

Community report

Sunshine Coast (R)

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

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Sunshine Coast (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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 Sunshine Coast (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

Sunshine Coast (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	737	0.2%	0.2%	640	0.2%	0.2%	+97	0.0
Eurasian, so described	31	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Asian, so described	143	0.0%	0.1%	98	0.0%	0.0%	+45	0.0
African, so described	254	0.1%	0.1%	186	0.1%	0.1%	+68	0.0
European, so described	322	0.1%	0.1%	226	0.1%	0.1%	+96	0.0
Caucasian, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Creole, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	-10	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	80	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Australian	121,519	35.5%	35.3%	109,173	37.1%	37.7%	+12,346	-1.6
Australian Aboriginal	7,931	2.3%	5.1%	740	0.3%	1.2%	+7,191	+2.0
Australian South Sea Islander	153	0.0%	0.2%	176	0.1%	0.2%	-23	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	632	0.2%	1.3%	76	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	27	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	2,620	0.8%	1.0%	1,890	0.6%	
New Zealander	4,913	1.4%	1.2%	4,938	1.7%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	31	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
New Caledonian	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ni-Vanuatu	36	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	474	0.1%	0.3%	391	0.1%	
Solomon Islander	71	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Micronesian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Polynesian, nfd	59	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Cook Islander	224	0.1%	0.1%	146	0.0%	
Fijian	378	0.1%	0.1%	228	0.1%	
Niuean	39	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Samoan	423	0.1%	0.2%	261	0.1%	
Tongan	162	0.0%	0.1%	85	0.0%	
Hawaiian	17	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tahitian	31	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tokelauan	35	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pitcairn	24	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Polynesian, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
North-West European, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
British, nfd	166	0.0%	0.0%	127	0.0%	
English	156,166	45.6%	39.6%	132,205	44.9%	
Scottish	42,225	12.3%	10.4%	35,814	12.2%	
Welsh	3,037	0.9%	0.6%	2,662	0.9%	
Channel Islander	42	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Manx	29	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
British, nec	38	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Irish	42,800	12.5%	10.9%	38,303	13.0%	
Western European, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Austrian	771	0.2%	0.2%	642	0.2%	
Dutch	6,942	2.0%	1.5%	5,619	1.9%	
Flemish	15	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
French	2,762	0.8%	0.6%	2,245	0.8%	
German	22,539	6.6%	6.3%	19,692	6.7%	
Swiss	853	0.2%	0.2%	690	0.2%	
Belgian	260	0.1%	0.1%	168	0.1%	
Frisian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Western European, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	265	0.1%	0.1%	156	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	1,971	0.6%	0.5%	1,588	0.5%	
Finnish	698	0.2%	0.2%	573	0.2%	
Icelandic	25	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Norwegian	689	0.2%	0.2%	488	0.2%	
Swedish	965	0.3%	0.2%	807	0.3%	
Northern European, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Catalan	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Italian	8,971	2.6%	3.2%	6,654	2.3%	
Maltese	1,409	0.4%	0.5%	1,074	0.4%	
Portuguese	660	0.2%	0.2%	345	0.1%	
Spanish	1,399	0.4%	0.5%	1,064	0.4%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	220	0.1%	0.1%	267	0.1%	
Albanian	85	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Bosnian	94	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Bulgarian	65	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Croatian	985	0.3%	0.3%	588	0.2%	
Greek	1,669	0.5%	0.5%	1,317	0.4%	
Macedonian	131	0.0%	0.1%	82	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romanian	209	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Serbian	345	0.1%	0.1%	181	0.1%	
Slovene	204	0.1%	0.1%	112	0.0%	
Cypriot	148	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	–	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	151	0.0%	0.0%	93	0.0%	
Belarusan	23	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Czech	422	0.1%	0.1%	311	0.1%	
Estonian	163	0.0%	0.0%	101	0.0%	
Hungarian	927	0.3%	0.3%	687	0.2%	
Latvian	281	0.1%	0.1%	212	0.1%	
Lithuanian	204	0.1%	0.0%	126	0.0%	
Polish	2,278	0.7%	0.5%	1,647	0.6%	
Russian	903	0.3%	0.3%	671	0.2%	
Slovak	163	0.0%	0.0%	91	0.0%	
Ukrainian	533	0.2%	0.1%	359	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	42	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	75	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Algerian	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Egyptian	161	0.0%	0.1%	110	0.0%	0.0%
Iraqi	17	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Jordanian	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Kuwaiti	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Lebanese	434	0.1%	0.1%	293	0.1%	0.0%
Libyan	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Moroccan	25	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%
Palestinian	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Saudi Arabian	—	—	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Syrian	31	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Tunisian	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Yemeni	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Emirati	—	—	—	4	0.0%	0.0%
Omani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Arab, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Jewish	166	0.0%	0.0%	120	0.0%	0.0%
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nuer	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Sudanese	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Sudanese	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	212	0.1%	0.1%	132	0.0%	–
