

# Community report

## Charters Towers (R)

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

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**Charters Towers (R)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Qld**

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 Charters Towers (R) were Australian, English 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 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

Charters Towers (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	23	0.2%	0.2%	7	0.1%	0.2%	+16	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
African, so described	7	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.1%	+4	+0.1
European, so described	4	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.1%	0	0.0
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%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	4,934	41.8%	35.3%	5,933	50.0%	37.7%	-999	-8.2
Australian Aboriginal	972	8.2%	5.1%	137	1.2%	1.2%	+835	+7.0
Australian South Sea Islander	10	0.1%	0.2%	18	0.2%	0.2%	-8	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	133	1.1%	1.3%	13	0.1%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	39	0.3%	1.0%	47	0.4%	
New Zealander	63	0.5%	1.2%	98	0.8%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	31	0.3%	0.3%	42	0.4%	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Fijian	13	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.1%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	–	–	0.2%	15	0.1%	
Tongan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
English	4,351	36.9%	39.6%	4,391	37.0%	
Scottish	1,071	9.1%	10.4%	1,099	9.3%	
Welsh	43	0.4%	0.6%	55	0.5%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	1,301	11.0%	10.9%	1,363	11.5%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	6	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Dutch	56	0.5%	1.5%	64	0.5%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	48	0.4%	0.6%	37	0.3%	
German	567	4.8%	6.3%	604	5.1%	
Swiss	3	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Belgian	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	26	0.2%	0.5%	34	0.3%	
Finnish	16	0.1%	0.2%	8	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	12	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.1%	
Swedish	11	0.1%	0.2%	15	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	283	2.4%	3.2%	279	2.3%	
Maltese	16	0.1%	0.5%	11	0.1%	
Portuguese	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Spanish	21	0.2%	0.5%	29	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	8	0.1%	0.3%	4	0.0%	
Greek	23	0.2%	0.5%	24	0.2%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Slovene	13	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Cypriot	–	–	0.0%	7	0.1%	
Vlach	–	–	–	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	3	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.1%	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	6	0.1%	0.3%	16	0.1%	
Latvian	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	23	0.2%	0.5%	23	0.2%	
Russian	7	0.1%	0.3%	–	–	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Iraqi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	3	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.1%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	10	0.1%	0.3%	5	0.0%	
Vietnamese	7	0.1%	0.2%	8	0.1%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	81	0.7%	1.3%	82	0.7%	
Indonesian	7	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.1%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	140	1.2%	1.6%	120	1.0%	
Taiwanese	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	19	0.2%	0.5%	14	0.1%	
Korean	5	0.0%	0.3%	6	0.1%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	61	0.5%	1.0%	30	0.3%	
Malayali	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	–	–	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Pakistani	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Punjabi	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Sikh	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	4	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regiona
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American	28	0.2%	0.3%	22	0.2%	
Canadian	16	0.1%	0.2%	25	0.2%	
French Canadian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Chilean	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Colombian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	–	–	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%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
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	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghanaian	8	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.1%	
Nigerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	6	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	21	0.2%	0.6%	18	0.2%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regiona
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	3	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.