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Community Explorer
COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Northern Beaches (A)

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AREA
Northern Beaches (A)

COMPARISON
Greater Sydney

POPULATION
Persons

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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 Northern Beaches (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

Northern Beaches (A) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	467	0.2%	0.3%	426	0.2%	0.2%	+41	0.0
Eurasian, so described	44	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Asian, so described	121	0.0%	0.2%	105	0.0%	0.1%	+16	0.0
African, so described	197	0.1%	0.2%	193	0.1%	0.2%	+4	0.0
European, so described	349	0.1%	0.1%	216	0.1%	0.1%	+133	0.0
Caucasian, so described	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	52	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	0.1%	-2	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	81,886	31.1%	22.3%	78,909	31.2%	23.5%	+2,977	-0.1
Australian Aboriginal	1,753	0.7%	1.6%	179	0.1%	0.2%	+1,574	+0.6
Australian South Sea Islander	10	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	0.0%	-26	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Torres Strait Islander	120	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Maori	1,132	0.4%	0.5%	1,008	0.4%	
New Zealander	3,378	1.3%	0.7%	3,636	1.4%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
New Caledonian	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ni-Vanuatu	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	65	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Micronesian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
I-Kiribati	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nauruan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Micronesian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Polynesian, nfd	55	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Cook Islander	99	0.0%	0.1%	80	0.0%	
Fijian	411	0.2%	0.4%	316	0.1%	
Niuean	48	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Samoan	356	0.1%	0.6%	320	0.1%	
Tongan	667	0.3%	0.4%	589	0.2%	
Hawaiian	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Tahitian	26	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Tokelauan	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Tuvaluan	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Pitcairn	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Polynesian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
North–West European, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
British, nfd	180	0.1%	0.0%	180	0.1%	
English	108,673	41.2%	23.8%	103,449	40.9%	
Scottish	28,545	10.8%	6.0%	26,579	10.5%	
Welsh	2,728	1.0%	0.5%	2,511	1.0%	
Channel Islander	25	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Manx	26	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
British, nec	44	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Irish	32,971	12.5%	7.7%	32,749	13.0%	
Western European, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Austrian	952	0.4%	0.2%	843	0.3%	
Dutch	5,303	2.0%	0.9%	4,780	1.9%	
Flemish	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
French	3,930	1.5%	0.7%	3,251	1.3%	
German	10,906	4.1%	2.3%	9,988	3.9%	
Swiss	939	0.4%	0.1%	842	0.3%	
Belgian	361	0.1%	0.1%	317	0.1%	
Frisian	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Luxembourg	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Western European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Northern European, nfd	190	0.1%	0.0%	89	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Danish	1,191	0.5%	0.2%	1,028	0.4%	
Finnish	499	0.2%	0.1%	409	0.2%	
Icelandic	24	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Norwegian	647	0.2%	0.1%	534	0.2%	
Swedish	1,444	0.5%	0.2%	1,270	0.5%	
Northern European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	37	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Basque	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Catalan	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Italian	14,565	5.5%	4.3%	12,291	4.9%	
Maltese	1,117	0.4%	1.2%	928	0.4%	
Portuguese	1,311	0.5%	0.5%	994	0.4%	
Spanish	2,270	0.9%	0.8%	1,720	0.7%	
Gibraltarian	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southern European, nec	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South Eastern European, nfd	268	0.1%	0.1%	436	0.2%	
Albanian	47	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Bosnian	176	0.1%	0.1%	155	0.1%	
Bulgarian	135	0.1%	0.0%	95	0.0%	
Croatian	2,495	0.9%	0.8%	2,021	0.8%	
Greek	2,934	1.1%	2.4%	2,590	1.0%	
Macedonian	343	0.1%	0.6%	255	0.1%	
Moldovan	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Montenegrin	31	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Romanian	234	0.1%	0.1%	205	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Serbian	1,871	0.7%	0.6%	1,532	0.6%	
Slovene	216	0.1%	0.1%	202	0.1%	
Cypriot	285	0.1%	0.3%	209	0.1%	
Vlach	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South Eastern European, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern European, nfd	178	0.1%	0.1%	140	0.1%	
Belarusan	46	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Czech	939	0.4%	0.2%	820	0.3%	
Estonian	272	0.1%	0.1%	208	0.1%	
Hungarian	1,200	0.5%	0.4%	1,024	0.4%	
Latvian	324	0.1%	0.1%	266	0.1%	
Lithuanian	257	0.1%	0.1%	193	0.1%	
Polish	2,420	0.9%	0.8%	1,893	0.7%	
Russian	1,512	0.6%	0.6%	1,220	0.5%	
Slovak	459	0.2%	0.1%	391	0.2%	
Ukrainian	584	0.2%	0.2%	444	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern European, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	102	0.0%	0.2%	41	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	108	0.0%	0.6%	101	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Algerian	34	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Egyptian	341	0.1%	0.5%	285	0.1%	
Iraqi	41	0.0%	0.6%	35	0.0%	
Jordanian	22	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Lebanese	1,070	0.4%	3.3%	882	0.3%	
Libyan	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Moroccan	86	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Palestinian	75	0.0%	0.2%	57	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Syrian	101	0.0%	0.3%	82	0.0%	
Tunisian	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yemeni	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Bahraini	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Emirati	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Omani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Qatari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Arab, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jewish	241	0.1%	0.2%	155	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Darfur	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nuer	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
South Sudanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sudanese	13	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Berber	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Coptic	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Iranian	847	0.3%	0.6%	739	0.3%	
Kurdish	41	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Turkish	421	0.2%	0.6%	338	0.1%	
Assyrian	40	0.0%	0.6%	44	0.0%	
Chaldean	—	—	0.2%	—	—	
Mandaean	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nubian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Yezidi	—	—	—	—	—	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	144	0.1%	0.1%	124	0.0%	
South–East Asian, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mainland South–East Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Anglo–Burmese	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Burmese	79	0.0%	0.1%	64	0.0%	
Hmong	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Khmer (Cambodian)	121	0.0%	0.3%	80	0.0%	
Lao	54	0.0%	0.2%	42	0.0%	
Thai	1,032	0.4%	0.6%	858	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Vietnamese	785	0.3%	2.3%	650	0.3%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	2,734	1.0%	2.5%	2,203	0.9%	
Indonesian	690	0.3%	0.6%	603	0.2%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Malay	339	0.1%	0.2%	254	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	19	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Acehnese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	88	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	9,028	3.4%	10.6%	8,064	3.2%	
Taiwanese	109	0.0%	0.1%	77	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Japanese	1,655	0.6%	0.4%	1,450	0.6%	

