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COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Port Stephens (A)

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Port Stephens (A)

COMPARISON
Regional NSW

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 Port Stephens (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

Port Stephens (A) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	120	0.2%	0.2%	133	0.2%	0.2%	-13	0.0
Eurasian, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Asian, so described	16	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
African, so described	63	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	0.1%	+23	0.0
European, so described	57	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.0%	0.1%	+24	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	-7	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	31,267	41.5%	40.2%	30,272	43.5%	42.5%	+995	-2.0
Australian Aboriginal	4,636	6.2%	6.1%	481	0.7%	0.8%	+4,155	+5.5
Australian South Sea Islander	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	192	0.3%	0.2%	19	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	363	0.5%	0.4%	228	0.3%	
New Zealander	456	0.6%	0.6%	495	0.7%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	33	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cook Islander	15	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Fijian	85	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	79	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	
Tongan	47	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Pitcairn	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Polynesian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
North–West European, nfd	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	
British, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
English	33,467	44.5%	40.9%	30,288	43.5%	
Scottish	8,378	11.1%	10.7%	7,291	10.5%	
Welsh	704	0.9%	0.7%	688	1.0%	
Channel Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Manx	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
British, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Irish	8,520	11.3%	11.8%	7,764	11.2%	
Western European, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Austrian	133	0.2%	0.2%	122	0.2%	
Dutch	1,179	1.6%	1.4%	986	1.4%	
Flemish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
French	403	0.5%	0.5%	362	0.5%	
German	3,234	4.3%	4.2%	2,864	4.1%	
Swiss	85	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.1%	
Belgian	43	0.1%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Frisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Luxembourg	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Western European, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Northern European, nfd	38	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	212	0.3%	0.2%	162	0.2%	
Finnish	94	0.1%	0.1%	87	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norwegian	116	0.2%	0.1%	112	0.2%	
Swedish	145	0.2%	0.2%	117	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,497	2.0%	2.8%	1,232	1.8%	
Maltese	559	0.7%	0.5%	447	0.6%	
Portuguese	102	0.1%	0.2%	55	0.1%	
Spanish	211	0.3%	0.4%	233	0.3%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	54	0.1%	0.1%	76	0.1%	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnian	27	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bulgarian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Croatian	384	0.5%	0.4%	285	0.4%	
Greek	441	0.6%	0.6%	346	0.5%	
Macedonian	106	0.1%	0.5%	78	0.1%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	33	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	76	0.1%	0.2%	52	0.1%	
Slovene	26	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Cypriot	48	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.1%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	32	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Belarusan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	72	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Estonian	45	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Hungarian	164	0.2%	0.2%	145	0.2%	
Latvian	56	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.1%	
Lithuanian	41	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Polish	583	0.8%	0.6%	500	0.7%	
Russian	195	0.3%	0.2%	145	0.2%	
Slovak	26	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Ukrainian	159	0.2%	0.2%	118	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	23	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	44	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Iraqi	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Jordanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	110	0.1%	0.3%	80	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	23	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sudanese	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	13	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	43	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Assyrian	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
South–East Asian, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo–Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	16	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Thai	220	0.3%	0.2%	128	0.2%	
Vietnamese	91	0.1%	0.2%	63	0.1%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	481	0.6%	0.8%	350	0.5%	
Indonesian	61	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	68	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chinese	541	0.7%	1.0%	393	0.6%	
Taiwanese	30	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	68	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.1%	
Korean	55	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Mongolian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	16	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bengali	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	235	0.3%	0.8%	164	0.2%	
Malayali	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	110	0.1%	0.2%	24	0.0%	
Pakistani	38	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Punjabi	24	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Sikh	16	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	17	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	37	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
American	207	0.3%	0.3%	165	0.2%	
Canadian	110	0.1%	0.2%	95	0.1%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nfd	34	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Argentinian	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bolivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Brazilian	29	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Chilean	72	0.1%	0.1%	57	0.1%	
Colombian	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Guyanese	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peruvian	26	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Uruguayan	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Venezuelan	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paraguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Central American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mexican	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Salvadoran	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Costa Rican	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guatemalan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Cuban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Nigerian	30	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Yoruba	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	88	0.1%	0.0%	81	0.1%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	272	0.4%	0.3%	191	0.3%	
Tanzanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	25	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.