

Community report

Brimbank (C)

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

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Brimbank (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 Brimbank (C) were Vietnamese, Australian and English.

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

Brimbank (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	744	0.4%	0.3%	746	0.4%	0.3%	-2	0.0
Eurasian, so described	20	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Asian, so described	365	0.2%	0.1%	338	0.2%	0.1%	+27	0.0
African, so described	899	0.5%	0.3%	851	0.4%	0.2%	+48	+0.1
European, so described	248	0.1%	0.1%	180	0.1%	0.1%	+68	0.0
Caucasian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	123	0.1%	0.0%	202	0.1%	0.0%	-79	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Australian	24,547	12.6%	23.4%	24,040	12.4%	24.0%	+507	+0.2
Australian Aboriginal	847	0.4%	0.7%	278	0.1%	0.1%	+569	+0.3
Australian South Sea Islander	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Torres Strait Islander	152	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	—
Norfolk Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori	841	0.4%	0.4%	1,008	0.5%	—
New Zealander	644	0.3%	0.6%	714	0.4%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	—
New Caledonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ni-Vanuatu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Papua New Guinean	54	0.0%	0.0%	86	0.0%	—
Solomon Islander	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Micronesian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
I-Kiribati	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Nauruan	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	—
Micronesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polynesian, nfd	37	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	—
Cook Islander	302	0.2%	0.1%	324	0.2%	—
Fijian	406	0.2%	0.1%	394	0.2%	—
Niuean	91	0.0%	0.0%	121	0.1%	—
Samoan	1,975	1.0%	0.4%	2,046	1.1%	—
Tongan	716	0.4%	0.1%	869	0.4%	—
Hawaiian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Tahitian	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	—
Tokelauan	19	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	21	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	47	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
English	22,557	11.6%	25.6%	22,781	11.7%	25.6%
Scottish	4,851	2.5%	7.1%	4,944	2.5%	
Welsh	263	0.1%	0.5%	262	0.1%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Manx	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
British, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	5,785	3.0%	8.3%	6,347	3.3%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	246	0.1%	0.2%	262	0.1%	
Dutch	865	0.4%	1.5%	836	0.4%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	491	0.3%	0.6%	469	0.2%	
German	2,820	1.4%	2.9%	3,324	1.7%	
Swiss	86	0.0%	0.1%	59	0.0%	
Belgian	24	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	107	0.1%	0.2%	105	0.1%	
Finnish	82	0.0%	0.1%	74	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	82	0.0%	0.1%	55	0.0%	
Swedish	107	0.1%	0.2%	74	0.0%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	12,151	6.2%	6.6%	12,668	6.5%	
Maltese	10,095	5.2%	1.4%	11,072	5.7%	
Portuguese	563	0.3%	0.3%	638	0.3%	
Spanish	1,418	0.7%	0.5%	1,703	0.9%	
Gibraltarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	338	0.2%	0.1%	583	0.3%	
Albanian	1,257	0.6%	0.2%	1,155	0.6%	
Bosnian	1,279	0.7%	0.2%	1,287	0.7%	
Bulgarian	85	0.0%	0.0%	95	0.0%	
Croatian	4,791	2.5%	0.9%	4,872	2.5%	
Greek	6,705	3.4%	3.5%	7,082	3.6%	
Macedonian	5,447	2.8%	0.9%	5,701	2.9%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	121	0.1%	0.0%	118	0.1%	
Romanian	380	0.2%	0.2%	408	0.2%	
Roma Gypsy	33	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Serbian	2,114	1.1%	0.5%	1,966	1.0%	
Slovene	449	0.2%	0.1%	482	0.2%	
Cypriot	1,488	0.8%	0.3%	1,249	0.6%	
Vlach	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	60	0.0%	0.1%	50	0.0%	
Belarusan	43	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Czech	121	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Estonian	37	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Hungarian	520	0.3%	0.4%	585	0.3%	
Latvian	85	0.0%	0.1%	76	0.0%	
Lithuanian	84	0.0%	0.1%	80	0.0%	
Polish	2,444	1.3%	1.1%	2,651	1.4%	
Russian	469	0.2%	0.5%	411	0.2%	
Slovak	208	0.1%	0.1%	214	0.1%	
Ukrainian	777	0.4%	0.3%	833	0.4%	
Sorb/Wend	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	199	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	540	0.3%	0.3%	322	0.2%	

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Algerian	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Egyptian	1,104	0.6%	0.4%	1,178	0.6%	
Iraqi	573	0.3%	0.3%	294	0.2%	
Jordanian	30	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Lebanese	1,801	0.9%	1.0%	2,011	1.0%	
Libyan	19	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Moroccan	24	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Palestinian	98	0.1%	0.1%	112	0.1%	
Saudi Arabian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Syrian	459	0.2%	0.2%	419	0.2%	
Tunisian	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Yemeni	31	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	
Arab, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Jewish	43	0.0%	0.3%	31	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	119	0.1%	0.0%	135	0.1%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dinka	56	0.0%	0.0%	119	0.1%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	435	0.2%	0.1%	576	0.3%	

