

# Community report

## Darebin (C)

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

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**Darebin (C)**

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 Darebin (C) were English, Australian and Italian.

## 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

Darebin (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	412	0.3%	0.3%	387	0.3%	0.3%	+25	0.0
Eurasian, so described	27	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%	+12	0.0
Asian, so described	118	0.1%	0.1%	102	0.1%	0.1%	+16	0.0
African, so described	297	0.2%	0.3%	226	0.2%	0.2%	+71	0.0
European, so described	185	0.1%	0.1%	108	0.1%	0.1%	+77	0.0
Caucasian, so described	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+7	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	+12	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	32,926	22.2%	23.4%	30,190	20.6%	24.0%	+2,736	+1.6
Australian Aboriginal	1,412	1.0%	0.7%	304	0.2%	0.1%	+1,108	+0.8
Australian South Sea Islander	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Torres Strait Islander	124	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	537	0.4%	0.4%	348	0.2%	
New Zealander	1,166	0.8%	0.6%	1,082	0.7%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	54	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cook Islander	55	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Fijian	128	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
Niuean	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Samoan	217	0.1%	0.4%	177	0.1%	
Tongan	77	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.0%	
Hawaiian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tahitian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitcairn	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
North-West European, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
British, nfd	63	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	–
English	37,130	25.0%	25.6%	33,340	22.7%	22.7%
Scottish	12,378	8.3%	7.1%	10,416	7.1%	–
Welsh	916	0.6%	0.5%	725	0.5%	–
Channel Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Manx	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
British, nec	32	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Irish	16,531	11.1%	8.3%	15,625	10.6%	–
Western European, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	331	0.2%	0.2%	262	0.2%	–
Dutch	1,980	1.3%	1.5%	1,536	1.0%	–
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
French	1,023	0.7%	0.6%	860	0.6%	–
German	4,518	3.0%	2.9%	3,920	2.7%	–
Swiss	238	0.2%	0.1%	169	0.1%	–
Belgian	104	0.1%	0.0%	74	0.1%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Northern European, nfd	53	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	329	0.2%	0.2%	246	0.2%	
Finnish	122	0.1%	0.1%	92	0.1%	
Icelandic	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norwegian	209	0.1%	0.1%	160	0.1%	
Swedish	354	0.2%	0.2%	266	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Catalan	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Italian	20,633	13.9%	6.6%	19,990	13.6%	
Maltese	1,604	1.1%	1.4%	1,398	1.0%	
Portuguese	463	0.3%	0.3%	338	0.2%	
Spanish	920	0.6%	0.5%	847	0.6%	
Gibraltarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	156	0.1%	0.1%	204	0.1%	
Albanian	445	0.3%	0.2%	384	0.3%	
Bosnian	173	0.1%	0.2%	131	0.1%	
Bulgarian	68	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Croatian	1,308	0.9%	0.9%	1,096	0.7%	
Greek	12,451	8.4%	3.5%	12,369	8.4%	
Macedonian	3,244	2.2%	0.9%	3,072	2.1%	
Moldovan	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	30	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Romanian	151	0.1%	0.2%	117	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Serbian	688	0.5%	0.5%	542	0.4%	
Slovene	206	0.1%	0.1%	198	0.1%	
Cypriot	656	0.4%	0.3%	511	0.3%	
Vlach	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	95	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.0%	
Belarusan	19	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Czech	205	0.1%	0.1%	142	0.1%	
Estonian	79	0.1%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Hungarian	470	0.3%	0.4%	396	0.3%	
Latvian	201	0.1%	0.1%	173	0.1%	
Lithuanian	166	0.1%	0.1%	128	0.1%	
Polish	1,301	0.9%	1.1%	1,000	0.7%	
Russian	456	0.3%	0.5%	362	0.2%	
Slovak	55	0.0%	0.1%	43	0.0%	
Ukrainian	308	0.2%	0.3%	234	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	162	0.1%	0.1%	68	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	682	0.5%	0.3%	866	0.6%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Algerian	27	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Egyptian	496	0.3%	0.4%	434	0.3%	
Iraqi	224	0.2%	0.3%	246	0.2%	
Jordanian	18	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Lebanese	2,820	1.9%	1.0%	2,926	2.0%	
Libyan	36	0.0%	0.0%	102	0.1%	
Moroccan	42	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Palestinian	97	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	
Saudi Arabian	127	0.1%	0.0%	477	0.3%	
Syrian	292	0.2%	0.2%	223	0.2%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Yemeni	24	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	
Arab, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Jewish	245	0.2%	0.3%	148	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	3	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sudanese	39	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Coptic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	525	0.4%	0.5%	596	0.4%	
Kurdish	97	0.1%	0.1%	175	0.1%	
Turkish	698	0.5%	0.8%	565	0.4%	
