

# Community report

## Greater Geelong (C)

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

AREA

**Greater Geelong (C)**

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 Greater Geelong (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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	544	0.2%	0.2%	539	0.2%	0.2%	+5	0.0
Eurasian, so described	26	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Asian, so described	164	0.1%	0.0%	80	0.0%	0.0%	+84	+0.1
African, so described	409	0.2%	0.1%	159	0.1%	0.1%	+250	+0.1
European, so described	248	0.1%	0.1%	165	0.1%	0.0%	+83	0.0
Caucasian, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	37	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	96,732	35.7%	39.2%	83,363	35.7%	40.0%	+13,369	0.0
Australian Aboriginal	3,375	1.2%	1.9%	335	0.1%	0.2%	+3,040	+1.1
Australian South Sea Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Torres Strait Islander	172	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	
Norfolk Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Maori	792	0.3%	0.3%	516	0.2%	
New Zealander	1,611	0.6%	0.5%	1,343	0.6%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Caledonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ni-Vanuatu	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Papua New Guinean	66	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Micronesian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
I-Kiribati	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nauruan	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Micronesian, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Polynesian, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Cook Islander	49	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Fijian	164	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.0%	
Niuean	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Samoan	205	0.1%	0.1%	140	0.1%	
Tongan	96	0.0%	0.1%	64	0.0%	
Hawaiian	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tahitian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tuvaluan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North–West European, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
British, nfd	96	0.0%	0.0%	71	0.0%	
English	104,004	38.4%	40.6%	89,528	38.4%	4
Scottish	31,334	11.6%	11.7%	26,639	11.4%	1
Welsh	1,921	0.7%	0.6%	1,593	0.7%	
Channel Islander	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Manx	29	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
British, nec	56	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	35,001	12.9%	12.9%	30,698	13.2%	1
Western European, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Austrian	595	0.2%	0.2%	485	0.2%	
Dutch	7,283	2.7%	2.3%	6,261	2.7%	
Flemish	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
French	1,240	0.5%	0.4%	1,028	0.4%	
German	12,032	4.4%	4.6%	10,421	4.5%	
Swiss	450	0.2%	0.2%	383	0.2%	
Belgian	120	0.0%	0.0%	90	0.0%	
Frisian	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Luxembourg	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Northern European, nfd	127	0.0%	0.0%	77	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Danish	639	0.2%	0.2%	474	0.2%	
Finnish	273	0.1%	0.1%	205	0.1%	
Icelandic	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norwegian	352	0.1%	0.1%	302	0.1%	
Swedish	488	0.2%	0.2%	387	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Italian	12,143	4.5%	3.9%	9,894	4.2%	
Maltese	2,340	0.9%	0.7%	1,639	0.7%	
Portuguese	434	0.2%	0.1%	338	0.1%	
Spanish	1,196	0.4%	0.3%	1,035	0.4%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
South Eastern European, nfd	379	0.1%	0.1%	531	0.2%	
Albanian	177	0.1%	0.1%	135	0.1%	
Bosnian	465	0.2%	0.0%	410	0.2%	
Bulgarian	81	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Croatian	4,558	1.7%	0.6%	3,888	1.7%	
Greek	2,590	1.0%	0.6%	2,007	0.9%	
Macedonian	1,874	0.7%	0.2%	1,611	0.7%	
Moldovan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Montenegrin	30	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian	185	0.1%	0.1%	159	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	16	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbian	1,497	0.6%	0.2%	1,160	0.5%	
Slovene	671	0.2%	0.1%	600	0.3%	
Cypriot	254	0.1%	0.1%	159	0.1%	
Vlach	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	104	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Belarusan	36	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Czech	264	0.1%	0.1%	193	0.1%	
Estonian	117	0.0%	0.0%	93	0.0%	
Hungarian	1,171	0.4%	0.3%	1,024	0.4%	
Latvian	304	0.1%	0.1%	241	0.1%	
Lithuanian	388	0.1%	0.1%	339	0.1%	
Polish	2,877	1.1%	0.6%	2,449	1.0%	
Russian	822	0.3%	0.2%	649	0.3%	
Slovak	65	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Ukrainian	1,197	0.4%	0.2%	1,036	0.4%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	47	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	242	0.1%	0.1%	166	0.1%	
Algerian	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	259	0.1%	0.1%	144	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Iraqi	143	0.1%	0.1%	139	0.1%	
Jordanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lebanese	503	0.2%	0.1%	349	0.1%	
Libyan	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Moroccan	34	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Palestinian	36	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	16	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Syrian	94	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Tunisian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Arab, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jewish	97	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Darfur	–	–	–	5	0.0%	
Dinka	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Nuer	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
South Sudanese	103	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Sudanese	115	0.0%	0.0%	147	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Berber	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Coptic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Iranian	491	0.2%	0.1%	409	0.2%	
Kurdish	22	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Turkish	545	0.2%	0.1%	457	0.2%	
