

Community report

Bass Coast (S)

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

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Bass Coast (S)

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 Bass Coast (S) 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

Bass Coast (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	59	0.1%	0.2%	65	0.2%	0.2%	-6	-0.1
Eurasian, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Asian, so described	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+7	0.0
African, so described	19	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.1%	+14	0.0
European, so described	30	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	0.0%	+14	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	15,562	38.2%	39.2%	13,080	39.9%	40.0%	+2,482	-1.7
Australian Aboriginal	452	1.1%	1.9%	30	0.1%	0.2%	+422	+1.0
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Torres Strait Islander	25	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	139	0.3%	0.3%	106	0.3%	
New Zealander	258	0.6%	0.5%	222	0.7%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian	16	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoaan	23	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Tongan	12	0.0%	0.1%	13	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
English	17,689	43.4%	40.6%	13,932	42.5%	4
Scottish	5,062	12.4%	11.7%	3,990	12.2%	1
Welsh	313	0.8%	0.6%	242	0.7%	
Channel Islander	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Manx	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
British, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	5,139	12.6%	12.9%	3,953	12.1%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	86	0.2%	0.2%	58	0.2%	
Dutch	1,254	3.1%	2.3%	888	2.7%	
Flemish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
French	228	0.6%	0.4%	155	0.5%	
German	1,566	3.8%	4.6%	1,149	3.5%	
Swiss	84	0.2%	0.2%	64	0.2%	
Belgian	13	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	23	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Danish	129	0.3%	0.2%	93	0.3%	
Finnish	26	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	67	0.2%	0.1%	56	0.2%	
Swedish	98	0.2%	0.2%	67	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	2,011	4.9%	3.9%	1,515	4.6%	
Maltese	265	0.6%	0.7%	194	0.6%	
Portuguese	36	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Spanish	109	0.3%	0.3%	93	0.3%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	40	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Albanian	5	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Bosnian	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bulgarian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	138	0.3%	0.6%	79	0.2%	
Greek	342	0.8%	0.6%	234	0.7%	
Macedonian	59	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.1%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian	32	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	50	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.1%	
Slovene	22	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Cypriot	27	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Belarusan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	23	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Estonian	20	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hungarian	124	0.3%	0.3%	92	0.3%	
Latvian	42	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	
Lithuanian	21	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Polish	250	0.6%	0.6%	154	0.5%	
Russian	85	0.2%	0.2%	72	0.2%	
Slovak	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	69	0.2%	0.2%	60	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	4	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	14	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Iraqi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	41	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Libyan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	19	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	–	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sudanese	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	39	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	6	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.1%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	20	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Thai	92	0.2%	0.2%	51	0.2%	
Vietnamese	63	0.2%	0.2%	48	0.1%	
Karen	29	0.1%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Filipino	233	0.6%	0.8%	105	0.3%	
Indonesian	48	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	18	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	326	0.8%	1.1%	250	0.8%	
Taiwanese	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	59	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Korean	16	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	11	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Anglo–Indian	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Indian	241	0.6%	1.0%	168	0.5%	
Malayali	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	45	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Pakistani	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Punjabi	40	0.1%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Sikh	33	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Sinhalese	44	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	59	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	15	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	8	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Armenian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
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	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
American	104	0.3%	0.2%	98	0.3%	
Canadian	62	0.2%	0.1%	49	0.1%	
French Canadian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Argentinian	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Chilean	39	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.1%	

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

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	–	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	72	0.2%	0.1%	38	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South African	119	0.3%	0.2%	82	0.2%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	20	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	–	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.