

Community report

Brisbane (C)

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

AREA

Brisbane (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Brisbane

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 Brisbane (C) 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

Brisbane (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	3,619	0.3%	0.3%	2,757	0.2%	0.3%	+862	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	212	0.0%	0.0%	209	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Asian, so described	1,721	0.1%	0.1%	1,128	0.1%	0.1%	+593	0.0
African, so described	3,298	0.3%	0.3%	2,565	0.2%	0.2%	+733	+0.1
European, so described	1,326	0.1%	0.1%	980	0.1%	0.1%	+346	0.0
Caucasian, so described	72	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	0.0%	+20	0.0
Creole, so described	39	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	0.0%	+12	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	682	0.1%	0.1%	634	0.1%	0.1%	+48	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	—	16	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Australian	346,823	27.9%	31.6%	317,308	28.1%	32.3%	+29,515	-0.2
Australian Aboriginal	20,786	1.7%	2.8%	2,644	0.2%	0.3%	+18,142	+1.5
Australian South Sea Islander	619	0.0%	0.1%	659	0.1%	0.1%	-40	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Torres Strait Islander	2,901	0.2%	0.3%	388	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	61	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maori	11,607	0.9%	1.5%	9,537	0.8%	
New Zealander	14,451	1.2%	1.4%	14,557	1.3%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	237	0.0%	0.0%	137	0.0%	
New Caledonian	34	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Ni-Vanuatu	109	0.0%	0.0%	102	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	3,805	0.3%	0.3%	3,008	0.3%	
Solomon Islander	345	0.0%	0.0%	273	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Micronesian, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
I-Kiribati	156	0.0%	0.0%	103	0.0%	
Nauruan	113	0.0%	0.0%	91	0.0%	
Micronesian, nec	24	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Polynesian, nfd	355	0.0%	0.0%	265	0.0%	
Cook Islander	1,593	0.1%	0.2%	1,304	0.1%	
Fijian	3,221	0.3%	0.3%	2,572	0.2%	
Niuean	521	0.0%	0.1%	402	0.0%	
Samoan	7,938	0.6%	1.2%	6,017	0.5%	
Tongan	2,424	0.2%	0.3%	2,013	0.2%	
Hawaiian	41	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Tahitian	84	0.0%	0.0%	93	0.0%	
Tokelauan	174	0.0%	0.0%	158	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Tuvaluan	83	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Pitcairn	55	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Polynesian, nec	63	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
North-West European, nfd	67	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
British, nfd	554	0.0%	0.0%	560	0.0%	
English	413,575	33.3%	36.5%	380,409	33.6%	3
Scottish	126,612	10.2%	10.1%	116,452	10.3%	1
Welsh	9,141	0.7%	0.7%	7,954	0.7%	
Channel Islander	53	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Manx	155	0.0%	0.0%	118	0.0%	
British, nec	130	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Irish	153,213	12.3%	11.1%	151,452	13.4%	1
Western European, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Austrian	2,178	0.2%	0.2%	1,855	0.2%	
Dutch	18,849	1.5%	1.6%	16,213	1.4%	
Flemish	46	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
French	9,578	0.8%	0.7%	8,369	0.7%	
German	64,675	5.2%	5.7%	60,171	5.3%	
Swiss	2,108	0.2%	0.1%	1,839	0.2%	
Belgian	836	0.1%	0.1%	604	0.1%	
Frisian	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Luxembourg	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Western European, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Northern European, nfd	768	0.1%	0.1%	423	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Danish	6,128	0.5%	0.5%	5,355	0.5%	
Finnish	2,301	0.2%	0.2%	1,943	0.2%	
Icelandic	88	0.0%	0.0%	76	0.0%	
Norwegian	2,101	0.2%	0.1%	1,702	0.2%	
Swedish	3,277	0.3%	0.2%	2,594	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	155	0.0%	0.0%	140	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Basque	69	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Catalan	49	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Italian	42,595	3.4%	2.7%	36,491	3.2%	
Maltese	3,718	0.3%	0.3%	2,804	0.2%	
Portuguese	3,622	0.3%	0.2%	2,928	0.3%	
Spanish	8,095	0.7%	0.5%	7,156	0.6%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
South Eastern European, nfd	912	0.1%	0.1%	1,192	0.1%	
Albanian	674	0.1%	0.0%	507	0.0%	
Bosnian	1,809	0.1%	0.1%	1,437	0.1%	
Bulgarian	495	0.0%	0.0%	381	0.0%	
Croatian	4,851	0.4%	0.4%	3,526	0.3%	
Greek	14,158	1.1%	0.8%	12,954	1.1%	
Macedonian	1,316	0.1%	0.1%	1,056	0.1%	
Moldovan	30	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Montenegrin	141	0.0%	0.0%	115	0.0%	
Romanian	1,483	0.1%	0.1%	1,088	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	42	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Serbian	3,878	0.3%	0.3%	2,875	0.3%	
Slovene	743	0.1%	0.1%	566	0.1%	
Cypriot	1,695	0.1%	0.1%	1,187	0.1%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	584	0.0%	0.0%	342	0.0%	
Belarusan	181	0.0%	0.0%	106	0.0%	
Czech	1,408	0.1%	0.1%	1,180	0.1%	
Estonian	579	0.0%	0.0%	461	0.0%	
Hungarian	3,743	0.3%	0.3%	3,164	0.3%	
Latvian	1,114	0.1%	0.1%	845	0.1%	
Lithuanian	710	0.1%	0.0%	541	0.0%	
Polish	10,362	0.8%	0.7%	8,439	0.7%	
Russian	6,233	0.5%	0.4%	4,963	0.4%	
Slovak	563	0.0%	0.0%	435	0.0%	
Ukrainian	2,451	0.2%	0.2%	1,998	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Eastern European, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	941	0.1%	0.1%	309	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	1,905	0.2%	0.1%	1,780	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Algerian	149	0.0%	0.0%	152	0.0%	
Egyptian	1,393	0.1%	0.1%	985	0.1%	
Iraqi	1,005	0.1%	0.1%	839	0.1%	
Jordanian	186	0.0%	0.0%	170	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	23	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Lebanese	3,782	0.3%	0.2%	3,138	0.3%	
Libyan	70	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Moroccan	176	0.0%	0.0%	137	0.0%	
Palestinian	315	0.0%	0.0%	278	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	107	0.0%	0.0%	456	0.0%	
Syrian	671	0.1%	0.1%	378	0.0%	
Tunisian	49	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Yemeni	61	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Bahraini	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Emirati	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Omani	9	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	
Arab, nec	28	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Jewish	800	0.1%	0.0%	512	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	123	0.0%	0.0%	128	0.0%	
Bari	5	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Darfur	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	25	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
South Sudanese	478	0.0%	0.1%	375	0.0%	
Sudanese	865	0.1%	0.1%	986	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	31	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Berber	17	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Coptic	47	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Iranian	5,804	0.5%	0.3%	4,527	0.4%	
Kurdish	459	0.0%	0.0%	573	0.1%	
Turkish	1,644	0.1%	0.1%	1,097	0.1%	
Assyrian	215	0.0%	0.0%	154	0.0%	
Chaldean	72	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	411	0.0%	0.0%	269	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	190	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	8	0.0%	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Burmese	1,242	0.1%	0.1%	916	0.1%	
Hmong	92	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Khmer (Cambodian)	1,096	0.1%	0.1%	771	0.1%	
Lao	481	0.0%	0.1%	380	0.0%	
Thai	4,821	0.4%	0.3%	3,521	0.3%	
Vietnamese	23,005	1.9%	1.1%	20,049	1.8%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Karen	290	0.0%	0.1%	312	0.0%	
Mon	18	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chin	31	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Rohingya	235	0.0%	0.0%	313	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	60	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Filipino	21,009	1.7%	1.6%	15,495	1.4%	
Indonesian	3,914	0.3%	0.2%	3,271	0.3%	
Javanese	116	0.0%	0.0%	75	0.0%	
Madurese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	3,038	0.2%	0.2%	2,755	0.2%	
Sundanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Timorese	200	0.0%	0.0%	181	0.0%	
Acehnese	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Balinese	24	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Bruneian	14	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Kadazan	48	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Singaporean	635	0.1%	0.0%	469	0.0%	
Maritime South-East Asian, nec	252	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Chinese	95,484	7.7%	4.7%	81,201	7.2%	
Taiwanese	5,404	0.4%	0.3%	3,702	0.3%	
Chinese Asian, nec	36	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Japanese	7,576	0.6%	0.4%	6,003	0.5%	
Korean	13,301	1.1%	0.7%	12,127	1.1%	
Mongolian	467	0.0%	0.0%	227	0.0%	