Kurdish	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Turkish	177	0.1%	0.1%	101	0.0%	–
Assyrian	21	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Chaldean	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	87	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	–
South-East Asian, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Burmese	104	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	–
Hmong	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	78	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	–
Lao	35	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Thai	944	0.3%	0.3%	645	0.2%	–
Vietnamese	534	0.2%	0.2%	253	0.1%	–
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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	2,371	0.7%	1.3%	1,582	0.5%	
Indonesian	502	0.1%	0.2%	349	0.1%	
Javanese	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Malay	272	0.1%	0.1%	145	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Timorese	25	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Balinese	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	64	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	55	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chinese	3,401	1.0%	1.6%	2,506	0.9%	
Taiwanese	154	0.0%	0.1%	95	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	754	0.2%	0.5%	531	0.2%	
Korean	733	0.2%	0.3%	454	0.2%	
Mongolian	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Tibetan	25	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Other North–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	151	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Anglo–Indian	47	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Bengali	19	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Burgher	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Gujarati	112	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Indian	3,007	0.9%	1.0%	1,853	0.6%	
Malayali	112	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Nepalese	910	0.3%	0.2%	212	0.1%	
Pakistani	170	0.0%	0.1%	100	0.0%	
Punjabi	435	0.1%	0.2%	113	0.0%	
Sikh	233	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.0%	
Sinhalese	121	0.0%	0.1%	62	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	44	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Bhutanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	50	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	379	0.1%	0.1%	283	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	66	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Telugu	20	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	32	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Armenian	65	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Georgian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Kazakh	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Pathan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Uzbek	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Azeri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hazara	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tajik	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tatar	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Turkmen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Uighur	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kyrgyz	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Central Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	45	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
North American, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
African American	35	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
American	1,399	0.4%	0.3%	1,079	0.4%	
Canadian	1,069	0.3%	0.2%	776	0.3%	
French Canadian	44	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	33	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	137	0.0%	0.0%	87	0.0%	
Bermudan	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
North American, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South American, nfd	139	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Argentinian	145	0.0%	0.0%	80	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Bolivian	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Brazilian	672	0.2%	0.2%	182	0.1%	
Chilean	214	0.1%	0.1%	117	0.0%	
Colombian	203	0.1%	0.1%	79	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Guyanese	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Peruvian	108	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Uruguayan	45	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Venezuelan	44	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Paraguayan	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
South American, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	140	0.0%	0.0%	98	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	37	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Costa Rican	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guatemalan	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	66	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Cuban	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Jamaican	65	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Barbadian	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Puerto Rican	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	25	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghanaian	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Nigerian	50	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Yoruba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Congolese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Afrikaner	145	0.0%	0.0%	89	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	21	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Kenyan	77	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Malawian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	245	0.1%	0.1%	155	0.1%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	116	0.0%	0.0%	86	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
South African	2,901	0.8%	0.6%	1,951	0.7%	
Tanzanian	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ugandan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	234	0.1%	0.1%	182	0.1%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.