

Community report

Busselton (C)

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COMPARISON

Regional WA

POPULATION

Persons

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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 Busselton (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 totals represent responses rather than a single unduplicated person count.
- 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

Busselton (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	63	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	0.1%	+3	0.0
Eurasian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Asian, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
African, so described	45	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.0%	0.1%	+24	+0.1
European, so described	19	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Australian Peoples, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	16,034	19.7%	18.2%	14,779	20.2%	19.9%	+1,255	-0.5
Australian Aboriginal	797	1.0%	3.9%	77	0.1%	1.5%	+720	+0.9
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Torres Strait Islander	27	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori	216	0.3%	0.6%	167	0.2%	0.2%
New Zealander	507	0.6%	0.6%	487	0.7%	0.7%
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinean	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Cook Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Niuean	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Tongan	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Pitcairn	–	–	–	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
North–West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
English	19,828	24.4%	20.0%	17,608	24.0%	19.7%
Scottish	4,309	5.3%	4.5%	3,744	5.1%	4.1%
Welsh	370	0.5%	0.4%	284	0.4%	0.3%
Channel Islander	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Manx	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
British, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Irish	4,357	5.4%	4.3%	3,738	5.1%	4.1%
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	67	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	0.1%
Dutch	897	1.1%	1.0%	774	1.1%	0.9%
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	309	0.4%	0.3%	254	0.3%	0.2%
German	1,467	1.8%	1.7%	1,301	1.8%	1.6%
Swiss	111	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.1%	0.1%
Belgian	38	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Danish	131	0.2%	0.1%	103	0.1%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Finnish	31	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	72	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	0.1%
Swedish	77	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.1%	0.1%
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Southern European, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Italian	1,568	1.9%	1.9%	1,308	1.8%	1.8%
Maltese	70	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	0.1%
Portuguese	58	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.0%	0.0%
Spanish	160	0.2%	0.2%	117	0.2%	0.2%
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Eastern European, nfd	34	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	0.0%
Albanian	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Bosnian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bulgarian	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Croatian	164	0.2%	0.2%	93	0.1%	0.1%
Greek	162	0.2%	0.1%	111	0.2%	0.2%
Macedonian	45	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.0%	0.0%
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbian	30	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Slovene	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Cypriot	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	15	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Estonian	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Hungarian	81	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	–
Latvian	29	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	–
Lithuanian	18	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Polish	252	0.3%	0.3%	203	0.3%	–
Russian	92	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.1%	–
Slovak	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Ukrainian	49	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Arab, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Algerian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Egyptian	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Iraqi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Lebanese	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Moroccan	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Arab, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jewish	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	–
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Iranian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Turkish	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Chaldean	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nubian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Burmese	47	0.1%	0.0%	30	0.0%	0.0%
Khmer (Cambodian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Thai	122	0.2%	0.2%	82	0.1%	0.1%
Vietnamese	77	0.1%	0.1%	67	0.1%	0.1%
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Filipino	219	0.3%	0.8%	192	0.3%	0.3%
Indonesian	87	0.1%	0.1%	82	0.1%	0.1%
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Malay	39	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	0.0%
Sundanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Singaporean	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese	276	0.3%	0.4%	208	0.3%	0.3%
Taiwanese	24	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	79	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.1%	–
Korean	61	0.1%	0.0%	38	0.1%	–
Mongolian	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tibetan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Indian	36	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gujarati	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Indian	196	0.2%	0.4%	174	0.2%	–
Malayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepalese	22	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Pakistani	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Punjabi	51	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Sikh	19	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Maldivian	7	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Bangladeshi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bhutanese	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sri Lankan	48	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.1%	–
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tamil, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afghan	31	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.1%	–
Armenian	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kazakh	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hazara	56	0.1%	0.0%	49	0.1%	–
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American	143	0.2%	0.1%	118	0.2%	–
Canadian	122	0.2%	0.1%	89	0.1%	–
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Native North American Indian	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	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	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Brazilian	50	0.1%	0.0%	30	0.0%	–
Chilean	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Colombian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guyanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Peruvian	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mexican	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Salvadoran	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caribbean Islander, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Cuban	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Jamaican	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroonian	–	–	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	33	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Angolan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Kenyan	20	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Malawian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	21	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Seychellois	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South African	370	0.5%	0.4%	285	0.4%	–
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ugandan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Zimbabwean	25	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–
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%	–	–	–
Total	81,208	100.0%	100.0%	73,323	100.0%	100.0%

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

Data basis: usual residence.