

# Community report

## Ballarat (C)

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

AREA

**Ballarat (C)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Vic.**

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 Ballarat (C) were English, Australian and Irish.

## 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

Ballarat (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	179	0.2%	0.2%	192	0.2%	0.2%	-13	0.0
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	45	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	0.0%	+20	0.0
African, so described	150	0.1%	0.1%	97	0.1%	0.1%	+53	0.0
European, so described	80	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	0.0%	+24	0.0
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	44,841	39.4%	39.2%	40,280	39.6%	40.0%	+4,561	-0.2
Australian Aboriginal	1,997	1.8%	1.9%	172	0.2%	0.2%	+1,825	+1.6
Australian South Sea Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Torres Strait Islander	104	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	239	0.2%	0.3%	152	0.1%	
New Zealander	588	0.5%	0.5%	451	0.4%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	26	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Cook Islander	21	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Fijian	63	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Samoaan	65	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Tongan	28	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North–West European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
British, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
English	47,549	41.8%	40.6%	42,454	41.8%	4
Scottish	14,302	12.6%	11.7%	12,428	12.2%	1
Welsh	699	0.6%	0.6%	643	0.6%	
Channel Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Manx	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
British, nec	41	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	17,203	15.1%	12.9%	16,063	15.8%	1
Western European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	196	0.2%	0.2%	149	0.1%	
Dutch	3,178	2.8%	2.3%	2,655	2.6%	
Flemish	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
French	506	0.4%	0.4%	426	0.4%	
German	4,963	4.4%	4.6%	4,387	4.3%	
Swiss	193	0.2%	0.2%	153	0.2%	
Belgian	50	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	47	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Danish	256	0.2%	0.2%	194	0.2%	
Finnish	106	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.1%	
Icelandic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	109	0.1%	0.1%	69	0.1%	
Swedish	198	0.2%	0.2%	143	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	3,039	2.7%	3.9%	2,511	2.5%	
Maltese	659	0.6%	0.7%	434	0.4%	
Portuguese	93	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.1%	
Spanish	264	0.2%	0.3%	243	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South Eastern European, nfd	94	0.1%	0.1%	92	0.1%	
Albanian	27	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Bosnian	31	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Bulgarian	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Croatian	554	0.5%	0.6%	436	0.4%	
Greek	601	0.5%	0.6%	514	0.5%	
Macedonian	95	0.1%	0.2%	76	0.1%	
Moldovan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian	50	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbian	186	0.2%	0.2%	89	0.1%	
Slovene	87	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.1%	
Cypriot	51	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	45	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Belarusan	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Czech	70	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
Estonian	48	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Hungarian	261	0.2%	0.3%	216	0.2%	
Latvian	132	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	
Lithuanian	62	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Polish	681	0.6%	0.6%	525	0.5%	
Russian	238	0.2%	0.2%	182	0.2%	
Slovak	35	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Ukrainian	197	0.2%	0.2%	142	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	43	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
Algerian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	60	0.1%	0.1%	51	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Iraqi	38	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	115	0.1%	0.1%	115	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Palestinian	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tunisian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	46	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Darfur	–	–	–	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South Sudanese	75	0.1%	0.0%	61	0.1%	
Sudanese	59	0.1%	0.0%	84	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Iranian	102	0.1%	0.1%	79	0.1%	
Kurdish	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Turkish	63	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	30	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	36	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Lao	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Thai	187	0.2%	0.2%	133	0.1%	
Vietnamese	215	0.2%	0.2%	118	0.1%	
Karen	3	0.0%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Filipino	891	0.8%	0.8%	560	0.6%	
Indonesian	125	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.1%	
Javanese	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Malay	116	0.1%	0.1%	69	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chinese	1,929	1.7%	1.1%	1,633	1.6%	
Taiwanese	28	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	198	0.2%	0.1%	148	0.1%	
Korean	104	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	94	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Anglo–Indian	19	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bengali	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	29	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Indian	1,969	1.7%	1.0%	1,128	1.1%	
Malayali	99	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Nepalese	224	0.2%	0.1%	46	0.0%	
Pakistani	206	0.2%	0.1%	97	0.1%	
Punjabi	395	0.3%	0.2%	49	0.0%	
Sikh	220	0.2%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Sinhalese	174	0.2%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Maldivian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	92	0.1%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	215	0.2%	0.1%	172	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	105	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Telugu	45	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Afghan	19	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Armenian	16	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	22	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Hazara	17	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North American, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
African American	21	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
American	297	0.3%	0.2%	233	0.2%	
Canadian	132	0.1%	0.1%	103	0.1%	
French Canadian	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	30	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Argentinian	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	54	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Chilean	61	0.1%	0.0%	39	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Colombian	36	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Uruguayan	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Venezuelan	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	–	–	–	
South American, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	28	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Central and West African, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	31	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Nigerian	32	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Yoruba	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Igbo	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	–	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	31	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.1%	
Central and West African, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kenyan	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	64	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Somali	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
South African	253	0.2%	0.2%	152	0.1%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ugandan	18	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zambian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	80	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	–	–	–	
Batswana	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burundian	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Shona	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.