

Community report

Gold Coast (C)

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

AREA

Gold Coast (C)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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 Gold Coast (C) were English, Australian and Irish.

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

Gold Coast (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	1,475	0.2%	0.2%	1,225	0.2%	0.2%	+250	0.0
Eurasian, so described	62	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Asian, so described	338	0.1%	0.1%	262	0.0%	0.0%	+76	+0.1
African, so described	841	0.1%	0.1%	608	0.1%	0.1%	+233	0.0
European, so described	961	0.2%	0.1%	747	0.1%	0.1%	+214	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	45	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	0.0%	+14	0.0
Creole, so described	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	299	0.0%	0.0%	268	0.0%	0.0%	+31	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Australian	191,740	30.7%	35.3%	171,566	30.9%	37.7%	+20,174	-0.2
Australian Aboriginal	12,958	2.1%	5.1%	1,180	0.2%	1.2%	+11,778	+1.9
Australian South Sea Islander	170	0.0%	0.2%	222	0.0%	0.2%	-52	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	1,130	0.2%	1.3%	102	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	55	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Maori	13,742	2.2%	1.0%	11,735	2.1%	
New Zealander	12,617	2.0%	1.2%	13,220	2.4%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
New Caledonian	35	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Ni-Vanuatu	64	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	666	0.1%	0.3%	486	0.1%	
Solomon Islander	38	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	21	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Nauruan	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Micronesian, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Polynesian, nfd	176	0.0%	0.0%	141	0.0%	
Cook Islander	1,536	0.2%	0.1%	1,246	0.2%	
Fijian	1,131	0.2%	0.1%	803	0.1%	
Niuean	376	0.1%	0.0%	314	0.1%	
Samoaan	2,887	0.5%	0.2%	2,099	0.4%	
Tongan	926	0.1%	0.1%	624	0.1%	
Hawaiian	34	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Tahitian	124	0.0%	0.0%	111	0.0%	
Tokelauan	73	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	20	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pitcairn	45	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Polynesian, nec	60	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
North-West European, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
British, nfd	253	0.0%	0.0%	249	0.0%	
English	249,795	40.0%	39.6%	223,774	40.3%	3
Scottish	62,371	10.0%	10.4%	56,827	10.2%	1
Welsh	4,614	0.7%	0.6%	4,283	0.8%	
Channel Islander	26	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Manx	63	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
British, nec	54	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Irish	65,021	10.4%	10.9%	62,702	11.3%	1
Western European, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	1,415	0.2%	0.2%	1,246	0.2%	
Dutch	10,259	1.6%	1.5%	8,930	1.6%	
Flemish	28	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
French	5,185	0.8%	0.6%	4,405	0.8%	
German	29,449	4.7%	6.3%	27,248	4.9%	
Swiss	1,080	0.2%	0.2%	943	0.2%	
Belgian	500	0.1%	0.1%	391	0.1%	
Frisian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Luxembourg	20	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Western European, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	380	0.1%	0.1%	248	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	2,271	0.4%	0.5%	1,997	0.4%	
Finnish	1,144	0.2%	0.2%	986	0.2%	
Icelandic	52	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Norwegian	1,039	0.2%	0.2%	841	0.2%	
Swedish	1,579	0.3%	0.2%	1,309	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	71	0.0%	0.0%	89	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Basque	30	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Catalan	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Italian	19,507	3.1%	3.2%	15,264	2.7%	
Maltese	3,326	0.5%	0.5%	2,574	0.5%	
Portuguese	2,329	0.4%	0.2%	1,344	0.2%	
Spanish	4,314	0.7%	0.5%	3,400	0.6%	
Gibraltarian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	594	0.1%	0.1%	864	0.2%	
Albanian	197	0.0%	0.0%	180	0.0%	
Bosnian	1,174	0.2%	0.1%	934	0.2%	
Bulgarian	232	0.0%	0.0%	207	0.0%	
Croatian	3,514	0.6%	0.3%	2,628	0.5%	
Greek	5,140	0.8%	0.5%	4,498	0.8%	
Macedonian	878	0.1%	0.1%	616	0.1%	
Moldovan	23	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	62	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Romanian	990	0.2%	0.1%	640	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	24	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Serbian	2,145	0.3%	0.1%	1,566	0.3%	
Slovene	533	0.1%	0.1%	396	0.1%	
Cypriot	488	0.1%	0.0%	336	0.1%	
Vlach	–	–	–	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	334	0.1%	0.0%	206	0.0%	
Belarusan	102	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Czech	1,036	0.2%	0.1%	837	0.2%	
Estonian	276	0.0%	0.0%	223	0.0%	
Hungarian	2,660	0.4%	0.3%	2,208	0.4%	