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Tibetan	156	0.0%	0.0%	78	0.0%	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	2,384	0.2%	0.1%	1,168	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	412	0.0%	0.0%	386	0.0%	
Bengali	500	0.0%	0.0%	391	0.0%	
Burgher	130	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Gujarati	894	0.1%	0.0%	246	0.0%	
Indian	45,609	3.7%	2.7%	39,791	3.5%	
Malayali	932	0.1%	0.1%	119	0.0%	
Nepalese	6,032	0.5%	0.3%	3,067	0.3%	
Pakistani	3,314	0.3%	0.2%	2,486	0.2%	
Punjabi	6,389	0.5%	0.4%	2,600	0.2%	
Sikh	2,831	0.2%	0.2%	750	0.1%	
Sinhalese	3,230	0.3%	0.2%	1,144	0.1%	
Maldivian	47	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	1,549	0.1%	0.1%	1,327	0.1%	
Bhutanese	705	0.1%	0.0%	150	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	1,326	0.1%	0.1%	1,002	0.1%	
Kashmiri	51	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Parsi	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sindhi	130	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.0%	
Sri Lankan	4,867	0.4%	0.3%	5,692	0.5%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	283	0.0%	0.0%	300	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	131	0.0%	0.0%	78	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Tamil, nfd	2,915	0.2%	0.2%	677	0.1%	
Telugu	1,066	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	430	0.0%	0.0%	116	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Afghan	1,793	0.1%	0.2%	1,591	0.1%	
Armenian	306	0.0%	0.0%	222	0.0%	
Georgian	26	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Kazakh	64	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Pathan	165	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Uzbek	56	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Azeri	94	0.0%	0.0%	82	0.0%	
Hazara	884	0.1%	0.1%	235	0.0%	
Tajik	57	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Tatar	64	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Turkmen	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Uighur	53	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	1,229	0.1%	0.1%	740	0.1%	
North American, nfd	86	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
African American	242	0.0%	0.0%	182	0.0%	
American	4,450	0.4%	0.3%	3,926	0.3%	
Canadian	2,896	0.2%	0.2%	2,378	0.2%	
French Canadian	143	0.0%	0.0%	116	0.0%	

