

Community report

Kempsey (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Kempsey (A) were English, Australian 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

Kempsey (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	46	0.1%	0.2%	46	0.2%	0.2%	0	-0.1
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
African, so described	9	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.1%	+5	0.0
European, so described	18	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	0.1%	+8	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	12,393	40.4%	40.2%	13,073	45.3%	42.5%	-680	-4.9
Australian Aboriginal	3,463	11.3%	6.1%	731	2.5%	0.8%	+2,732	+8.8
Australian South Sea Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	127	0.4%	0.2%	35	0.1%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	77	0.3%	0.4%	63	0.2%	
New Zealander	165	0.5%	0.6%	145	0.5%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian	47	0.2%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Niuean	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	20	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Tongan	12	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
English	12,711	41.4%	40.9%	11,613	40.2%	4
Scottish	2,678	8.7%	10.7%	2,411	8.3%	1
Welsh	134	0.4%	0.7%	156	0.5%	
Channel Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	3,391	11.0%	11.8%	3,229	11.2%	1
Western European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	36	0.1%	0.2%	41	0.1%	
Dutch	285	0.9%	1.4%	255	0.9%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	126	0.4%	0.5%	124	0.4%	
German	1,081	3.5%	4.2%	1,021	3.5%	
Swiss	47	0.2%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Belgian	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	62	0.2%	0.2%	54	0.2%	
Finnish	24	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	37	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Swedish	34	0.1%	0.2%	38	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	371	1.2%	2.8%	364	1.3%	
Maltese	169	0.6%	0.5%	146	0.5%	
Portuguese	14	0.0%	0.2%	18	0.1%	
Spanish	56	0.2%	0.4%	59	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	9	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	48	0.2%	0.4%	26	0.1%	
Greek	83	0.3%	0.6%	83	0.3%	
Macedonian	8	0.0%	0.5%	9	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	8	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Slovene	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Cypriot	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Belarusan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	28	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Estonian	9	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Hungarian	44	0.1%	0.2%	40	0.1%	
Latvian	25	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Lithuanian	18	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
Polish	96	0.3%	0.6%	76	0.3%	
Russian	49	0.2%	0.2%	35	0.1%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ukrainian	38	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	9	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Iraqi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	42	0.1%	0.3%	38	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	6	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	8	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Thai	50	0.2%	0.2%	37	0.1%	–
Vietnamese	23	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.1%	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	253	0.8%	0.8%	158	0.5%	
Indonesian	30	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	6	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	190	0.6%	1.0%	149	0.5%	
Taiwanese	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	14	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Korean	7	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	7	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bengali	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	99	0.3%	0.8%	84	0.3%	
Malayali	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	26	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Pakistani	14	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Punjabi	12	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Sikh	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	10	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American	51	0.2%	0.3%	51	0.2%	
Canadian	29	0.1%	0.2%	24	0.1%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	16	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	13	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Chilean	23	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Colombian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nigerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	42	0.1%	0.3%	35	0.1%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.