Latvian	497	0.1%	0.1%	395	0.1%	
Lithuanian	394	0.1%	0.0%	302	0.1%	
Polish	4,931	0.8%	0.5%	3,865	0.7%	
Russian	3,125	0.5%	0.3%	2,485	0.4%	
Slovak	442	0.1%	0.0%	352	0.1%	
Ukrainian	1,354	0.2%	0.1%	1,004	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Eastern European, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	265	0.0%	0.0%	82	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	455	0.1%	0.0%	450	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Algerian	55	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	0.0%
Egyptian	844	0.1%	0.1%	697	0.1%	0.1%
Iraqi	216	0.0%	0.1%	228	0.0%	0.0%
Jordanian	69	0.0%	0.0%	79	0.0%	0.0%
Kuwaiti	3	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	0.0%
Lebanese	1,775	0.3%	0.1%	1,437	0.3%	0.1%
Libyan	33	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%
Moroccan	94	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	0.0%
Palestinian	133	0.0%	0.0%	77	0.0%	0.0%
Saudi Arabian	10	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	0.0%
Syrian	162	0.0%	0.0%	114	0.0%	0.0%
Tunisian	26	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Yemeni	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Emirati	–	–	–	19	0.0%	0.0%
Omani	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Qatari	–	–	–	4	0.0%	0.0%
Arab, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Jewish	351	0.1%	0.0%	243	0.0%	0.0%
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	0.0%
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%
South Sudanese	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Sudanese	57	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Berber	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Coptic	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Iranian	1,424	0.2%	0.1%	1,065	0.2%	—
Kurdish	93	0.0%	0.0%	113	0.0%	—
Turkish	1,179	0.2%	0.1%	852	0.2%	—
Assyrian	133	0.0%	0.0%	91	0.0%	—
Chaldean	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	—
Nubian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yezidi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	240	0.0%	0.0%	178	0.0%	—
South-East Asian, nfd	39	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anglo-Burmese	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Burmese	228	0.0%	0.0%	138	0.0%	—
Hmong	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Khmer (Cambodian)	393	0.1%	0.0%	247	0.0%	—
Lao	170	0.0%	0.0%	113	0.0%	—
Thai	2,567	0.4%	0.3%	1,896	0.3%	—
Vietnamese	1,933	0.3%	0.2%	1,211	0.2%	—
Karen	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Mon	23	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Chin	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Filipino	8,300	1.3%	1.3%	5,651	1.0%	
Indonesian	1,615	0.3%	0.2%	1,162	0.2%	
Javanese	22	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Malay	847	0.1%	0.1%	631	0.1%	
Sundanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	93	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Balinese	51	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Bruneian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Singaporean	232	0.0%	0.0%	182	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	94	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Chinese	20,956	3.4%	1.6%	17,011	3.1%	
Taiwanese	871	0.1%	0.1%	563	0.1%	
Chinese Asian, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	7,085	1.1%	0.5%	6,164	1.1%	
Korean	4,477	0.7%	0.3%	3,920	0.7%	
Mongolian	109	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Tibetan	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other North–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	451	0.1%	0.0%	170	0.0%	
Anglo–Indian	88	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Bengali	122	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Burgher	27	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Gujarati	190	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	0.0%
Indian	8,917	1.4%	1.0%	6,419	1.2%	1.0%
Malayali	211	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%
Nepalese	1,199	0.2%	0.2%	637	0.1%	0.2%
Pakistani	763	0.1%	0.1%	478	0.1%	0.1%
Punjabi	1,493	0.2%	0.2%	440	0.1%	0.2%
Sikh	829	0.1%	0.1%	162	0.0%	0.1%
Sinhalese	372	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.0%	0.1%
Maldivian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Bangladeshi	370	0.1%	0.0%	322	0.1%	0.0%
Bhutanese	19	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Fijian Indian	292	0.0%	0.0%	165	0.0%	0.0%
Kashmiri	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Sindhi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Sri Lankan	840	0.1%	0.1%	805	0.1%	0.1%
Sri Lankan Tamil	26	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	0.0%
Indian Tamil	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Tamil, nfd	332	0.1%	0.0%	61	0.0%	0.0%
Telugu	212	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Southern Asian, nec	77	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	0.0%
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Afghan	293	0.0%	0.0%	207	0.0%	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Armenian	242	0.0%	0.0%	208	0.0%	
