

Community report

Mackay (R)

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COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

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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 Mackay (R) were Australian, English 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

Mackay (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	241	0.2%	0.2%	219	0.2%	0.2%	+22	0.0
Eurasian, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Asian, so described	88	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.1%	0.0%	0	0.0
African, so described	168	0.1%	0.1%	122	0.1%	0.1%	+46	0.0
European, so described	76	0.1%	0.1%	57	0.0%	0.1%	+19	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Australian	46,631	38.3%	35.3%	47,430	41.3%	37.7%	-799	-3.0
Australian Aboriginal	5,790	4.8%	5.1%	616	0.5%	1.2%	+5,174	+4.3
Australian South Sea Islander	846	0.7%	0.2%	1,100	1.0%	0.2%	-254	-0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	2,402	2.0%	1.3%	402	0.3%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	1,024	0.8%	1.0%	760	0.7%	
New Zealander	1,125	0.9%	1.2%	1,161	1.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	25	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	195	0.2%	0.3%	173	0.2%	
Solomon Islander	62	0.1%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	31	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Cook Islander	128	0.1%	0.1%	68	0.1%	
Fijian	169	0.1%	0.1%	154	0.1%	
Niuean	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Samoan	171	0.1%	0.2%	153	0.1%	
Tongan	83	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	
Hawaiian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
North-West European, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
British, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
English	46,289	38.0%	39.6%	43,633	38.0%	3
Scottish	12,522	10.3%	10.4%	12,496	10.9%	1
Welsh	633	0.5%	0.6%	662	0.6%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	12,688	10.4%	10.9%	13,497	11.7%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Austrian	165	0.1%	0.2%	160	0.1%	
Dutch	1,669	1.4%	1.5%	1,513	1.3%	
Flemish	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
French	504	0.4%	0.6%	479	0.4%	
German	7,592	6.2%	6.3%	7,567	6.6%	
Swiss	120	0.1%	0.2%	105	0.1%	
Belgian	40	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	76	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	720	0.6%	0.5%	670	0.6%	
Finnish	180	0.1%	0.2%	122	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	144	0.1%	0.2%	118	0.1%	
Swedish	181	0.1%	0.2%	156	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Catalan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	3,835	3.2%	3.2%	3,455	3.0%	
Maltese	3,853	3.2%	0.5%	3,576	3.1%	
Portuguese	98	0.1%	0.2%	75	0.1%	
Spanish	388	0.3%	0.5%	390	0.3%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	56	0.0%	0.1%	80	0.1%	
Albanian	22	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Bosnian	14	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Bulgarian	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Croatian	158	0.1%	0.3%	105	0.1%	
Greek	301	0.2%	0.5%	306	0.3%	
Macedonian	15	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romanian	25	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Serbian	89	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.0%	
Slovene	38	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Cypriot	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	–	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	65	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.0%	
Estonian	22	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Hungarian	209	0.2%	0.3%	146	0.1%	
Latvian	44	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.0%	
Lithuanian	26	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Polish	442	0.4%	0.5%	369	0.3%	
Russian	293	0.2%	0.3%	265	0.2%	
Slovak	21	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Ukrainian	100	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Egyptian	49	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	–
Iraqi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lebanese	64	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.0%	–
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moroccan	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Saudi Arabian	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Syrian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	–
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jewish	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	–
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	42	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Kurdish	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	23	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Assyrian	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	36	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	17	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Lao	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	312	0.3%	0.3%	217	0.2%	
Vietnamese	116	0.1%	0.2%	95	0.1%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	2,474	2.0%	1.3%	1,919	1.7%	
Indonesian	140	0.1%	0.2%	113	0.1%	
Javanese	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Malay	271	0.2%	0.1%	239	0.2%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Singaporean	21	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Maritime South-East Asian, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Chinese	1,181	1.0%	1.6%	1,121	1.0%	
Taiwanese	23	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	109	0.1%	0.5%	82	0.1%	
Korean	93	0.1%	0.3%	56	0.0%	
Mongolian	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North-East Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	34	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	18	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Gujarati	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indian	980	0.8%	1.0%	873	0.8%	
Malayali	39	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nepalese	111	0.1%	0.2%	66	0.1%	
Pakistani	53	0.0%	0.1%	76	0.1%	
Punjabi	101	0.1%	0.2%	45	0.0%	
Sikh	53	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Sinhalese	74	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	67	0.1%	0.0%	69	0.1%	
Bhutanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	25	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	83	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	39	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Telugu	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Armenian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
African American	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American	201	0.2%	0.3%	235	0.2%	
Canadian	154	0.1%	0.2%	139	0.1%	
French Canadian	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	33	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Argentinian	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Bolivian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	74	0.1%	0.2%	47	0.0%	
Chilean	33	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Colombian	18	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	27	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Uruguayan	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Venezuelan	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	26	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghanaian	22	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Nigerian	25	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Afrikaner	65	0.1%	0.0%	56	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	16	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	24	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South African	841	0.7%	0.6%	717	0.6%	
Tanzanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Zambian	26	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	151	0.1%	0.1%	148	0.1%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.