

Community report

Karratha (C)

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Karratha (C)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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 Karratha (C) were Australian, English and Australian Aboriginal.

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 totals represent responses rather than a single unduplicated person count.
- 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

Karratha (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	71	0.3%	0.2%	72	0.3%	0.2%	-1	0.0
Eurasian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Asian, so described	50	0.2%	0.1%	27	0.1%	0.0%	+23	+0.1
African, so described	93	0.4%	0.2%	61	0.3%	0.2%	+32	+0.1
European, so described	13	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	0.1%	-8	0.0
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	7,275	32.8%	36.3%	8,669	40.4%	39.9%	-1,394	-7.6
Australian Aboriginal	2,268	10.2%	7.8%	768	3.6%	3.1%	+1,500	+6.6
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Torres Strait Islander	219	1.0%	0.3%	22	0.1%	0.1%
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori	455	2.0%	1.3%	460	2.1%	1.3%
New Zealander	341	1.5%	1.1%	365	1.7%	1.1%
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ni-Vanuatu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinean	17	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	0.1%
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nfd	12	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cook Islander	33	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.2%	0.1%
Fijian	12	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	0.1%
Niuean	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Samoan	46	0.2%	0.1%	45	0.2%	0.1%
Tongan	18	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	0.1%
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Pitcairn	–	–	–	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North–West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	–
English	6,778	30.5%	40.0%	6,572	30.6%	–
Scottish	1,602	7.2%	9.0%	1,624	7.6%	–
Welsh	93	0.4%	0.7%	117	0.5%	–
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Irish	1,619	7.3%	8.6%	1,622	7.6%	–
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	47	0.2%	0.1%	42	0.2%	–
Dutch	361	1.6%	1.9%	338	1.6%	–
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	106	0.5%	0.5%	117	0.5%	–
German	696	3.1%	3.4%	646	3.0%	–
Swiss	33	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	–
Belgian	9	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Danish	37	0.2%	0.2%	34	0.2%	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Finnish	13	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Icelandic	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Norwegian	22	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	0.1%
Swedish	43	0.2%	0.2%	23	0.1%	0.1%
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Southern European, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Italian	609	2.7%	3.8%	515	2.4%	2.4%
Maltese	38	0.2%	0.1%	51	0.2%	0.2%
Portuguese	57	0.3%	0.2%	49	0.2%	0.2%
Spanish	67	0.3%	0.3%	88	0.4%	0.4%
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Eastern European, nfd	10	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.1%	0.1%
Albanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnian	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Bulgarian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Croatian	118	0.5%	0.4%	84	0.4%	0.4%
Greek	74	0.3%	0.3%	58	0.3%	0.3%
Macedonian	35	0.2%	0.1%	37	0.2%	0.2%
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	6	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbian	22	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	–
Slovene	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Cypriot	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	12	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Estonian	22	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	–
Hungarian	29	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	–
Latvian	11	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Lithuanian	16	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Polish	125	0.6%	0.7%	120	0.6%	–
Russian	34	0.2%	0.2%	29	0.1%	–
Slovak	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ukrainian	29	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	–
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Arab, nfd	12	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Egyptian	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Iraqi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Lebanese	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.1%	0.0%
Moroccan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syrian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arab, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jewish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	–
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	13	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	0.0%
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Burmese	43	0.2%	0.1%	28	0.1%	0.1%
Khmer (Cambodian)	25	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Thai	186	0.8%	0.3%	144	0.7%	0.3%
Vietnamese	45	0.2%	0.2%	37	0.2%	0.2%
Karen	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	0.0%
Mon	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Rohingya	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Filipino	595	2.7%	1.5%	599	2.8%	1.5%
Indonesian	87	0.4%	0.3%	68	0.3%	0.3%
Javanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Malay	46	0.2%	0.2%	42	0.2%	0.2%
Sundanese	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%
Timorese	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Singaporean	12	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	24	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Chinese	312	1.4%	0.8%	342	1.6%	0.8%
Taiwanese	21	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	0.1%

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	37	0.2%	0.1%	30	0.1%	–
Korean	21	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian, nfd	26	0.1%	0.0%	22	0.1%	–
Anglo-Indian	17	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Bengali	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gujarati	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Indian	349	1.6%	0.7%	354	1.6%	–
Malayali	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepalese	47	0.2%	0.1%	23	0.1%	–
Pakistani	35	0.2%	0.1%	32	0.1%	–
Punjabi	16	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Sikh	14	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Sinhalese	32	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bangladeshi	10	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.1%	–
Bhutanese	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Indian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sri Lankan	30	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.2%	–
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	19	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Armenian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American	59	0.3%	0.3%	61	0.3%	
Canadian	29	0.1%	0.2%	39	0.2%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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South American, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Argentinian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Bolivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Brazilian	11	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.1%	0.1%
Chilean	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Colombian	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Ecuadorian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Guyanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Peruvian	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Uruguayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Venezuelan	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
South American, nec	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Central American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Mexican	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Nicaraguan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Salvadoran	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Costa Rican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Central American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Caribbean Islander, nfd	17	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Cuban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Jamaican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Trinidadian Tobagonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	0.1%
Barbadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Caribbean Islander, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulani	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ghanaian	14	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Nigerian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yoruba	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaner	6	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.1%	–
Angolan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eritrean	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kenyan	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	16	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Seychellois	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Somali	14	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	—
South African	207	0.9%	0.8%	221	1.0%	—
Tanzanian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Ugandan	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Zambian	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Zimbabwean	44	0.2%	0.2%	61	0.3%	—
Batswana	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Masai	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Zulu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Burundian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Rwandan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Shona	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Swahili	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Swazilander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern and East African, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—

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

Data basis: usual residence.