Assyrian	177	0.1%	0.2%	157	0.1%	
Chaldean	19	0.0%	0.2%	27	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	61	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Burmese	69	0.0%	0.2%	65	0.0%	
Hmong	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Khmer (Cambodian)	198	0.1%	0.5%	131	0.1%	
Lao	58	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Thai	478	0.3%	0.4%	485	0.3%	
Vietnamese	3,295	2.2%	2.4%	3,550	2.4%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Karen	6	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Mon	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	1,539	1.0%	1.7%	1,262	0.9%	
Indonesian	371	0.2%	0.4%	318	0.2%	
Javanese	23	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Madurese	–	–	–	–	–	
Malay	486	0.3%	0.4%	364	0.2%	
Sundanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	69	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Singaporean	71	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chinese	8,934	6.0%	8.3%	9,340	6.4%	
Taiwanese	123	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	638	0.4%	0.3%	476	0.3%	
Korean	282	0.2%	0.4%	235	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Tibetan	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nfd	243	0.2%	0.3%	200	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	119	0.1%	0.1%	84	0.1%	
Bengali	75	0.1%	0.1%	69	0.0%	
Burgher	35	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Gujarati	60	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Indian	4,276	2.9%	5.3%	5,313	3.6%	
Malayali	52	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Nepalese	1,147	0.8%	0.4%	954	0.7%	
Pakistani	471	0.3%	0.6%	557	0.4%	
Punjabi	338	0.2%	1.0%	329	0.2%	
Sikh	126	0.1%	0.5%	150	0.1%	
Sinhalese	367	0.2%	0.6%	128	0.1%	
Maldivian	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	233	0.2%	0.2%	319	0.2%	
Bhutanese	16	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	60	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Kashmiri	20	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sindhi	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Sri Lankan	763	0.5%	1.0%	910	0.6%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sri Lankan Tamil	34	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	336	0.2%	0.5%	103	0.1%	
Telugu	226	0.2%	0.2%	28	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	63	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Afghan	102	0.1%	0.4%	123	0.1%	
Armenian	99	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	
Georgian	11	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Hazara	15	0.0%	0.4%	14	0.0%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Tatar	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	75	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
North American, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
African American	41	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
American	490	0.3%	0.3%	377	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Canadian	327	0.2%	0.1%	219	0.1%	
French Canadian	21	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	45	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	40	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nfd	56	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Argentinian	145	0.1%	0.1%	113	0.1%	
Bolivian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	185	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.1%	
Chilean	284	0.2%	0.2%	214	0.1%	
Colombian	380	0.3%	0.2%	280	0.2%	
Ecuadorian	22	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Guyanese	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Peruvian	83	0.1%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Uruguayan	43	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Venezuelan	60	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mexican	151	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Nicaraguan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	30	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mayan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Cuban	21	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Jamaican	39	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Barbadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	51	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Nigerian	54	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Yoruba	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	11	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central and West African, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Afrikaner	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	87	0.1%	0.1%	71	0.0%	
Ethiopian	73	0.0%	0.2%	59	0.0%	
Kenyan	65	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Malawian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mauritian	260	0.2%	0.3%	279	0.2%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Namibian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Oromo	47	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Seychellois	25	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Somali	814	0.5%	0.2%	643	0.4%	
South African	375	0.3%	0.5%	298	0.2%	
Tanzanian	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Ugandan	17	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Zambian	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Zimbabwean	69	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Batswana	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Shona	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.