10	56
<b>Sign Languages, nfd</b>	23	10	12	6	5	56
<b>Creole, nfd</b>	16	0	9	11	20	56
<b>Czech</b>	24	0	0	3	26	53
<b>African Languages, nec/nfd</b>	10	0	20	12	5	47
<b>Bisaya</b>	16	0	15	9	6	46
<b>Kannada</b>	31	0	3	0	10	44
<b>Key Word Sign Australia</b>	14	13	10	4	0	41
<b>Swedish</b>	30	0	0	0	5	35
<b>Estonian</b>	30	0	4	0	0	34
<b>Ukrainian</b>	9	0	3	6	16	34
<b>Mongolian</b>	10	0	19	5	0	34

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<b>Bislama</b>	0	0	26	5	0	31
<b>Assyrian Neo-Aramaic</b>	0	0	11	8	9	28
<b>Tetum</b>	5	0	15	3	4	27
<b>Madi</b>	5	0	6	10	4	25
<b>Bari</b>	4	0	4	13	3	24
<b>Akan</b>	8	0	5	10	0	23
<b>French Creole, nfd</b>	7	0	4	6	6	23
<b>Southern Asian Languages, nfd</b>	8	0	3	3	8	22
<b>Konkani</b>	19	0	0	0	3	22
<b>Nuer</b>	16	0	3	3	0	22
<b>Finnish</b>	8	0	0	0	13	21
<b>Bulgarian</b>	3	0	0	6	12	21
<b>Anuak</b>	6	0	9	6	0	21
<b>Balochi</b>	0	3	6	4	6	19
<b>Hebrew</b>	13	0	0	0	5	18
<b>Fulfulde</b>	9	0	6	3	0	18
<b>Uzbek</b>	8	0	6	3	0	17
<b>African Languages, nfd</b>	4	0	10	3	0	17
<b>Sindhi</b>	8	0	0	4	4	16
<b>Cebuano</b>	10	0	3	3	0	16
<b>Tigre</b>	9	0	4	0	3	16
<b>Maori (Cook Island)</b>	4	0	6	3	3	16
<b>Danish</b>	9	0	0	0	6	15
<b>Slovak</b>	6	0	0	5	4	15

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<b>Armenian</b>	4	0	0	3	7	14
<b>Mon</b>	0	4	7	3	0	14
<b>Fijian</b>	5	0	9	0	0	14
<b>Maltese</b>	0	0	0	6	7	13
<b>Acholi</b>	3	0	4	6	0	13
<b>Lithuanian</b>	8	0	0	0	4	12
<b>Krio</b>	3	0	4	5	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,884</b>	<b>1,659</b>	<b>12,766</b>	<b>16,170</b>	<b>14,646</b>	<b>60,125</b>

## Australian Indigenous Languages spoken at home by Western Australians with low English proficiency and age group

Australian Indigenous Languages	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65+ years	Total
Kriol	131	11	17	12	7	178
Ngaanyatjarra	48	4	9	3	9	73
Martu Wangka	28	0	5	3	10	46
Kukatja	29	0	0	6	6	41
Nyungar	18	0	5	11	3	37
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	17	4	0	5	9	35
Jaru	18	0	3	3	9	33
Pintupi	6	3	8	12	4	33
Walmajarri	3	4	0	5	13	25
Wangkatha	14	0	3	5	3	25
Nyangumarta	9	6	0	0	4	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>545</b>

