

# Community report

## Greater Dandenong (C)

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

AREA

**Greater Dandenong (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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 Greater Dandenong (C) were Chinese, Vietnamese and English.

## 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

Greater Dandenong (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	953	0.6%	0.3%	610	0.4%	0.3%	+343	+0.2
Eurasian, so described	35	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	0.0%	-19	0.0
Asian, so described	377	0.2%	0.1%	272	0.2%	0.1%	+105	0.0
African, so described	546	0.3%	0.3%	525	0.3%	0.2%	+21	0.0
European, so described	136	0.1%	0.1%	101	0.1%	0.1%	+35	0.0
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	30	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	+14	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	97	0.1%	0.0%	128	0.1%	0.0%	-31	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	16,281	10.3%	23.4%	15,415	10.1%	24.0%	+866	+0.2
Australian Aboriginal	590	0.4%	0.7%	93	0.1%	0.1%	+497	+0.3
Australian South Sea Islander	8	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	0.0%	-20	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Torres Strait Islander	110	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	—
Norfolk Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori	658	0.4%	0.4%	680	0.4%	—
New Zealander	468	0.3%	0.6%	556	0.4%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
New Caledonian	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Ni-Vanuatu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Papua New Guinean	25	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	—
Solomon Islander	—	—	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Micronesian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
I-Kiribati	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Nauruan	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Micronesian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Polynesian, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	—
Cook Islander	839	0.5%	0.1%	920	0.6%	—
Fijian	376	0.2%	0.1%	336	0.2%	—
Niuean	60	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	—
Samoan	848	0.5%	0.4%	948	0.6%	—
Tongan	128	0.1%	0.1%	149	0.1%	—
Hawaiian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Tahitian	44	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	—
Tokelauan	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
British, nfd	60	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	–
English	17,327	11.0%	25.6%	17,485	11.5%	25.6%
Scottish	3,494	2.2%	7.1%	3,724	2.4%	7.1%
Welsh	233	0.1%	0.5%	232	0.2%	0.5%
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Manx	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Irish	3,802	2.4%	8.3%	4,253	2.8%	8.3%
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	122	0.1%	0.2%	132	0.1%	0.2%
Dutch	1,142	0.7%	1.5%	1,303	0.9%	1.5%
Flemish	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
French	697	0.4%	0.6%	858	0.6%	0.6%
German	1,751	1.1%	2.9%	1,962	1.3%	2.9%
Swiss	52	0.0%	0.1%	57	0.0%	0.1%
Belgian	16	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	70	0.0%	0.2%	83	0.1%	
Finnish	60	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norwegian	63	0.0%	0.1%	52	0.0%	
Swedish	48	0.0%	0.2%	46	0.0%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	35	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	4,569	2.9%	6.6%	4,840	3.2%	
Maltese	623	0.4%	1.4%	654	0.4%	
Portuguese	511	0.3%	0.3%	521	0.3%	
Spanish	716	0.5%	0.5%	821	0.5%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	235	0.1%	0.1%	388	0.3%	
Albanian	1,919	1.2%	0.2%	1,772	1.2%	
Bosnian	1,512	1.0%	0.2%	1,515	1.0%	
Bulgarian	53	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Croatian	1,210	0.8%	0.9%	1,141	0.8%	
Greek	4,415	2.8%	3.5%	4,391	2.9%	
Macedonian	642	0.4%	0.9%	631	0.4%	
Moldovan	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	26	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Romanian	442	0.3%	0.2%	506	0.3%	
Roma Gypsy	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Serbian	2,348	1.5%	0.5%	2,214	1.5%	
Slovene	103	0.1%	0.1%	96	0.1%	
Cypriot	357	0.2%	0.3%	261	0.2%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	50	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Belarusan	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Czech	99	0.1%	0.1%	112	0.1%	
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Hungarian	622	0.4%	0.4%	744	0.5%	
Latvian	31	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Lithuanian	30	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	
Polish	1,062	0.7%	1.1%	1,218	0.8%	
Russian	642	0.4%	0.5%	658	0.4%	
Slovak	59	0.0%	0.1%	61	0.0%	
Ukrainian	255	0.2%	0.3%	277	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	163	0.1%	0.1%	104	0.1%	
Arab, nfd	450	0.3%	0.3%	349	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Algerian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Egyptian	373	0.2%	0.4%	425	0.3%	
Iraqi	207	0.1%	0.3%	265	0.2%	
Jordanian	11	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	1,011	0.6%	1.0%	1,195	0.8%	
Libyan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	41	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Palestinian	111	0.1%	0.1%	142	0.1%	
Saudi Arabian	13	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Syrian	114	0.1%	0.2%	114	0.1%	
Tunisian	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Yemeni	24	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	
Arab, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Jewish	90	0.1%	0.3%	62	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	72	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Bari	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	12	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Nuer	22	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
South Sudanese	333	0.2%	0.1%	271	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sudanese	382	0.2%	0.1%	500	0.3%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Coptic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	544	0.3%	0.5%	624	0.4%	
Kurdish	47	0.0%	0.1%	96	0.1%	
Turkish	1,820	1.2%	0.8%	1,719	1.1%	
Assyrian	29	0.0%	0.2%	32	0.0%	
Chaldean	61	0.0%	0.2%	29	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	39	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	71	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	1,463	0.9%	0.2%	1,571	1.0%	
Hmong	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Khmer (Cambodian)	11,112	7.0%	0.5%	8,789	5.8%	
Lao	306	0.2%	0.1%	304	0.2%	
Thai	935	0.6%	0.4%	674	0.4%	
