

Community report

Kiama (A)

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

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Kiama (A)

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 Kiama (A) 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

Kiama (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	26	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.1%	0.2%	+5	0.0
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
African, so described	–	–	0.1%	10	0.0%	0.1%	–	–
European, so described	16	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	0.1%	-1	0.0
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	8,964	38.8%	40.2%	8,805	41.0%	42.5%	+159	-2.2
Australian Aboriginal	520	2.3%	6.1%	50	0.2%	0.8%	+470	+2.1
Australian South Sea Islander	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	13	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	123	0.5%	0.4%	82	0.4%	
New Zealander	204	0.9%	0.6%	188	0.9%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	–	–	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	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Fijian	20	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	14	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Tongan	22	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
English	10,445	45.3%	40.9%	9,304	43.3%	4
Scottish	3,007	13.0%	10.7%	2,603	12.1%	1
Welsh	221	1.0%	0.7%	187	0.9%	
Channel Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Manx	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	3,585	15.5%	11.8%	3,355	15.6%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	82	0.4%	0.2%	51	0.2%	
Dutch	363	1.6%	1.4%	341	1.6%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
French	163	0.7%	0.5%	120	0.6%	
German	917	4.0%	4.2%	814	3.8%	
Swiss	41	0.2%	0.1%	35	0.2%	
Belgian	23	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	21	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	91	0.4%	0.2%	76	0.4%	
Finnish	41	0.2%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	49	0.2%	0.1%	35	0.2%	
Swedish	70	0.3%	0.2%	50	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	728	3.2%	2.8%	598	2.8%	
Maltese	239	1.0%	0.5%	171	0.8%	
Portuguese	35	0.2%	0.2%	27	0.1%	
Spanish	107	0.5%	0.4%	89	0.4%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	23	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Albanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	124	0.5%	0.4%	101	0.5%	
Greek	202	0.9%	0.6%	140	0.7%	
Macedonian	90	0.4%	0.5%	65	0.3%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	42	0.2%	0.2%	36	0.2%	
Slovene	36	0.2%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Cypriot	27	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	19	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.1%	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czech	36	0.2%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Estonian	19	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Hungarian	68	0.3%	0.2%	46	0.2%	
Latvian	34	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Lithuanian	12	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
Polish	176	0.8%	0.6%	149	0.7%	
Russian	69	0.3%	0.2%	50	0.2%	
Slovak	13	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.1%	
Ukrainian	50	0.2%	0.2%	45	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	9	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	20	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Iraqi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Jordanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	42	0.2%	0.3%	30	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	14	0.1%	0.0%	3	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	11	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Turkish	21	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Thai	43	0.2%	0.2%	55	0.3%	
Vietnamese	35	0.2%	0.2%	20	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	90	0.4%	0.8%	55	0.3%	
Indonesian	22	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	17	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	223	1.0%	1.0%	172	0.8%	
Taiwanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	17	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Korean	19	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	75	0.3%	0.8%	69	0.3%	
Malayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	11	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Pakistani	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Punjabi	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Sikh	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	14	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	9	0.0%	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%	6	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
American	90	0.4%	0.3%	76	0.4%	
Canadian	56	0.2%	0.2%	29	0.1%	
French Canadian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Argentinian	14	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	24	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Chilean	22	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Colombian	12	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Uruguayan	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	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	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	3	0.0%	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%	–	–	
Nigerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	7	0.0%	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	16	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	98	0.4%	0.3%	74	0.3%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	5	0.0%	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%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.