

# Community report

## Coffs Harbour (C)

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

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**Coffs Harbour (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 Coffs Harbour (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 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

Coffs Harbour (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	219	0.3%	0.2%	203	0.3%	0.2%	+16	0.0
Eurasian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Asian, so described	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
African, so described	141	0.2%	0.1%	50	0.1%	0.1%	+91	+0.1
European, so described	57	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.0%	0.1%	+25	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	29,808	37.8%	40.2%	29,344	40.2%	42.5%	+464	-2.4
Australian Aboriginal	4,394	5.6%	6.1%	455	0.6%	0.8%	+3,939	+5.0
Australian South Sea Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	203	0.3%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	305	0.4%	0.4%	280	0.4%	
New Zealander	544	0.7%	0.6%	543	0.7%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Caledonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	44	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	60	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.1%	
Solomon Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cook Islander	27	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Fijian	128	0.2%	0.1%	97	0.1%	
Niuean	20	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Samoan	51	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
Tongan	108	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Pitcairn	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Polynesian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
North-West European, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
British, nfd	33	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
English	32,802	41.6%	40.9%	30,298	41.5%	4
Scottish	8,557	10.9%	10.7%	7,858	10.8%	1
Welsh	480	0.6%	0.7%	483	0.7%	
Channel Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Manx	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
British, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Irish	9,445	12.0%	11.8%	9,459	13.0%	1
Western European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Austrian	130	0.2%	0.2%	111	0.2%	
Dutch	1,232	1.6%	1.4%	1,013	1.4%	
Flemish	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
French	511	0.6%	0.5%	399	0.5%	
German	3,375	4.3%	4.2%	3,115	4.3%	
Swiss	185	0.2%	0.1%	174	0.2%	
Belgian	50	0.1%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Frisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Luxembourg	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Western European, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Northern European, nfd	27	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	195	0.2%	0.2%	163	0.2%	
Finnish	98	0.1%	0.1%	81	0.1%	
Icelandic	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norwegian	132	0.2%	0.1%	108	0.1%	
Swedish	198	0.3%	0.2%	153	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Basque	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Catalan	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Italian	1,723	2.2%	2.8%	1,597	2.2%	
Maltese	379	0.5%	0.5%	286	0.4%	
Portuguese	72	0.1%	0.2%	52	0.1%	
Spanish	231	0.3%	0.4%	280	0.4%	
Gibraltarian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern European, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South Eastern European, nfd	34	0.0%	0.1%	68	0.1%	
Albanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bosnian	20	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bulgarian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Croatian	181	0.2%	0.4%	126	0.2%	
Greek	297	0.4%	0.6%	286	0.4%	
Macedonian	18	0.0%	0.5%	30	0.0%	
Moldovan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	35	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	50	0.1%	0.2%	29	0.0%	
Slovene	30	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Cypriot	21	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	35	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Belarusan	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Czech	76	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	
Estonian	37	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Hungarian	200	0.3%	0.2%	177	0.2%	
Latvian	42	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.1%	
Lithuanian	51	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Polish	422	0.5%	0.6%	356	0.5%	
Russian	175	0.2%	0.2%	155	0.2%	
Slovak	34	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Ukrainian	87	0.1%	0.2%	65	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	31	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Algerian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	41	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Iraqi	307	0.4%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	114	0.1%	0.3%	109	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Palestinian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Syrian	78	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	41	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	29	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.1%	
Sudanese	40	0.1%	0.0%	122	0.2%	
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	26	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Kurdish	44	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	36	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	117	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	13	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	393	0.5%	0.0%	181	0.2%	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	21	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Lao	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Thai	197	0.3%	0.2%	136	0.2%	–
Vietnamese	112	0.1%	0.2%	67	0.1%	–
Karen	60	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.1%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Chin	196	0.2%	0.0%	218	0.3%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	79	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Filipino	556	0.7%	0.8%	397	0.5%	
Indonesian	118	0.1%	0.1%	61	0.1%	
Javanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Malay	147	0.2%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chinese	836	1.1%	1.0%	643	0.9%	
Taiwanese	50	0.1%	0.0%	44	0.1%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	174	0.2%	0.1%	94	0.1%	
Korean	81	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	32	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bengali	4	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Burgher	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	1,300	1.7%	0.8%	1,348	1.8%	
Malayali	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	97	0.1%	0.2%	14	0.0%	
Pakistani	32	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Punjabi	871	1.1%	0.2%	234	0.3%	
Sikh	501	0.6%	0.1%	101	0.1%	
Sinhalese	25	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	11	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	13	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	49	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	56	0.1%	0.0%	182	0.2%	
Armenian	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	39	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
African American	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
American	246	0.3%	0.3%	180	0.2%	
Canadian	175	0.2%	0.2%	143	0.2%	
French Canadian	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	18	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	35	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Bermudan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Argentinian	26	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Brazilian	46	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Chilean	50	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Colombian	18	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	31	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Uruguayan	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Venezuelan	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	24	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	23	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Costa Rican	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	17	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	6	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	80	0.1%	0.0%	101	0.1%	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Togolese	18	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Central and West African, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	16	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	65	0.1%	0.0%	91	0.1%	
Ethiopian	100	0.1%	0.0%	66	0.1%	
Kenyan	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Malawian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mauritian	37	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Mozambican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Namibian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Oromo	8	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Seychellois	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Somali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South African	326	0.4%	0.3%	207	0.3%	
Tanzanian	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ugandan	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zambian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Zimbabwean	18	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Amhara	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Batswana	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Masai	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tigrayan	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Zulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burundian	33	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.1%	
Madi	—	—	—	—	—	
Rwandan	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Shona	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Swahili	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.