

# Community report

## Palmerston (C)

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**Palmerston (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Darwin**

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 Palmerston (C) were Australian, English and Australian Aboriginal.

## 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

Palmerston (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	103	0.3%	0.3%	87	0.3%	0.3%	+16	0.0
Eurasian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Asian, so described	84	0.2%	0.3%	106	0.3%	0.3%	-22	-0.1
African, so described	304	0.8%	0.4%	125	0.4%	0.3%	+179	+0.4
European, so described	33	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	0.0%	+15	0.0
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+7	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Australian	12,475	33.5%	28.9%	13,301	39.4%	32.8%	-826	-5.9
Australian Aboriginal	4,522	12.1%	8.9%	546	1.6%	1.5%	+3,976	+10.5
Australian South Sea Islander	21	0.1%	0.0%	34	0.1%	0.1%	-13	0.0
Torres Strait Islander	478	1.3%	1.2%	39	0.1%	0.1%	+439	+1.2

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %
Norfolk Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori	365	1.0%	0.7%	380	1.1%	–
New Zealander	340	0.9%	0.7%	354	1.0%	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
New Caledonian	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ni-Vanuatu	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinean	162	0.4%	0.3%	134	0.4%	–
Solomon Islander	20	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
I-Kiribati	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Cook Islander	29	0.1%	0.0%	34	0.1%	–
Fijian	131	0.4%	0.3%	72	0.2%	–
Niuean	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Samoan	91	0.2%	0.1%	48	0.1%	–
Tongan	40	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	–
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tahitian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tokelauan	3	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.1%	–
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.1%	–
English	10,918	29.3%	27.7%	11,027	32.6%	27.7%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %
Scottish	2,774	7.4%	7.5%	2,805	8.3%	
Welsh	176	0.5%	0.5%	199	0.6%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Irish	2,934	7.9%	8.5%	3,233	9.6%	
Austrian	60	0.2%	0.2%	43	0.1%	
Dutch	506	1.4%	1.3%	451	1.3%	
Flemish	–	–	–	–	–	
French	154	0.4%	0.5%	154	0.5%	
German	1,610	4.3%	4.1%	1,738	5.1%	
Swiss	33	0.1%	0.2%	40	0.1%	
Belgian	25	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	21	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Danish	95	0.3%	0.3%	80	0.2%	
Finnish	49	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	36	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Swedish	47	0.1%	0.2%	55	0.2%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Italian	745	2.0%	2.3%	711	2.1%	–
Maltese	86	0.2%	0.3%	78	0.2%	–
Portuguese	201	0.5%	0.6%	155	0.5%	–
Spanish	162	0.4%	0.5%	199	0.6%	–
South Eastern European, nfd	38	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	–
Albanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Bosnian	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Bulgarian	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Croatian	67	0.2%	0.2%	64	0.2%	–
Greek	613	1.6%	2.9%	440	1.3%	–
Macedonian	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian	22	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	–
Roma Gypsy	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbian	22	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	–
Slovene	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Cypriot	25	0.1%	0.2%	19	0.1%	–
Eastern European, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czech	22	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	–
Estonian	13	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	–
Hungarian	68	0.2%	0.2%	72	0.2%	–

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Latvian	18	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Lithuanian	23	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Polish	175	0.5%	0.5%	164	0.5%	
Russian	54	0.1%	0.2%	56	0.2%	
Slovak	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ukrainian	34	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Egyptian	6	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Iraqi	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Jordanian	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lebanese	12	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Dinka	–	–	–	–	–	

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South Sudanese	39	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Sudanese	19	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	28	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	16	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	19	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	88	0.2%	0.2%	93	0.3%	
Lao	18	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Thai	331	0.9%	0.9%	251	0.7%	
Vietnamese	326	0.9%	1.0%	214	0.6%	
Karen	15	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Filipino	2,332	6.3%	4.9%	1,597	4.7%	
Indonesian	407	1.1%	1.2%	293	0.9%	

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Javanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Malay	110	0.3%	0.3%	83	0.2%	
Timorese	255	0.7%	0.8%	203	0.6%	
Balinese	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	–	–	–	
Singaporean	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Chinese	996	2.7%	4.3%	823	2.4%	
Taiwanese	47	0.1%	0.2%	32	0.1%	
Chinese Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	53	0.1%	0.2%	57	0.2%	
Korean	103	0.3%	0.3%	60	0.2%	
Mongolian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	67	0.2%	0.2%	27	0.1%	
Anglo–Indian	10	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.1%	
Bengali	28	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Burgher	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	22	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Indian	799	2.1%	2.8%	632	1.9%	
Malayali	16	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Nepalese	258	0.7%	2.0%	108	0.3%	
Pakistani	147	0.4%	0.5%	81	0.2%	

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Punjabi	105	0.3%	0.4%	33	0.1%	
Sikh	43	0.1%	0.2%	11	0.0%	
Sinhalese	76	0.2%	0.4%	23	0.1%	
Maldivian	—	—	—	—	—	
Bangladeshi	75	0.2%	0.3%	88	0.3%	
Bhutanese	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Kashmiri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sri Lankan	83	0.2%	0.4%	80	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tamil, nfd	92	0.2%	0.3%	23	0.1%	
Telugu	34	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Afghan	10	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.1%	
Armenian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Kazakh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pathan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Uzbek	—	—	—	—	—	
Azeri	—	—	—	5	0.0%	
Hazara	12	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tatar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Turkmen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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Kyrgyz	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central Asian, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
North American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
African American	19	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
American	100	0.3%	0.3%	94	0.3%	—
Canadian	66	0.2%	0.2%	53	0.2%	—
French Canadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Hispanic North American	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Native North American Indian	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
North American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
South American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Argentinian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bolivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Brazilian	23	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	—
Chilean	18	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	—
Colombian	20	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	—
Ecuadorian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Guyanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Peruvian	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Uruguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Venezuelan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Paraguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
South American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %
Central American, nfd	–	–	–	4	0.0%	–
Mexican	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Salvadoran	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Guatemalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caribbean Islander, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Cuban	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Jamaican	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Trinidadian Tobagonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caribbean Islander, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fulani	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ghanaian	22	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Nigerian	94	0.3%	0.1%	36	0.1%	–
Yoruba	19	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Liberian	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Sierra Leonean	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congolese	85	0.2%	0.2%	42	0.1%	–
Igbo	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Senegalese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Central and West African, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	–	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	29	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Malawian	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mauritian	25	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	153	0.4%	0.4%	163	0.5%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Zambian	16	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Zimbabwean	119	0.3%	0.2%	95	0.3%	
Batswana	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	23	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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Shona	19	0.1%	0.0%	22	0.1%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.