

# Community report

## Melton (C)

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

AREA

**Melton (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 Melton (C) were Australian, English and Indian.

## 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 totals represent responses rather than a single unduplicated person count.
- 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

Melton (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	617	0.2%	0.1%	385	0.1%	0.1%	+232	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Asian, so described	352	0.1%	0.1%	155	0.1%	0.0%	+197	0.0
African, so described	1,055	0.3%	0.1%	478	0.2%	0.1%	+577	+0.1
European, so described	219	0.1%	0.1%	134	0.0%	0.1%	+85	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	88	0.0%	0.0%	151	0.1%	0.0%	-63	-0.1
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	37,413	10.5%	11.7%	32,663	12.1%	12.0%	+4,750	-1.6
Australian Aboriginal	1,779	0.5%	0.3%	152	0.1%	0.0%	+1,627	+0.4
Australian South Sea Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Torres Strait Islander	156	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	1,194	0.3%	0.2%	783	0.3%	
New Zealander	1,032	0.3%	0.3%	850	0.3%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	22	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nauruan	29	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	50	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Cook Islander	282	0.1%	0.1%	177	0.1%	
Fijian	501	0.1%	0.1%	285	0.1%	
Niuean	84	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Samoan	2,320	0.6%	0.2%	1,290	0.5%	
Tongan	641	0.2%	0.1%	257	0.1%	
Hawaiian	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Tahitian	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tokelauan	37	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	86	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	56	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
English	33,162	9.3%	12.8%	30,432	11.2%	12.8%
Scottish	7,160	2.0%	3.6%	6,853	2.5%	
Welsh	465	0.1%	0.2%	399	0.1%	
Channel Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
British, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	7,831	2.2%	4.2%	8,162	3.0%	
Western European, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Austrian	228	0.1%	0.1%	177	0.1%	
Dutch	1,404	0.4%	0.7%	1,334	0.5%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	505	0.1%	0.3%	497	0.2%	
German	3,714	1.0%	1.4%	3,531	1.3%	
Swiss	68	0.0%	0.1%	63	0.0%	
Belgian	43	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	123	0.0%	0.1%	101	0.0%	
Finnish	95	0.0%	0.0%	84	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	84	0.0%	0.1%	43	0.0%	
Swedish	100	0.0%	0.1%	85	0.0%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	10,689	3.0%	3.3%	8,976	3.3%	
Maltese	11,636	3.3%	0.7%	10,277	3.8%	
Portuguese	702	0.2%	0.1%	560	0.2%	
Spanish	1,445	0.4%	0.3%	1,323	0.5%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	283	0.1%	0.1%	377	0.1%	
Albanian	1,013	0.3%	0.1%	724	0.3%	
Bosnian	803	0.2%	0.1%	535	0.2%	
Bulgarian	52	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Croatian	3,124	0.9%	0.4%	2,491	0.9%	
Greek	3,797	1.1%	1.7%	3,314	1.2%	
Macedonian	4,371	1.2%	0.5%	3,440	1.3%	
Moldovan	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	65	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Romanian	407	0.1%	0.1%	306	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	18	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Serbian	1,861	0.5%	0.3%	1,289	0.5%	
Slovene	235	0.1%	0.1%	199	0.1%	
Cypriot	1,079	0.3%	0.2%	699	0.3%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	51	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Belarusan	20	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czech	95	0.0%	0.1%	83	0.0%	
Estonian	43	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Hungarian	561	0.2%	0.2%	465	0.2%	
Latvian	73	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	
Lithuanian	80	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Polish	1,856	0.5%	0.5%	1,659	0.6%	
Russian	327	0.1%	0.2%	289	0.1%	
Slovak	292	0.1%	0.0%	263	0.1%	
Ukrainian	496	0.1%	0.1%	423	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	184	0.1%	0.1%	51	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	544	0.2%	0.1%	254	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Algerian	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Egyptian	1,563	0.4%	0.2%	1,182	0.4%	
Iraqi	528	0.1%	0.2%	208	0.1%	
Jordanian	50	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	1,490	0.4%	0.5%	1,136	0.4%	
Libyan	16	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Moroccan	50	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Palestinian	94	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	290	0.1%	0.1%	168	0.1%	
Tunisian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	
Arab, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jewish	48	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	107	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	133	0.0%	0.0%	142	0.1%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	1,216	0.3%	0.1%	583	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sudanese	772	0.2%	0.1%	852	0.3%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	37	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Iranian	367	0.1%	0.2%	205	0.1%	
Kurdish	77	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Turkish	1,661	0.5%	0.4%	1,419	0.5%	
Assyrian	807	0.2%	0.1%	197	0.1%	
Chaldean	44	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	40	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	680	0.2%	0.1%	135	0.0%	
Hmong	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Khmer (Cambodian)	148	0.0%	0.2%	84	0.0%	
Lao	224	0.1%	0.0%	189	0.1%	
Thai	527	0.1%	0.2%	355	0.1%	
Vietnamese	4,645	1.3%	1.2%	2,912	1.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Karen	120	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Mon	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	381	0.1%	0.0%	145	0.1%	
Rohingya	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	8,419	2.4%	0.8%	5,539	2.0%	
