

Community report

Balranald (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 Balranald (A) were Australian, English and Italian.

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

Balranald (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	3	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
African, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
European, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	780	17.7%	20.1%	951	20.9%	21.3%	-171	-3.2
Australian Aboriginal	146	3.3%	3.1%	39	0.9%	0.4%	+107	+2.4
Australian South Sea Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	9	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	5	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.2%	
New Zealander	–	–	0.3%	3	0.1%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	27	0.6%	0.1%	17	0.4%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	–	–	0.1%	8	0.2%	
Tongan	27	0.6%	0.1%	12	0.3%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	721	16.4%	20.5%	753	16.6%	20.5%
Scottish	181	4.1%	5.4%	176	3.9%	5.4%
Welsh	10	0.2%	0.3%	3	0.1%	0.3%
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Irish	214	4.9%	5.9%	299	6.6%	5.9%
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%
Dutch	8	0.2%	0.7%	8	0.2%	0.7%
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	3	0.1%	0.3%	3	0.1%	0.3%
German	67	1.5%	2.1%	77	1.7%	2.1%
Swiss	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%
Belgian	3	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Finnish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.1%	6	0.1%	
Swedish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	266	6.0%	1.4%	263	5.8%	
Maltese	9	0.2%	0.3%	4	0.1%	
Portuguese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Spanish	3	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.1%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	3	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.1%	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Greek	10	0.2%	0.3%	6	0.1%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cypriot	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	3	0.1%	0.3%	7	0.2%	
Russian	5	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.1%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iraqi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	–	–	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	3	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.1%	–
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	8	0.2%	0.1%	7	0.2%	–
Vietnamese	13	0.3%	0.1%	3	0.1%	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	9	0.2%	0.4%	3	0.1%	
Indonesian	3	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	16	0.4%	0.0%	10	0.2%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	3	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	39	0.9%	0.5%	6	0.1%	
Taiwanese	5	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.1%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Korean	–	–	0.1%	3	0.1%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.1%	

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Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indian	11	0.2%	0.4%	4	0.1%	–
Malayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepalese	3	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.1%	–
Pakistani	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Punjabi	4	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Sikh	8	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bangladeshi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sri Lankan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tamil, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.1%	–
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American	–	–	0.1%	3	0.1%	
Canadian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chilean	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Colombian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	–	–	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%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Total	4,402	100.0%	100.0%	4,549	100.0%	100.0%

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

Data basis: usual residence.