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Community Explorer

COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Penrith (C)

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

AREA
Penrith (C)

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 Penrith (C) were Australian, English 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

Penrith (C) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	495	0.2%	0.3%	445	0.2%	0.2%	+50	0.0
Eurasian, so described	20	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Asian, so described	293	0.1%	0.2%	234	0.1%	0.1%	+59	0.0
African, so described	708	0.3%	0.2%	455	0.2%	0.2%	+253	+0.1
European, so described	225	0.1%	0.1%	165	0.1%	0.1%	+60	0.0
Caucasian, so described	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Creole, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	192	0.1%	0.0%	166	0.1%	0.1%	+26	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Australian	72,440	33.3%	22.3%	70,042	35.7%	23.5%	+2,398	-2.4
Australian Aboriginal	10,057	4.6%	1.6%	1,083	0.6%	0.2%	+8,974	+4.0
Australian South Sea Islander	25	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		Greater Sy
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	
Torres Strait Islander	356	0.2%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Maori	2,413	1.1%	0.5%	1,802	0.9%	
New Zealander	1,717	0.8%	0.7%	1,768	0.9%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
New Caledonian	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Ni-Vanuatu	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	70	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Micronesian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
I-Kiribati	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nauruan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Micronesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Polynesian, nfd	87	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Cook Islander	517	0.2%	0.1%	346	0.2%	
Fijian	1,132	0.5%	0.4%	784	0.4%	
Niuean	80	0.0%	0.0%	80	0.0%	
Samoan	2,740	1.3%	0.6%	1,826	0.9%	
Tongan	1,142	0.5%	0.4%	770	0.4%	
Hawaiian	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tahitian	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Tokelauan	262	0.1%	0.0%	227	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Tuvaluan	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
North-West European, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
British, nfd	78	0.0%	0.0%	79	0.0%	
English	65,665	30.2%	23.8%	65,251	33.3%	2
Scottish	14,682	6.7%	6.0%	14,542	7.4%	
Welsh	987	0.5%	0.5%	1,002	0.5%	
Channel Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Manx	13	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
British, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Irish	17,767	8.2%	7.7%	19,276	9.8%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Austrian	459	0.2%	0.2%	422	0.2%	
Dutch	3,068	1.4%	0.9%	2,890	1.5%	
Flemish	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
French	871	0.4%	0.7%	886	0.5%	
German	6,311	2.9%	2.3%	6,474	3.3%	
Swiss	170	0.1%	0.1%	126	0.1%	
Belgian	104	0.0%	0.1%	85	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	71	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Danish	357	0.2%	0.2%	333	0.2%	
Finnish	213	0.1%	0.1%	180	0.1%	
Icelandic	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Norwegian	141	0.1%	0.1%	132	0.1%	
Swedish	212	0.1%	0.2%	177	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Italian	8,127	3.7%	4.3%	7,201	3.7%	
Maltese	8,692	4.0%	1.2%	7,585	3.9%	
Portuguese	584	0.3%	0.5%	483	0.2%	
Spanish	1,336	0.6%	0.8%	1,300	0.7%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	194	0.1%	0.1%	278	0.1%	
Albanian	73	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Bosnian	221	0.1%	0.1%	178	0.1%	
Bulgarian	47	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Croatian	2,332	1.1%	0.8%	2,053	1.0%	
Greek	2,669	1.2%	2.4%	2,402	1.2%	
Macedonian	421	0.2%	0.6%	358	0.2%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Montenegrin	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romanian	164	0.1%	0.1%	145	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	12	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Serbian	849	0.4%	0.6%	668	0.3%	
Slovene	225	0.1%	0.1%	202	0.1%	
Cypriot	428	0.2%	0.3%	295	0.2%	
Vlach	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South Eastern European, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern European, nfd	102	0.0%	0.1%	71	0.0%	
Belarusan	32	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Czech	225	0.1%	0.2%	198	0.1%	
Estonian	46	0.0%	0.1%	50	0.0%	
Hungarian	849	0.4%	0.4%	867	0.4%	
Latvian	147	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
Lithuanian	126	0.1%	0.1%	102	0.1%	
Polish	1,996	0.9%	0.8%	1,866	1.0%	
Russian	670	0.3%	0.6%	591	0.3%	
Slovak	114	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Ukrainian	548	0.3%	0.2%	459	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern European, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	247	0.1%	0.2%	51	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	467	0.2%	0.6%	333	0.2%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	1,189	0.5%	0.5%	1,049	0.5%	
Iraqi	434	0.2%	0.6%	280	0.1%	
Jordanian	165	0.1%	0.1%	91	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	6	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Lebanese	2,997	1.4%	3.3%	2,345	1.2%	
Libyan	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	17	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Palestinian	225	0.1%	0.2%	171	0.1%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	343	0.2%	0.3%	231	0.1%	
Tunisian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Yemeni	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Jewish	50	0.0%	0.2%	53	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	94	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
South Sudanese	307	0.1%	0.0%	262	0.1%	
Sudanese	344	0.2%	0.1%	292	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Berber	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Coptic	29	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Iranian	643	0.3%	0.6%	441	0.2%	
Kurdish	93	0.0%	0.1%	74	0.0%	
Turkish	976	0.4%	0.6%	841	0.4%	
Assyrian	473	0.2%	0.6%	311	0.2%	
Chaldean	167	0.1%	0.2%	125	0.1%	
Mandaean	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nubian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Yezidi	—	—	—	—	—	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	25	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
