

Community report

Benalla (RC)

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

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Benalla (RC)

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 Benalla (RC) 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

Benalla (RC) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	30	0.2%	0.2%	69	0.5%	0.2%	-39	-0.3
Eurasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Asian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
African, so described	4	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
European, so described	8	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+2	+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	5,768	39.7%	39.2%	5,839	42.1%	40.0%	-71	-2.4
Australian Aboriginal	256	1.8%	1.9%	12	0.1%	0.2%	+244	+1.7
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Torres Strait Islander	14	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	14	0.1%	0.3%	15	0.1%	
New Zealander	44	0.3%	0.5%	44	0.3%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	17	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tongan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	6,230	42.9%	40.6%	5,708	41.2%	4
Scottish	1,919	13.2%	11.7%	1,759	12.7%	1
Welsh	88	0.6%	0.6%	91	0.7%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	2,082	14.3%	12.9%	1,901	13.7%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	26	0.2%	0.2%	38	0.3%	
Dutch	275	1.9%	2.3%	240	1.7%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	59	0.4%	0.4%	49	0.4%	
German	721	5.0%	4.6%	675	4.9%	
Swiss	21	0.1%	0.2%	16	0.1%	
Belgian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Danish	35	0.2%	0.2%	23	0.2%	
Finnish	6	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	6	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Swedish	13	0.1%	0.2%	17	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	370	2.5%	3.9%	323	2.3%	
Maltese	52	0.4%	0.7%	61	0.4%	
Portuguese	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Spanish	23	0.2%	0.3%	17	0.1%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	11	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Albanian	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	22	0.2%	0.6%	13	0.1%	
Greek	69	0.5%	0.6%	45	0.3%	
Macedonian	7	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.1%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	12	0.1%	0.2%	14	0.1%	
Slovene	6	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.1%	
Cypriot	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	11	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	9	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Estonian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hungarian	29	0.2%	0.3%	25	0.2%	
Latvian	13	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Lithuanian	8	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Polish	86	0.6%	0.6%	101	0.7%	
Russian	34	0.2%	0.2%	23	0.2%	
Slovak	11	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	27	0.2%	0.2%	31	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Iraqi	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	21	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	9	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	–	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	6	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	12	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	10	0.1%	0.2%	17	0.1%	
Vietnamese	5	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Karen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Filipino	62	0.4%	0.8%	42	0.3%	
Indonesian	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	4	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	12	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.1%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	95	0.7%	1.1%	103	0.7%	
Taiwanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	11	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	
Korean	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	12	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Anglo–Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Indian	94	0.6%	1.0%	68	0.5%	
Malayali	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	23	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Pakistani	11	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Punjabi	26	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	
Sikh	7	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.1%	
Sinhalese	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	9	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American	21	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.2%	
Canadian	19	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
French Canadian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chilean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Colombian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	–	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	–	–	0.0%	5	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%	–	–	
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%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	5	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	16	0.1%	0.2%	8	0.1%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	–	–	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.