

Community report

Ashburton (S)

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Ashburton (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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 Ashburton (S) were Australian, English 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 totals represent responses rather than a single unduplicated person count.
- 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

Ashburton (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	9	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	0.1%	-15	0.0
Eurasian, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
African, so described	30	0.2%	0.1%	29	0.1%	0.1%	+1	+0.1
European, so described	11	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+2	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Australian	2,413	16.3%	18.2%	4,294	16.5%	19.9%	-1,881	-0.2
Australian Aboriginal	715	4.8%	3.9%	271	1.0%	1.5%	+444	+3.8
Australian South Sea Islander	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Torres Strait Islander	56	0.4%	0.1%	21	0.1%	0.1%
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori	239	1.6%	0.6%	396	1.5%	0.6%
New Zealander	110	0.7%	0.6%	255	1.0%	0.6%
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinean	6	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.1%	0.0%
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Cook Islander	19	0.1%	0.0%	33	0.1%	0.0%
Fijian	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Niuean	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.1%	0.0%
Samoan	24	0.2%	0.0%	34	0.1%	0.0%
Tongan	3	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.1%	0.0%
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Pitcairn	–	–	–	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
North–West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
English	2,268	15.3%	20.0%	4,063	15.6%	20.0%
Scottish	530	3.6%	4.5%	1,164	4.5%	–
Welsh	43	0.3%	0.4%	90	0.3%	–
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Irish	625	4.2%	4.3%	1,231	4.7%	–
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	14	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	–
Dutch	114	0.8%	1.0%	199	0.8%	–
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	33	0.2%	0.3%	51	0.2%	–
German	226	1.5%	1.7%	418	1.6%	–
Swiss	3	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.1%	–
Belgian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Danish	12	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Finnish	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	4	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.1%	0.1%
Swedish	16	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	0.1%
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Southern European, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Italian	169	1.1%	1.9%	328	1.3%	1.3%
Maltese	14	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	0.1%
Portuguese	7	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.1%	0.1%
Spanish	19	0.1%	0.2%	59	0.2%	0.2%
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Eastern European, nfd	8	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.1%	0.1%
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Bosnian	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Bulgarian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Croatian	41	0.3%	0.2%	58	0.2%	0.2%
Greek	15	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.2%	0.2%
Macedonian	16	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	0.1%
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbian	18	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	–
Slovene	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Cypriot	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	11	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Estonian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Hungarian	9	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	–
Latvian	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Polish	39	0.3%	0.3%	61	0.2%	–
Russian	21	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	–
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Ukrainian	8	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	–
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Egyptian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Iraqi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Lebanese	16	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arab, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jewish	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	–
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	7	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.1%	0.0%
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Burmese	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Khmer (Cambodian)	5	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.2%	0.0%
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Thai	54	0.4%	0.2%	45	0.2%	0.0%
Vietnamese	3	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.1%	0.0%
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Rohingya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Filipino	136	0.9%	0.8%	296	1.1%	0.0%
Indonesian	62	0.4%	0.1%	39	0.2%	0.0%
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Malay	16	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	0.0%
Sundanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Singaporean	9	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Chinese	68	0.5%	0.4%	193	0.7%	0.0%
Taiwanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	12	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Korean	–	–	0.0%	35	0.1%	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indian	57	0.4%	0.4%	179	0.7%	–
Malayali	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepalese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Pakistani	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Punjabi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sikh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	15	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bangladeshi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sri Lankan	9	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.1%	–
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Indian Tamil	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tamil, nfd	14	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Telugu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Afghan	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Armenian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kazakh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pathan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uzbek	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Azeri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hazara	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tatar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkmen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
North American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
African American	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
American	8	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	—
Canadian	18	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	—
French Canadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hispanic North American	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Native North American Indian	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Bermudan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
North American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
South American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Argentinian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bolivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Brazilian	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.1%	—
Chilean	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Colombian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ecuadorian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Guyanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Peruvian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Uruguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Venezuelan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
South American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mexican	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Nicaraguan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Salvadoran	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Costa Rican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Caribbean Islander, nfd	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Cuban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jamaican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Trinidadian Tobagonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Barbadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Caribbean Islander, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulani	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigerian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaner	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Angolan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	8	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.1%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Seychellois	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Somali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
South African	44	0.3%	0.4%	104	0.4%	—
Tanzanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ugandan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Zambian	14	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Zimbabwean	7	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.1%	—
Batswana	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Masai	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Zulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Burundian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Rwandan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Shona	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Swahili	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Swazilander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern and East African, nec	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Total	14,776	100.0%	100.0%	25,996	100.0%	100.0%

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

Data basis: usual residence.