Georgian	28	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kazakh	31	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Pathan	29	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Uzbek	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Azeri	25	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Hazara	39	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Tajik	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	31	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Turkmen	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	16	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	304	0.0%	0.0%	142	0.0%	
North American, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
African American	162	0.0%	0.0%	81	0.0%	
American	2,291	0.4%	0.3%	1,988	0.4%	
Canadian	1,571	0.3%	0.2%	1,189	0.2%	
French Canadian	79	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	131	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	252	0.0%	0.0%	181	0.0%	
Bermudan	24	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nfd	400	0.1%	0.0%	295	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regiona
Argentinian	413	0.1%	0.0%	290	0.1%	
Bolivian	43	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Brazilian	3,045	0.5%	0.2%	1,294	0.2%	
Chilean	793	0.1%	0.1%	467	0.1%	
Colombian	1,062	0.2%	0.1%	447	0.1%	
Ecuadorian	43	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Guyanese	38	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Peruvian	318	0.1%	0.0%	201	0.0%	
Uruguayan	278	0.0%	0.0%	185	0.0%	
Venezuelan	147	0.0%	0.0%	139	0.0%	
Paraguayan	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
South American, nec	67	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Mexican	348	0.1%	0.0%	184	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Salvadoran	172	0.0%	0.0%	90	0.0%	
Costa Rican	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Guatemalan	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Mayan	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central American, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	149	0.0%	0.0%	111	0.0%	
Cuban	70	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Jamaican	199	0.0%	0.0%	125	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	58	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Barbadian	21	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	37	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Central and West African, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Akan	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fulani	—	—	—	—	—	
Ghanaian	63	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Nigerian	157	0.0%	0.0%	87	0.0%	
Yoruba	22	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ivorean	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Liberian	22	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Cameroonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Congolese	41	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Igbo	19	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Krahn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mandinka	—	—	—	—	—	
Senegalese	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Themne	—	—	—	—	—	
Togolese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central and West African, nec	34	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Afrikaner	242	0.0%	0.0%	164	0.0%	0.0%
Angolan	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrean	173	0.0%	0.0%	121	0.0%	0.0%
Ethiopian	193	0.0%	0.0%	116	0.0%	0.0%
Kenyan	102	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	0.0%
Malawian	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	615	0.1%	0.1%	526	0.1%	0.1%
Mozambican	27	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%
Namibian	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Oromo	19	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Seychellois	51	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	0.0%
Somali	42	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	0.0%
South African	5,920	0.9%	0.6%	4,405	0.8%	0.6%
Tanzanian	16	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%
Ugandan	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Zambian	32	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%
Zimbabwean	505	0.1%	0.1%	390	0.1%	0.1%
Amhara	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Batswana	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Masai	–	–	–	3	0.0%	0.0%
Tigrayan	41	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%
Tigre	–	–	–	6	0.0%	0.0%
Zulu	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Burundian	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Madi	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Ogaden	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Rwandan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	12	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Swahili	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nec	37	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.