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Hispanic North American	560	0.0%	0.0%	315	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	403	0.0%	0.0%	298	0.0%	
Bermudan	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
North American, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
South American, nfd	646	0.1%	0.0%	417	0.0%	
Argentinian	651	0.1%	0.0%	427	0.0%	
Bolivian	80	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Brazilian	3,351	0.3%	0.2%	1,874	0.2%	
Chilean	1,482	0.1%	0.1%	1,131	0.1%	
Colombian	4,297	0.3%	0.2%	2,697	0.2%	
Ecuadorian	146	0.0%	0.0%	193	0.0%	
Guyanese	64	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
Peruvian	887	0.1%	0.0%	558	0.0%	
Uruguayan	164	0.0%	0.0%	128	0.0%	
Venezuelan	610	0.0%	0.0%	453	0.0%	
Paraguayan	41	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
South American, nec	158	0.0%	0.0%	104	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	58	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Mexican	881	0.1%	0.0%	597	0.1%	
Nicaraguan	41	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Salvadoran	1,134	0.1%	0.1%	914	0.1%	
Costa Rican	33	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Guatemalan	52	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Mayan	44	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	

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Central American, nec	65	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	211	0.0%	0.0%	215	0.0%	
Cuban	130	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Jamaican	272	0.0%	0.0%	215	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	108	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.0%	
Barbadian	43	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	36	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	102	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Central and West African, nfd	33	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Akan	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Fulani	–	–	–	10	0.0%	
Ghanaian	311	0.0%	0.0%	233	0.0%	
Nigerian	563	0.0%	0.0%	370	0.0%	
Yoruba	89	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Ivorean	24	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Liberian	268	0.0%	0.0%	242	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	127	0.0%	0.0%	112	0.0%	
Acholi	12	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Cameroonian	38	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Congolese	683	0.1%	0.1%	346	0.0%	
Igbo	62	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	
Mandinka	11	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Senegalese	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Togolese	47	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Central and West African, nec	148	0.0%	0.0%	97	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	44	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Afrikaner	448	0.0%	0.0%	349	0.0%	
Angolan	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Eritrean	1,003	0.1%	0.1%	691	0.1%	
Ethiopian	992	0.1%	0.1%	810	0.1%	
Kenyan	399	0.0%	0.0%	294	0.0%	
Malawian	31	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Mauritian	777	0.1%	0.1%	581	0.1%	
Mozambican	36	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Namibian	31	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Oromo	133	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Seychellois	169	0.0%	0.0%	169	0.0%	
Somali	2,193	0.2%	0.1%	1,925	0.2%	
South African	9,918	0.8%	0.8%	7,773	0.7%	
Tanzanian	103	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Ugandan	162	0.0%	0.0%	102	0.0%	
Zambian	76	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	1,062	0.1%	0.1%	918	0.1%	
Amhara	29	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Batswana	51	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Hutu	—	—	—	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	47	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Tigre	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	35	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Burundian	404	0.0%	0.1%	265	0.0%	
Kunama	15	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Madi	13	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Rwandan	197	0.0%	0.0%	165	0.0%	
Shona	30	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Swahili	17	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Swazilander	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nec	102	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.