

Community report

Southern Downs (R)

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Southern Downs (R)

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 Southern Downs (R) 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 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

Southern Downs (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	58	0.2%	0.2%	55	0.2%	0.2%	+3	0.0
Eurasian, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	4	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
African, so described	9	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	0.1%	-3	0.0
European, so described	29	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	0.1%	+12	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	3	0.0%	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	14,581	40.2%	35.3%	14,840	42.3%	37.7%	-259	-2.1
Australian Aboriginal	1,793	4.9%	5.1%	163	0.5%	1.2%	+1,630	+4.4
Australian South Sea Islander	13	0.0%	0.2%	12	0.0%	0.2%	+1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	79	0.2%	1.3%	4	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	115	0.3%	1.0%	124	0.4%	
New Zealander	236	0.7%	1.2%	182	0.5%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	28	0.1%	0.3%	26	0.1%	
Solomon Islander	34	0.1%	0.0%	4	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%	–	–	
Cook Islander	30	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Fijian	21	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	17	0.0%	0.2%	19	0.1%	
Tongan	32	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	4	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
English	14,947	41.2%	39.6%	14,424	41.1%	
Scottish	4,146	11.4%	10.4%	3,818	10.9%	
Welsh	165	0.5%	0.6%	168	0.5%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	4,833	13.3%	10.9%	4,934	14.1%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	43	0.1%	0.2%	47	0.1%	
Dutch	438	1.2%	1.5%	471	1.3%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	111	0.3%	0.6%	130	0.4%	
German	2,517	6.9%	6.3%	2,575	7.3%	
Swiss	56	0.2%	0.2%	61	0.2%	
Belgian	20	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	25	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	172	0.5%	0.5%	181	0.5%	
Finnish	39	0.1%	0.2%	37	0.1%	
Icelandic	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Norwegian	32	0.1%	0.2%	35	0.1%	
Swedish	66	0.2%	0.2%	58	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,484	4.1%	3.2%	1,484	4.2%	
Maltese	48	0.1%	0.5%	37	0.1%	
Portuguese	9	0.0%	0.2%	13	0.0%	
Spanish	104	0.3%	0.5%	94	0.3%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	18	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Albanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnian	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Croatian	81	0.2%	0.3%	65	0.2%	
Greek	79	0.2%	0.5%	83	0.2%	
Macedonian	15	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	8	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	24	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Slovene	15	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Cypriot	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	–	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	25	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Estonian	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Hungarian	48	0.1%	0.3%	48	0.1%	
Latvian	22	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Lithuanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Polish	157	0.4%	0.5%	143	0.4%	
Russian	66	0.2%	0.3%	59	0.2%	
Slovak	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ukrainian	24	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Algerian	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Egyptian	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Iraqi	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Jordanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kuwaiti	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Lebanese	20	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	—
Libyan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Moroccan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Palestinian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Saudi Arabian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Syrian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Tunisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yemeni	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Emirati	—	—	—	—	—	—
Omani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Arab, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jewish	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nuer	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Sudanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sudanese	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	9	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	15	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Thai	57	0.2%	0.3%	28	0.1%	–
Vietnamese	32	0.1%	0.2%	15	0.0%	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	311	0.9%	1.3%	218	0.6%	
Indonesian	39	0.1%	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	5	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	26	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	276	0.8%	1.6%	270	0.8%	
Taiwanese	31	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	33	0.1%	0.5%	18	0.1%	
Korean	70	0.2%	0.3%	88	0.3%	
Mongolian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	146	0.4%	1.0%	133	0.4%	
Malayali	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	17	0.0%	0.2%	21	0.1%	
Pakistani	18	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Punjabi	25	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Sikh	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	6	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
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	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
American	78	0.2%	0.3%	71	0.2%	
Canadian	48	0.1%	0.2%	31	0.1%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Argentinian	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	37	0.1%	0.2%	37	0.1%	
Chilean	18	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Colombian	3	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	15	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.1%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	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%	–	–	
Nigerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kenyan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	12	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South African	72	0.2%	0.6%	70	0.2%	–
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zimbabwean	8	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Batswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Masai	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	–
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.