Indonesian	458	0.1%	0.2%	278	0.1%	
Javanese	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Madurese	–	–	–	–	–	
Malay	369	0.1%	0.2%	267	0.1%	
Sundanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	613	0.2%	0.1%	412	0.2%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	85	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chinese	5,040	1.4%	4.2%	3,941	1.5%	
Taiwanese	52	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Japanese	209	0.1%	0.1%	139	0.1%	
Korean	287	0.1%	0.2%	189	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	14	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tibetan	33	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other North-East Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Southern Asian, nfd	817	0.2%	0.1%	152	0.1%	—
Anglo-Indian	325	0.1%	0.1%	201	0.1%	—
Bengali	218	0.1%	0.0%	66	0.0%	—
Burgher	20	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Gujarati	82	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Indian	14,301	4.0%	2.7%	6,835	2.5%	—
Malayali	137	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	—
Nepalese	453	0.1%	0.2%	143	0.1%	—
Pakistani	2,203	0.6%	0.3%	878	0.3%	—
Punjabi	5,539	1.5%	0.5%	679	0.3%	—
Sikh	2,913	0.8%	0.2%	438	0.2%	—
Sinhalese	835	0.2%	0.3%	236	0.1%	—
Maldivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bangladeshi	731	0.2%	0.1%	205	0.1%	—
Bhutanese	106	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	—
Fijian Indian	251	0.1%	0.0%	138	0.1%	—
Kashmiri	32	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Parsi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sindhi	14	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Sri Lankan	1,376	0.4%	0.5%	1,401	0.5%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sri Lankan Tamil	81	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	39	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	792	0.2%	0.2%	112	0.0%	
Telugu	312	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	137	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	393	0.1%	0.2%	230	0.1%	
Armenian	54	0.0%	0.1%	52	0.0%	
Georgian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kazakh	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	109	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Azeri	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hazara	166	0.0%	0.2%	11	0.0%	
Tajik	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tatar	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	123	0.0%	0.0%	83	0.0%	
North American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
African American	24	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
American	261	0.1%	0.1%	193	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Canadian	101	0.0%	0.1%	84	0.0%	
French Canadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	84	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	31	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	140	0.0%	0.0%	128	0.0%	
Argentinian	290	0.1%	0.0%	235	0.1%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Brazilian	82	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Chilean	982	0.3%	0.1%	754	0.3%	
Colombian	127	0.0%	0.1%	69	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guyanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peruvian	89	0.0%	0.0%	71	0.0%	
Uruguayan	120	0.0%	0.0%	112	0.0%	
Venezuelan	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paraguayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South American, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mexican	62	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	494	0.1%	0.0%	390	0.1%	
Costa Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mayan	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Central American, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Cuban	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	23	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Akan	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ghanaian	80	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Nigerian	234	0.1%	0.0%	137	0.1%	
Yoruba	27	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Ivorean	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	147	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	38	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Congolese	406	0.1%	0.0%	138	0.1%	
Gio	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	24	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Krahn	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Togolese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	54	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Angolan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	302	0.1%	0.0%	110	0.0%	
Ethiopian	1,102	0.3%	0.1%	696	0.3%	
Kenyan	71	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Malawian	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	354	0.1%	0.2%	248	0.1%	
Mozambican	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	49	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Seychellois	31	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Somali	160	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
South African	391	0.1%	0.2%	287	0.1%	
Tanzanian	37	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Ugandan	26	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Zambian	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Zimbabwean	184	0.1%	0.0%	122	0.0%	
Amhara	25	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Batswana	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	62	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tigre	23	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	97	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Madi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	19	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>357,872</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>270,901</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Data basis: usual residence.