South–East Asian, nfd	32	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mainland South–East Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Anglo–Burmese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese	191	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
Hmong	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Khmer (Cambodian)	235	0.1%	0.3%	161	0.1%	
Lao	57	0.0%	0.2%	55	0.0%	
Thai	713	0.3%	0.6%	496	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Vietnamese	705	0.3%	2.3%	593	0.3%	
Karen	22	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mon	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	7,772	3.6%	2.5%	5,448	2.8%	
Indonesian	586	0.3%	0.6%	407	0.2%	
Javanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	210	0.1%	0.2%	192	0.1%	
Sundanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	79	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Acehnese	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bruneian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kadazan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	66	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	4,531	2.1%	10.6%	3,596	1.8%	
Taiwanese	86	0.0%	0.1%	53	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	248	0.1%	0.4%	170	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Korean	740	0.3%	1.3%	435	0.2%	
Mongolian	19	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Tibetan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	558	0.3%	0.3%	171	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	214	0.1%	0.0%	160	0.1%	
Bengali	147	0.1%	0.2%	101	0.1%	
Burgher	26	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	230	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Indian	8,566	3.9%	4.5%	5,791	3.0%	
Malayali	182	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Nepalese	1,199	0.6%	1.3%	485	0.2%	
Pakistani	1,253	0.6%	0.7%	797	0.4%	
Punjabi	1,570	0.7%	0.4%	377	0.2%	
Sikh	745	0.3%	0.2%	164	0.1%	
Sinhalese	378	0.2%	0.2%	105	0.1%	
Maldivian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	507	0.2%	0.5%	299	0.2%	
Bhutanese	74	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	445	0.2%	0.2%	330	0.2%	
Kashmiri	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sindhi	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Sri Lankan	817	0.4%	0.4%	878	0.4%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	69	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tamil, nfd	597	0.3%	0.5%	119	0.1%	
Telugu	155	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	76	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Afghan	531	0.2%	0.3%	384	0.2%	
Armenian	229	0.1%	0.3%	203	0.1%	
Georgian	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kazakh	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Pathan	27	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Uzbek	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Azeri	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hazara	338	0.2%	0.1%	84	0.0%	
Tajik	8	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	61	0.0%	0.1%	59	0.0%	
North American, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
African American	24	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
American	426	0.2%	0.3%	385	0.2%	
Canadian	198	0.1%	0.2%	220	0.1%	
French Canadian	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	38	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	41	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nfd	247	0.1%	0.1%	223	0.1%	
Argentinian	186	0.1%	0.1%	152	0.1%	
Bolivian	5	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Brazilian	114	0.1%	0.3%	55	0.0%	
Chilean	491	0.2%	0.3%	425	0.2%	
Colombian	103	0.0%	0.2%	89	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	46	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Guyanese	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	219	0.1%	0.1%	165	0.1%	
Uruguayan	250	0.1%	0.1%	190	0.1%	
Venezuelan	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Paraguayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Mexican	58	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	23	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	120	0.1%	0.0%	84	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Costa Rican	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Guatemalan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Central American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Cuban	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jamaican	32	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Barbadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Puerto Rican	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Caribbean Islander, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central and West African, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Akan	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Fulani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ghanaian	202	0.1%	0.1%	144	0.1%	
Nigerian	225	0.1%	0.1%	118	0.1%	
Yoruba	21	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Ivorean	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Liberian	79	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	72	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Cameroonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Congolese	44	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	44	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Togolese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	56	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Afrikaner	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Angolan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ethiopian	38	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kenyan	40	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Malawian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mauritian	434	0.2%	0.2%	390	0.2%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Namibian	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somali	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
South African	945	0.4%	0.6%	745	0.4%	
Tanzanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ugandan	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Zambian	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Zimbabwean	190	0.1%	0.1%	188	0.1%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burundian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ogaden	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	4	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Shona	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Swahili	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.