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Korean	1,037	0.4%	1.3%	1,040	0.4%	
Mongolian	19	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Tibetan	840	0.3%	0.0%	683	0.3%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	109	0.0%	0.3%	52	0.0%	
Anglo-Indian	61	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Bengali	40	0.0%	0.2%	31	0.0%	
Burgher	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Indian	2,626	1.0%	4.5%	2,449	1.0%	
Malayali	24	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Nepalese	1,047	0.4%	1.3%	617	0.2%	
Pakistani	141	0.1%	0.7%	94	0.0%	
Punjabi	257	0.1%	0.4%	131	0.1%	
Sikh	85	0.0%	0.2%	30	0.0%	
Sinhalese	72	0.0%	0.2%	28	0.0%	
Maldivian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	98	0.0%	0.5%	107	0.0%	
Bhutanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	49	0.0%	0.2%	29	0.0%	
Kashmiri	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Parsi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Sri Lankan	315	0.1%	0.4%	300	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	6	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	66	0.0%	0.5%	4	0.0%	
Telugu	12	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	24	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	111	0.0%	0.3%	102	0.0%	
Armenian	1,887	0.7%	0.3%	1,721	0.7%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Hazara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tajik	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	113	0.0%	0.1%	57	0.0%	
North American, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
African American	73	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
American	1,776	0.7%	0.3%	1,637	0.6%	
Canadian	1,193	0.5%	0.2%	1,015	0.4%	
French Canadian	78	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	42	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	73	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Bermudan	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
North American, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nfd	167	0.1%	0.1%	149	0.1%	
Argentinian	417	0.2%	0.1%	231	0.1%	
Bolivian	31	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Brazilian	2,365	0.9%	0.3%	1,587	0.6%	
Chilean	601	0.2%	0.3%	485	0.2%	
Colombian	363	0.1%	0.2%	256	0.1%	
Ecuadorian	47	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Guyanese	21	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Peruvian	442	0.2%	0.1%	330	0.1%	
Uruguayan	96	0.0%	0.1%	71	0.0%	
Venezuelan	161	0.1%	0.0%	120	0.0%	
Paraguayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nec	32	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mexican	250	0.1%	0.1%	131	0.1%	
Nicaraguan	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Salvadoran	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Guatemalan	14	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	70	0.0%	0.0%	79	0.0%	
Cuban	20	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Jamaican	102	0.0%	0.0%	77	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	36	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Barbadian	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	38	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Sub–Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central and West African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	46	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Nigerian	35	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Congolese	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Afrikaner	93	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eritrean	9	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Ethiopian	12	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Kenyan	53	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mauritian	209	0.1%	0.2%	165	0.1%	
Mozambican	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Oromo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	20	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Somali	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South African	3,240	1.2%	0.6%	2,551	1.0%	
Tanzanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ugandan	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Zambian	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Zimbabwean	115	0.0%	0.1%	117	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.