

Community report

Fairfield (C)

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

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Fairfield (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 Fairfield (C) were Vietnamese, Chinese and Australian.

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

Fairfield (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	915	0.4%	0.3%	596	0.3%	0.2%	+319	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Asian, so described	246	0.1%	0.2%	101	0.1%	0.1%	+145	0.0
African, so described	309	0.1%	0.2%	245	0.1%	0.2%	+64	0.0
European, so described	126	0.1%	0.1%	109	0.1%	0.1%	+17	0.0
Caucasian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Creole, so described	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	137	0.1%	0.0%	268	0.1%	0.1%	-131	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	18,410	8.8%	22.3%	18,328	9.2%	23.5%	+82	-0.4
Australian Aboriginal	1,476	0.7%	1.6%	238	0.1%	0.2%	+1,238	+0.6
Australian South Sea Islander	8	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	0.0%	-40	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Torres Strait Islander	199	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	737	0.4%	0.5%	885	0.4%	
New Zealander	457	0.2%	0.7%	506	0.3%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ni-Vanuatu	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	49	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Cook Islander	247	0.1%	0.1%	274	0.1%	
Fijian	892	0.4%	0.4%	823	0.4%	
Niuean	103	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.0%	
Samoan	2,382	1.1%	0.6%	2,623	1.3%	
Tongan	1,434	0.7%	0.4%	1,382	0.7%	
Hawaiian	28	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tahitian	14	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Tokelauan	23	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Tuvaluan	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
North–West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
English	14,950	7.2%	23.8%	16,254	8.2%	23.8%
Scottish	2,136	1.0%	6.0%	2,722	1.4%	
Welsh	133	0.1%	0.5%	171	0.1%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	2,826	1.4%	7.7%	3,531	1.8%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Austrian	150	0.1%	0.2%	203	0.1%	
Dutch	285	0.1%	0.9%	365	0.2%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	423	0.2%	0.7%	490	0.2%	
German	1,610	0.8%	2.3%	1,995	1.0%	
Swiss	41	0.0%	0.1%	57	0.0%	
Belgian	13	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Danish	74	0.0%	0.2%	75	0.0%	
Finnish	54	0.0%	0.1%	61	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	35	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Swedish	46	0.0%	0.2%	69	0.0%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	10,644	5.1%	4.3%	11,913	6.0%	
Maltese	2,556	1.2%	1.2%	2,873	1.4%	
Portuguese	532	0.3%	0.5%	577	0.3%	
Spanish	2,157	1.0%	0.8%	3,029	1.5%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	254	0.1%	0.1%	452	0.2%	
Albanian	75	0.0%	0.0%	70	0.0%	
Bosnian	619	0.3%	0.1%	623	0.3%	
Bulgarian	25	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Croatian	3,527	1.7%	0.8%	3,678	1.8%	
Greek	1,523	0.7%	2.4%	1,687	0.8%	
Macedonian	1,555	0.7%	0.6%	1,598	0.8%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Montenegrin	21	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Romanian	110	0.1%	0.1%	141	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Serbian	3,941	1.9%	0.6%	3,919	2.0%	
Slovene	231	0.1%	0.1%	273	0.1%	
Cypriot	258	0.1%	0.3%	200	0.1%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	38	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Belarusan	15	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Czech	94	0.0%	0.2%	99	0.0%	
Estonian	16	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Hungarian	307	0.1%	0.4%	391	0.2%	
Latvian	42	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.0%	
Lithuanian	23	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Polish	1,011	0.5%	0.8%	1,190	0.6%	
Russian	850	0.4%	0.6%	1,003	0.5%	
Slovak	59	0.0%	0.1%	72	0.0%	
Ukrainian	266	0.1%	0.2%	332	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	850	0.4%	0.2%	407	0.2%	
Arab, nfd	3,333	1.6%	0.6%	2,159	1.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Algerian	34	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Egyptian	573	0.3%	0.5%	560	0.3%	
Iraqi	11,043	5.3%	0.6%	7,821	3.9%	
Jordanian	402	0.2%	0.1%	400	0.2%	
Kuwaiti	51	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Lebanese	5,847	2.8%	3.3%	6,103	3.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Moroccan	32	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Palestinian	423	0.2%	0.2%	451	0.2%	
Saudi Arabian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Syrian	2,301	1.1%	0.3%	1,120	0.6%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	56	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Jewish	19	0.0%	0.2%	23	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	38	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	7	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
South Sudanese	73	0.0%	0.0%	75	0.0%	
Sudanese	157	0.1%	0.1%	213	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	75	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	16	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Iranian	864	0.4%	0.6%	1,069	0.5%	
Kurdish	247	0.1%	0.1%	289	0.1%	
Turkish	1,402	0.7%	0.6%	1,371	0.7%	
Assyrian	17,103	8.2%	0.6%	13,433	6.8%	
Chaldean	7,979	3.8%	0.2%	6,432	3.2%	
Mandaean	151	0.1%	0.0%	288	0.1%	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	–	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	24	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	201	0.1%	0.1%	240	0.1%	
Hmong	90	0.0%	0.0%	105	0.1%	
Khmer (Cambodian)	8,914	4.3%	0.3%	8,507	4.3%	
Lao	2,428	1.2%	0.2%	2,474	1.2%	
Thai	1,476	0.7%	0.6%	1,246	0.6%	

