

Community report

Monash (C)

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Monash (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 Monash (C) were Chinese, English and Australian.

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

Monash (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	489	0.1%	0.1%	391	0.1%	0.1%	+98	0.0
Eurasian, so described	42	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	0.0%	-30	0.0
Asian, so described	241	0.1%	0.1%	200	0.1%	0.0%	+41	0.0
African, so described	276	0.1%	0.1%	202	0.1%	0.1%	+74	0.0
European, so described	192	0.1%	0.1%	132	0.0%	0.1%	+60	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Creole, so described	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	28,116	7.4%	11.7%	28,614	7.8%	12.0%	-498	-0.4
Australian Aboriginal	557	0.1%	0.3%	77	0.0%	0.0%	+480	+0.1
Australian South Sea Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	-10	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Torres Strait Islander	99	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	339	0.1%	0.2%	261	0.1%	
New Zealander	693	0.2%	0.3%	831	0.2%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	40	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Cook Islander	112	0.0%	0.1%	96	0.0%	
Fijian	178	0.0%	0.1%	140	0.0%	
Niuean	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	159	0.0%	0.2%	114	0.0%	
Tongan	66	0.0%	0.1%	57	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	16	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Pitcairn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polynesian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
North-West European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
British, nfd	74	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	—
English	32,041	8.4%	12.8%	33,017	9.0%	12.8%
Scottish	8,982	2.4%	3.6%	9,307	2.5%	3.6%
Welsh	568	0.1%	0.2%	560	0.2%	0.2%
Channel Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Manx	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
British, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Irish	9,987	2.6%	4.2%	11,455	3.1%	4.2%
Western European, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Austrian	321	0.1%	0.1%	327	0.1%	0.1%
Dutch	1,810	0.5%	0.7%	1,855	0.5%	0.7%
Flemish	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
French	900	0.2%	0.3%	958	0.3%	0.3%
German	3,684	1.0%	1.4%	3,930	1.1%	1.4%
Swiss	247	0.1%	0.1%	241	0.1%	0.1%
Belgian	95	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	0.0%
Frisian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Luxembourg	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Western European, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Northern European, nfd	38	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	226	0.1%	0.1%	241	0.1%	
Finnish	92	0.0%	0.0%	96	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norwegian	155	0.0%	0.1%	137	0.0%	
Swedish	181	0.0%	0.1%	202	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Catalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	9,205	2.4%	3.3%	9,362	2.6%	
Maltese	703	0.2%	0.7%	687	0.2%	
Portuguese	429	0.1%	0.1%	449	0.1%	
Spanish	659	0.2%	0.3%	637	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	148	0.0%	0.1%	217	0.1%	
Albanian	114	0.0%	0.1%	87	0.0%	
Bosnian	197	0.1%	0.1%	157	0.0%	
Bulgarian	59	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Croatian	973	0.3%	0.4%	925	0.3%	
Greek	13,221	3.5%	1.7%	12,858	3.5%	
Macedonian	376	0.1%	0.5%	312	0.1%	
Moldovan	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	33	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Romanian	287	0.1%	0.1%	259	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	783	0.2%	0.3%	648	0.2%	
Slovene	229	0.1%	0.1%	219	0.1%	
Cypriot	678	0.2%	0.2%	550	0.2%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	87	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Belarusan	41	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Czech	189	0.0%	0.1%	179	0.0%	
Estonian	55	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Hungarian	753	0.2%	0.2%	847	0.2%	
Latvian	138	0.0%	0.1%	168	0.0%	
Lithuanian	141	0.0%	0.0%	138	0.0%	
Polish	1,662	0.4%	0.5%	1,607	0.4%	
Russian	1,054	0.3%	0.2%	983	0.3%	
Slovak	83	0.0%	0.0%	86	0.0%	
Ukrainian	462	0.1%	0.1%	427	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	165	0.0%	0.1%	86	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	261	0.1%	0.1%	288	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Egyptian	778	0.2%	0.2%	705	0.2%	–
Iraqi	105	0.0%	0.2%	138	0.0%	–
Jordanian	34	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Kuwaiti	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Lebanese	613	0.2%	0.5%	558	0.2%	–
Libyan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Moroccan	31	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	–
Palestinian	103	0.0%	0.0%	102	0.0%	–
Saudi Arabian	36	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	–
Syrian	81	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.0%	–
Tunisian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yemeni	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Bahraini	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Omani	9	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Jewish	306	0.1%	0.1%	292	0.1%	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Nuer	12	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
South Sudanese	82	0.0%	0.1%	79	0.0%	–

