

Community report

Lake Macquarie (C)

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 Lake Macquarie (C) were English, Australian and Scottish.

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

Lake Macquarie (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	360	0.2%	0.2%	376	0.2%	0.2%	-16	0.0
Eurasian, so described	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Asian, so described	31	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	0.0%	-14	0.0
African, so described	203	0.1%	0.1%	115	0.1%	0.1%	+88	0.0
European, so described	147	0.1%	0.1%	109	0.1%	0.1%	+38	0.0
Caucasian, so described	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	41	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%	+15	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	91,266	42.7%	40.2%	87,135	44.1%	42.5%	+4,131	-1.4
Australian Aboriginal	11,367	5.3%	6.1%	930	0.5%	0.8%	+10,437	+4.8
Australian South Sea Islander	19	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	344	0.2%	0.2%	15	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	960	0.4%	0.4%	646	0.3%	
New Zealander	1,467	0.7%	0.6%	1,338	0.7%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
New Caledonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ni-Vanuatu	12	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	67	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	9	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Polynesian, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Cook Islander	83	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Fijian	243	0.1%	0.1%	173	0.1%	
Niuean	22	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Samoan	595	0.3%	0.1%	464	0.2%	
Tongan	335	0.2%	0.1%	191	0.1%	
Hawaiian	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tahitian	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tokelauan	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Pitcairn	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
North–West European, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
British, nfd	55	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
English	93,852	43.9%	40.9%	87,556	44.4%	4
Scottish	25,276	11.8%	10.7%	23,628	12.0%	1
Welsh	2,267	1.1%	0.7%	2,127	1.1%	
Channel Islander	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Manx	21	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
British, nec	25	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	23,237	10.9%	11.8%	22,820	11.6%	1
Western European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Austrian	473	0.2%	0.2%	428	0.2%	
Dutch	3,085	1.4%	1.4%	2,539	1.3%	
Flemish	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
French	1,002	0.5%	0.5%	905	0.5%	
German	8,929	4.2%	4.2%	8,472	4.3%	
Swiss	227	0.1%	0.1%	162	0.1%	
Belgian	116	0.1%	0.0%	79	0.0%	
Frisian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	134	0.1%	0.0%	96	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	510	0.2%	0.2%	452	0.2%	
Finnish	207	0.1%	0.1%	179	0.1%	
Icelandic	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	324	0.2%	0.1%	288	0.1%	
Swedish	442	0.2%	0.2%	389	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Italian	4,746	2.2%	2.8%	3,985	2.0%	
Maltese	1,019	0.5%	0.5%	730	0.4%	
Portuguese	274	0.1%	0.2%	173	0.1%	
Spanish	618	0.3%	0.4%	563	0.3%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	191	0.1%	0.1%	242	0.1%	
Albanian	27	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bosnian	83	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Bulgarian	47	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Croatian	665	0.3%	0.4%	439	0.2%	
Greek	1,291	0.6%	0.6%	1,114	0.6%	
Macedonian	968	0.5%	0.5%	936	0.5%	
Moldovan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Romanian	116	0.1%	0.0%	125	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	310	0.1%	0.2%	209	0.1%	
Slovene	128	0.1%	0.1%	114	0.1%	
Cypriot	94	0.0%	0.1%	61	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	67	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Belarusan	30	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Czech	188	0.1%	0.1%	135	0.1%	
Estonian	110	0.1%	0.1%	91	0.0%	
Hungarian	469	0.2%	0.2%	401	0.2%	
Latvian	229	0.1%	0.1%	221	0.1%	
Lithuanian	154	0.1%	0.1%	114	0.1%	
Polish	1,962	0.9%	0.6%	1,693	0.9%	
Russian	620	0.3%	0.2%	495	0.3%	
Slovak	72	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Ukrainian	513	0.2%	0.2%	439	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	66	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.0%	
Algerian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	140	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Iraqi	34	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Jordanian	15	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	416	0.2%	0.3%	317	0.2%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Palestinian	13	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	38	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	78	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	26	0.0%	0.0%	16	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%	4	0.0%	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	149	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.0%	
Kurdish	24	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Turkish	106	0.0%	0.1%	62	0.0%	
Assyrian	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	63	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	122	0.1%	0.0%	86	0.0%	
Lao	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Thai	500	0.2%	0.2%	338	0.2%	
Vietnamese	327	0.2%	0.2%	210	0.1%	
Karen	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Chin	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Filipino	1,465	0.7%	0.8%	1,013	0.5%	
Indonesian	258	0.1%	0.1%	189	0.1%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	151	0.1%	0.1%	87	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	18	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	24	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	2,411	1.1%	1.0%	1,930	1.0%	
Taiwanese	45	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	243	0.1%	0.1%	150	0.1%	
Korean	329	0.2%	0.1%	247	0.1%	
Mongolian	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tibetan	27	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	72	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	45	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Bengali	31	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Burgher	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	30	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indian	1,492	0.7%	0.8%	1,052	0.5%	
Malayali	17	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nepalese	258	0.1%	0.2%	43	0.0%	
Pakistani	186	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Punjabi	119	0.1%	0.2%	31	0.0%	
Sikh	47	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Sinhalese	83	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	85	0.0%	0.1%	71	0.0%	
Bhutanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	21	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	165	0.1%	0.1%	195	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	6	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	107	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Telugu	30	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	24	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Armenian	56	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
North American, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
African American	30	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
American	635	0.3%	0.3%	532	0.3%	
Canadian	386	0.2%	0.2%	285	0.1%	
French Canadian	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	52	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	47	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Argentinian	53	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Bolivian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	115	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.0%	
Chilean	183	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
Colombian	56	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Guyanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Peruvian	66	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Uruguayan	62	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Venezuelan	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Paraguayan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mexican	51	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Salvadoran	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Costa Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	31	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Cuban	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	27	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	14	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Nigerian	44	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Yoruba	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Congolese	19	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Igbo	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Afrikaner	27	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	19	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Kenyan	57	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	146	0.1%	0.0%	100	0.1%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	834	0.4%	0.3%	535	0.3%	
Tanzanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zambian	17	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	92	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.