

Community report

Canterbury-Bankstown (A)

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

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Canterbury-Bankstown (A)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 Canterbury–Bankstown (A) were Lebanese, 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

Canterbury-Bankstown (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	1,378	0.4%	0.3%	794	0.2%	0.2%	+584	+0.2
Eurasian, so described	9	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	0.0%	-14	0.0
Asian, so described	918	0.2%	0.2%	638	0.2%	0.1%	+280	0.0
African, so described	1,046	0.3%	0.2%	976	0.3%	0.2%	+70	0.0
European, so described	286	0.1%	0.1%	232	0.1%	0.1%	+54	0.0
Caucasian, so described	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Creole, so described	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	236	0.1%	0.0%	288	0.1%	0.1%	-52	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%	-15	0.0
Australian	51,641	13.9%	22.3%	49,185	14.2%	23.5%	+2,456	-0.3
Australian Aboriginal	2,627	0.7%	1.6%	574	0.2%	0.2%	+2,053	+0.5
Australian South Sea Islander	43	0.0%	0.0%	106	0.0%	0.0%	-63	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Torres Strait Islander	323	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	1,709	0.5%	0.5%	1,734	0.5%	
New Zealander	1,292	0.3%	0.7%	1,389	0.4%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Caledonian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ni-Vanuatu	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	69	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nauruan	9	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Polynesian, nfd	140	0.0%	0.0%	99	0.0%	
Cook Islander	983	0.3%	0.1%	885	0.3%	
Fijian	1,851	0.5%	0.4%	1,636	0.5%	
Niuean	164	0.0%	0.0%	193	0.1%	
Samoan	1,917	0.5%	0.6%	2,017	0.6%	
Tongan	2,223	0.6%	0.4%	1,894	0.5%	
Hawaiian	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tahitian	28	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Tokelauan	27	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Tuvaluan	27	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
North–West European, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
British, nfd	67	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
English	42,043	11.3%	23.8%	42,438	12.3%	23.8%
Scottish	8,510	2.3%	6.0%	9,270	2.7%	
Welsh	616	0.2%	0.5%	620	0.2%	
Channel Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Manx	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
British, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Irish	12,244	3.3%	7.7%	13,874	4.0%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	315	0.1%	0.2%	341	0.1%	
Dutch	1,005	0.3%	0.9%	966	0.3%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	1,132	0.3%	0.7%	1,073	0.3%	
German	3,713	1.0%	2.3%	4,136	1.2%	
Swiss	146	0.0%	0.1%	148	0.0%	
Belgian	66	0.0%	0.1%	70	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Northern European, nfd	45	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Danish	257	0.1%	0.2%	274	0.1%	
Finnish	132	0.0%	0.1%	138	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	124	0.0%	0.1%	116	0.0%	
Swedish	226	0.1%	0.2%	226	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	35	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Catalan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	14,497	3.9%	4.3%	14,168	4.1%	
Maltese	1,811	0.5%	1.2%	1,927	0.6%	
Portuguese	3,901	1.1%	0.5%	3,701	1.1%	
Spanish	1,984	0.5%	0.8%	2,097	0.6%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	168	0.0%	0.1%	275	0.1%	
Albanian	187	0.1%	0.0%	161	0.0%	
Bosnian	578	0.2%	0.1%	454	0.1%	
Bulgarian	109	0.0%	0.0%	92	0.0%	
Croatian	1,866	0.5%	0.8%	1,712	0.5%	
Greek	22,504	6.1%	2.4%	22,735	6.6%	
Macedonian	4,549	1.2%	0.6%	4,413	1.3%	
Moldovan	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Montenegrin	66	0.0%	0.0%	82	0.0%	
Romanian	272	0.1%	0.1%	273	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Serbian	987	0.3%	0.6%	868	0.3%	
Slovene	264	0.1%	0.1%	270	0.1%	
Cypriot	2,370	0.6%	0.3%	1,858	0.5%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	96	0.0%	0.1%	81	0.0%	
Belarusan	32	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Czech	213	0.1%	0.2%	215	0.1%	
Estonian	81	0.0%	0.1%	81	0.0%	
Hungarian	722	0.2%	0.4%	792	0.2%	
Latvian	166	0.0%	0.1%	217	0.1%	
Lithuanian	197	0.1%	0.1%	174	0.1%	
Polish	1,659	0.4%	0.8%	1,731	0.5%	
Russian	845	0.2%	0.6%	808	0.2%	
Slovak	152	0.0%	0.1%	135	0.0%	
Ukrainian	429	0.1%	0.2%	474	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern European, nec	47	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	2,480	0.7%	0.2%	634	0.2%	
Arab, nfd	7,885	2.1%	0.6%	5,330	1.5%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Algerian	336	0.1%	0.0%	344	0.1%	
Egyptian	4,216	1.1%	0.5%	4,021	1.2%	
Iraqi	1,770	0.5%	0.6%	1,751	0.5%	
Jordanian	847	0.2%	0.1%	863	0.2%	
Kuwaiti	73	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Lebanese	52,287	14.1%	3.3%	52,359	15.1%	
Libyan	49	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Moroccan	290	0.1%	0.0%	245	0.1%	
Palestinian	2,794	0.8%	0.2%	2,628	0.8%	
Saudi Arabian	44	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Syrian	4,530	1.2%	0.3%	3,753	1.1%	
Tunisian	96	0.0%	0.0%	81	0.0%	
Yemeni	164	0.0%	0.0%	137	0.0%	
Bahraini	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Omani	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	109	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Jewish	127	0.0%	0.2%	88	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	51	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
South Sudanese	20	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Sudanese	402	0.1%	0.1%	358	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	150	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Berber	24	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Coptic	87	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	
Iranian	669	0.2%	0.6%	652	0.2%	
Kurdish	265	0.1%	0.1%	311	0.1%	
Turkish	2,274	0.6%	0.6%	1,882	0.5%	
Assyrian	454	0.1%	0.6%	457	0.1%	
Chaldean	28	0.0%	0.2%	33	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nubian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yezidi	–	–	–	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	52	0.0%	0.1%	52	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	102	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	968	0.3%	0.1%	994	0.3%	
Hmong	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	570	0.2%	0.3%	445	0.1%	
Lao	254	0.1%	0.2%	212	0.1%	
Thai	1,709	0.5%	0.6%	1,436	0.4%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Vietnamese	26,994	7.3%	2.3%	25,189	7.3%	
