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Community Explorer
COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Shellharbour (C)

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

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Shellharbour (C)

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 Shellharbour (C) were English, Australian 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 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

Shellharbour (C) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	158	0.2%	0.2%	130	0.2%	0.2%	+28	0.0
Eurasian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Asian, so described	34	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
African, so described	62	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.0%	0.1%	+32	+0.1
European, so described	44	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.1%	0.1%	-4	0.0
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	29,288	38.4%	40.2%	27,038	39.5%	42.5%	+2,250	-1.1
Australian Aboriginal	3,616	4.7%	6.1%	393	0.6%	0.8%	+3,223	+4.1
Australian South Sea Islander	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	123	0.2%	0.2%	15	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Maori	509	0.7%	0.4%	334	0.5%	
New Zealander	469	0.6%	0.6%	408	0.6%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
New Caledonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ni-Vanuatu	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	16	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	—	—	—	—	—	
Micronesian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
I-Kiribati	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nauruan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Micronesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Polynesian, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cook Islander	45	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Fijian	94	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.1%	
Niuean	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Samoan	82	0.1%	0.1%	80	0.1%	
Tongan	60	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Hawaiian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tahitian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tokelauan	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North–West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
English	29,693	38.9%	40.9%	26,638	38.9%	
Scottish	6,847	9.0%	10.7%	6,188	9.0%	
Welsh	753	1.0%	0.7%	697	1.0%	
Channel Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	6,798	8.9%	11.8%	6,616	9.7%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	269	0.4%	0.2%	264	0.4%	
Dutch	1,261	1.7%	1.4%	1,107	1.6%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	330	0.4%	0.5%	307	0.4%	
German	3,285	4.3%	4.2%	3,158	4.6%	
Swiss	51	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Belgian	26	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	150	0.2%	0.2%	111	0.2%	
Finnish	180	0.2%	0.1%	180	0.3%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	87	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
Swedish	107	0.1%	0.2%	87	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	3,338	4.4%	2.8%	2,809	4.1%	
Maltese	1,509	2.0%	0.5%	1,211	1.8%	
Portuguese	804	1.1%	0.2%	698	1.0%	
Spanish	1,311	1.7%	0.4%	1,252	1.8%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	105	0.1%	0.1%	179	0.3%	
Albanian	30	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Bosnian	63	0.1%	0.0%	41	0.1%	
Bulgarian	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Croatian	823	1.1%	0.4%	629	0.9%	
Greek	973	1.3%	0.6%	773	1.1%	
Macedonian	2,557	3.4%	0.5%	2,211	3.2%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romanian	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	568	0.7%	0.2%	418	0.6%	
Slovene	176	0.2%	0.1%	151	0.2%	
Cypriot	136	0.2%	0.1%	117	0.2%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Belarusan	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czech	70	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.1%	
Estonian	41	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Hungarian	327	0.4%	0.2%	322	0.5%	
Latvian	81	0.1%	0.1%	57	0.1%	
Lithuanian	37	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Polish	624	0.8%	0.6%	530	0.8%	
Russian	160	0.2%	0.2%	134	0.2%	
Slovak	19	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Ukrainian	125	0.2%	0.2%	73	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	66	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	149	0.2%	0.1%	92	0.1%	
Iraqi	27	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Jordanian	12	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	239	0.3%	0.3%	216	0.3%	
Libyan	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Palestinian	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	44	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	26	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	65	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
Kurdish	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Turkish	460	0.6%	0.1%	392	0.6%	
Assyrian	24	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	53	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Lao	47	0.1%	0.0%	44	0.1%	
Thai	240	0.3%	0.2%	168	0.2%	
Vietnamese	199	0.3%	0.2%	162	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	703	0.9%	0.8%	452	0.7%	
Indonesian	70	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	28	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	587	0.8%	1.0%	504	0.7%	
Taiwanese	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	66	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Korean	59	0.1%	0.1%	71	0.1%	
Mongolian	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	20	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo–Indian	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	483	0.6%	0.8%	307	0.4%	
Malayali	28	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	48	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Pakistani	117	0.2%	0.1%	71	0.1%	
Punjabi	30	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Sikh	9	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	19	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	32	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	51	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Armenian	22	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Uzbek	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
African American	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
American	146	0.2%	0.3%	155	0.2%	
Canadian	100	0.1%	0.2%	67	0.1%	
French Canadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	15	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
South American, nfd	70	0.1%	0.0%	45	0.1%	
Argentinian	40	0.1%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	72	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Chilean	358	0.5%	0.1%	276	0.4%	
Colombian	25	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	26	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Uruguayan	65	0.1%	0.0%	69	0.1%	
Venezuelan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mexican	19	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	17	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	12	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Barbadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ghanaian	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nigerian	28	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Yoruba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Liberian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sierra Leonean	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Cameroonian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Congolese	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Igbo	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Senegalese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Togolese	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Central and West African, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern and East African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Afrikaner	19	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Angolan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	28	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	212	0.3%	0.3%	135	0.2%	
Tanzanian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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

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

Data basis: usual residence.