

# Community report

## Darwin (C)

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

AREA

**Darwin (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Darwin**

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 Darwin (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

Darwin (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	294	0.4%	0.3%	273	0.3%	0.3%	+21	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	24	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Asian, so described	288	0.4%	0.3%	235	0.3%	0.3%	+53	+0.1
African, so described	242	0.3%	0.4%	303	0.4%	0.3%	-61	-0.1
European, so described	66	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	0.0%	+23	0.0
Caucasian, so described	11	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	34	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	0.0%	+11	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Australian	19,447	24.1%	28.9%	22,087	28.0%	32.8%	-2,640	-3.9
Australian Aboriginal	6,377	7.9%	8.9%	1,280	1.6%	1.5%	+5,097	+6.3
Australian South Sea Islander	45	0.1%	0.0%	65	0.1%	0.1%	-20	0.0
Torres Strait Islander	1,032	1.3%	1.2%	98	0.1%	0.1%	+934	+1.2

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori	509	0.6%	0.7%	454	0.6%	–
New Zealander	506	0.6%	0.7%	688	0.9%	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
New Caledonian	–	–	–	5	0.0%	–
Ni-Vanuatu	8	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Papua New Guinean	258	0.3%	0.3%	200	0.3%	–
Solomon Islander	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
I-Kiribati	27	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Polynesian, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Cook Islander	37	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Fijian	217	0.3%	0.3%	158	0.2%	–
Niuean	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Samoan	101	0.1%	0.1%	72	0.1%	–
Tongan	101	0.1%	0.1%	73	0.1%	–
Hawaiian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tahitian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Tuvaluan	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Polynesian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
North-West European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
British, nfd	42	0.1%	0.0%	54	0.1%	–
English	20,247	25.1%	27.7%	20,703	26.3%	27.7%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater D
Scottish	5,716	7.1%	7.5%	5,802	7.4%	
Welsh	427	0.5%	0.5%	438	0.6%	
Channel Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Manx	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
British, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Irish	6,989	8.7%	8.5%	7,688	9.8%	
Austrian	152	0.2%	0.2%	113	0.1%	
Dutch	1,003	1.2%	1.3%	998	1.3%	
Flemish	–	–	–	5	0.0%	
French	519	0.6%	0.5%	535	0.7%	
German	3,052	3.8%	4.1%	3,191	4.0%	
Swiss	156	0.2%	0.2%	145	0.2%	
Belgian	44	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Frisian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	39	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Danish	214	0.3%	0.3%	184	0.2%	
Finnish	123	0.2%	0.1%	90	0.1%	
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	126	0.2%	0.1%	76	0.1%	
Swedish	141	0.2%	0.2%	140	0.2%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Basque	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Italian	2,059	2.6%	2.3%	1,936	2.5%	
Maltese	189	0.2%	0.3%	158	0.2%	
Portuguese	622	0.8%	0.6%	533	0.7%	
Spanish	468	0.6%	0.5%	495	0.6%	
South Eastern European, nfd	52	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Albanian	18	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Bosnian	41	0.1%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Bulgarian	29	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Croatian	170	0.2%	0.2%	166	0.2%	
Greek	3,216	4.0%	2.9%	3,279	4.2%	
Macedonian	44	0.1%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Montenegrin	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Romanian	39	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	71	0.1%	0.1%	69	0.1%	
Slovene	39	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Cypriot	219	0.3%	0.2%	168	0.2%	
Eastern European, nfd	38	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Belarusan	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Czech	89	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	
Estonian	69	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.1%	
Hungarian	162	0.2%	0.2%	174	0.2%	

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Latvian	70	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
Lithuanian	31	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Polish	452	0.6%	0.5%	383	0.5%	
Russian	200	0.2%	0.2%	184	0.2%	
Slovak	14	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Ukrainian	104	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	27	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	53	0.1%	0.0%	53	0.1%	
Algerian	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Egyptian	72	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Iraqi	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jordanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Lebanese	99	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.1%	
Moroccan	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Palestinian	8	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Arab, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	47	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Dinka	–	–	–	22	0.0%	

