

Community report

Alice Springs (T)

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

AREA

Alice Springs (T)

COMPARISON

Regional NT

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 Alice Springs (T) were English, Australian and Australian Aboriginal.

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

Alice Springs (T) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	103	0.4%	0.2%	68	0.3%	0.2%	+35	+0.1
Asian, so described	54	0.2%	0.1%	29	0.1%	0.1%	+25	+0.1
African, so described	280	1.1%	0.4%	148	0.6%	0.2%	+132	+0.5
European, so described	21	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	+9	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	29	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+22	+0.1
Australian	6,763	26.1%	16.8%	8,143	32.9%	22.0%	-1,380	-6.8
Australian Aboriginal	5,172	20.0%	49.1%	1,441	5.8%	39.6%	+3,731	+14.2
Australian South Sea Islander	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.1%	+3	0.0
Torres Strait Islander	116	0.4%	0.7%	16	0.1%	0.2%	+100	+0.3
Maori	460	1.8%	0.8%	441	1.8%	0.7%	+19	0.0
New Zealander	255	1.0%	0.5%	251	1.0%	0.6%	+4	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ni-Vanuatu	5	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	62	0.2%	0.2%	45	0.2%	
Solomon Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
I-Kiribati	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nauruan	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Polynesian, nfd	13	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	
Cook Islander	48	0.2%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Fijian	98	0.4%	0.3%	76	0.3%	
Niuean	16	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Samoan	178	0.7%	0.2%	119	0.5%	
Tongan	85	0.3%	0.2%	66	0.3%	
Hawaiian	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Tahitian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tokelauan	—	—	—	5	0.0%	
Tuvaluan	20	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	
Pitcairn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Polynesian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
North-West European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
British, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
English	6,972	26.9%	16.1%	7,305	29.5%	
Scottish	1,959	7.6%	4.5%	2,049	8.3%	
Welsh	135	0.5%	0.3%	126	0.5%	
Channel Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	

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Manx	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
British, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	2,390	9.2%	5.4%	2,481	10.0%	
Austrian	37	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	
Dutch	390	1.5%	0.8%	347	1.4%	
French	169	0.7%	0.3%	152	0.6%	
German	1,332	5.1%	2.8%	1,423	5.7%	
Swiss	47	0.2%	0.1%	47	0.2%	
Belgian	11	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.1%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Danish	83	0.3%	0.2%	84	0.3%	
Finnish	24	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Norwegian	32	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Swedish	66	0.3%	0.1%	45	0.2%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	606	2.3%	1.2%	529	2.1%	
Maltese	49	0.2%	0.1%	35	0.1%	
Portuguese	78	0.3%	0.1%	55	0.2%	
Spanish	101	0.4%	0.2%	83	0.3%	
South Eastern European, nfd	16	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.1%	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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Bulgarian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Croatian	34	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Greek	93	0.4%	0.2%	67	0.3%	
Macedonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Montenegrin	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	–	–	–	
Serbian	17	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.1%	
Slovene	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cypriot	18	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Eastern European, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.1%	
Czech	21	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.1%	
Estonian	15	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.1%	
Hungarian	37	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.2%	
Latvian	21	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.1%	
Lithuanian	20	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.1%	
Polish	148	0.6%	0.3%	137	0.6%	
Russian	47	0.2%	0.1%	47	0.2%	
Slovak	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ukrainian	30	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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Egyptian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Iraqi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	24	0.1%	0.0%	25	0.1%	
Moroccan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	–	–	–	
Syrian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	35	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	15	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Dinka	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South Sudanese	146	0.6%	0.2%	33	0.1%	
Sudanese	135	0.5%	0.2%	47	0.2%	
Iranian	17	0.1%	0.0%	27	0.1%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	–	5	0.0%	
Nubian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burmese	13	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Khmer (Cambodian)	20	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	90	0.3%	0.2%	68	0.3%	

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Vietnamese	101	0.4%	0.3%	87	0.4%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Filipino	719	2.8%	1.5%	598	2.4%	
Indonesian	68	0.3%	0.2%	26	0.1%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	29	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Timorese	13	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Singaporean	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South-East Asian, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Chinese	549	2.1%	1.1%	389	1.6%	
Taiwanese	48	0.2%	0.1%	51	0.2%	
Japanese	76	0.3%	0.1%	57	0.2%	
Korean	77	0.3%	0.1%	57	0.2%	
Mongolian	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nfd	55	0.2%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bengali	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Gujarati	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indian	939	3.6%	1.4%	848	3.4%	
Malayali	80	0.3%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Nepalese	229	0.9%	0.5%	62	0.3%	
Pakistani	63	0.2%	0.1%	44	0.2%	
Punjabi	225	0.9%	0.3%	58	0.2%	

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Sikh	125	0.5%	0.2%	22	0.1%	
Sinhalese	65	0.3%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Bangladeshi	27	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Bhutanese	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Fijian Indian	14	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.1%	
Sri Lankan	83	0.3%	0.1%	102	0.4%	
Tamil, nfd	20	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Telugu	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Southern Asian, nec	15	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	
Central Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Afghan	30	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Armenian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Pathan	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Uzbek	—	—	—	3	0.0%	
Hazara	3	0.0%	—	—	—	
Uighur	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	20	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	
North American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
African American	32	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
American	235	0.9%	0.3%	243	1.0%	
Canadian	57	0.2%	0.1%	48	0.2%	
French Canadian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	13	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	39	0.2%	0.1%	22	0.1%	

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North American, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
South American, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Argentinian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Brazilian	21	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Chilean	21	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Colombian	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Guyanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Peruvian	14	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	
Uruguayan	—	—	—	—	—	
Venezuelan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mexican	28	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Salvadoran	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Cuban	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Jamaican	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Central and West African, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Ghanaian	14	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Nigerian	27	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Yoruba	14	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	—	—	—	3	0.0%	
Cameroonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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Congolese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	
Ethiopian	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kenyan	46	0.2%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Mauritian	25	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Mozambican	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Namibian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	111	0.4%	0.2%	97	0.4%	
Tanzanian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zambian	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	120	0.5%	0.2%	106	0.4%	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Shona	15	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.1%	
Southern and East African, nec	14	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.