

# Community report

## Somerset (R)

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

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**Somerset (R)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Brisbane**

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 Somerset (R) 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

Somerset (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	56	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	0.1%	+2	0.0
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
African, so described	7	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	0.1%	-12	0.0
European, so described	9	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	0.0%	-9	0.0
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	10,217	20.4%	15.8%	10,743	21.8%	16.2%	-526	-1.4
Australian Aboriginal	1,084	2.2%	1.4%	71	0.1%	0.2%	+1,013	+2.1
Australian South Sea Islander	15	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	0.0%	-8	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Torres Strait Islander	66	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	144	0.3%	0.8%	130	0.3%	
New Zealander	248	0.5%	0.7%	248	0.5%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	17	0.0%	0.2%	15	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cook Islander	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Fijian	13	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Niuean	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	58	0.1%	0.6%	25	0.1%	
Tongan	11	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
English	10,387	20.7%	18.2%	9,599	19.5%	18.2%
Scottish	2,687	5.4%	5.0%	2,621	5.3%	5.0%
Welsh	171	0.3%	0.4%	162	0.3%	0.4%
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Irish	2,540	5.1%	5.6%	2,425	4.9%	5.6%
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	36	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	0.1%
Dutch	426	0.8%	0.8%	386	0.8%	0.8%
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French	116	0.2%	0.3%	105	0.2%	0.3%
German	2,550	5.1%	2.8%	2,612	5.3%	2.8%
Swiss	32	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	0.1%
Belgian	14	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Danish	122	0.2%	0.2%	108	0.2%	
Finnish	35	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	26	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Swedish	47	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	323	0.6%	1.4%	275	0.6%	
Maltese	104	0.2%	0.2%	69	0.1%	
Portuguese	15	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Spanish	61	0.1%	0.3%	67	0.1%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Croatian	44	0.1%	0.2%	34	0.1%	
Greek	66	0.1%	0.4%	63	0.1%	
Macedonian	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Montenegrin	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	16	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	21	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Slovene	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cypriot	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	19	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Estonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	46	0.1%	0.2%	34	0.1%	
Latvian	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Lithuanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Polish	112	0.2%	0.4%	98	0.2%	
Russian	49	0.1%	0.2%	49	0.1%	
Slovak	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	28	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Egyptian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iraqi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lebanese	10	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	–
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jewish	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Darfur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudanese	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	5	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Kurdish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Lao	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Thai	42	0.1%	0.2%	37	0.1%	–
Vietnamese	92	0.2%	0.6%	90	0.2%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Filipino	668	1.3%	0.8%	388	0.8%	–
Indonesian	18	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	–
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madurese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malay	6	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Singaporean	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese	160	0.3%	2.3%	154	0.3%	–
Taiwanese	10	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	–
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	23	0.0%	0.2%	22	0.0%	–
Korean	41	0.1%	0.3%	40	0.1%	–
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asian, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indian	67	0.1%	1.4%	57	0.1%	–
Malayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepalese	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Pakistani	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Punjabi	–	–	0.2%	6	0.0%	–
Sikh	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Sinhalese	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bangladeshi	–	–	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fijian Indian	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sri Lankan	9	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Tamil, nfd	11	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Telugu	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American	62	0.1%	0.2%	46	0.1%	
Canadian	22	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Hispanic North American	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Native North American Indian	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bermudan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
North American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Argentinian	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bolivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Brazilian	4	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Chilean	9	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Colombian	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Ecuadorian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Guyanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Peruvian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uruguayan	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Venezuelan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Paraguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mexican	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Salvadoran	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Costa Rican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Guatemalan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caribbean Islander, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jamaican	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	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	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigerian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yoruba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaner	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrean	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ethiopian	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Somali	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
South African	69	0.1%	0.4%	43	0.1%	–
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zimbabwean	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kunama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,120</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>49,180</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Data basis: usual residence.