Karen	71	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Mon	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rohingya	790	0.2%	0.0%	592	0.2%	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	6,788	1.8%	2.5%	5,486	1.6%	
Indonesian	4,802	1.3%	0.6%	4,108	1.2%	
Javanese	63	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Malay	1,143	0.3%	0.2%	653	0.2%	
Sundanese	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Timorese	50	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Acehnese	44	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	
Balinese	16	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	110	0.0%	0.0%	94	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	65	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	42,900	11.6%	10.6%	39,281	11.3%	
Taiwanese	285	0.1%	0.1%	164	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Japanese	790	0.2%	0.4%	637	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Korean	3,890	1.0%	1.3%	4,338	1.3%	
Mongolian	435	0.1%	0.1%	143	0.0%	
Tibetan	41	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	1,096	0.3%	0.3%	709	0.2%	
Anglo-Indian	90	0.0%	0.0%	108	0.0%	
Bengali	2,197	0.6%	0.2%	1,589	0.5%	
Burgher	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	61	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Indian	9,578	2.6%	4.5%	8,627	2.5%	
Malayali	65	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Nepalese	4,719	1.3%	1.3%	3,277	0.9%	
Pakistani	6,325	1.7%	0.7%	5,499	1.6%	
Punjabi	742	0.2%	0.4%	439	0.1%	
Sikh	313	0.1%	0.2%	129	0.0%	
Sinhalese	136	0.0%	0.2%	62	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	7,111	1.9%	0.5%	6,941	2.0%	
Bhutanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	560	0.2%	0.2%	466	0.1%	
Kashmiri	40	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Parsi	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sindhi	30	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Sri Lankan	477	0.1%	0.4%	649	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	49	0.0%	0.1%	49	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	483	0.1%	0.5%	117	0.0%	
Telugu	76	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	146	0.0%	0.1%	50	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	725	0.2%	0.3%	601	0.2%	
Armenian	502	0.1%	0.3%	446	0.1%	
Georgian	21	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Kazakh	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Pathan	196	0.1%	0.0%	125	0.0%	
Uzbek	48	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Azeri	25	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Hazara	432	0.1%	0.1%	150	0.0%	
Tajik	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tatar	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Turkmen	44	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Uighur	7	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	153	0.0%	0.1%	109	0.0%	
North American, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African American	55	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
American	426	0.1%	0.3%	381	0.1%	
Canadian	148	0.0%	0.2%	153	0.0%	
French Canadian	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	84	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	36	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South American, nfd	375	0.1%	0.1%	326	0.1%	
Argentinian	305	0.1%	0.1%	255	0.1%	
Bolivian	25	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Brazilian	764	0.2%	0.3%	417	0.1%	
Chilean	734	0.2%	0.3%	693	0.2%	
Colombian	563	0.2%	0.2%	377	0.1%	
Ecuadorian	206	0.1%	0.0%	157	0.0%	
Guyanese	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Peruvian	469	0.1%	0.1%	379	0.1%	
Uruguayan	273	0.1%	0.1%	247	0.1%	
Venezuelan	70	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Paraguayan	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
South American, nec	40	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mexican	121	0.0%	0.1%	77	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	21	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Salvadoran	72	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Costa Rican	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Guatemalan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Cuban	28	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Jamaican	39	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Barbadian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Central and West African, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Akan	9	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Fulani	9	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Ghanaian	364	0.1%	0.1%	453	0.1%	
Nigerian	198	0.1%	0.1%	164	0.0%	
Yoruba	40	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Ivorean	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Liberian	20	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	289	0.1%	0.0%	256	0.1%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Congolese	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	34	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	–
Mandinka	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Senegalese	24	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–
Themne	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Central and West African, nec	124	0.0%	0.0%	155	0.0%	–
Southern and East African, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Afrikaner	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Angolan	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Eritrean	77	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	–
Ethiopian	329	0.1%	0.0%	324	0.1%	–
Kenyan	106	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mauritian	691	0.2%	0.2%	788	0.2%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Seychellois	22	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Somali	592	0.2%	0.0%	455	0.1%	–
South African	596	0.2%	0.6%	519	0.1%	–
Tanzanian	43	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Ugandan	33	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Zambian	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Zimbabwean	100	0.0%	0.1%	115	0.0%	
Amhara	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Batswana	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	18	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burundian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ogaden	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Shona	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Swahili	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	40	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.