

Community report

Cardinia (S)

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Cardinia (S)

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 Cardinia (S) 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

Cardinia (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	336	0.1%	0.1%	219	0.1%	0.1%	+117	0.0
Eurasian, so described	24	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Asian, so described	157	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.0%	0.0%	+99	+0.1
African, so described	464	0.2%	0.1%	307	0.2%	0.1%	+157	0.0
European, so described	110	0.0%	0.1%	103	0.1%	0.1%	+7	-0.1
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	26	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+19	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	32	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	41,707	17.6%	11.7%	35,580	18.9%	12.0%	+6,127	-1.3
Australian Aboriginal	1,151	0.5%	0.3%	100	0.1%	0.0%	+1,051	+0.4
Australian South Sea Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	-13	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Torres Strait Islander	89	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Norfolk Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori	675	0.3%	0.2%	485	0.3%	—
New Zealander	1,049	0.4%	0.3%	858	0.5%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
New Caledonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ni-Vanuatu	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Papua New Guinean	27	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	—
Solomon Islander	—	—	0.0%	11	0.0%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Micronesian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
I-Kiribati	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Nauruan	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Micronesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polynesian, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Cook Islander	202	0.1%	0.1%	152	0.1%	—
Fijian	183	0.1%	0.1%	72	0.0%	—
Niuean	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Samoan	471	0.2%	0.2%	281	0.1%	—
Tongan	98	0.0%	0.1%	73	0.0%	—
Hawaiian	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tahitian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Tokelauan	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nfd	52	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	–
English	41,979	17.8%	12.8%	36,818	19.6%	12.8%
Scottish	9,998	4.2%	3.6%	8,793	4.7%	–
Welsh	720	0.3%	0.2%	603	0.3%	–
Channel Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Manx	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
British, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Irish	10,299	4.4%	4.2%	9,466	5.0%	–
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	254	0.1%	0.1%	191	0.1%	–
Dutch	3,997	1.7%	0.7%	3,495	1.9%	–
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	646	0.3%	0.3%	597	0.3%	–
German	4,182	1.8%	1.4%	3,811	2.0%	–
Swiss	143	0.1%	0.1%	121	0.1%	–
Belgian	42	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	63	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	238	0.1%	0.1%	207	0.1%	
Finnish	82	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	117	0.0%	0.1%	84	0.0%	
Swedish	183	0.1%	0.1%	142	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	4,688	2.0%	3.3%	3,826	2.0%	
Maltese	822	0.3%	0.7%	633	0.3%	
Portuguese	212	0.1%	0.1%	188	0.1%	
Spanish	439	0.2%	0.3%	398	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	133	0.1%	0.1%	166	0.1%	
Albanian	98	0.0%	0.1%	57	0.0%	
Bosnian	139	0.1%	0.1%	80	0.0%	
Bulgarian	18	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Croatian	747	0.3%	0.4%	527	0.3%	
Greek	1,063	0.4%	1.7%	824	0.4%	
Macedonian	159	0.1%	0.5%	95	0.1%	
Moldovan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Romanian	453	0.2%	0.1%	319	0.2%	
Roma Gypsy	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Serbian	387	0.2%	0.3%	275	0.1%	
Slovene	106	0.0%	0.1%	90	0.0%	
Cypriot	118	0.0%	0.2%	57	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Belarusan	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czech	155	0.1%	0.1%	109	0.1%	
Estonian	21	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Hungarian	636	0.3%	0.2%	513	0.3%	
Latvian	78	0.0%	0.1%	52	0.0%	
Lithuanian	56	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Polish	826	0.3%	0.5%	661	0.4%	
Russian	387	0.2%	0.2%	274	0.1%	
Slovak	42	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Ukrainian	206	0.1%	0.1%	157	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	55	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	112	0.0%	0.1%	49	0.0%	

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Algerian	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Egyptian	377	0.2%	0.2%	254	0.1%	—
Iraqi	50	0.0%	0.2%	18	0.0%	—
Jordanian	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Kuwaiti	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Lebanese	217	0.1%	0.5%	184	0.1%	—
Libyan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Moroccan	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Palestinian	34	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	—
Saudi Arabian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Syrian	59	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	—
Tunisian	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Yemeni	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bahraini	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Emirati	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Omani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Qatari	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arab, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Jewish	38	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	—
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	34	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	—
Bari	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Dinka	25	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	—
Nuer	14	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	—
South Sudanese	443	0.2%	0.1%	181	0.1%	—

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Sudanese	239	0.1%	0.1%	291	0.2%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Coptic	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Iranian	130	0.1%	0.2%	82	0.0%	
Kurdish	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Turkish	211	0.1%	0.4%	157	0.1%	
Assyrian	24	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Chaldean	13	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	259	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	257	0.1%	0.2%	147	0.1%	
Lao	32	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Thai	303	0.1%	0.2%	158	0.1%	
Vietnamese	301	0.1%	1.2%	166	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Karen	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	183	0.1%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Rohingya	142	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	1,580	0.7%	0.8%	851	0.5%	
Indonesian	258	0.1%	0.2%	145	0.1%	
Javanese	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Madurese	–	–	–	–	–	
Malay	176	0.1%	0.2%	96	0.1%	
Sundanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	71	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	39	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chinese	1,920	0.8%	4.2%	1,065	0.6%	
Taiwanese	88	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	129	0.1%	0.1%	82	0.0%	
Korean	138	0.1%	0.2%	69	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other North–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	340	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.0%	
Anglo–Indian	169	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.0%	
Bengali	78	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Burgher	59	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Gujarati	99	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indian	5,029	2.1%	2.7%	2,111	1.1%	
Malayali	39	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nepalese	144	0.1%	0.2%	37	0.0%	
Pakistani	749	0.3%	0.3%	122	0.1%	
Punjabi	1,871	0.8%	0.5%	242	0.1%	
Sikh	982	0.4%	0.2%	163	0.1%	
Sinhalese	1,183	0.5%	0.3%	164	0.1%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	204	0.1%	0.1%	97	0.1%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	83	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Kashmiri	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	17	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sri Lankan	1,716	0.7%	0.5%	1,051	0.6%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sri Lankan Tamil	66	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	450	0.2%	0.2%	56	0.0%	
Telugu	44	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	56	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	516	0.2%	0.2%	174	0.1%	
Armenian	64	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	34	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	223	0.1%	0.2%	24	0.0%	
Tajik	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	49	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
North American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African American	4	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
American	302	0.1%	0.1%	236	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Canadian	139	0.1%	0.1%	138	0.1%	
French Canadian	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	6	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	16	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	61	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Argentinian	101	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	57	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Chilean	338	0.1%	0.1%	179	0.1%	
Colombian	50	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	45	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Uruguayan	26	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Venezuelan	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mexican	26	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	108	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ghanaian	20	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Nigerian	77	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Yoruba	16	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	15	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Cameroonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Southern and East African, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaner	15	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Angolan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian	83	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	–
Kenyan	56	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Malawian	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Mauritian	854	0.4%	0.2%	642	0.3%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	105	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	–
Seychellois	75	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	–
Somali	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
South African	613	0.3%	0.2%	487	0.3%	–
Tanzanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ugandan	17	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Zimbabwean	164	0.1%	0.0%	71	0.0%	0.0%
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batswana	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	–
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwandan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East African, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Total	236,374	100.0%	100.0%	188,265	100.0%	100.0%

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

Data basis: usual residence.