

Community report

South Gippsland (S)

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

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South Gippsland (S)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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 South Gippsland (S) 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 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

South Gippsland (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	44	0.1%	0.2%	52	0.2%	0.2%	-8	-0.1
Eurasian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	-7	0.0
African, so described	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
European, so described	14	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.1%	0.0%	-3	-0.1
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	12,717	41.6%	39.2%	12,199	42.5%	40.0%	+518	-0.9
Australian Aboriginal	311	1.0%	1.9%	35	0.1%	0.2%	+276	+0.9
Australian South Sea Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Torres Strait Islander	22	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	60	0.2%	0.3%	59	0.2%	
New Zealander	183	0.6%	0.5%	164	0.6%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian	9	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	17	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Tongan	21	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
English	13,296	43.5%	40.6%	12,039	41.9%	4
Scottish	3,764	12.3%	11.7%	3,295	11.5%	1
Welsh	189	0.6%	0.6%	167	0.6%	
Channel Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
British, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	3,738	12.2%	12.9%	3,246	11.3%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Austrian	61	0.2%	0.2%	39	0.1%	
Dutch	1,148	3.8%	2.3%	1,074	3.7%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
French	137	0.4%	0.4%	111	0.4%	
German	1,265	4.1%	4.6%	1,119	3.9%	
Swiss	54	0.2%	0.2%	55	0.2%	
Belgian	16	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.1%	
Frisian	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	16	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Danish	116	0.4%	0.2%	110	0.4%	
Finnish	27	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Icelandic	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Norwegian	59	0.2%	0.1%	45	0.2%	
Swedish	73	0.2%	0.2%	60	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,217	4.0%	3.9%	1,116	3.9%	
Maltese	122	0.4%	0.7%	109	0.4%	
Portuguese	21	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Spanish	72	0.2%	0.3%	47	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	16	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Albanian	6	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Bosnian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	66	0.2%	0.6%	58	0.2%	
Greek	95	0.3%	0.6%	94	0.3%	
Macedonian	8	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian	19	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	23	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.0%	
Slovene	13	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Cypriot	12	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	16	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	20	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Estonian	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hungarian	73	0.2%	0.3%	69	0.2%	
Latvian	36	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
Lithuanian	4	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Polish	159	0.5%	0.6%	124	0.4%	
Russian	45	0.1%	0.2%	43	0.1%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ukrainian	32	0.1%	0.2%	28	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	7	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Iraqi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	19	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	20	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	–	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	9	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	18	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	35	0.1%	0.2%	13	0.0%	
Vietnamese	34	0.1%	0.2%	16	0.1%	
Karen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Filipino	169	0.6%	0.8%	94	0.3%	
Indonesian	25	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	6	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	164	0.5%	1.1%	141	0.5%	
Taiwanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	19	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Korean	20	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Anglo–Indian	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Indian	168	0.5%	1.0%	144	0.5%	
Malayali	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Pakistani	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Punjabi	11	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Sikh	9	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Sinhalese	11	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	27	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	12	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Telugu	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American	65	0.2%	0.2%	54	0.2%	
Canadian	29	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chilean	22	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Colombian	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Ecuadorian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Guyanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Peruvian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Uruguayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Venezuelan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Paraguayan	—	—	—	—	—	
South American, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Central American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mexican	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Salvadoran	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Costa Rican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Guatemalan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mayan	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Central American, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cuban	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jamaican	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Barbadian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Puerto Rican	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Caribbean Islander, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	–	–	–	
Themne	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	38	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	

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Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	58	0.2%	0.2%	42	0.1%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	–	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	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.