

Community report

Boroondara (C)

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

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Boroondara (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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 Boroondara (C) were English, Australian and Chinese.

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

Boroondara (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	280	0.2%	0.3%	314	0.2%	0.3%	-34	0.0
Eurasian, so described	45	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	0.0%	-12	0.0
Asian, so described	69	0.0%	0.1%	82	0.0%	0.1%	-13	0.0
African, so described	119	0.1%	0.3%	87	0.1%	0.2%	+32	0.0
European, so described	254	0.2%	0.1%	216	0.1%	0.1%	+38	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Creole, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	40,218	24.0%	23.4%	41,214	24.6%	24.0%	-996	-0.6
Australian Aboriginal	441	0.3%	0.7%	63	0.0%	0.1%	+378	+0.3
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Torres Strait Islander	53	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Norfolk Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori	233	0.1%	0.4%	197	0.1%	—
New Zealander	1,002	0.6%	0.6%	1,315	0.8%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Caledonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ni-Vanuatu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Papua New Guinean	26	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	—
Solomon Islander	14	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Micronesian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
I-Kiribati	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Nauruan	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Micronesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polynesian, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Cook Islander	20	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	—
Fijian	87	0.1%	0.1%	82	0.0%	—
Niuean	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Samoan	44	0.0%	0.4%	59	0.0%	—
Tongan	91	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.0%	—
Hawaiian	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Tahitian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Pitcairn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polynesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
North-West European, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%
British, nfd	86	0.1%	0.0%	64	0.0%	0.0%
English	48,730	29.0%	25.6%	49,498	29.6%	25.6%
Scottish	16,674	9.9%	7.1%	16,621	9.9%	7.1%
Welsh	1,023	0.6%	0.5%	1,000	0.6%	0.5%
Channel Islander	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Manx	18	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	0.0%
British, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Irish	19,839	11.8%	8.3%	21,148	12.6%	8.3%
Western European, nfd	—	—	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Austrian	572	0.3%	0.2%	544	0.3%	0.2%
Dutch	2,242	1.3%	1.5%	2,086	1.2%	1.5%
Flemish	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
French	1,254	0.7%	0.6%	1,276	0.8%	0.6%
German	5,520	3.3%	2.9%	5,510	3.3%	2.9%
Swiss	367	0.2%	0.1%	346	0.2%	0.1%
Belgian	100	0.1%	0.0%	97	0.1%	0.0%
Frisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Luxembourg	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Western European, nec	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Northern European, nfd	58	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	0.0%

