

Community report

Lismore (C)

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

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Lismore (C)

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 Lismore (C) 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

Lismore (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	108	0.2%	0.2%	129	0.3%	0.2%	-21	-0.1
Eurasian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Asian, so described	—	—	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
African, so described	38	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	0.1%	+4	0.0
European, so described	31	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	0.1%	+8	0.0
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	17,543	39.6%	40.2%	17,812	41.3%	42.5%	-269	-1.7
Australian Aboriginal	2,487	5.6%	6.1%	405	0.9%	0.8%	+2,082	+4.7
Australian South Sea Islander	27	0.1%	0.0%	34	0.1%	0.0%	-7	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	139	0.3%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	183	0.4%	0.4%	162	0.4%	
New Zealander	292	0.7%	0.6%	292	0.7%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	38	0.1%	0.0%	37	0.1%	
Solomon Islander	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cook Islander	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Fijian	49	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	33	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Tongan	19	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Hawaiian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	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	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
British, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
English	18,274	41.2%	40.9%	17,795	41.3%	4
Scottish	5,383	12.1%	10.7%	5,038	11.7%	1
Welsh	246	0.6%	0.7%	261	0.6%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Manx	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
British, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	6,360	14.3%	11.8%	6,546	15.2%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	86	0.2%	0.2%	62	0.1%	
Dutch	538	1.2%	1.4%	473	1.1%	
Flemish	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
French	311	0.7%	0.5%	276	0.6%	
German	2,116	4.8%	4.2%	2,037	4.7%	
Swiss	114	0.3%	0.1%	109	0.3%	
Belgian	32	0.1%	0.0%	31	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	25	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	153	0.3%	0.2%	128	0.3%	
Finnish	34	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norwegian	62	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.1%	
Swedish	124	0.3%	0.2%	102	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,898	4.3%	2.8%	1,906	4.4%	
Maltese	144	0.3%	0.5%	111	0.3%	
Portuguese	50	0.1%	0.2%	47	0.1%	
Spanish	145	0.3%	0.4%	120	0.3%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	21	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bulgarian	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Croatian	84	0.2%	0.4%	41	0.1%	
Greek	172	0.4%	0.6%	164	0.4%	
Macedonian	10	0.0%	0.5%	7	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbian	31	0.1%	0.2%	7	0.0%	
Slovene	11	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Cypriot	20	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czech	32	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Estonian	25	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Hungarian	94	0.2%	0.2%	80	0.2%	
Latvian	40	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	
Lithuanian	22	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Polish	206	0.5%	0.6%	179	0.4%	
Russian	90	0.2%	0.2%	84	0.2%	
Slovak	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Ukrainian	46	0.1%	0.2%	47	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	21	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Algerian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	35	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Iraqi	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	83	0.2%	0.3%	74	0.2%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Palestinian	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	24	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sudanese	8	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	19	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	13	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Thai	126	0.3%	0.2%	83	0.2%	
Vietnamese	78	0.2%	0.2%	68	0.2%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	313	0.7%	0.8%	228	0.5%	
Indonesian	48	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	
Javanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	22	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chinese	350	0.8%	1.0%	293	0.7%	
Taiwanese	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	105	0.2%	0.1%	71	0.2%	
Korean	53	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Mongolian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	15	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	276	0.6%	0.8%	229	0.5%	
Malayali	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	48	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Pakistani	39	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Punjabi	45	0.1%	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Sikh	17	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	11	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	31	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	3	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North American, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
African American	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
American	126	0.3%	0.3%	125	0.3%	
Canadian	85	0.2%	0.2%	66	0.2%	
French Canadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	31	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.1%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Argentinian	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bolivian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Brazilian	38	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Chilean	30	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Colombian	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Ecuadorian	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Guyanese	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Peruvian	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Uruguayan	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Venezuelan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Paraguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mexican	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Salvadoran	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Costa Rican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Guatemalan	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cuban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nigerian	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	3	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.1%	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	26	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.1%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	117	0.3%	0.3%	104	0.2%	
Tanzanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	7	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.