

Community report

North Sydney (A)

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

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North Sydney (A)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 North Sydney (A) 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

North Sydney (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	199	0.3%	0.3%	143	0.2%	0.2%	+56	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	9	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	-7	0.0
Asian, so described	32	0.0%	0.2%	38	0.1%	0.1%	-6	-0.1
African, so described	86	0.1%	0.2%	93	0.1%	0.2%	-7	0.0
European, so described	128	0.2%	0.1%	92	0.1%	0.1%	+36	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Creole, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.1%	+2	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	15,773	22.9%	22.3%	15,132	22.4%	23.5%	+641	+0.5
Australian Aboriginal	263	0.4%	1.6%	28	0.0%	0.2%	+235	+0.4
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Torres Strait Islander	26	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Norfolk Islander	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	167	0.2%	0.5%	144	0.2%	
New Zealander	661	1.0%	0.7%	889	1.3%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	37	0.1%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cook Islander	12	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Fijian	97	0.1%	0.4%	87	0.1%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Samoaan	44	0.1%	0.6%	37	0.1%	
Tongan	28	0.0%	0.4%	16	0.0%	
Hawaiian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitcairn	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North-West European, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
British, nfd	61	0.1%	0.0%	51	0.1%	0.0%
English	23,185	33.6%	23.8%	23,017	34.0%	23.8%
Scottish	7,111	10.3%	6.0%	7,090	10.5%	6.0%
Welsh	613	0.9%	0.5%	588	0.9%	0.5%
Channel Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Manx	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
British, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Irish	8,922	12.9%	7.7%	9,353	13.8%	7.7%
Western European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	244	0.4%	0.2%	217	0.3%	0.2%
Dutch	1,003	1.5%	0.9%	969	1.4%	0.9%
Flemish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
French	1,045	1.5%	0.7%	988	1.5%	0.7%
German	2,608	3.8%	2.3%	2,638	3.9%	2.3%
Swiss	210	0.3%	0.1%	204	0.3%	0.1%
Belgian	93	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Northern European, nfd	51	0.1%	0.0%	31	0.0%	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Danish	254	0.4%	0.2%	283	0.4%	
Finnish	118	0.2%	0.1%	107	0.2%	
Icelandic	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	157	0.2%	0.1%	146	0.2%	
Swedish	314	0.5%	0.2%	261	0.4%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Catalan	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Italian	2,713	3.9%	4.3%	2,276	3.4%	
Maltese	277	0.4%	1.2%	230	0.3%	
Portuguese	365	0.5%	0.5%	276	0.4%	
Spanish	713	1.0%	0.8%	593	0.9%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	43	0.1%	0.1%	71	0.1%	
Albanian	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Bosnian	29	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Bulgarian	72	0.1%	0.0%	43	0.1%	
Croatian	392	0.6%	0.8%	339	0.5%	
Greek	880	1.3%	2.4%	740	1.1%	
Macedonian	120	0.2%	0.6%	108	0.2%	
Moldovan	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Montenegrin	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Romanian	101	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	283	0.4%	0.6%	194	0.3%	
Slovene	63	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.1%	
Cypriot	70	0.1%	0.3%	52	0.1%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	109	0.2%	0.1%	61	0.1%	
Belarusan	37	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Czech	203	0.3%	0.2%	216	0.3%	
Estonian	82	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	
Hungarian	398	0.6%	0.4%	454	0.7%	
Latvian	125	0.2%	0.1%	116	0.2%	
Lithuanian	143	0.2%	0.1%	95	0.1%	
Polish	910	1.3%	0.8%	746	1.1%	
Russian	702	1.0%	0.6%	632	0.9%	
Slovak	106	0.2%	0.1%	112	0.2%	
Ukrainian	287	0.4%	0.2%	237	0.4%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	61	0.1%	0.2%	11	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	76	0.1%	0.6%	45	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Algerian	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Egyptian	119	0.2%	0.5%	133	0.2%	
Iraqi	28	0.0%	0.6%	11	0.0%	
Jordanian	13	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	387	0.6%	3.3%	282	0.4%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	42	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Palestinian	28	0.0%	0.2%	27	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Syrian	26	0.0%	0.3%	29	0.0%	
Tunisian	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Yemeni	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	203	0.3%	0.2%	125	0.2%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudanese	13	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Iranian	560	0.8%	0.6%	448	0.7%	–
Kurdish	20	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Turkish	203	0.3%	0.6%	141	0.2%	–
Assyrian	35	0.1%	0.6%	20	0.0%	–
Chaldean	3	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Mandaean	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	64	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	–
South-East Asian, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	37	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	51	0.1%	0.3%	20	0.0%	–
Lao	28	0.0%	0.2%	15	0.0%	–
Thai	528	0.8%	0.6%	527	0.8%	–

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Vietnamese	479	0.7%	2.3%	350	0.5%	
Karen	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	1,139	1.7%	2.5%	894	1.3%	
Indonesian	231	0.3%	0.6%	169	0.2%	
Javanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Malay	263	0.4%	0.2%	177	0.3%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	74	0.1%	0.0%	49	0.1%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	7,452	10.8%	10.6%	5,936	8.8%	
Taiwanese	180	0.3%	0.1%	119	0.2%	
Chinese Asian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Japanese	1,247	1.8%	0.4%	1,379	2.0%	

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Korean	776	1.1%	1.3%	593	0.9%	
Mongolian	13	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Tibetan	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	47	0.1%	0.3%	37	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	30	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Bengali	38	0.1%	0.2%	19	0.0%	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	11	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Indian	2,323	3.4%	4.5%	1,954	2.9%	
Malayali	23	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Nepalese	331	0.5%	1.3%	332	0.5%	
Pakistani	94	0.1%	0.7%	76	0.1%	
Punjabi	32	0.0%	0.4%	26	0.0%	
Sikh	10	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Sinhalese	93	0.1%	0.2%	30	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	39	0.1%	0.5%	47	0.1%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	28	0.0%	0.2%	33	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Sri Lankan	276	0.4%	0.4%	326	0.5%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	17	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	94	0.1%	0.5%	11	0.0%	
Telugu	17	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	41	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	14	0.0%	0.3%	15	0.0%	
Armenian	169	0.2%	0.3%	153	0.2%	
Georgian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	62	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.0%	
North American, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
African American	27	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
American	451	0.7%	0.3%	470	0.7%	
Canadian	201	0.3%	0.2%	191	0.3%	
French Canadian	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	25	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	35	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	80	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.1%	
Argentinian	79	0.1%	0.1%	67	0.1%	
Bolivian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	418	0.6%	0.3%	247	0.4%	
Chilean	169	0.2%	0.3%	131	0.2%	
Colombian	253	0.4%	0.2%	187	0.3%	
Ecuadorian	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peruvian	136	0.2%	0.1%	134	0.2%	
Uruguayan	24	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Venezuelan	28	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.1%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
South American, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	111	0.2%	0.1%	92	0.1%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Cuban	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Jamaican	39	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Barbadian	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Nigerian	15	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Yoruba	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Afrikaner	31	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kenyan	16	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Malawian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	73	0.1%	0.2%	79	0.1%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
South African	768	1.1%	0.6%	640	0.9%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ugandan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Zimbabwean	39	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.