

Community report

East Pilbara (S)

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

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East Pilbara (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 East Pilbara (S) were English, Australian and Australian Aboriginal.

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 Pilbara (S) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	39	0.4%	0.2%	52	0.5%	0.2%	-13	-0.1
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	19	0.2%	0.1%	14	0.1%	0.0%	+5	+0.1
African, so described	52	0.5%	0.2%	58	0.5%	0.2%	-6	0.0
European, so described	3	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.2%	0.1%	-14	-0.2
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	10	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+7	+0.1
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	2,041	20.9%	36.3%	3,233	30.5%	39.9%	-1,192	-9.6
Australian Aboriginal	1,689	17.3%	7.8%	1,198	11.3%	3.1%	+491	+6.0
Australian South Sea Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.0%	-3	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Torres Strait Islander	63	0.6%	0.3%	17	0.2%	0.1%
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori	301	3.1%	1.3%	276	2.6%	1.1%
New Zealander	124	1.3%	1.1%	183	1.7%	0.7%
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinean	28	0.3%	0.1%	45	0.4%	0.2%
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Cook Islander	12	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.2%	0.1%
Fijian	21	0.2%	0.1%	13	0.1%	0.1%
Niuean	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoaan	24	0.2%	0.1%	28	0.3%	0.1%
Tongan	34	0.3%	0.1%	25	0.2%	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	7	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
North–West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
English	2,444	25.0%	40.0%	2,864	27.0%	40.0%
Scottish	616	6.3%	9.0%	786	7.4%	9.0%
Welsh	52	0.5%	0.7%	56	0.5%	0.7%
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Irish	599	6.1%	8.6%	749	7.1%	8.6%
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Austrian	9	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	0.1%
Dutch	120	1.2%	1.9%	118	1.1%	1.9%
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
French	52	0.5%	0.5%	43	0.4%	0.5%
German	219	2.2%	3.4%	300	2.8%	3.4%
Swiss	8	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.1%	0.1%
Belgian	3	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Northern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.0%
Danish	16	0.2%	0.2%	22	0.2%	0.2%

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Finnish	10	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norwegian	8	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	–
Swedish	8	0.1%	0.2%	17	0.2%	–
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern European, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Italian	194	2.0%	3.8%	230	2.2%	–
Maltese	15	0.2%	0.1%	17	0.2%	–
Portuguese	22	0.2%	0.2%	16	0.2%	–
Spanish	42	0.4%	0.3%	23	0.2%	–
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Eastern European, nfd	11	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	–
Albanian	8	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Croatian	43	0.4%	0.4%	49	0.5%	–
Greek	30	0.3%	0.3%	33	0.3%	–
Macedonian	19	0.2%	0.1%	23	0.2%	–
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	15	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	–

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Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbian	19	0.2%	0.1%	20	0.2%	–
Slovene	5	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Cypriot	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	8	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	–
Estonian	4	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Hungarian	15	0.2%	0.1%	16	0.2%	–
Latvian	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Lithuanian	9	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Polish	24	0.2%	0.7%	53	0.5%	–
Russian	10	0.1%	0.2%	17	0.2%	–
Slovak	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ukrainian	8	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	14	0.1%	–
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Egyptian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Iraqi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Jordanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

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Lebanese	5	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arab, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jewish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	–
South Sudanese	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	11	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.1%	0.0%
Kurdish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	6	0.1%	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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Burmese	9	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	0.1%
Khmer (Cambodian)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Lao	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Thai	79	0.8%	0.3%	70	0.7%	0.3%
Vietnamese	14	0.1%	0.2%	15	0.1%	0.2%
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Rohingya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Filipino	254	2.6%	1.5%	196	1.9%	1.5%
Indonesian	43	0.4%	0.3%	30	0.3%	0.3%
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Malay	16	0.2%	0.2%	30	0.3%	0.2%
Sundanese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Timorese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Chinese	122	1.3%	0.8%	88	0.8%	0.8%
Taiwanese	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.1%

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	9	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	–
Korean	6	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.1%	–
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Bengali	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indian	100	1.0%	0.7%	87	0.8%	–
Malayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepalese	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Pakistani	11	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Punjabi	6	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Sikh	9	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bangladeshi	7	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.1%	–
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sri Lankan	–	–	0.1%	9	0.1%	–
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tamil, nfd	10	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afghan	6	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American	13	0.1%	0.3%	18	0.2%	–
Canadian	7	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.1%	–
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Native North American Indian	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.1%	–
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
South American, nfd	5	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Argentinian	6	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.1%	—
Bolivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Brazilian	9	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	—
Chilean	10	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Colombian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Ecuadorian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Guyanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Peruvian	—	—	0.0%	12	0.1%	—
Uruguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Venezuelan	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
South American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mexican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulani	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ghanaian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Nigerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congolese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaner	8	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Angolan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian	8	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kenyan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	23	0.2%	0.1%	12	0.1%	–
Mozambican	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Somali	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
South African	63	0.6%	0.8%	65	0.6%	–
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambian	20	0.2%	0.0%	6	0.1%	–
Zimbabwean	45	0.5%	0.2%	37	0.3%	–
Batswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East African, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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

Data basis: usual residence.