

# Community report

## Maribyrnong (C)

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

AREA

**Maribyrnong (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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 Maribyrnong (C) were English, Australian and Vietnamese.

## 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

Maribyrnong (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	316	0.4%	0.3%	235	0.3%	0.3%	+81	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Asian, so described	82	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	0.1%	+4	0.0
African, so described	340	0.4%	0.3%	310	0.4%	0.2%	+30	0.0
European, so described	93	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	0.1%	+37	0.0
Caucasian, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	0.0%	-10	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	17,649	20.7%	23.4%	15,314	18.6%	24.0%	+2,335	+2.1
Australian Aboriginal	619	0.7%	0.7%	116	0.1%	0.1%	+503	+0.6
Australian South Sea Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Torres Strait Islander	71	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	336	0.4%	0.4%	299	0.4%	
New Zealander	708	0.8%	0.6%	728	0.9%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	43	0.1%	0.0%	45	0.1%	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cook Islander	36	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Fijian	114	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	
Niuean	9	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Samoan	154	0.2%	0.4%	117	0.1%	
Tongan	98	0.1%	0.1%	115	0.1%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
North-West European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
British, nfd	30	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
English	19,924	23.4%	25.6%	17,936	21.8%	25.6%
Scottish	6,135	7.2%	7.1%	5,486	6.7%	7.1%
Welsh	479	0.6%	0.5%	422	0.5%	0.5%
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Manx	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
British, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Irish	8,358	9.8%	8.3%	7,763	9.4%	8.3%
Western European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	148	0.2%	0.2%	142	0.2%	0.2%
Dutch	1,006	1.2%	1.5%	818	1.0%	1.5%
Flemish	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
French	473	0.6%	0.6%	439	0.5%	0.6%
German	2,422	2.8%	2.9%	2,244	2.7%	2.9%
Swiss	114	0.1%	0.1%	84	0.1%	0.1%
Belgian	54	0.1%	0.0%	37	0.0%	0.0%
Frisian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Northern European, nfd	32	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	182	0.2%	0.2%	169	0.2%	
Finnish	61	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norwegian	112	0.1%	0.1%	86	0.1%	
Swedish	157	0.2%	0.2%	106	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Catalan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	4,645	5.5%	6.6%	4,309	5.2%	
Maltese	1,073	1.3%	1.4%	913	1.1%	
Portuguese	258	0.3%	0.3%	245	0.3%	
Spanish	593	0.7%	0.5%	550	0.7%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	107	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	
Albanian	198	0.2%	0.2%	172	0.2%	
Bosnian	219	0.3%	0.2%	197	0.2%	
Bulgarian	47	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Croatian	1,063	1.2%	0.9%	926	1.1%	
Greek	2,652	3.1%	3.5%	2,566	3.1%	
Macedonian	1,125	1.3%	0.9%	995	1.2%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	35	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Romanian	102	0.1%	0.2%	84	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Serbian	645	0.8%	0.5%	564	0.7%	
Slovene	95	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.1%	
Cypriot	221	0.3%	0.3%	133	0.2%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	32	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	
Belarusan	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Czech	115	0.1%	0.1%	76	0.1%	
Estonian	46	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Hungarian	273	0.3%	0.4%	223	0.3%	
Latvian	74	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	
Lithuanian	72	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Polish	966	1.1%	1.1%	832	1.0%	
Russian	280	0.3%	0.5%	228	0.3%	
Slovak	39	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Ukrainian	224	0.3%	0.3%	207	0.3%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	53	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	104	0.1%	0.3%	132	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Algerian	22	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Egyptian	193	0.2%	0.4%	152	0.2%	
Iraqi	47	0.1%	0.3%	59	0.1%	
Jordanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Lebanese	320	0.4%	1.0%	355	0.4%	
Libyan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	19	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Palestinian	30	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Syrian	50	0.1%	0.2%	47	0.1%	
Tunisian	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yemeni	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bahraini	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	
Arab, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	99	0.1%	0.3%	45	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Nuer	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	93	0.1%	0.1%	104	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sudanese	132	0.2%	0.1%	180	0.2%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	200	0.2%	0.5%	244	0.3%	
Kurdish	22	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Turkish	505	0.6%	0.8%	439	0.5%	
Assyrian	38	0.0%	0.2%	22	0.0%	
Chaldean	9	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	30	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burmese	149	0.2%	0.2%	178	0.2%	
Hmong	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	127	0.1%	0.5%	116	0.1%	
Lao	65	0.1%	0.1%	68	0.1%	
Thai	368	0.4%	0.4%	294	0.4%	
Vietnamese	9,680	11.4%	2.4%	9,861	12.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Karen	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Mon	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Chin	156	0.2%	0.1%	289	0.4%	—
Rohingya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Filipino	1,860	2.2%	1.7%	1,445	1.8%	—
Indonesian	359	0.4%	0.4%	275	0.3%	—
Javanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Madurese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malay	342	0.4%	0.4%	246	0.3%	—
Sundanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	121	0.1%	0.1%	94	0.1%	—
