

# Community report

## Cessnock (C)

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

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**Cessnock (C)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

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 Cessnock (C) were Australian, English and Scottish.

## 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

Cessnock (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	83	0.1%	0.2%	99	0.2%	0.2%	-16	-0.1
Eurasian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Asian, so described	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
African, so described	20	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.1%	+13	0.0
European, so described	53	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	0.1%	+25	0.0
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	-10	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Australian	28,431	44.7%	40.2%	26,226	47.2%	42.5%	+2,205	-2.5
Australian Aboriginal	5,762	9.1%	6.1%	308	0.6%	0.8%	+5,454	+8.5
Australian South Sea Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	253	0.4%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	259	0.4%	0.4%	200	0.4%	
New Zealander	392	0.6%	0.6%	346	0.6%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cook Islander	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Fijian	40	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Niuean	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Samoan	70	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Tongan	35	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
British, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
English	26,848	42.2%	40.9%	23,797	42.8%	4
Scottish	7,347	11.5%	10.7%	6,287	11.3%	1
Welsh	465	0.7%	0.7%	451	0.8%	
Channel Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Manx	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	5,752	9.0%	11.8%	5,385	9.7%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	103	0.2%	0.2%	85	0.2%	
Dutch	654	1.0%	1.4%	457	0.8%	
Flemish	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
French	263	0.4%	0.5%	167	0.3%	
German	2,554	4.0%	4.2%	2,211	4.0%	
Swiss	39	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Belgian	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	89	0.1%	0.2%	68	0.1%	
Finnish	74	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	55	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Swedish	80	0.1%	0.2%	67	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,025	1.6%	2.8%	659	1.2%	
Maltese	250	0.4%	0.5%	164	0.3%	
Portuguese	62	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.0%	
Spanish	159	0.2%	0.4%	131	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	57	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Croatian	113	0.2%	0.4%	53	0.1%	
Greek	189	0.3%	0.6%	151	0.3%	
Macedonian	34	0.1%	0.5%	32	0.1%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	40	0.1%	0.2%	14	0.0%	
Slovene	19	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Cypriot	15	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Belarusan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	22	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Estonian	18	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Hungarian	94	0.1%	0.2%	78	0.1%	
Latvian	31	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
Lithuanian	27	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Polish	464	0.7%	0.6%	368	0.7%	
Russian	113	0.2%	0.2%	73	0.1%	
Slovak	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ukrainian	114	0.2%	0.2%	93	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	30	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Iraqi	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	108	0.2%	0.3%	65	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	24	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Assyrian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Thai	159	0.2%	0.2%	104	0.2%	–
Vietnamese	80	0.1%	0.2%	18	0.0%	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	466	0.7%	0.8%	274	0.5%	
Indonesian	32	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	31	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chinese	333	0.5%	1.0%	220	0.4%	
Taiwanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	24	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Korean	24	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	8	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	255	0.4%	0.8%	158	0.3%	
Malayali	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	48	0.1%	0.2%	14	0.0%	
Pakistani	38	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Punjabi	25	0.0%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Sikh	20	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Sinhalese	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	8	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	21	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Armenian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
African American	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
American	134	0.2%	0.3%	76	0.1%	
Canadian	71	0.1%	0.2%	47	0.1%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	14	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Bermudan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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North American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Argentinian	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bolivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Brazilian	7	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Chilean	16	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Colombian	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Ecuadorian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Guyanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Peruvian	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Uruguayan	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Venezuelan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Paraguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mexican	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Salvadoran	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Costa Rican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Guatemalan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cuban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	20	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	120	0.2%	0.3%	116	0.2%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	21	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
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.