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Sudanese	559	0.3%	0.1%	812	0.4%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	22	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Iranian	383	0.2%	0.5%	510	0.3%	
Kurdish	135	0.1%	0.1%	201	0.1%	
Turkish	2,414	1.2%	0.8%	2,503	1.3%	
Assyrian	790	0.4%	0.2%	359	0.2%	
Chaldean	25	0.0%	0.2%	31	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	28	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	31	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burmese	1,411	0.7%	0.2%	849	0.4%	
Hmong	32	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Khmer (Cambodian)	238	0.1%	0.5%	168	0.1%	
Lao	532	0.3%	0.1%	529	0.3%	
Thai	660	0.3%	0.4%	561	0.3%	
Vietnamese	32,861	16.9%	2.4%	31,101	16.0%	

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Karen	53	0.0%	0.1%	77	0.0%	
Mon	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chin	1,321	0.7%	0.1%	1,132	0.6%	
Rohingya	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	71	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Maritime South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	7,836	4.0%	1.7%	7,620	3.9%	
Indonesian	442	0.2%	0.4%	321	0.2%	
Javanese	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Madurese	–	–	–	–	–	
Malay	359	0.2%	0.4%	276	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	833	0.4%	0.1%	790	0.4%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	57	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Maritime South-East Asian, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chinese	13,277	6.8%	8.3%	12,533	6.4%	
Taiwanese	111	0.1%	0.1%	72	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Japanese	206	0.1%	0.3%	166	0.1%	
Korean	185	0.1%	0.4%	195	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	23	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Tibetan	24	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nfd	591	0.3%	0.3%	519	0.3%	
Anglo-Indian	309	0.2%	0.1%	287	0.1%	
Bengali	104	0.1%	0.1%	129	0.1%	
Burgher	27	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Gujarati	55	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Indian	7,465	3.8%	5.3%	9,534	4.9%	
Malayali	81	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Nepalese	1,187	0.6%	0.4%	667	0.3%	
Pakistani	1,756	0.9%	0.6%	1,693	0.9%	
Punjabi	2,062	1.1%	1.0%	1,650	0.8%	
Sikh	885	0.5%	0.5%	795	0.4%	
Sinhalese	608	0.3%	0.6%	329	0.2%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	404	0.2%	0.2%	436	0.2%	
Bhutanese	23	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	149	0.1%	0.1%	128	0.1%	
Kashmiri	20	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Parsi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Sri Lankan	919	0.5%	1.0%	1,577	0.8%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sri Lankan Tamil	70	0.0%	0.0%	157	0.1%	
Indian Tamil	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	736	0.4%	0.5%	442	0.2%	
Telugu	434	0.2%	0.2%	27	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	91	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	373	0.2%	0.4%	465	0.2%	
Armenian	58	0.0%	0.1%	83	0.0%	
Georgian	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Kazakh	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Pathan	247	0.1%	0.0%	169	0.1%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Hazara	466	0.2%	0.4%	156	0.1%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tatar	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Turkmen	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	164	0.1%	0.1%	120	0.1%	
North American, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African American	24	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
American	172	0.1%	0.3%	199	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Canadian	72	0.0%	0.1%	75	0.0%	
French Canadian	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	57	0.0%	0.0%	76	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	108	0.1%	0.0%	82	0.0%	
Argentinian	252	0.1%	0.1%	272	0.1%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	63	0.0%	0.1%	58	0.0%	
Chilean	847	0.4%	0.2%	914	0.5%	
Colombian	180	0.1%	0.2%	129	0.1%	
Ecuadorian	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Peruvian	96	0.0%	0.0%	86	0.0%	
Uruguayan	157	0.1%	0.0%	153	0.1%	
Venezuelan	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Paraguayan	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
South American, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Mexican	55	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Salvadoran	482	0.2%	0.1%	471	0.2%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mayan	12	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Central American, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cuban	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Jamaican	23	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central and West African, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Akan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	74	0.0%	0.0%	81	0.0%	
Nigerian	83	0.0%	0.0%	107	0.1%	
Yoruba	9	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Ivorean	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Liberian	148	0.1%	0.0%	212	0.1%	
Sierra Leonean	38	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cameroonian	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Congolese	114	0.1%	0.0%	119	0.1%	
Gio	–	–	0.0%	13	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Togolese	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central and West African, nec	32	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	38	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Afrikaner	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Angolan	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Eritrean	787	0.4%	0.1%	556	0.3%	
Ethiopian	1,373	0.7%	0.2%	1,263	0.6%	
Kenyan	55	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	293	0.2%	0.3%	275	0.1%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	107	0.1%	0.0%	75	0.0%	
Seychellois	27	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Somali	540	0.3%	0.2%	471	0.2%	
South African	161	0.1%	0.5%	167	0.1%	
Tanzanian	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ugandan	77	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Zambian	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Zimbabwean	34	0.0%	0.1%	50	0.0%	
Amhara	59	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	70	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Tigre	18	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burundian	47	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	23	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	30	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.