

# Community report

## Derby-West Kimberley (S)

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AREA

**Derby-West Kimberley (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional WA**

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 Derby–West Kimberley (S) were Australian Aboriginal, Australian and English.

## 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

Derby-West Kimberley (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	17	0.2%	0.2%	23	0.3%	0.2%	-6	-0.1
Eurasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Asian, so described	—	—	0.1%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
African, so described	8	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.1%	0.2%	+2	0.0
European, so described	5	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	0.1%	-3	0.0
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	18	0.2%	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	913	12.9%	36.3%	1,913	24.7%	39.9%	-1,000	-11.8
Australian Aboriginal	4,003	56.6%	7.8%	3,487	45.1%	3.1%	+516	+11.5
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Torres Strait Islander	36	0.5%	0.3%	31	0.4%	0.3%
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori	60	0.8%	1.3%	71	0.9%	1.3%
New Zealander	33	0.5%	1.1%	56	0.7%	1.1%
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinean	12	0.2%	0.1%	13	0.2%	0.1%
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
I-Kiribati	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cook Islander	5	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.1%	0.1%
Fijian	7	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	0.1%
Niuean	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.0%
Samoan	4	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Tongan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Pitcairn	–	–	–	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North–West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
English	820	11.6%	40.0%	1,124	14.5%	40.0%
Scottish	250	3.5%	9.0%	298	3.9%	9.0%
Welsh	12	0.2%	0.7%	16	0.2%	0.7%
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Irish	273	3.9%	8.6%	328	4.2%	8.6%
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	3	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.1%	0.1%
Dutch	32	0.5%	1.9%	35	0.5%	1.9%
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	5	0.1%	0.1%
French	15	0.2%	0.5%	19	0.2%	0.5%
German	63	0.9%	3.4%	127	1.6%	3.4%
Swiss	4	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	0.1%
Belgian	5	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Danish	12	0.2%	0.2%	16	0.2%	0.2%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Finnish	5	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	6	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Swedish	3	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	68	1.0%	3.8%	66	0.9%	
Maltese	5	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Portuguese	–	–	0.2%	7	0.1%	
Spanish	8	0.1%	0.3%	15	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	9	0.1%	0.4%	3	0.0%	
Greek	9	0.1%	0.3%	10	0.1%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.1%	4	0.1%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbian	6	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cypriot	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Estonian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Hungarian	–	–	0.1%	8	0.1%	–
Latvian	5	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Lithuanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Polish	10	0.1%	0.7%	18	0.2%	–
Russian	6	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	–
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ukrainian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Egyptian	4	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.1%	–
Iraqi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Lebanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arab, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jewish	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	–
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.1%	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Burmese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	12	0.2%	0.3%	7	0.1%	–
Vietnamese	3	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Filipino	52	0.7%	1.5%	66	0.9%	–
Indonesian	4	0.1%	0.3%	17	0.2%	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Malay	11	0.2%	0.2%	4	0.1%	–
Sundanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese	38	0.5%	0.8%	66	0.9%	–
Taiwanese	–	–	0.1%	4	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	13	0.2%	0.1%	13	0.2%	–
Korean	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.1%	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian, nfd	6	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	–
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indian	35	0.5%	0.7%	89	1.2%	–
Malayali	7	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepalese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Pakistani	–	–	0.1%	4	0.1%	–
Punjabi	–	–	0.1%	4	0.1%	–
Sikh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bangladeshi	8	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sri Lankan	–	–	0.1%	22	0.3%	–
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Indian Tamil	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tamil, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Telugu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Afghan	—	—	0.0%	20	0.3%	—
Armenian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kazakh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pathan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uzbek	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Azeri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hazara	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Tatar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkmen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	—	—	0.0%	9	0.1%	—
North American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
African American	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
American	5	0.1%	0.3%	5	0.1%	—
Canadian	4	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.1%	—
French Canadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Hispanic North American	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Native North American Indian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Bermudan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
North American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
South American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Argentinian	4	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bolivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Brazilian	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Chilean	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Colombian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ecuadorian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Guyanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Peruvian	4	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Uruguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Venezuelan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
South American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mexican	—	—	0.0%	9	0.1%	—
Nicaraguan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Salvadoran	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Costa Rican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Caribbean Islander, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Cuban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jamaican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Trinidadian Tobagonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Barbadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Caribbean Islander, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulani	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigerian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaner	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Angolan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kenyan	13	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.1%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South African	12	0.2%	0.8%	10	0.1%	–
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zimbabwean	12	0.2%	0.2%	9	0.1%	–
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East African, nec	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–

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

Data basis: usual residence.