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Vietnamese	40,624	19.5%	2.3%	39,578	19.9%	
Karen	302	0.1%	0.0%	365	0.2%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	3,421	1.6%	2.5%	3,220	1.6%	
Indonesian	437	0.2%	0.6%	382	0.2%	
Javanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Malay	202	0.1%	0.2%	176	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Timorese	471	0.2%	0.0%	466	0.2%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	41	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	27,226	13.1%	10.6%	26,943	13.6%	
Taiwanese	72	0.0%	0.1%	57	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Japanese	126	0.1%	0.4%	141	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Korean	220	0.1%	1.3%	169	0.1%	
Mongolian	28	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	143	0.1%	0.3%	136	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	22	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Bengali	37	0.0%	0.2%	15	0.0%	
Burgher	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Indian	1,717	0.8%	4.5%	2,027	1.0%	
Malayali	21	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Nepalese	144	0.1%	1.3%	97	0.0%	
Pakistani	392	0.2%	0.7%	386	0.2%	
Punjabi	88	0.0%	0.4%	46	0.0%	
Sikh	50	0.0%	0.2%	12	0.0%	
Sinhalese	42	0.0%	0.2%	17	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	77	0.0%	0.5%	70	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	287	0.1%	0.2%	309	0.2%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Sri Lankan	141	0.1%	0.4%	201	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	7	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	66	0.0%	0.5%	41	0.0%	
Telugu	19	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	8	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	382	0.2%	0.3%	350	0.2%	
Armenian	1,263	0.6%	0.3%	1,069	0.5%	
Georgian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kazakh	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pathan	37	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uzbek	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hazara	337	0.2%	0.1%	79	0.0%	
Tajik	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tatar	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Turkmen	29	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Uighur	46	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	142	0.1%	0.1%	107	0.1%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	19	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
American	87	0.0%	0.3%	89	0.0%	
Canadian	33	0.0%	0.2%	38	0.0%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	85	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	18	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	465	0.2%	0.1%	580	0.3%	
Argentinian	419	0.2%	0.1%	490	0.2%	
Bolivian	79	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Brazilian	52	0.0%	0.3%	60	0.0%	
Chilean	1,557	0.7%	0.3%	1,798	0.9%	
Colombian	127	0.1%	0.2%	91	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	43	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	404	0.2%	0.1%	455	0.2%	
Uruguayan	687	0.3%	0.1%	738	0.4%	
Venezuelan	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	12	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
South American, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Mexican	33	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	48	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Salvadoran	281	0.1%	0.0%	260	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Costa Rican	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Central American, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cuban	16	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Jamaican	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ghanaian	78	0.0%	0.1%	78	0.0%	
Nigerian	69	0.0%	0.1%	125	0.1%	
Yoruba	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	10	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	31	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Acholi	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	58	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	28	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	76	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	–
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaner	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrean	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Ethiopian	29	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Kenyan	48	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mauritian	243	0.1%	0.2%	251	0.1%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Somali	51	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
South African	88	0.0%	0.6%	84	0.0%	–
Tanzanian	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Ugandan	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Zimbabwean	15	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	15	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Madi	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Swahili	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	20	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.