

Community report

Broome (S)

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Broome (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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 Broome (S) were Australian, English and Australian Aboriginal.

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

Broome (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	39	0.2%	0.2%	42	0.3%	0.2%	-3	-0.1
Eurasian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Asian, so described	7	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.1%	0.0%	-12	-0.1
African, so described	25	0.1%	0.2%	16	0.1%	0.2%	+9	0.0
European, so described	27	0.2%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.1%	+20	+0.2
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Australian	4,903	28.9%	36.3%	6,472	39.9%	39.9%	-1,569	-11.0
Australian Aboriginal	4,474	26.4%	7.8%	1,971	12.2%	3.1%	+2,503	+14.2
Australian South Sea Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	0.0%	-11	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Torres Strait Islander	225	1.3%	0.3%	64	0.4%	0.3%
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori	95	0.6%	1.3%	121	0.7%	1.3%
New Zealander	125	0.7%	1.1%	144	0.9%	1.1%
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ni-Vanuatu	10	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Papua New Guinean	4	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.1%	0.1%
Solomon Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.1%	0.0%
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauruan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cook Islander	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Fijian	13	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.1%
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoaan	9	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.1%
Tongan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Pitcairn	–	–	–	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North–West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
English	4,700	27.7%	40.0%	4,744	29.2%	39.0%
Scottish	1,224	7.2%	9.0%	1,131	7.0%	8.0%
Welsh	95	0.6%	0.7%	85	0.5%	0.6%
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Manx	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Irish	1,307	7.7%	8.6%	1,243	7.7%	7.6%
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	17	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	0.1%
Dutch	257	1.5%	1.9%	227	1.4%	1.8%
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	114	0.7%	0.5%	115	0.7%	0.5%
German	458	2.7%	3.4%	475	2.9%	3.3%
Swiss	31	0.2%	0.1%	32	0.2%	0.1%
Belgian	14	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Danish	21	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.2%	0.2%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Finnish	12	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	0.1%
Icelandic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	18	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%
Swedish	25	0.1%	0.2%	15	0.1%	0.1%
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern European, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Basque	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Italian	479	2.8%	3.8%	414	2.6%	3.8%
Maltese	32	0.2%	0.1%	31	0.2%	0.1%
Portuguese	39	0.2%	0.2%	11	0.1%	0.2%
Spanish	93	0.5%	0.3%	56	0.3%	0.3%
Gibraltarian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
South Eastern European, nfd	10	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.1%
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Croatian	64	0.4%	0.4%	50	0.3%	0.4%
Greek	42	0.2%	0.3%	72	0.4%	0.3%
Macedonian	16	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.2%	0.1%
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	5	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.1%	0.1%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Serbian	12	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	–
Slovene	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cypriot	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Belarusian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	8	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.1%	–
Estonian	8	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Hungarian	28	0.2%	0.1%	31	0.2%	–
Latvian	10	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	–
Lithuanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Polish	59	0.3%	0.7%	72	0.4%	–
Russian	26	0.2%	0.2%	17	0.1%	–
Slovak	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ukrainian	9	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arab, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Egyptian	12	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.1%	–
Iraqi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Lebanese	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Moroccan	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Palestinian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Syrian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tunisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yemeni	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Arab, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jewish	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nuer	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Sudanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Sudanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Coptic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iranian	9	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Kurdish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkish	12	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Assyrian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chaldean	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nubian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
South-East Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Anglo-Burmese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Burmese	13	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%
Khmer (Cambodian)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	90	0.5%	0.3%	94	0.6%	0.3%
Vietnamese	22	0.1%	0.2%	17	0.1%	0.1%
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Filipino	286	1.7%	1.5%	256	1.6%	1.5%
Indonesian	52	0.3%	0.3%	74	0.5%	0.3%
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Malay	110	0.6%	0.2%	62	0.4%	0.2%
Sundanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Timorese	4	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	0.0%
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Singaporean	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese	298	1.8%	0.8%	294	1.8%	0.8%
Taiwanese	15	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.2%	0.1%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	116	0.7%	0.1%	121	0.7%	–
Korean	12	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.2%	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Anglo-Indian	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Bengali	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indian	108	0.6%	0.7%	112	0.7%	–
Malayali	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Nepalese	8	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Pakistani	4	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.1%	–
Punjabi	9	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Sikh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	18	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bangladeshi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sri Lankan	26	0.2%	0.1%	27	0.2%	–
Sri Lankan Tamil	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Indian Tamil	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tamil, nfd	13	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Telugu	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Afghan	—	—	0.0%	11	0.1%	—
Armenian	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Kazakh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pathan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uzbek	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Azeri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hazara	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Tatar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkmen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
North American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
African American	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
American	57	0.3%	0.3%	28	0.2%	—
Canadian	22	0.1%	0.2%	28	0.2%	—
French Canadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hispanic North American	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Native North American Indian	9	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bermudan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
North American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
South American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Argentinian	28	0.2%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bolivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Brazilian	6	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	—
Chilean	19	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	—
Colombian	9	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Ecuadorian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Guyanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Peruvian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uruguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Venezuelan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
South American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mexican	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Nicaraguan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Salvadoran	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Costa Rican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Caribbean Islander, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Cuban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jamaican	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Trinidadian Tobagonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Barbadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Caribbean Islander, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulani	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigerian	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaner	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Angolan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kenyan	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	7	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.1%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South African	94	0.6%	0.8%	73	0.5%	–
Tanzanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Ugandan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zimbabwean	15	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.1%	–
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burundian	–	–	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.