

Community report

Adelaide (C)

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

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Adelaide (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Adelaide

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Ancestry

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.

Ancestry

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Key takeaway

In 2021, the largest ancestry groups among residents in Adelaide (C) were English, Chinese and Australian.

About this topic

Ancestry describes a person's cultural association and ethnic background, and Census respondents can report more than one ancestry. It is a broader cultural measure than country of birth because it can reflect family heritage across generations.

This topic helps show the size and diversity of cultural groups in an area, including groups whose members were born in Australia. Because multiple ancestries can be reported, ancestry totals can exceed the total population, so it is best read with birthplace, language used at home, and religion.

Interpretation notes

- People can report up to two ancestries, so category counts represent responses rather than a single unduplicated person count, while percentages are shown against the total population.
- ABS advises that ancestry is best used with birthplace and language, because ancestry alone is a broad measure of ethnicity and cultural background.
- The 2021 form added separate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mark boxes, so those categories need caution in over-time comparison.

Ancestry - Ranked by size

Adelaide (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	64	0.3%	0.3%	47	0.2%	0.2%	+17	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Asian, so described	20	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	0.1%	+4	0.0
African, so described	58	0.2%	0.3%	44	0.2%	0.2%	+14	0.0
European, so described	18	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	0.1%	+12	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Creole, so described	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	4,313	17.2%	30.2%	3,976	18.0%	30.9%	+337	-0.8
Australian Aboriginal	279	1.1%	1.6%	70	0.3%	0.3%	+209	+0.8
Australian South Sea Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Torres Strait Islander	23	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori	39	0.2%	0.2%	31	0.1%	–
New Zealander	76	0.3%	0.4%	78	0.4%	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinean	16	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cook Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	3	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	13	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Tongan	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
British, nfd	17	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
English	6,823	27.3%	36.8%	5,573	25.3%	36.8%
Scottish	1,881	7.5%	8.2%	1,527	6.9%	–
Welsh	164	0.7%	0.8%	124	0.6%	–
Channel Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Manx	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nec	21	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Irish	2,078	8.3%	7.6%	1,702	7.7%	–
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	35	0.1%	0.2%	31	0.1%	–
Dutch	292	1.2%	1.7%	212	1.0%	–
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	207	0.8%	0.5%	132	0.6%	–
German	1,315	5.3%	6.7%	1,118	5.1%	–
Swiss	31	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	–
Belgian	18	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	14	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Danish	42	0.2%	0.2%	35	0.2%	–
Finnish	26	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Norwegian	39	0.2%	0.1%	38	0.2%	
Swedish	63	0.3%	0.2%	44	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,053	4.2%	6.8%	883	4.0%	
Maltese	86	0.3%	0.5%	64	0.3%	
Portuguese	60	0.2%	0.2%	61	0.3%	
Spanish	135	0.5%	0.4%	141	0.6%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	17	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Albanian	10	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Bosnian	18	0.1%	0.2%	15	0.1%	
Bulgarian	17	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Croatian	114	0.5%	0.6%	83	0.4%	
Greek	510	2.0%	2.7%	407	1.8%	
Macedonian	21	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Romanian	39	0.2%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Serbian	81	0.3%	0.5%	48	0.2%	
Slovene	15	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Cypriot	50	0.2%	0.2%	25	0.1%	
South Eastern European, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern European, nfd	21	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Belarusan	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Czech	27	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Estonian	20	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Hungarian	90	0.4%	0.4%	77	0.3%	
Latvian	48	0.2%	0.2%	58	0.3%	
Lithuanian	31	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Polish	268	1.1%	1.3%	201	0.9%	
Russian	135	0.5%	0.5%	115	0.5%	
Slovak	15	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Ukrainian	83	0.3%	0.4%	55	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	33	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	61	0.2%	0.2%	117	0.5%	
Algerian	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Egyptian	47	0.2%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Iraqi	27	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Jordanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lebanese	83	0.3%	0.4%	64	0.3%	–
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Moroccan	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Palestinian	7	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.1%	–
Saudi Arabian	33	0.1%	0.0%	52	0.2%	–
Syrian	8	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	–
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bahraini	–	–	–	–	–	–
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Omani	4	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.2%	–
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arab, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Jewish	24	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.1%	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Sudanese	6	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Sudanese	13	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	197	0.8%	0.4%	127	0.6%	–
Kurdish	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Turkish	55	0.2%	0.1%	28	0.1%	–
Assyrian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
South-East Asian, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	25	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	66	0.3%	0.4%	23	0.1%	–
Lao	10	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Thai	109	0.4%	0.2%	93	0.4%	–
Vietnamese	495	2.0%	1.6%	291	1.3%	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin	–	–	0.1%	15	0.1%	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Filipino	367	1.5%	1.3%	166	0.8%	
Indonesian	96	0.4%	0.2%	65	0.3%	
Javanese	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Malay	195	0.8%	0.2%	147	0.7%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	29	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Chinese	5,003	20.0%	4.1%	4,666	21.1%	
Taiwanese	68	0.3%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Chinese Asian, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other North–East Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	163	0.7%	0.2%	152	0.7%	
Korean	327	1.3%	0.3%	336	1.5%	
Mongolian	14	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	42	0.2%	0.2%	14	0.1%	
Anglo–Indian	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bengali	13	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	

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Burgher	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gujarati	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Indian	945	3.8%	3.0%	632	2.9%	
Malayali	18	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Nepalese	71	0.3%	0.6%	16	0.1%	
Pakistani	81	0.3%	0.3%	53	0.2%	
Punjabi	18	0.1%	0.7%	12	0.1%	
Sikh	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Sinhalese	64	0.3%	0.2%	19	0.1%	
Maldivian	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	44	0.2%	0.1%	39	0.2%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kashmiri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	83	0.3%	0.2%	99	0.4%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	73	0.3%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Telugu	21	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	34	0.1%	0.4%	26	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Armenian	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hazara	15	0.1%	0.5%	13	0.1%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	20	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
American	69	0.3%	0.2%	63	0.3%	
Canadian	53	0.2%	0.2%	35	0.2%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Argentinian	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bolivian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Brazilian	70	0.3%	0.1%	91	0.4%	
Chilean	19	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Colombian	86	0.3%	0.1%	39	0.2%	
Ecuadorian	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	19	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	9	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.1%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	30	0.1%	0.0%	36	0.2%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Puerto Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Caribbean Islander, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ghanaian	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigerian	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congolese	3	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaner	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrean	8	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Ethiopian	13	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	–
Kenyan	14	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Somali	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
South African	63	0.3%	0.4%	46	0.2%	–
Tanzanian	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Ugandan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zimbabwean	12	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Masai	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Burundian	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwandan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swazilander	–	–	–	–	–	–
Southern and East African, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Excludes ancestries with fewer than 10 responses (multi-response).

Data basis: usual residence.