Vietnamese	17,653	11.2%	2.4%	16,946	11.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Karen	196	0.1%	0.1%	225	0.1%	
Mon	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chin	11	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Rohingya	262	0.2%	0.0%	475	0.3%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Maritime South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	3,352	2.1%	1.7%	2,470	1.6%	
Indonesian	943	0.6%	0.4%	602	0.4%	
Javanese	40	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Madurese	–	–	–	–	–	
Malay	1,952	1.2%	0.4%	560	0.4%	
Sundanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	381	0.2%	0.1%	306	0.2%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bruneian	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kadazan	155	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Singaporean	64	0.0%	0.1%	61	0.0%	
Maritime South-East Asian, nec	139	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Chinese	19,377	12.2%	8.3%	17,198	11.3%	
Taiwanese	99	0.1%	0.1%	67	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Japanese	248	0.2%	0.3%	216	0.1%	
Korean	700	0.4%	0.4%	453	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	16	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Tibetan	37	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	833	0.5%	0.3%	575	0.4%	
Anglo-Indian	535	0.3%	0.1%	480	0.3%	
Bengali	222	0.1%	0.1%	153	0.1%	
Burgher	254	0.2%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Gujarati	145	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.0%	
Indian	10,529	6.7%	5.3%	12,513	8.2%	
Malayali	206	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Nepalese	336	0.2%	0.4%	225	0.1%	
Pakistani	1,706	1.1%	0.6%	1,583	1.0%	
Punjabi	2,569	1.6%	1.0%	1,609	1.1%	
Sikh	1,402	0.9%	0.5%	977	0.6%	
Sinhalese	2,477	1.6%	0.6%	884	0.6%	
Maldivian	6	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	469	0.3%	0.2%	504	0.3%	
Bhutanese	19	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	126	0.1%	0.1%	150	0.1%	
Kashmiri	17	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Parsi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Sri Lankan	3,428	2.2%	1.0%	5,214	3.4%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sri Lankan Tamil	194	0.1%	0.0%	369	0.2%	
Indian Tamil	25	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	2,076	1.3%	0.5%	981	0.6%	
Telugu	281	0.2%	0.2%	20	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	157	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Afghan	3,320	2.1%	0.4%	4,792	3.2%	
Armenian	314	0.2%	0.1%	295	0.2%	
Georgian	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kazakh	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Pathan	302	0.2%	0.0%	218	0.1%	
Uzbek	21	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Azeri	27	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Hazara	3,915	2.5%	0.4%	2,072	1.4%	
Tajik	102	0.1%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Tatar	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Turkmen	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	71	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	67	0.0%	0.1%	60	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
African American	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
American	122	0.1%	0.3%	100	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Canadian	54	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	
French Canadian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	41	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	14	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	89	0.1%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Argentinian	152	0.1%	0.1%	167	0.1%	
Bolivian	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Brazilian	45	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Chilean	579	0.4%	0.2%	651	0.4%	
Colombian	90	0.1%	0.2%	44	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guyanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Peruvian	81	0.1%	0.0%	87	0.1%	
Uruguayan	44	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Venezuelan	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mexican	34	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Salvadoran	155	0.1%	0.1%	167	0.1%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Mayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central American, nec	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Caribbean Islander, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Cuban	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Jamaican	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Trinidadian Tobagonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Barbadian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Puerto Rican	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Caribbean Islander, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Central and West African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Akan	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Fulani	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Ghanaian	22	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	—
Nigerian	59	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	—
Yoruba	25	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Ivorean	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Liberian	15	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	—
Sierra Leonean	31	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	—
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Cameroonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Congolese	22	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Gio	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	39	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Afrikaner	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Angolan	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Eritrean	161	0.1%	0.1%	181	0.1%	
Ethiopian	384	0.2%	0.2%	380	0.2%	
Kenyan	174	0.1%	0.0%	87	0.1%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mauritian	1,158	0.7%	0.3%	1,242	0.8%	
Mozambican	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	194	0.1%	0.0%	158	0.1%	
Seychellois	98	0.1%	0.0%	87	0.1%	
Somali	426	0.3%	0.2%	394	0.3%	
South African	396	0.3%	0.5%	349	0.2%	
Tanzanian	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Ugandan	13	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Zambian	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Zimbabwean	69	0.0%	0.1%	90	0.1%	
Amhara	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Batswana	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Burundian	18	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Shona	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.