

# Community report

## Meander Valley (M)

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

AREA

**Meander Valley (M)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Tas.**

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 Meander Valley (M) 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

Meander Valley (M) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	28	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.1%	0.2%	+5	0.0
Eurasian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Asian, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
African, so described	21	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%	+9	0.0
European, so described	14	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+8	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	9,129	44.1%	42.7%	8,873	46.0%	45.0%	+256	-1.9
Australian Aboriginal	697	3.4%	5.4%	36	0.2%	0.4%	+661	+3.2
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Torres Strait Islander	58	0.3%	0.3%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+54	+0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	50	0.2%	0.2%	38	0.2%	
New Zealander	89	0.4%	0.5%	90	0.5%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Niuean	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tongan	17	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	–	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	–	–	–	
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
English	9,640	46.5%	44.6%	8,746	45.4%	
Scottish	1,968	9.5%	9.5%	1,728	9.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Welsh	109	0.5%	0.5%	115	0.6%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	2,022	9.8%	9.7%	1,911	9.9%	
Austrian	30	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.1%	
Dutch	488	2.4%	2.2%	469	2.4%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	69	0.3%	0.4%	70	0.4%	
German	708	3.4%	3.5%	642	3.3%	
Swiss	34	0.2%	0.1%	29	0.2%	
Belgian	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Danish	42	0.2%	0.2%	47	0.2%	
Finnish	12	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	11	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Swedish	22	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	307	1.5%	1.2%	282	1.5%	
Maltese	40	0.2%	0.2%	28	0.1%	
Portuguese	9	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Spanish	44	0.2%	0.2%	33	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	–	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.1%	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	14	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	35	0.2%	0.2%	28	0.1%	
Greek	47	0.2%	0.2%	31	0.2%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moldovan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbian	22	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Slovene	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cypriot	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Belarusan	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Czech	27	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Estonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Hungarian	41	0.2%	0.2%	37	0.2%	
Latvian	11	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Lithuanian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Polish	118	0.6%	0.5%	103	0.5%	
Russian	42	0.2%	0.2%	25	0.1%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	23	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.2%	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iraqi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	9	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	–	–	–	
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	–	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Jewish	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	–	–	–	
South Sudanese	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Iranian	19	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	16	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.1%	
Vietnamese	18	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	128	0.6%	0.6%	93	0.5%	
Indonesian	6	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	14	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Timorese	84	0.4%	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	163	0.8%	1.0%	91	0.5%	
Taiwanese	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North–East Asian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	19	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Korean	11	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Anglo–Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	94	0.5%	0.6%	70	0.4%	
Malayali	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	57	0.3%	0.8%	5	0.0%	
Pakistani	17	0.1%	0.2%	19	0.1%	
Punjabi	9	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sikh	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	4	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Bangladeshi	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bhutanese	—	—	0.2%	—	—	
Fijian Indian	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Parsi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sri Lankan	17	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tamil, nfd	11	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	
Telugu	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Southern Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Afghan	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Armenian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Georgian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kazakh	—	—	—	—	—	
Pathan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hazara	8	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Tajik	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tatar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
North American, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
African American	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
American	70	0.3%	0.2%	85	0.4%	
Canadian	46	0.2%	0.2%	25	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
French Canadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hispanic North American	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Native North American Indian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bermudan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
North American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Argentinian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bolivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Brazilian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chilean	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Colombian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ecuadorian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Peruvian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Uruguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Venezuelan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Paraguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mexican	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Salvadoran	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Costa Rican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Cuban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jamaican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	–	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Afrikaner	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South African	53	0.3%	0.2%	41	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	11	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.