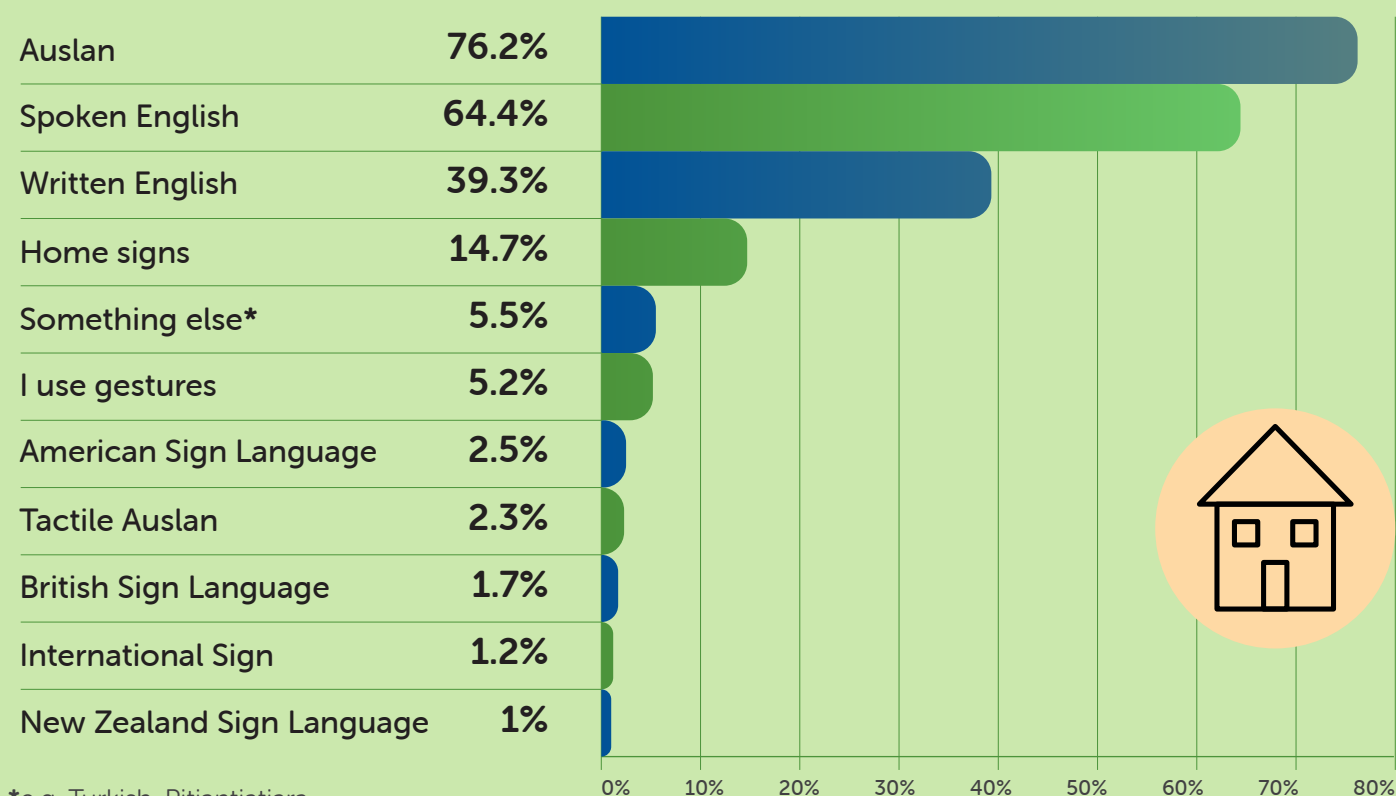


Language use

The Deaf Census 2022 surveyed individuals to explore diverse aspects of Deaf cultural identity, demographics, and experiences, including language use.

What languages do you use at home?

2622 responses from 1215 people
including hearing people
more than one answer possible



*e.g. Turkish, Pitjantjatjara,
South African Sign Language,
Malaysian Sign Language

