

Community report

Rockhampton (R)

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COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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 Rockhampton (R) 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 totals represent responses rather than a single unduplicated person count.
- 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

Rockhampton (R) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	184	0.2%	0.2%	188	0.2%	0.2%	-4	0.0
Eurasian, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	51	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.0%	0.0%	+17	+0.1
African, so described	131	0.2%	0.1%	113	0.1%	0.1%	+18	+0.1
European, so described	39	0.0%	0.1%	52	0.1%	0.1%	-13	-0.1
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	31	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	+19	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Australian	33,936	41.4%	35.3%	35,962	45.1%	37.7%	-2,026	-3.7
Australian Aboriginal	6,452	7.9%	5.1%	809	1.0%	1.2%	+5,643	+6.9
Australian South Sea Islander	533	0.7%	0.2%	480	0.6%	0.2%	+53	+0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	819	1.0%	1.3%	117	0.1%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	468	0.6%	1.0%	399	0.5%	
New Zealander	527	0.6%	1.2%	517	0.6%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	9	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	169	0.2%	0.3%	134	0.2%	
Solomon Islander	21	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Cook Islander	24	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Fijian	121	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.1%	
Niuean	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Samoan	90	0.1%	0.2%	72	0.1%	
Tongan	44	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
British, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
English	31,730	38.7%	39.6%	30,627	38.4%	
Scottish	7,877	9.6%	10.4%	7,656	9.6%	
Welsh	379	0.5%	0.6%	378	0.5%	
Channel Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
British, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	8,794	10.7%	10.9%	9,448	11.9%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	62	0.1%	0.2%	64	0.1%	
Dutch	880	1.1%	1.5%	786	1.0%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
French	288	0.4%	0.6%	294	0.4%	
German	5,268	6.4%	6.3%	5,597	7.0%	
Swiss	91	0.1%	0.2%	74	0.1%	
Belgian	16	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	34	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	403	0.5%	0.5%	390	0.5%	
Finnish	59	0.1%	0.2%	56	0.1%	
Icelandic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	91	0.1%	0.2%	78	0.1%	
Swedish	114	0.1%	0.2%	118	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,079	1.3%	3.2%	1,066	1.3%	
Maltese	180	0.2%	0.5%	160	0.2%	
Portuguese	68	0.1%	0.2%	48	0.1%	
Spanish	231	0.3%	0.5%	212	0.3%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	28	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Albanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	6	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Bulgarian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Croatian	63	0.1%	0.3%	68	0.1%	
Greek	187	0.2%	0.5%	185	0.2%	
Macedonian	10	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Moldovan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	23	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	17	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Slovene	11	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Cypriot	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	–	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	15	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Estonian	21	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Hungarian	72	0.1%	0.3%	72	0.1%	
Latvian	14	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Lithuanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Polish	216	0.3%	0.5%	216	0.3%	
Russian	146	0.2%	0.3%	132	0.2%	
Slovak	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	39	0.0%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	27	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Algerian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Egyptian	25	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Iraqi	8	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Jordanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kuwaiti	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Lebanese	44	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Libyan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Moroccan	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Palestinian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Saudi Arabian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Syrian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tunisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Yemeni	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Emirati	—	—	—	—	—	
Omani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Arab, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jewish	21	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nuer	—	—	—	—	—	
South Sudanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sudanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	48	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Kurdish	6	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Turkish	6	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	32	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.1%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lao	21	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Thai	156	0.2%	0.3%	115	0.1%	
Vietnamese	324	0.4%	0.2%	426	0.5%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	67	0.1%	0.0%	59	0.1%	

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Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Filipino	1,299	1.6%	1.3%	1,048	1.3%	
Indonesian	53	0.1%	0.2%	46	0.1%	
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	46	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Maritime South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chinese	1,143	1.4%	1.6%	880	1.1%	
Taiwanese	24	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	80	0.1%	0.5%	65	0.1%	
Korean	71	0.1%	0.3%	94	0.1%	
Mongolian	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	47	0.1%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bengali	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Gujarati	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indian	827	1.0%	1.0%	710	0.9%	
Malayali	41	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	255	0.3%	0.2%	129	0.2%	
Pakistani	47	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	
Punjabi	85	0.1%	0.2%	34	0.0%	
Sikh	43	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Sinhalese	79	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	84	0.1%	0.0%	83	0.1%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	25	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	102	0.1%	0.1%	181	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	16	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	118	0.1%	0.0%	91	0.1%	
Telugu	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	19	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.1%	
Armenian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	43	0.1%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
American	175	0.2%	0.3%	202	0.3%	
Canadian	62	0.1%	0.2%	67	0.1%	
French Canadian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	23	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regiona
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	167	0.2%	0.2%	219	0.3%	
Chilean	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Colombian	12	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cuban	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nigerian	18	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Yoruba	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	31	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	11	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	258	0.3%	0.6%	242	0.3%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zambian	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	113	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regiona
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.