

Community report

East Gippsland (S)

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

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East Gippsland (S)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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 East Gippsland (S) 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

East Gippsland (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	80	0.2%	0.2%	99	0.2%	0.2%	-19	0.0
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
African, so described	13	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	0.1%	0	0.0
European, so described	21	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	19,195	39.4%	39.2%	18,842	41.8%	40.0%	+353	-2.4
Australian Aboriginal	1,563	3.2%	1.9%	208	0.5%	0.2%	+1,355	+2.7
Australian South Sea Islander	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Torres Strait Islander	42	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	108	0.2%	0.3%	88	0.2%	
New Zealander	226	0.5%	0.5%	224	0.5%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cook Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Fijian	33	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Niuean	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Samoan	17	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Tongan	12	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
English	21,205	43.5%	40.6%	18,734	41.6%	4
Scottish	5,732	11.8%	11.7%	5,086	11.3%	1
Welsh	306	0.6%	0.6%	267	0.6%	
Channel Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Manx	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
British, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Irish	5,274	10.8%	12.9%	4,809	10.7%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	91	0.2%	0.2%	88	0.2%	
Dutch	1,210	2.5%	2.3%	1,067	2.4%	
Flemish	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
French	236	0.5%	0.4%	169	0.4%	
German	2,147	4.4%	4.6%	1,965	4.4%	
Swiss	85	0.2%	0.2%	64	0.1%	
Belgian	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Danish	129	0.3%	0.2%	118	0.3%	
Finnish	52	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	59	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Swedish	108	0.2%	0.2%	87	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,616	3.3%	3.9%	1,348	3.0%	
Maltese	267	0.5%	0.7%	189	0.4%	
Portuguese	53	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	
Spanish	79	0.2%	0.3%	78	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	23	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.1%	
Albanian	10	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Bosnian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Croatian	73	0.1%	0.6%	60	0.1%	
Greek	234	0.5%	0.6%	190	0.4%	
Macedonian	18	0.0%	0.2%	14	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian	23	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	44	0.1%	0.2%	50	0.1%	
Slovene	40	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Cypriot	11	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Vlach	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Belarusan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	37	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Estonian	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Hungarian	93	0.2%	0.3%	80	0.2%	
Latvian	48	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	
Lithuanian	18	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Polish	253	0.5%	0.6%	194	0.4%	
Russian	62	0.1%	0.2%	52	0.1%	
Slovak	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Ukrainian	69	0.1%	0.2%	64	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	10	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	37	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.0%	

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Iraqi	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	30	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	–	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	13	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	17	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Assyrian	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	104	0.2%	0.2%	31	0.1%	
Vietnamese	136	0.3%	0.2%	78	0.2%	
Karen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Filipino	395	0.8%	0.8%	206	0.5%	
Indonesian	50	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	56	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	42	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	424	0.9%	1.1%	385	0.9%	
Taiwanese	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	20	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Korean	28	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Mongolian	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tibetan	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nfd	16	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Anglo–Indian	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Indian	230	0.5%	1.0%	184	0.4%	
Malayali	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	24	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Pakistani	25	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Punjabi	55	0.1%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Sikh	24	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	11	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	41	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	18	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Telugu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American	95	0.2%	0.2%	79	0.2%	
Canadian	58	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
French Canadian	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	17	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Chilean	24	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Colombian	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	–	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	–	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	36	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	110	0.2%	0.2%	82	0.2%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	–	–	–	
Batswana	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.