

Community report

Baw Baw (S)

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

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Baw Baw (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 Baw Baw (S) were English, Australian and Scottish.

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

Baw Baw (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	122	0.2%	0.2%	91	0.2%	0.2%	+31	0.0
Eurasian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Asian, so described	19	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+16	0.0
African, so described	79	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.1%	0.1%	+31	0.0
European, so described	45	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	0.0%	+11	0.0
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	24,235	42.1%	39.2%	20,540	42.4%	40.0%	+3,695	-0.3
Australian Aboriginal	728	1.3%	1.9%	51	0.1%	0.2%	+677	+1.2
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Torres Strait Islander	31	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	161	0.3%	0.3%	66	0.1%	
New Zealander	415	0.7%	0.5%	343	0.7%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	–	6	0.0%	
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cook Islander	18	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Fijian	15	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	32	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Tongan	12	0.0%	0.1%	3	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
English	24,859	43.1%	40.6%	20,691	42.7%	4
Scottish	6,637	11.5%	11.7%	5,377	11.1%	1
Welsh	332	0.6%	0.6%	261	0.5%	
Channel Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Manx	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
British, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	6,636	11.5%	12.9%	5,847	12.1%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	138	0.2%	0.2%	100	0.2%	
Dutch	2,079	3.6%	2.3%	1,653	3.4%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	279	0.5%	0.4%	227	0.5%	
German	2,441	4.2%	4.6%	2,047	4.2%	
Swiss	99	0.2%	0.2%	72	0.1%	
Belgian	33	0.1%	0.0%	25	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Danish	190	0.3%	0.2%	149	0.3%	
Finnish	34	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.1%	
Icelandic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	99	0.2%	0.1%	67	0.1%	
Swedish	81	0.1%	0.2%	54	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	2,058	3.6%	3.9%	1,649	3.4%	
Maltese	320	0.6%	0.7%	238	0.5%	
Portuguese	41	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Spanish	155	0.3%	0.3%	120	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South Eastern European, nfd	56	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.1%	
Albanian	22	0.0%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Bosnian	25	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bulgarian	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Croatian	207	0.4%	0.6%	155	0.3%	
Greek	279	0.5%	0.6%	228	0.5%	
Macedonian	35	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian	66	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	104	0.2%	0.2%	47	0.1%	
Slovene	50	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.1%	
Cypriot	37	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	31	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Belarusan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	54	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Estonian	27	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Hungarian	238	0.4%	0.3%	148	0.3%	
Latvian	50	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
Lithuanian	33	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Polish	393	0.7%	0.6%	287	0.6%	
Russian	130	0.2%	0.2%	78	0.2%	
Slovak	29	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Ukrainian	112	0.2%	0.2%	97	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	17	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	21	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	

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Iraqi	6	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Jordanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kuwaiti	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Lebanese	35	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Libyan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Moroccan	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Palestinian	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Saudi Arabian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Syrian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tunisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Yemeni	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Emirati	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Omani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Arab, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jewish	17	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Darfur	—	—	—	—	—	
Dinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nuer	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South Sudanese	12	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Sudanese	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	21	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Kurdish	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	32	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Assyrian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Lao	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	92	0.2%	0.2%	45	0.1%	
Vietnamese	108	0.2%	0.2%	37	0.1%	
Karen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Filipino	311	0.5%	0.8%	172	0.4%	
Indonesian	78	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	28	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	485	0.8%	1.1%	328	0.7%	
Taiwanese	63	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	43	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Korean	18	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	17	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Anglo–Indian	13	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Indian	470	0.8%	1.0%	227	0.5%	
Malayali	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nepalese	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Pakistani	47	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Punjabi	70	0.1%	0.2%	14	0.0%	
Sikh	34	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Sinhalese	81	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bhutanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	133	0.2%	0.1%	102	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	41	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Telugu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	6	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Armenian	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Uzbek	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	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	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
North American, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
African American	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
American	124	0.2%	0.2%	102	0.2%	
Canadian	75	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
French Canadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bermudan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
North American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Argentinian	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bolivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Brazilian	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chilean	37	0.1%	0.0%	22	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Colombian	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguayan	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	–	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Salvadoran	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	8	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	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kenyan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	97	0.2%	0.1%	64	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	199	0.3%	0.2%	97	0.2%	
Tanzanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	29	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	–	–	–	
Batswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.