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South Sudanese	66	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	
Sudanese	46	0.1%	0.0%	72	0.1%	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	91	0.1%	0.1%	124	0.2%	
Kurdish	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Turkish	83	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Assyrian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Burmese	152	0.2%	0.1%	156	0.2%	
Hmong	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	111	0.1%	0.2%	103	0.1%	
Lao	52	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Thai	717	0.9%	0.9%	627	0.8%	
Vietnamese	991	1.2%	1.0%	675	0.9%	
Karen	48	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	9	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Filipino	4,182	5.2%	4.9%	3,916	5.0%	
Indonesian	1,186	1.5%	1.2%	944	1.2%	

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Javanese	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Malay	247	0.3%	0.3%	270	0.3%	
Timorese	898	1.1%	0.8%	797	1.0%	
Balinese	20	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	–	6	0.0%	
Singaporean	45	0.1%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	40	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Chinese	4,633	5.8%	4.3%	4,321	5.5%	
Taiwanese	200	0.2%	0.2%	183	0.2%	
Chinese Asian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Japanese	225	0.3%	0.2%	397	0.5%	
Korean	251	0.3%	0.3%	279	0.4%	
Mongolian	33	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	257	0.3%	0.2%	85	0.1%	
Anglo–Indian	56	0.1%	0.0%	48	0.1%	
Bengali	145	0.2%	0.1%	80	0.1%	
Burgher	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	70	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Indian	3,022	3.8%	2.8%	2,666	3.4%	
Malayali	159	0.2%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Nepalese	2,463	3.1%	2.0%	975	1.2%	
Pakistani	484	0.6%	0.5%	247	0.3%	

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Punjabi	423	0.5%	0.4%	87	0.1%	
Sikh	200	0.2%	0.2%	40	0.1%	
Sinhalese	454	0.6%	0.4%	86	0.1%	
Maldivian	—	—	—	6	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	389	0.5%	0.3%	210	0.3%	
Bhutanese	45	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.1%	
Fijian Indian	27	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Kashmiri	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sindhi	14	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Sri Lankan	508	0.6%	0.4%	506	0.6%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	41	0.1%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	268	0.3%	0.3%	95	0.1%	
Telugu	68	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	49	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Afghan	26	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Armenian	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Kazakh	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Pathan	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Uzbek	—	—	—	3	0.0%	
Azeri	—	—	—	—	—	
Hazara	11	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Tatar	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Turkmen	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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Kyrgyz	–	–	–	5	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	22	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
American	234	0.3%	0.3%	240	0.3%	
Canadian	151	0.2%	0.2%	125	0.2%	
French Canadian	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	33	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
North American, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South American, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Argentinian	32	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	108	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Chilean	70	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
Colombian	119	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Guyanese	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Peruvian	39	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Uruguayan	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Venezuelan	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Paraguayan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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Central American, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Mexican	31	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.1%	
Salvadoran	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Cuban	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jamaican	23	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Fulani	–	–	–	7	0.0%	
Ghanaian	21	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nigerian	73	0.1%	0.1%	57	0.1%	
Yoruba	23	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	11	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.1%	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	–	8	0.0%	
Cameroonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Congolese	196	0.2%	0.2%	123	0.2%	
Igbo	24	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Senegalese	–	–	–	7	0.0%	
Togolese	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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Central and West African, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	21	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Eritrean	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethiopian	29	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Kenyan	52	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Malawian	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mauritian	77	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.1%	
Mozambican	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Oromo	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Seychellois	31	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Somali	19	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
South African	307	0.4%	0.4%	240	0.3%	
Tanzanian	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Ugandan	25	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Zambian	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	109	0.1%	0.2%	139	0.2%	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	–	6	0.0%	
Zulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	17	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	–	7	0.0%	
Rwandan	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Shona	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Swahili	22	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.