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Sudanese	74	0.0%	0.1%	98	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	25	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Iranian	1,160	0.3%	0.2%	850	0.2%	
Kurdish	24	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Turkish	401	0.1%	0.4%	373	0.1%	
Assyrian	36	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	
Chaldean	24	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Mandaean	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	155	0.0%	0.0%	132	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	45	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Burmese	149	0.0%	0.1%	106	0.0%	
Hmong	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Khmer (Cambodian)	758	0.2%	0.2%	515	0.1%	
Lao	96	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.0%	
Thai	726	0.2%	0.2%	570	0.2%	
Vietnamese	4,154	1.1%	1.2%	3,521	1.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Karen	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Mon	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Chin	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Rohingya	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Filipino	2,223	0.6%	0.8%	1,539	0.4%	—
Indonesian	1,228	0.3%	0.2%	1,220	0.3%	—
Javanese	32	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	—
Madurese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malay	1,341	0.4%	0.2%	1,230	0.3%	—
Sundanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Timorese	121	0.0%	0.1%	59	0.0%	—
Acehnese	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Balinese	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Bruneian	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Kadazan	17	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	—
Singaporean	199	0.1%	0.0%	174	0.0%	—
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	39	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	—
Chinese	47,227	12.4%	4.2%	43,993	12.0%	—
Taiwanese	369	0.1%	0.0%	286	0.1%	—
Chinese Asian, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Japanese	1,067	0.3%	0.1%	918	0.3%	—
Korean	2,509	0.7%	0.2%	2,519	0.7%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	43	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Tibetan	18	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	687	0.2%	0.1%	297	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	257	0.1%	0.1%	248	0.1%	
Bengali	267	0.1%	0.0%	169	0.0%	
Burgher	166	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Gujarati	362	0.1%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Indian	15,190	4.0%	2.7%	12,292	3.4%	
Malayali	205	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Nepalese	678	0.2%	0.2%	302	0.1%	
Pakistani	919	0.2%	0.3%	642	0.2%	
Punjabi	864	0.2%	0.5%	402	0.1%	
Sikh	408	0.1%	0.2%	253	0.1%	
Sinhalese	3,519	0.9%	0.3%	1,303	0.4%	
Maldivian	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	599	0.2%	0.1%	551	0.2%	
Bhutanese	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	128	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Kashmiri	28	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Parsi	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sindhi	24	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Sri Lankan	4,745	1.2%	0.5%	6,178	1.7%	

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Sri Lankan Tamil	260	0.1%	0.0%	377	0.1%	
Indian Tamil	58	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	2,083	0.5%	0.2%	656	0.2%	
Telugu	547	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	191	0.1%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	412	0.1%	0.2%	355	0.1%	
Armenian	844	0.2%	0.1%	860	0.2%	
Georgian	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Kazakh	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Pathan	5	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Uzbek	20	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Azeri	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Hazara	53	0.0%	0.2%	20	0.0%	
Tajik	21	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tatar	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	25	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	64	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
North American, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African American	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
American	324	0.1%	0.1%	290	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Canadian	183	0.0%	0.1%	164	0.0%	
French Canadian	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	38	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	38	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nfd	53	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Argentinian	153	0.0%	0.0%	103	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Brazilian	151	0.0%	0.0%	143	0.0%	
Chilean	336	0.1%	0.1%	313	0.1%	
Colombian	296	0.1%	0.1%	143	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guyanese	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Peruvian	79	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Uruguayan	34	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Venezuelan	47	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Paraguayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mexican	56	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Salvadoran	42	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Costa Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mayan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Central American, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Caribbean Islander, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Cuban	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Jamaican	25	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Trinidadian Tobagonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Barbadian	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Puerto Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Caribbean Islander, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ghanaian	39	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	–
Nigerian	40	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	–
Yoruba	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Congolese	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Afrikaner	11	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrean	30	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Ethiopian	40	0.0%	0.1%	53	0.0%	–
Kenyan	69	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mauritian	661	0.2%	0.2%	613	0.2%	–
Mozambican	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	22	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Seychellois	104	0.0%	0.0%	97	0.0%	–
Somali	63	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.0%	–
South African	670	0.2%	0.2%	634	0.2%	–
Tanzanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ugandan	14	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Zambian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Zimbabwean	65	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Batswana	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	
Masai	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Total	380,732	100.0%	100.0%	365,221	100.0%	100.0%

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

Data basis: usual residence.