Assyrian	74	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Chaldean	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mandaean	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nubian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	45	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	39	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Anglo-Burmese	—	—	—	—	—	
Burmese	184	0.1%	0.0%	159	0.1%	
Hmong	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Khmer (Cambodian)	139	0.1%	0.0%	93	0.0%	
Lao	115	0.0%	0.0%	104	0.0%	
Thai	624	0.2%	0.2%	373	0.2%	
Vietnamese	987	0.4%	0.2%	785	0.3%	
Karen	879	0.3%	0.2%	506	0.2%	
Mon	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Chin	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Rohingya	48	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Filipino	2,839	1.0%	0.8%	1,700	0.7%	
Indonesian	448	0.2%	0.1%	301	0.1%	
Javanese	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Malay	286	0.1%	0.1%	171	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	27	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Balinese	14	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	57	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chinese	4,413	1.6%	1.1%	3,471	1.5%	
Taiwanese	55	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Japanese	359	0.1%	0.1%	264	0.1%	
Korean	250	0.1%	0.1%	194	0.1%	
Mongolian	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tibetan	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nfd	313	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.0%	
Anglo–Indian	47	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Bengali	47	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Burgher	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	89	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Indian	4,885	1.8%	1.0%	2,847	1.2%	
Malayali	157	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Nepalese	400	0.1%	0.1%	114	0.0%	
Pakistani	646	0.2%	0.1%	322	0.1%	
Punjabi	1,146	0.4%	0.2%	202	0.1%	
Sikh	574	0.2%	0.1%	76	0.0%	
Sinhalese	373	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.0%	
Maldivian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	161	0.1%	0.0%	85	0.0%	
Bhutanese	19	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	34	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sindhi	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	630	0.2%	0.1%	457	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	24	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	345	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Telugu	233	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	59	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Afghan	473	0.2%	0.1%	612	0.3%	
Armenian	63	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Georgian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	71	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Uzbek	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Azeri	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hazara	531	0.2%	0.1%	175	0.1%	
Tajik	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Tatar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Turkmen	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Uighur	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kyrgyz	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Central Asian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	35	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
North American, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
African American	28	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
American	733	0.3%	0.2%	539	0.2%	
Canadian	385	0.1%	0.1%	273	0.1%	
French Canadian	17	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	47	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Bermudan	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nfd	36	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Argentinian	42	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Bolivian	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Brazilian	138	0.1%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Chilean	157	0.1%	0.0%	101	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Colombian	175	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guyanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	59	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Uruguayan	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Venezuelan	34	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	–	–	–	
South American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	66	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Salvadoran	19	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	33	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Cuban	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Jamaican	23	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Barbadian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	37	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Nigerian	104	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Yoruba	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	32	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	171	0.1%	0.1%	108	0.0%	
Igbo	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Senegalese	–	–	–	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Afrikaner	28	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ethiopian	51	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Kenyan	59	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Malawian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	249	0.1%	0.1%	139	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Mozambican	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	31	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Somali	22	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
South African	890	0.3%	0.2%	619	0.3%	
Tanzanian	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ugandan	14	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Zambian	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	153	0.1%	0.0%	82	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	–	–	–	
Batswana	20	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Masai	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	28	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Shona	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.