

Community report

Perth (C)

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Perth (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Perth

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 Perth (C) were English, Chinese 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 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

Perth (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	87	0.3%	0.3%	46	0.2%	0.2%	+41	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	20	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	0.1%	+4	0.0
Asian, so described	81	0.3%	0.2%	26	0.1%	0.1%	+55	+0.2
African, so described	93	0.3%	0.5%	61	0.3%	0.4%	+32	0.0
European, so described	29	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	0.1%	-1	0.0
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	4,209	14.8%	28.0%	2,741	12.6%	28.3%	+1,468	+2.2
Australian Aboriginal	352	1.2%	1.8%	34	0.2%	0.2%	+318	+1.0
Australian South Sea Islander	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Torres Strait Islander	36	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori	161	0.6%	1.1%	90	0.4%	–
New Zealander	190	0.7%	1.1%	158	0.7%	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ni-Vanuatu	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinean	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauruan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cook Islander	9	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Fijian	11	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoan	10	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.1%	–
Tongan	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nfd	18	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	–
English	6,862	24.1%	37.1%	4,715	21.6%	37.1%
Scottish	1,870	6.6%	8.7%	1,279	5.9%	8.7%
Welsh	197	0.7%	0.9%	153	0.7%	0.9%
Channel Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Manx	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
British, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Irish	2,150	7.6%	8.8%	1,590	7.3%	8.8%
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	60	0.2%	0.2%	40	0.2%	0.2%
Dutch	397	1.4%	2.0%	258	1.2%	2.0%
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	298	1.0%	0.7%	279	1.3%	0.7%
German	753	2.6%	2.8%	507	2.3%	2.8%
Swiss	63	0.2%	0.2%	45	0.2%	0.2%
Belgian	38	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	18	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Danish	73	0.3%	0.2%	58	0.3%	
Finnish	34	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Icelandic	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	53	0.2%	0.1%	40	0.2%	
Swedish	72	0.3%	0.2%	54	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,214	4.3%	5.5%	926	4.2%	
Maltese	36	0.1%	0.2%	19	0.1%	
Portuguese	171	0.6%	0.6%	161	0.7%	
Spanish	322	1.1%	0.5%	223	1.0%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	27	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.2%	
Albanian	18	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bosnian	33	0.1%	0.2%	31	0.1%	
Bulgarian	19	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.1%	
Croatian	175	0.6%	1.0%	112	0.5%	
Greek	213	0.7%	0.7%	141	0.6%	
Macedonian	55	0.2%	0.5%	29	0.1%	
Moldovan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Montenegrin	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Romanian	54	0.2%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	119	0.4%	0.4%	78	0.4%	
Slovene	10	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Cypriot	15	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.1%	
Eastern European, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Belarusan	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Czech	36	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.2%	
Estonian	33	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Hungarian	71	0.2%	0.2%	56	0.3%	
Latvian	23	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Lithuanian	24	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Polish	275	1.0%	0.9%	228	1.0%	
Russian	206	0.7%	0.3%	140	0.6%	
Slovak	21	0.1%	0.0%	27	0.1%	
Ukrainian	63	0.2%	0.2%	45	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	39	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Arab, nfd	135	0.5%	0.2%	89	0.4%	
Algerian	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Egyptian	74	0.3%	0.2%	41	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Iraqi	22	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Jordanian	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Lebanese	62	0.2%	0.1%	44	0.2%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	19	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Palestinian	15	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Saudi Arabian	18	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.1%	
Syrian	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tunisian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	27	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sudanese	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	320	1.1%	0.4%	259	1.2%	–
Kurdish	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	–
Turkish	44	0.2%	0.1%	49	0.2%	–
Assyrian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	18	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	–
South-East Asian, nfd	16	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Burmese	102	0.4%	0.5%	64	0.3%	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	20	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Lao	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	266	0.9%	0.5%	170	0.8%	–
Vietnamese	395	1.4%	1.1%	193	0.9%	–
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Mon	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	–

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Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Filipino	549	1.9%	1.8%	311	1.4%	–
Indonesian	420	1.5%	0.6%	207	0.9%	–
Javanese	17	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Malay	255	0.9%	0.6%	176	0.8%	–
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kadazan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Singaporean	85	0.3%	0.1%	39	0.2%	–
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	18	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Chinese	4,227	14.9%	5.3%	2,949	13.5%	–
Taiwanese	72	0.3%	0.1%	102	0.5%	–
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	499	1.8%	0.4%	395	1.8%	–
Korean	428	1.5%	0.4%	635	2.9%	–
Mongolian	24	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North–East Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Southern Asian, nfd	82	0.3%	0.2%	28	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	29	0.1%	0.2%	22	0.1%	
Bengali	50	0.2%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Burgher	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	15	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Indian	1,495	5.3%	3.5%	1,101	5.1%	
Malayali	25	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Nepalese	172	0.6%	0.2%	92	0.4%	
Pakistani	153	0.5%	0.4%	85	0.4%	
Punjabi	46	0.2%	0.5%	18	0.1%	
Sikh	28	0.1%	0.3%	–	–	
Sinhalese	79	0.3%	0.2%	19	0.1%	
Maldivian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	47	0.2%	0.1%	39	0.2%	
Bhutanese	21	0.1%	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	111	0.4%	0.3%	94	0.4%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	142	0.5%	0.3%	14	0.1%	
Telugu	44	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	

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Southern Asian, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	30	0.1%	0.2%	22	0.1%	
Armenian	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	11	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.1%	
Pathan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hazara	9	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Tajik	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	46	0.2%	0.0%	13	0.1%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
African American	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
American	139	0.5%	0.3%	83	0.4%	
Canadian	61	0.2%	0.2%	46	0.2%	
French Canadian	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South American, nfd	25	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Argentinian	38	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Brazilian	195	0.7%	0.2%	216	1.0%	–
Chilean	69	0.2%	0.1%	28	0.1%	–
Colombian	262	0.9%	0.1%	134	0.6%	–
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Peruvian	16	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Uruguayan	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Venezuelan	21	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	–
Paraguayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
South American, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mexican	47	0.2%	0.0%	26	0.1%	–
Nicaraguan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Salvadoran	7	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Caribbean Islander, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Cuban	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Jamaican	14	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Trinidadian Tobagonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Barbadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Puerto Rican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Caribbean Islander, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central and West African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Akan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fulani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ghanaian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Nigerian	17	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	—
Yoruba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ivorean	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Liberian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sierra Leonean	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Cameroonian	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Congolese	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Gio	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Igbo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Krahn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mandinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Senegalese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East African, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaner	10	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrean	4	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Ethiopian	14	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Kenyan	17	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	65	0.2%	0.3%	42	0.2%	–
Mozambican	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychellois	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Somali	10	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
South African	239	0.8%	1.4%	163	0.7%	–
Tanzanian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ugandan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambian	20	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	–
Zimbabwean	67	0.2%	0.3%	29	0.1%	–
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	7	0.0%	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	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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

Data basis: usual residence.