

Community report

Ballina (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Ballina (A) 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

Ballina (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	93	0.2%	0.2%	66	0.2%	0.2%	+27	0.0
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
African, so described	31	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.0%	0.1%	+13	+0.1
European, so described	21	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.1%	0.1%	0	-0.1
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	18,173	39.3%	40.2%	16,767	40.1%	42.5%	+1,406	-0.8
Australian Aboriginal	1,716	3.7%	6.1%	257	0.6%	0.8%	+1,459	+3.1
Australian South Sea Islander	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	85	0.2%	0.2%	13	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	178	0.4%	0.4%	123	0.3%	
New Zealander	403	0.9%	0.6%	355	0.8%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	25	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cook Islander	30	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian	36	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	24	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Tongan	29	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
English	20,575	44.4%	40.9%	18,333	43.9%	4
Scottish	5,818	12.6%	10.7%	5,073	12.1%	1
Welsh	378	0.8%	0.7%	297	0.7%	
Channel Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Manx	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	6,679	14.4%	11.8%	6,089	14.6%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	104	0.2%	0.2%	81	0.2%	
Dutch	709	1.5%	1.4%	580	1.4%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
French	353	0.8%	0.5%	278	0.7%	
German	2,125	4.6%	4.2%	1,829	4.4%	
Swiss	112	0.2%	0.1%	121	0.3%	
Belgian	29	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Frisian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	171	0.4%	0.2%	149	0.4%	
Finnish	60	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	92	0.2%	0.1%	65	0.2%	
Swedish	131	0.3%	0.2%	94	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,519	3.3%	2.8%	1,207	2.9%	
Maltese	186	0.4%	0.5%	124	0.3%	
Portuguese	74	0.2%	0.2%	33	0.1%	
Spanish	164	0.4%	0.4%	117	0.3%	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	27	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Albanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Croatian	119	0.3%	0.4%	67	0.2%	
Greek	220	0.5%	0.6%	180	0.4%	
Macedonian	16	0.0%	0.5%	12	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	48	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.1%	
Slovene	25	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Cypriot	27	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	38	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Estonian	31	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Hungarian	107	0.2%	0.2%	95	0.2%	
Latvian	44	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	
Lithuanian	33	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Polish	250	0.5%	0.6%	173	0.4%	
Russian	112	0.2%	0.2%	80	0.2%	
Slovak	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ukrainian	51	0.1%	0.2%	50	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	14	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Iraqi	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Jordanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	79	0.2%	0.3%	56	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	34	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	31	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Kurdish	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Turkish	18	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	16	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lao	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Thai	157	0.3%	0.2%	76	0.2%	
Vietnamese	74	0.2%	0.2%	42	0.1%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	256	0.6%	0.8%	156	0.4%	
Indonesian	57	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	23	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	388	0.8%	1.0%	296	0.7%	
Taiwanese	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	130	0.3%	0.1%	82	0.2%	
Korean	28	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Mongolian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	9	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bengali	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Burgher	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Gujarati	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indian	299	0.6%	0.8%	213	0.5%	
Malayali	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Nepalese	34	0.1%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Pakistani	12	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Punjabi	41	0.1%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Sikh	33	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	
Sinhalese	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Maldivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bangladeshi	9	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Bhutanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Fijian Indian	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kashmiri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Parsi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sri Lankan	39	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Indian Tamil	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tamil, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Telugu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
African American	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
American	149	0.3%	0.3%	120	0.3%	
Canadian	128	0.3%	0.2%	104	0.2%	
French Canadian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	20	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Argentinian	20	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bolivian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Brazilian	94	0.2%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Chilean	53	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Colombian	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	16	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Uruguayan	17	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Venezuelan	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	23	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	23	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	193	0.4%	0.3%	149	0.4%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.