

Community report

Katherine (T)

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

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Katherine (T)

COMPARISON

Regional NT

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 Katherine (T) 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 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

Katherine (T) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	18	0.2%	0.2%	26	0.3%	0.2%	-8	-0.1
Asian, so described	17	0.2%	0.1%	6	0.1%	0.1%	+11	+0.1
African, so described	24	0.2%	0.4%	17	0.2%	0.2%	+7	0.0
European, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.1%	0.0%	-6	-0.1
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	2,888	29.9%	16.8%	3,712	38.2%	22.0%	-824	-8.3
Australian Aboriginal	2,217	23.0%	49.1%	791	8.1%	39.6%	+1,426	+14.9
Australian South Sea Islander	7	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.2%	0.1%	-14	-0.1
Torres Strait Islander	104	1.1%	0.7%	3	0.0%	0.2%	+101	+1.1
Maori	57	0.6%	0.8%	42	0.4%	0.7%	+15	+0.2
New Zealander	49	0.5%	0.5%	80	0.8%	0.6%	-31	-0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	49	0.5%	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Papua New Guinean	34	0.4%	0.2%	21	0.2%	
Solomon Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Fijian	41	0.4%	0.3%	15	0.2%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	16	0.2%	0.2%	8	0.1%	
Tongan	9	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	–	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	8	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
English	2,348	24.3%	16.1%	2,372	24.4%	
Scottish	657	6.8%	4.5%	679	7.0%	
Welsh	37	0.4%	0.3%	35	0.4%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	730	7.6%	5.4%	722	7.4%	
Austrian	15	0.2%	0.1%	9	0.1%	
Dutch	96	1.0%	0.8%	75	0.8%	
French	18	0.2%	0.3%	41	0.4%	
German	418	4.3%	2.8%	405	4.2%	
Swiss	13	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.1%	
Belgian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	21	0.2%	0.2%	13	0.1%	
Finnish	7	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Norwegian	–	–	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Swedish	15	0.2%	0.1%	6	0.1%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	157	1.6%	1.2%	141	1.5%	
Maltese	16	0.2%	0.1%	24	0.2%	
Portuguese	6	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Spanish	28	0.3%	0.2%	29	0.3%	
South Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.1%	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Bulgarian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Croatian	8	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	
Greek	30	0.3%	0.2%	17	0.2%	
Macedonian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Montenegrin	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Romanian	8	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	—	—	—	—	—	
Serbian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Slovene	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cypriot	8	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.1%	
Czech	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Estonian	5	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hungarian	12	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Latvian	7	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.1%	
Lithuanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Polish	29	0.3%	0.3%	35	0.4%	
Russian	10	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.2%	
Slovak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ukrainian	6	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sorb/Wend	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Arab, nfd	5	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.1%	

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Egyptian	—	—	0.0%	8	0.1%	
Iraqi	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.1%	
Jordanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Lebanese	7	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.1%	
Moroccan	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Palestinian	—	—	—	—	—	
Syrian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jewish	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nuer	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South Sudanese	4	0.0%	0.2%	—	—	
Sudanese	14	0.1%	0.2%	—	—	
Iranian	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.1%	
Kurdish	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.1%	
Turkish	—	—	0.0%	5	0.1%	
Mandaean	—	—	—	—	—	
Nubian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Khmer (Cambodian)	—	—	0.1%	8	0.1%	
Lao	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Thai	33	0.3%	0.2%	39	0.4%	

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Vietnamese	22	0.2%	0.3%	19	0.2%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Filipino	310	3.2%	1.5%	259	2.7%	
Indonesian	12	0.1%	0.2%	16	0.2%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	10	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Timorese	25	0.3%	0.1%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	104	1.1%	1.1%	138	1.4%	
Taiwanese	13	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Japanese	9	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.1%	
Korean	14	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	7	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	130	1.3%	1.4%	131	1.3%	
Malayali	7	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Nepalese	161	1.7%	0.5%	40	0.4%	
Pakistani	18	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Punjabi	16	0.2%	0.3%	–	–	

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Sikh	12	0.1%	0.2%	—	—	
Sinhalese	9	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	
Bangladeshi	9	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	
Bhutanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Fijian Indian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sri Lankan	26	0.3%	0.1%	29	0.3%	
Tamil, nfd	8	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Telugu	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Southern Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Central Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Afghan	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Armenian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pathan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Uzbek	—	—	—	—	—	
Uighur	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
North American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
African American	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
American	34	0.4%	0.3%	31	0.3%	
Canadian	5	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
French Canadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hispanic North American	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Native North American Indian	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
North American, nec	—	—	—	3	0.0%	

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South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chilean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Colombian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguayan	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	8	0.1%	
Nigerian	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	–	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	5	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	12	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Mauritian	7	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	27	0.3%	0.2%	15	0.2%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	14	0.1%	0.2%	14	0.1%	
Batswana	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.