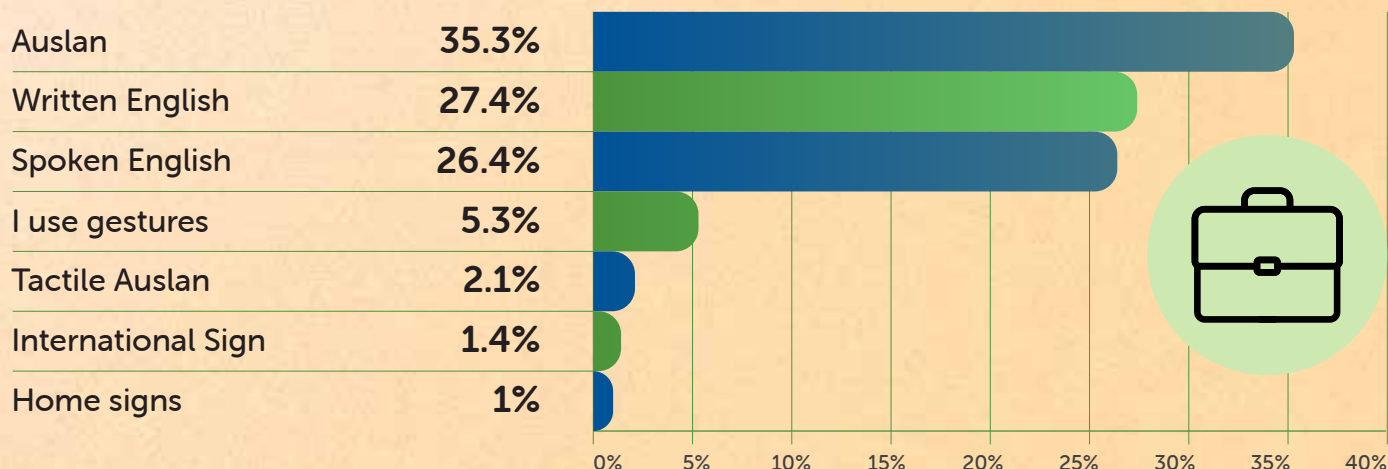
Deaf and disabled people and people who describe themselves differently were **more likely** to use home signs than other Deaf people.

Additional languages include:

Australian-Irish Sign Language	0.5%
Arabic	0.3%
Indigenous Sign Language	0.2%
Cantonese	0.2%
Vietnamese	0.2%
Greek	0.2%
Mandarin	0.1%

What languages do you use at work?

1244 responses from 1215 people
including hearing people
more than one answer possible



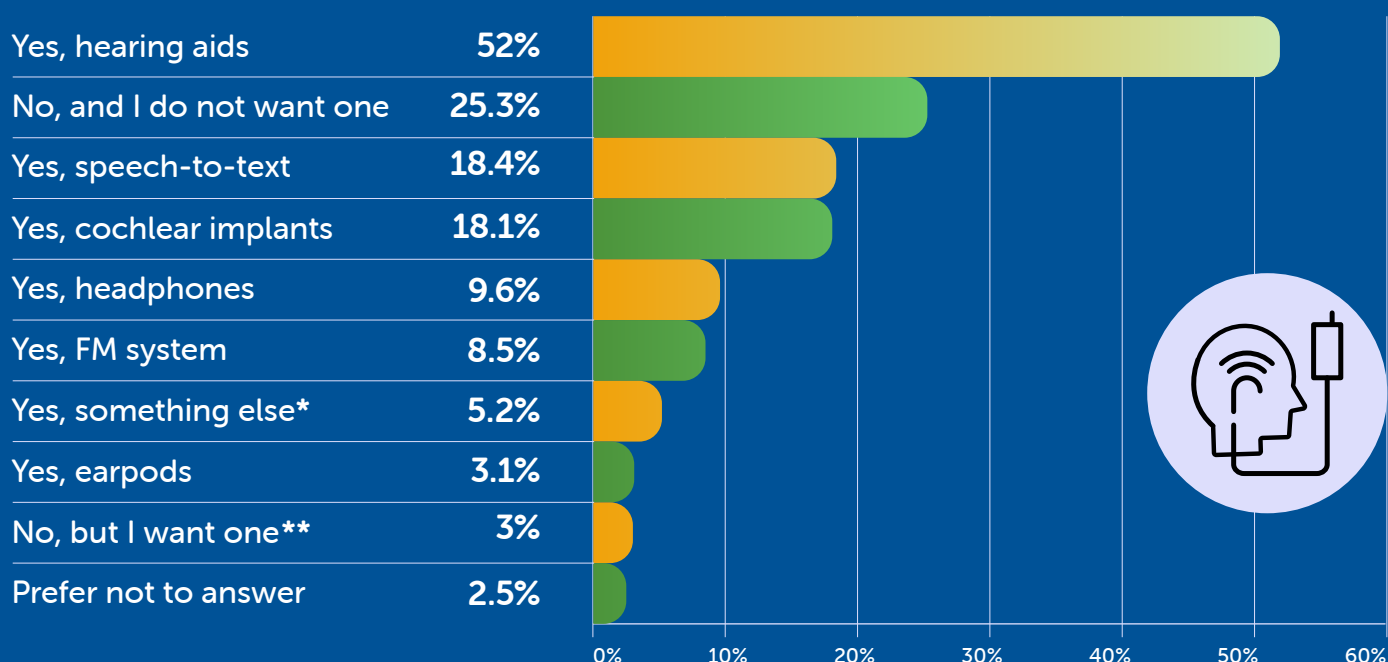
Other languages include:

American Sign Language	0.9%
British Sign Language	0.7%
Something else*	0.6%
New Zealand Sign Language	0.4%
Australian-Irish Sign Language	0.2%
Indigenous Sign Language	0.2%
Arabic	0.1%

*e.g. Signed English,
Non-Conventional Sign Language

Do you use any assistive listening devices?