Acehnese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Bruneian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kadazan	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Singaporean	77	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	—
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Chinese	7,917	9.3%	8.3%	7,785	9.5%	—
Taiwanese	94	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	—
Chinese Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Japanese	345	0.4%	0.3%	298	0.4%	—
Korean	279	0.3%	0.4%	253	0.3%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	30	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Tibetan	158	0.2%	0.0%	75	0.1%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nfd	183	0.2%	0.3%	163	0.2%	
Anglo-Indian	52	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Bengali	105	0.1%	0.1%	109	0.1%	
Burgher	16	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gujarati	81	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.0%	
Indian	2,905	3.4%	5.3%	3,659	4.4%	
Malayali	18	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Nepalese	572	0.7%	0.4%	655	0.8%	
Pakistani	250	0.3%	0.6%	322	0.4%	
Punjabi	140	0.2%	1.0%	76	0.1%	
Sikh	27	0.0%	0.5%	36	0.0%	
Sinhalese	99	0.1%	0.6%	61	0.1%	
Maldivian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	344	0.4%	0.2%	505	0.6%	
Bhutanese	69	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	35	0.0%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Kashmiri	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	297	0.3%	1.0%	422	0.5%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sri Lankan Tamil	10	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	168	0.2%	0.5%	50	0.1%	
Telugu	416	0.5%	0.2%	64	0.1%	
Southern Asian, nec	47	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	62	0.1%	0.4%	71	0.1%	
Armenian	33	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Georgian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	13	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Uzbek	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hazara	40	0.0%	0.4%	38	0.0%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	113	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
North American, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
African American	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
American	257	0.3%	0.3%	212	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Canadian	150	0.2%	0.1%	128	0.2%	
French Canadian	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	48	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	81	0.1%	0.0%	62	0.1%	
Argentinian	111	0.1%	0.1%	110	0.1%	
Bolivian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	149	0.2%	0.1%	88	0.1%	
Chilean	317	0.4%	0.2%	251	0.3%	
Colombian	521	0.6%	0.2%	250	0.3%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Guyanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	75	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Uruguayan	59	0.1%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Venezuelan	17	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Paraguayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	69	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.1%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	105	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.1%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Mayan	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Central American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Caribbean Islander, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	—
Cuban	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Jamaican	35	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	—
Trinidadian Tobagonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Barbadian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Puerto Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Caribbean Islander, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Central and West African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Akan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fulani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ghanaian	33	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	—
Nigerian	34	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	—
Yoruba	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Ivorean	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Liberian	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Sierra Leonean	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Cameroonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Congolese	28	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	—
Gio	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Krahn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mandinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Senegalese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Themne	—	—	—	—	—	—
Togolese	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Central and West African, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	—
Southern and East African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Afrikaner	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Angolan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eritrean	171	0.2%	0.1%	228	0.3%	—
Ethiopian	511	0.6%	0.2%	517	0.6%	—
Kenyan	43	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.0%	—
Malawian	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Mauritian	177	0.2%	0.3%	131	0.2%	—
Mozambican	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Namibian	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Oromo	61	0.1%	0.0%	80	0.1%	—
Seychellois	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Somali	350	0.4%	0.2%	416	0.5%	—
South African	229	0.3%	0.5%	159	0.2%	—
Tanzanian	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Ugandan	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Zambian	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Zimbabwean	60	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Amhara	11	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Batswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	19	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Tigre	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zulu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.