

# Community report

## Dorset (M)

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

AREA

**Dorset (M)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Tas.**

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 Dorset (M) were English, Australian and Scottish.

## 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

Dorset (M) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	9	0.1%	0.2%	14	0.2%	0.2%	-5	-0.1
Eurasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Asian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
African, so described	7	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
European, so described	5	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Caucasian, so described	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	3,105	45.5%	42.7%	3,215	48.6%	45.0%	-110	-3.1
Australian Aboriginal	253	3.7%	5.4%	9	0.1%	0.4%	+244	+3.6
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Torres Strait Islander	18	0.3%	0.3%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	25	0.4%	0.2%	22	0.3%	
New Zealander	30	0.4%	0.5%	16	0.2%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoaan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tongan	4	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	–	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	–	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	3,119	45.7%	44.6%	2,930	44.3%	4
Scottish	621	9.1%	9.5%	639	9.7%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Welsh	20	0.3%	0.5%	26	0.4%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	586	8.6%	9.7%	545	8.2%	
Austrian	8	0.1%	0.2%	4	0.1%	
Dutch	89	1.3%	2.2%	100	1.5%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	22	0.3%	0.4%	23	0.3%	
German	232	3.4%	3.5%	234	3.5%	
Swiss	10	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Belgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Frisian	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	15	0.2%	0.2%	20	0.3%	
Finnish	–	–	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	9	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.1%	
Swedish	15	0.2%	0.1%	8	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	65	1.0%	1.2%	68	1.0%	
Maltese	10	0.1%	0.2%	9	0.1%	
Portuguese	4	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Spanish	10	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.1%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	–	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	7	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	3	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Greek	13	0.2%	0.2%	8	0.1%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Slovene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cypriot	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Estonian	8	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Hungarian	10	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Latvian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	32	0.5%	0.5%	21	0.3%	
Russian	8	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.1%	
Slovak	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	6	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iraqi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	–	–	–	
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisian	–	–	–	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Jewish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	–	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	6	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Vietnamese	5	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.1%	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	23	0.3%	0.6%	15	0.2%	
Indonesian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	5	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	30	0.4%	1.0%	28	0.4%	
Taiwanese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Korean	–	–	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Anglo–Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	10	0.1%	0.6%	10	0.2%	
Malayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	14	0.2%	0.8%	–	–	
Pakistani	35	0.5%	0.2%	–	–	
Punjabi	6	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Sikh	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	

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Bangladeshi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bhutanese	—	—	0.2%	—	—	
Fijian Indian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Parsi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sri Lankan	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Sri Lankan Tamil	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tamil, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Telugu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Afghan	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Armenian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Georgian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kazakh	—	—	—	—	—	
Pathan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hazara	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Tajik	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tatar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
North American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
African American	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
American	23	0.3%	0.2%	13	0.2%	
Canadian	4	0.1%	0.2%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chilean	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Colombian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Afrikaner	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	4	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	
Zimbabwean	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.