1232 responses from 846 Deaf,
Deafblind, Deaf and disabled people,
and people who describe it differently,
more than one answer possible

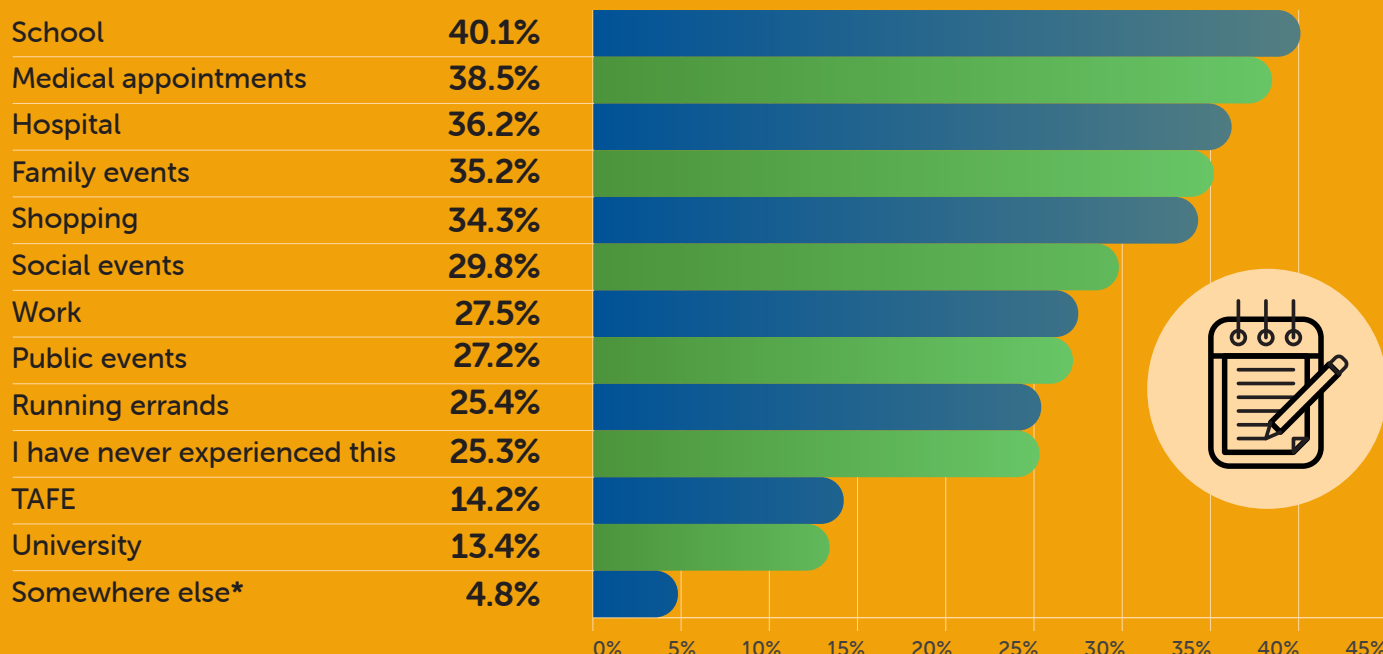


*e.g. Jabra Headset, Woojer Vest

**e.g. screen reader, Roger pen, visual smoke alarm

Where have you felt pressured to speak and/or write English instead of Auslan?

2977 responses from 846 deaf people



*e.g. at my child's school, at Centrelink

Deafblind and Deaf disabled people were **more likely** to experience this at medical appointments, hospital, and at family or social events, compared to Deaf people.

"The hospital often says they already booked an interpreter, but are still waiting for someone to turn up, so can we just go ahead and communicate via writing English. I later found out that they never submitted an interpreter request to an agency."

"It's very hard when family members don't see you as deaf. They want you to talk because it's easier for them and perhaps less embarrassing."

"Even though my high school had students who used Auslan, I myself was forced to speak and banned from learning Auslan so I would not become 'dependent' on it."