

Community report

Bellingen (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 Bellingen (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

Bellingen (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	23	0.2%	0.2%	27	0.2%	0.2%	-4	0.0
Eurasian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Asian, so described	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
African, so described	6	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
European, so described	25	0.2%	0.1%	14	0.1%	0.1%	+11	+0.1
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	5,194	39.2%	40.2%	5,318	42.0%	42.5%	-124	-2.8
Australian Aboriginal	525	4.0%	6.1%	73	0.6%	0.8%	+452	+3.4
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	16	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	40	0.3%	0.4%	36	0.3%	
New Zealander	110	0.8%	0.6%	94	0.7%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	7	0.1%	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%	6	0.0%	
Fijian	15	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	11	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Tongan	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	
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%	5	0.0%	
British, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
English	5,822	43.9%	40.9%	5,587	44.1%	4
Scottish	1,699	12.8%	10.7%	1,551	12.2%	1
Welsh	123	0.9%	0.7%	108	0.9%	
Channel Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	1,879	14.2%	11.8%	1,745	13.8%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	39	0.3%	0.2%	37	0.3%	
Dutch	248	1.9%	1.4%	214	1.7%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	99	0.7%	0.5%	106	0.8%	
German	671	5.1%	4.2%	615	4.9%	
Swiss	43	0.3%	0.1%	37	0.3%	
Belgian	13	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	14	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	54	0.4%	0.2%	36	0.3%	
Finnish	9	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	37	0.3%	0.1%	26	0.2%	
Swedish	40	0.3%	0.2%	35	0.3%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	213	1.6%	2.8%	207	1.6%	
Maltese	55	0.4%	0.5%	25	0.2%	
Portuguese	17	0.1%	0.2%	13	0.1%	
Spanish	60	0.5%	0.4%	47	0.4%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	38	0.3%	0.4%	23	0.2%	
Greek	40	0.3%	0.6%	49	0.4%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.5%	4	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	15	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	13	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Slovene	12	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	
Cypriot	8	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.1%	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	12	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Estonian	7	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Hungarian	53	0.4%	0.2%	48	0.4%	
Latvian	12	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Lithuanian	13	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Polish	84	0.6%	0.6%	64	0.5%	
Russian	42	0.3%	0.2%	31	0.2%	
Slovak	9	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ukrainian	19	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Iraqi	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	14	0.1%	0.3%	17	0.1%	
Libyan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	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	28	0.2%	0.0%	13	0.1%	
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	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	6	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	7	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.1%	–
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%	3	0.0%	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	17	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.1%	–
Vietnamese	9	0.1%	0.2%	14	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	57	0.4%	0.8%	28	0.2%	
Indonesian	18	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	84	0.6%	1.0%	55	0.4%	
Taiwanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	12	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Korean	8	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Mongolian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	26	0.2%	0.8%	28	0.2%	
Malayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	12	0.1%	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Pakistani	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Punjabi	7	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Sikh	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	6	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.1%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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%	5	0.0%	
African American	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American	42	0.3%	0.3%	33	0.3%	
Canadian	29	0.2%	0.2%	16	0.1%	
French Canadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Argentinian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Brazilian	13	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Chilean	15	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	
Colombian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.1%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	7	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	44	0.3%	0.3%	29	0.2%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	–	–	0.0%	3	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.