

Community report

Shoalhaven (C)

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

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Shoalhaven (C)

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 Shoalhaven (C) 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 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

Shoalhaven (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	183	0.1%	0.1%	221	0.1%	0.1%	-38	0.0
Eurasian, so described	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Asian, so described	25	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
African, so described	34	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
European, so described	74	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	0.0%	+14	0.0
Caucasian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+11	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	43,681	20.1%	20.1%	42,909	21.5%	21.3%	+772	-1.4
Australian Aboriginal	6,448	3.0%	3.1%	770	0.4%	0.4%	+5,678	+2.6
Australian South Sea Islander	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	228	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	390	0.2%	0.2%	281	0.1%	
New Zealander	717	0.3%	0.3%	641	0.3%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	28	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cook Islander	26	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Fijian	75	0.0%	0.1%	52	0.0%	
Niuean	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Samoan	71	0.0%	0.1%	55	0.0%	
Tongan	52	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
British, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
English	46,805	21.6%	20.5%	42,935	21.5%	
Scottish	11,787	5.4%	5.4%	10,320	5.2%	
Welsh	859	0.4%	0.3%	795	0.4%	
Channel Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Manx	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
British, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	12,732	5.9%	5.9%	11,763	5.9%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	257	0.1%	0.1%	214	0.1%	
Dutch	1,534	0.7%	0.7%	1,363	0.7%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	572	0.3%	0.3%	473	0.2%	
German	4,250	2.0%	2.1%	3,851	1.9%	
Swiss	133	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.0%	
Belgian	45	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	79	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	305	0.1%	0.1%	290	0.1%	
Finnish	130	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.1%	
Icelandic	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Norwegian	195	0.1%	0.1%	126	0.1%	
Swedish	238	0.1%	0.1%	199	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	2,712	1.2%	1.4%	2,169	1.1%	
Maltese	942	0.4%	0.3%	764	0.4%	
Portuguese	177	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
Spanish	342	0.2%	0.2%	339	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	83	0.0%	0.0%	109	0.1%	
Albanian	27	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bosnian	21	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bulgarian	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Croatian	520	0.2%	0.2%	377	0.2%	
Greek	793	0.4%	0.3%	670	0.3%	
Macedonian	121	0.1%	0.3%	73	0.0%	
Moldovan	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romanian	32	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	170	0.1%	0.1%	110	0.1%	
Slovene	66	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Cypriot	81	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	62	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Belarusan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	120	0.1%	0.0%	84	0.0%	
Estonian	50	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Hungarian	362	0.2%	0.1%	292	0.1%	
Latvian	104	0.0%	0.0%	84	0.0%	
Lithuanian	85	0.0%	0.0%	77	0.0%	
Polish	715	0.3%	0.3%	565	0.3%	
Russian	264	0.1%	0.1%	254	0.1%	
Slovak	27	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Ukrainian	181	0.1%	0.1%	134	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	35	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	60	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Iraqi	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Jordanian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	201	0.1%	0.1%	138	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Palestinian	15	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	43	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	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	51	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	63	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
Assyrian	17	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	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	22	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	13	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Lao	22	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Thai	243	0.1%	0.1%	166	0.1%	
Vietnamese	150	0.1%	0.1%	107	0.1%	
Karen	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	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	832	0.4%	0.4%	503	0.3%	
Indonesian	119	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	47	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chinese	888	0.4%	0.5%	756	0.4%	
Taiwanese	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	148	0.1%	0.1%	82	0.0%	
Korean	110	0.1%	0.1%	61	0.0%	
Mongolian	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tibetan	63	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	44	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bengali	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Burgher	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	614	0.3%	0.4%	389	0.2%	
Malayali	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	167	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Pakistani	69	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Punjabi	60	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Sikh	35	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	36	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	38	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	26	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	62	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	43	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Armenian	31	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	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	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
American	322	0.1%	0.1%	270	0.1%	
Canadian	170	0.1%	0.1%	112	0.1%	
French Canadian	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	43	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	54	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Argentinian	59	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	46	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Chilean	122	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.0%	
Colombian	21	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	27	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Uruguayan	72	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Venezuelan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	47	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cuban	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	10	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nigerian	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kenyan	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	86	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	300	0.1%	0.1%	213	0.1%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	33	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Total	217,018	100.0%	100.0%	199,291	100.0%	100.0%

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

Data basis: usual residence.