

Community report

Hobsons Bay (C)

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

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Hobsons Bay (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 Hobsons Bay (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

Hobsons Bay (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	238	0.3%	0.3%	274	0.3%	0.3%	-36	0.0
Eurasian, so described	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Asian, so described	86	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	0.1%	+8	0.0
African, so described	174	0.2%	0.3%	121	0.1%	0.2%	+53	+0.1
European, so described	119	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.1%	0.1%	+26	0.0
Caucasian, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Creole, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	0.0%	-20	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	23,256	25.5%	23.4%	22,222	25.0%	24.0%	+1,034	+0.5
Australian Aboriginal	589	0.6%	0.7%	80	0.1%	0.1%	+509	+0.5
Australian South Sea Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Torres Strait Islander	59	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	610	0.7%	0.4%	638	0.7%	
New Zealander	907	1.0%	0.6%	871	1.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	19	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Cook Islander	65	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Fijian	96	0.1%	0.1%	94	0.1%	
Niuean	32	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Samoan	207	0.2%	0.4%	192	0.2%	
Tongan	127	0.1%	0.1%	128	0.1%	
Hawaiian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
North-West European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
British, nfd	44	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	–
English	25,653	28.1%	25.6%	24,342	27.4%	25.6%
Scottish	7,664	8.4%	7.1%	7,052	7.9%	7.1%
Welsh	591	0.6%	0.5%	495	0.6%	0.5%
Channel Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Manx	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
British, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Irish	9,440	10.3%	8.3%	9,337	10.5%	8.3%
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	198	0.2%	0.2%	202	0.2%	0.2%
Dutch	1,283	1.4%	1.5%	1,092	1.2%	1.5%
Flemish	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
French	570	0.6%	0.6%	448	0.5%	0.6%
German	2,982	3.3%	2.9%	2,715	3.1%	2.9%
Swiss	104	0.1%	0.1%	97	0.1%	0.1%
Belgian	43	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.1%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	197	0.2%	0.2%	175	0.2%	
Finnish	120	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Norwegian	135	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.1%	
Swedish	186	0.2%	0.2%	158	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Basque	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	6,788	7.4%	6.6%	6,322	7.1%	
Maltese	3,967	4.3%	1.4%	3,830	4.3%	
Portuguese	264	0.3%	0.3%	205	0.2%	
Spanish	428	0.5%	0.5%	409	0.5%	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	160	0.2%	0.1%	266	0.3%	
Albanian	477	0.5%	0.2%	367	0.4%	
Bosnian	139	0.2%	0.2%	116	0.1%	
Bulgarian	31	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Croatian	1,583	1.7%	0.9%	1,438	1.6%	
Greek	3,920	4.3%	3.5%	3,708	4.2%	
Macedonian	1,618	1.8%	0.9%	1,462	1.6%	
Moldovan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	35	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Romanian	213	0.2%	0.2%	191	0.2%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Serbian	897	1.0%	0.5%	822	0.9%	
Slovene	177	0.2%	0.1%	150	0.2%	
Cypriot	224	0.2%	0.3%	147	0.2%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	50	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Belarusan	36	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Czech	100	0.1%	0.1%	106	0.1%	
Estonian	30	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Hungarian	394	0.4%	0.4%	375	0.4%	
Latvian	121	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Lithuanian	84	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	
Polish	1,228	1.3%	1.1%	1,144	1.3%	
Russian	347	0.4%	0.5%	294	0.3%	
Slovak	248	0.3%	0.1%	265	0.3%	
Ukrainian	306	0.3%	0.3%	277	0.3%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	78	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	286	0.3%	0.3%	268	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Algerian	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Egyptian	283	0.3%	0.4%	223	0.3%	
Iraqi	57	0.1%	0.3%	96	0.1%	
Jordanian	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lebanese	2,503	2.7%	1.0%	2,731	3.1%	
Libyan	37	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.1%	
Moroccan	26	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Palestinian	35	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Syrian	80	0.1%	0.2%	66	0.1%	
Tunisian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yemeni	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	
Arab, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jewish	47	0.1%	0.3%	27	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	38	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	

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Sudanese	46	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	264	0.3%	0.5%	201	0.2%	
Kurdish	23	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Turkish	275	0.3%	0.8%	206	0.2%	
Assyrian	24	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Chaldean	–	–	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	25	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	77	0.1%	0.2%	137	0.2%	
Hmong	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Khmer (Cambodian)	216	0.2%	0.5%	180	0.2%	
Lao	69	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	
Thai	356	0.4%	0.4%	292	0.3%	
Vietnamese	2,080	2.3%	2.4%	1,948	2.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Karen	271	0.3%	0.1%	315	0.4%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	22	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.1%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	32	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	1,646	1.8%	1.7%	1,371	1.5%	
Indonesian	423	0.5%	0.4%	307	0.3%	
Javanese	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Madurese	–	–	–	–	–	
Malay	235	0.3%	0.4%	160	0.2%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Timorese	34	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	63	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	3,543	3.9%	8.3%	3,223	3.6%	
Taiwanese	32	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Japanese	258	0.3%	0.3%	189	0.2%	
Korean	143	0.2%	0.4%	98	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tibetan	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	153	0.2%	0.3%	114	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	92	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.1%	
Bengali	5	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Burgher	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	35	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Indian	2,699	3.0%	5.3%	3,010	3.4%	
Malayali	22	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Nepalese	264	0.3%	0.4%	147	0.2%	
Pakistani	233	0.3%	0.6%	277	0.3%	
Punjabi	326	0.4%	1.0%	202	0.2%	
Sikh	125	0.1%	0.5%	93	0.1%	
Sinhalese	83	0.1%	0.6%	38	0.0%	
Maldivian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	103	0.1%	0.2%	134	0.2%	
Bhutanese	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	54	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Kashmiri	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	282	0.3%	1.0%	298	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sri Lankan Tamil	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	147	0.2%	0.5%	37	0.0%	
Telugu	91	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	19	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	24	0.0%	0.4%	22	0.0%	
Armenian	24	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hazara	–	–	0.4%	4	0.0%	
Tajik	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	54	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
African American	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
American	283	0.3%	0.3%	237	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Canadian	143	0.2%	0.1%	141	0.2%	
French Canadian	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	32	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	42	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Argentinian	83	0.1%	0.1%	67	0.1%	
Bolivian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Brazilian	173	0.2%	0.1%	80	0.1%	
Chilean	190	0.2%	0.2%	151	0.2%	
Colombian	239	0.3%	0.2%	104	0.1%	
Ecuadorian	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guyanese	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	54	0.1%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Uruguayan	40	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Venezuelan	10	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	39	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	66	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Costa Rican	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Caribbean Islander, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Cuban	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Jamaican	27	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Trinidadian Tobagonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caribbean Islander, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ghanaian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Nigerian	19	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Sierra Leonean	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Congolese	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Krahn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mandinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Senegalese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Themne	—	—	—	—	—	—
Togolese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central and West African, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Southern and East African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Afrikaner	24	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Angolan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eritrean	96	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.1%	—
Ethiopian	191	0.2%	0.2%	198	0.2%	—
Kenyan	24	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	—
Malawian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mauritian	190	0.2%	0.3%	165	0.2%	—
Mozambican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Namibian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Oromo	40	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	—
Seychellois	27	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	—
Somali	61	0.1%	0.2%	70	0.1%	—
South African	347	0.4%	0.5%	296	0.3%	—
Tanzanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ugandan	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Zambian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Zimbabwean	36	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Amhara	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burundian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.