

# Community report

## Peterborough (DC)

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

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**Peterborough (DC)**

COMPARISON

**Regional SA**

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 Peterborough (DC) were Australian, English and Scottish.

## 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

Peterborough (DC) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	6	0.4%	0.2%	—	—	0.2%	—	—
Eurasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Asian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
African, so described	—	—	0.1%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
European, so described	—	—	0.1%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	673	41.1%	40.5%	726	43.3%	42.1%	-53	-2.2
Australian Aboriginal	109	6.7%	4.3%	4	0.2%	1.2%	+105	+6.5
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Torres Strait Islander	18	1.1%	0.1%	—	—	
Norfolk Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Maori	12	0.7%	0.3%	8	0.5%	
New Zealander	4	0.2%	0.4%	3	0.2%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
New Caledonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ni-Vanuatu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Papua New Guinean	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Solomon Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
I-Kiribati	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Polynesian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Cook Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Fijian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Niuean	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Samoan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tongan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hawaiian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tahitian	—	—	—	—	—	
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pitcairn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Polynesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
North-West European, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
British, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
English	647	39.5%	42.0%	758	45.2%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Scottish	144	8.8%	9.2%	161	9.6%	
Welsh	12	0.7%	0.6%	13	0.8%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Irish	139	8.5%	7.7%	178	10.6%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	3	0.2%	0.2%	5	0.3%	
Dutch	22	1.3%	1.7%	26	1.5%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
German	130	7.9%	10.7%	136	8.1%	
Swiss	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Belgian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	3	0.2%	0.2%	3	0.2%	
Finnish	5	0.3%	0.1%	6	0.4%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Swedish	7	0.4%	0.1%	–	–	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	13	0.8%	2.2%	20	1.2%	
Maltese	–	–	0.2%	3	0.2%	
Portuguese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Spanish	–	–	0.2%	4	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	3	0.2%	0.4%	4	0.2%	
Greek	–	–	0.8%	–	–	
Macedonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Slovene	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Cypriot	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Belarusian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	–	–	0.2%	3	0.2%	
Latvian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Polish	19	1.2%	0.6%	20	1.2%	
Russian	–	–	0.1%	3	0.2%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iraqi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	–	–	0.0%	4	0.2%	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	6	0.4%	0.1%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Vietnamese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Filipino	6	0.4%	0.9%	9	0.5%	
Indonesian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	–	–	0.5%	3	0.2%	
Taiwanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Korean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo–Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	6	0.4%	0.4%	8	0.5%	

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Malayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pakistani	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Punjabi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sikh	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	–	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American	–	–	0.2%	3	0.2%	
Canadian	–	–	0.1%	3	0.2%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	–	–	–	–	–	
Native North American Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chilean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Colombian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	–	–	–	
Peruvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.3%	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Jamaican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	–	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mozambican	–	–	–	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	–	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	3	0.2%	0.2%	3	0.2%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	–	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.