

Community report

Queanbeyan-Palerang

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Regional (A)

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Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional (A)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Queanbeyan–Palerang Regional (A) 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

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	183	0.3%	0.2%	103	0.2%	0.2%	+80	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Asian, so described	67	0.1%	0.0%	48	0.1%	0.0%	+19	0.0
African, so described	44	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	0.1%	+8	0.0
European, so described	86	0.1%	0.1%	51	0.1%	0.1%	+35	0.0
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+14	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	24,124	38.1%	40.2%	21,158	37.8%	42.5%	+2,966	+0.3
Australian Aboriginal	2,125	3.4%	6.1%	237	0.4%	0.8%	+1,888	+3.0
Australian South Sea Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	73	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	392	0.6%	0.4%	284	0.5%	
New Zealander	432	0.7%	0.6%	430	0.8%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	51	0.1%	0.0%	43	0.1%	
Solomon Islander	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
I-Kiribati	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Cook Islander	14	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Fijian	152	0.2%	0.1%	83	0.1%	
Niuean	19	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Samoan	157	0.2%	0.1%	118	0.2%	
Tongan	165	0.3%	0.1%	103	0.2%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North–West European, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
British, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.1%	
English	22,625	35.7%	40.9%	20,295	36.2%	4
Scottish	6,598	10.4%	10.7%	5,534	9.9%	1
Welsh	449	0.7%	0.7%	372	0.7%	
Channel Islander	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Manx	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
British, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	7,577	12.0%	11.8%	7,191	12.8%	1
Western European, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	202	0.3%	0.2%	172	0.3%	
Dutch	1,058	1.7%	1.4%	878	1.6%	
Flemish	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
French	361	0.6%	0.5%	314	0.6%	
German	2,837	4.5%	4.2%	2,510	4.5%	
Swiss	122	0.2%	0.1%	97	0.2%	
Belgian	55	0.1%	0.0%	30	0.1%	
Frisian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	27	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	172	0.3%	0.2%	140	0.2%	
Finnish	183	0.3%	0.1%	130	0.2%	
Icelandic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	100	0.2%	0.1%	74	0.1%	
Swedish	120	0.2%	0.2%	91	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	2,718	4.3%	2.8%	2,309	4.1%	
Maltese	479	0.8%	0.5%	368	0.7%	
Portuguese	196	0.3%	0.2%	150	0.3%	
Spanish	276	0.4%	0.4%	252	0.4%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	67	0.1%	0.1%	102	0.2%	
Albanian	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bosnian	39	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Bulgarian	37	0.1%	0.0%	29	0.1%	
Croatian	774	1.2%	0.4%	609	1.1%	
Greek	653	1.0%	0.6%	590	1.1%	
Macedonian	1,328	2.1%	0.5%	1,209	2.2%	
Moldovan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romanian	51	0.1%	0.0%	55	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	548	0.9%	0.2%	430	0.8%	
Slovene	128	0.2%	0.1%	96	0.2%	
Cypriot	38	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Vlach	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	41	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Belarusan	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Czech	94	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Estonian	60	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.1%	
Hungarian	301	0.5%	0.2%	237	0.4%	
Latvian	103	0.2%	0.1%	63	0.1%	
Lithuanian	49	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Polish	633	1.0%	0.6%	485	0.9%	
Russian	239	0.4%	0.2%	178	0.3%	
Slovak	45	0.1%	0.0%	31	0.1%	
Ukrainian	186	0.3%	0.2%	154	0.3%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	26	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	91	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Iraqi	17	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Jordanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	166	0.3%	0.3%	117	0.2%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Palestinian	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	32	0.1%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	73	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.1%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Turkish	62	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Assyrian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	38	0.1%	0.0%	31	0.1%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	34	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Lao	33	0.1%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Thai	158	0.2%	0.2%	110	0.2%	
Vietnamese	141	0.2%	0.2%	116	0.2%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	821	1.3%	0.8%	558	1.0%	
Indonesian	141	0.2%	0.1%	97	0.2%	
Javanese	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	74	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Singaporean	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chinese	837	1.3%	1.0%	708	1.3%	
Taiwanese	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	60	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Korean	101	0.2%	0.1%	70	0.1%	
Mongolian	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tibetan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	127	0.2%	0.1%	35	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bengali	31	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Burgher	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	36	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Indian	1,349	2.1%	0.8%	1,086	1.9%	
Malayali	29	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nepalese	571	0.9%	0.2%	143	0.3%	
Pakistani	168	0.3%	0.1%	97	0.2%	
Punjabi	486	0.8%	0.2%	119	0.2%	
Sikh	248	0.4%	0.1%	39	0.1%	
Sinhalese	58	0.1%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	148	0.2%	0.1%	146	0.3%	
Bhutanese	34	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	42	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	99	0.2%	0.1%	105	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	70	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Telugu	21	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	28	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Armenian	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tajik	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
North American, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
African American	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
American	237	0.4%	0.3%	219	0.4%	
Canadian	147	0.2%	0.2%	111	0.2%	
French Canadian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	25	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Argentinian	37	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	31	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Chilean	82	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Colombian	39	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	37	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Uruguayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Venezuelan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	23	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cuban	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Barbadian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	28	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Nigerian	37	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Yoruba	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Afrikaner	20	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ethiopian	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kenyan	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Malawian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	57	0.1%	0.0%	35	0.1%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
South African	225	0.4%	0.3%	123	0.2%	
Tanzanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ugandan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	44	0.1%	0.0%	29	0.1%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burundian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.