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	515	0.3%	0.2%	480	0.3%	
Finnish	149	0.1%	0.1%	96	0.1%	
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norwegian	254	0.2%	0.1%	196	0.1%	
Swedish	366	0.2%	0.2%	351	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	27	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Catalan	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Italian	10,884	6.5%	6.6%	10,121	6.1%	
Maltese	847	0.5%	1.4%	711	0.4%	
Portuguese	279	0.2%	0.3%	244	0.1%	
Spanish	630	0.4%	0.5%	597	0.4%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	100	0.1%	0.1%	163	0.1%	
Albanian	99	0.1%	0.2%	83	0.0%	
Bosnian	87	0.1%	0.2%	46	0.0%	
Bulgarian	86	0.1%	0.0%	76	0.0%	
Croatian	958	0.6%	0.9%	766	0.5%	
Greek	7,771	4.6%	3.5%	7,637	4.6%	
Macedonian	677	0.4%	0.9%	578	0.3%	
Moldovan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	26	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Romanian	214	0.1%	0.2%	176	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	407	0.2%	0.5%	337	0.2%	
Slovene	279	0.2%	0.1%	272	0.2%	
Cypriot	457	0.3%	0.3%	407	0.2%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	123	0.1%	0.1%	138	0.1%	
Belarusan	52	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Czech	273	0.2%	0.1%	280	0.2%	
Estonian	99	0.1%	0.0%	97	0.1%	
Hungarian	772	0.5%	0.4%	748	0.4%	
Latvian	367	0.2%	0.1%	347	0.2%	
Lithuanian	221	0.1%	0.1%	229	0.1%	
Polish	1,828	1.1%	1.1%	1,710	1.0%	
Russian	742	0.4%	0.5%	745	0.4%	
Slovak	90	0.1%	0.1%	73	0.0%	
Ukrainian	402	0.2%	0.3%	350	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	82	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	157	0.1%	0.3%	206	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Algerian	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Egyptian	460	0.3%	0.4%	340	0.2%	
Iraqi	57	0.0%	0.3%	133	0.1%	
Jordanian	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Lebanese	653	0.4%	1.0%	584	0.3%	
Libyan	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Moroccan	31	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Palestinian	40	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	24	0.0%	0.0%	137	0.1%	
Syrian	79	0.0%	0.2%	83	0.0%	
Tunisian	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	379	0.2%	0.3%	271	0.2%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	13	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sudanese	15	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Iranian	1,079	0.6%	0.5%	802	0.5%	
Kurdish	17	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
Turkish	373	0.2%	0.8%	313	0.2%	
Assyrian	45	0.0%	0.2%	36	0.0%	
Chaldean	11	0.0%	0.2%	13	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	148	0.1%	0.1%	141	0.1%	
South-East Asian, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burmese	97	0.1%	0.2%	67	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	126	0.1%	0.5%	77	0.0%	
Lao	46	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Thai	534	0.3%	0.4%	531	0.3%	
Vietnamese	2,787	1.7%	2.4%	2,479	1.5%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Karen	4	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Mon	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chin	—	—	0.1%	5	0.0%	—
Rohingya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Filipino	890	0.5%	1.7%	733	0.4%	—
Indonesian	618	0.4%	0.4%	565	0.3%	—
Javanese	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	—
Madurese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malay	949	0.6%	0.4%	720	0.4%	—
Sundanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	40	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Bruneian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kadazan	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Singaporean	142	0.1%	0.1%	103	0.1%	—
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	41	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Chinese	30,512	18.2%	8.3%	25,049	15.0%	—
Taiwanese	463	0.3%	0.1%	309	0.2%	—
Chinese Asian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Japanese	682	0.4%	0.3%	630	0.4%	—
Korean	926	0.6%	0.4%	900	0.5%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	26	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Tibetan	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	248	0.1%	0.3%	115	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	106	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.1%	
Bengali	66	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Burgher	62	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Gujarati	121	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.0%	
Indian	5,677	3.4%	5.3%	5,779	3.5%	
Malayali	64	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Nepalese	206	0.1%	0.4%	141	0.1%	
Pakistani	323	0.2%	0.6%	251	0.2%	
Punjabi	205	0.1%	1.0%	60	0.0%	
Sikh	71	0.0%	0.5%	41	0.0%	
Sinhalese	561	0.3%	0.6%	239	0.1%	
Maldivian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	134	0.1%	0.2%	156	0.1%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	45	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Kashmiri	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sindhi	35	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Sri Lankan	1,501	0.9%	1.0%	1,580	0.9%	

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Sri Lankan Tamil	90	0.1%	0.0%	77	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	16	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	555	0.3%	0.5%	144	0.1%	
Telugu	88	0.1%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	49	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	54	0.0%	0.4%	38	0.0%	
Armenian	142	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.1%	
Georgian	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	10	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Uzbek	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Azeri	7	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Hazara	7	0.0%	0.4%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Turkmen	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	5	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	75	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.0%	
North American, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
African American	24	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
American	648	0.4%	0.3%	648	0.4%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Canadian	309	0.2%	0.1%	275	0.2%	
French Canadian	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	42	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	23	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	63	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Argentinian	82	0.0%	0.1%	65	0.0%	
Bolivian	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Brazilian	158	0.1%	0.1%	121	0.1%	
Chilean	177	0.1%	0.2%	133	0.1%	
Colombian	278	0.2%	0.2%	264	0.2%	
Ecuadorian	5	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Guyanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Peruvian	69	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Uruguayan	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Venezuelan	54	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	77	0.0%	0.1%	90	0.1%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Salvadoran	22	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mayan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Cuban	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Jamaican	36	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Nigerian	43	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Congolese	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Southern and East African, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Afrikaner	18	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Eritrean	9	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Ethiopian	38	0.0%	0.2%	24	0.0%	–
Kenyan	44	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	256	0.2%	0.3%	231	0.1%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Namibian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychellois	32	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	–
Somali	10	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
South African	779	0.5%	0.5%	764	0.5%	–
Tanzanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Ugandan	24	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Zambian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Zimbabwean	72	0.0%	0.1%	61	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.