

# Community report

## Bega Valley (A)

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

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**Bega Valley (A)**

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 Bega Valley (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

Bega Valley (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	63	0.2%	0.2%	58	0.2%	0.2%	+5	0.0
Eurasian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Asian, so described	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
African, so described	9	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.1%	+2	0.0
European, so described	32	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	0.1%	+8	0.0
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Australian	14,618	40.7%	40.2%	13,988	42.1%	42.5%	+630	-1.4
Australian Aboriginal	1,297	3.6%	6.1%	132	0.4%	0.8%	+1,165	+3.2
Australian South Sea Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	41	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	127	0.4%	0.4%	74	0.2%	
New Zealander	185	0.5%	0.6%	157	0.5%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	–	–	0.0%	3	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%	3	0.0%	
Cook Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	21	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	15	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Tongan	12	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Hawaiian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Pitcairn	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
English	15,737	43.8%	40.9%	14,434	43.4%	4
Scottish	4,092	11.4%	10.7%	3,732	11.2%	1
Welsh	246	0.7%	0.7%	224	0.7%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Manx	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
British, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	4,666	13.0%	11.8%	4,148	12.5%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	87	0.2%	0.2%	69	0.2%	
Dutch	735	2.0%	1.4%	648	1.9%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	195	0.5%	0.5%	165	0.5%	
German	1,841	5.1%	4.2%	1,670	5.0%	
Swiss	68	0.2%	0.1%	82	0.2%	
Belgian	30	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	24	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	111	0.3%	0.2%	80	0.2%	
Finnish	53	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	113	0.3%	0.1%	100	0.3%	
Swedish	85	0.2%	0.2%	65	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	687	1.9%	2.8%	543	1.6%	
Maltese	148	0.4%	0.5%	131	0.4%	
Portuguese	34	0.1%	0.2%	30	0.1%	
Spanish	84	0.2%	0.4%	68	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	19	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Albanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bulgarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Croatian	94	0.3%	0.4%	50	0.2%	
Greek	128	0.4%	0.6%	95	0.3%	
Macedonian	9	0.0%	0.5%	10	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	32	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.0%	
Slovene	27	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Cypriot	22	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Belarusan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	49	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Estonian	22	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Hungarian	106	0.3%	0.2%	97	0.3%	
Latvian	45	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Lithuanian	23	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Polish	199	0.6%	0.6%	172	0.5%	
Russian	83	0.2%	0.2%	72	0.2%	
Slovak	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ukrainian	44	0.1%	0.2%	46	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Algerian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	14	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Iraqi	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	37	0.1%	0.3%	34	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	3	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	16	0.0%	0.0%	16	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	8	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	15	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	93	0.3%	0.2%	72	0.2%	–
Vietnamese	33	0.1%	0.2%	24	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	189	0.5%	0.8%	145	0.4%	
Indonesian	21	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Javanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	15	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	244	0.7%	1.0%	199	0.6%	
Taiwanese	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	36	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Korean	21	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Mongolian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	128	0.4%	0.8%	70	0.2%	
Malayali	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	44	0.1%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Pakistani	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Punjabi	9	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Sikh	10	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	12	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	23	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	–	–	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	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%	4	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American	123	0.3%	0.3%	82	0.2%	
Canadian	74	0.2%	0.2%	43	0.1%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	7	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.1%	
Bolivian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Brazilian	12	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Chilean	23	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Colombian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	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	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	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	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	79	0.2%	0.3%	85	0.3%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	5	0.0%	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%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.