

Community report

Sutherland Shire (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 Sutherland Shire (A) 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

Sutherland Shire (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	348	0.2%	0.3%	356	0.2%	0.2%	-8	0.0
Eurasian, so described	23	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Asian, so described	64	0.0%	0.2%	43	0.0%	0.1%	+21	0.0
African, so described	189	0.1%	0.2%	181	0.1%	0.2%	+8	0.0
European, so described	264	0.1%	0.1%	147	0.1%	0.1%	+117	0.0
Caucasian, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Creole, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	52	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	0.1%	+8	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	81,912	35.6%	22.3%	79,913	36.6%	23.5%	+1,999	-1.0
Australian Aboriginal	3,228	1.4%	1.6%	346	0.2%	0.2%	+2,882	+1.2
Australian South Sea Islander	41	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Torres Strait Islander	162	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	1,374	0.6%	0.5%	1,236	0.6%	
New Zealander	2,056	0.9%	0.7%	1,999	0.9%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Caledonian	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	64	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Cook Islander	133	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	
Fijian	367	0.2%	0.4%	287	0.1%	
Niuean	48	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Samoan	308	0.1%	0.6%	272	0.1%	
Tongan	275	0.1%	0.4%	201	0.1%	
Hawaiian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tahitian	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitcairn	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
North-West European, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
British, nfd	87	0.0%	0.0%	92	0.0%	–
English	87,408	38.0%	23.8%	83,872	38.4%	23.8%
Scottish	21,988	9.6%	6.0%	20,867	9.6%	6.0%
Welsh	1,728	0.8%	0.5%	1,686	0.8%	0.5%
Channel Islander	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Manx	24	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
British, nec	32	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Irish	28,604	12.4%	7.7%	28,874	13.2%	7.7%
Western European, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Austrian	548	0.2%	0.2%	519	0.2%	0.2%
Dutch	3,087	1.3%	0.9%	2,746	1.3%	0.9%
Flemish	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
French	1,739	0.8%	0.7%	1,536	0.7%	0.7%
German	7,616	3.3%	2.3%	7,454	3.4%	2.3%
Swiss	399	0.2%	0.1%	311	0.1%	0.1%
Belgian	178	0.1%	0.1%	133	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Northern European, nfd	115	0.0%	0.0%	83	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Danish	601	0.3%	0.2%	580	0.3%	
Finnish	301	0.1%	0.1%	237	0.1%	
Icelandic	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Norwegian	377	0.2%	0.1%	273	0.1%	
Swedish	677	0.3%	0.2%	525	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	35	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	11,318	4.9%	4.3%	9,675	4.4%	
Maltese	2,752	1.2%	1.2%	2,354	1.1%	
Portuguese	1,205	0.5%	0.5%	919	0.4%	
Spanish	1,458	0.6%	0.8%	1,319	0.6%	
Gibraltarian	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	190	0.1%	0.1%	243	0.1%	
Albanian	115	0.0%	0.0%	76	0.0%	
Bosnian	272	0.1%	0.1%	242	0.1%	
Bulgarian	73	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Croatian	2,104	0.9%	0.8%	1,671	0.8%	
Greek	8,619	3.7%	2.4%	7,605	3.5%	
Macedonian	2,277	1.0%	0.6%	1,797	0.8%	
Moldovan	26	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Montenegrin	29	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Romanian	186	0.1%	0.1%	131	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Serbian	886	0.4%	0.6%	564	0.3%	
Slovene	273	0.1%	0.1%	218	0.1%	
Cypriot	886	0.4%	0.3%	612	0.3%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	141	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.0%	
Belarusan	84	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Czech	444	0.2%	0.2%	357	0.2%	
Estonian	169	0.1%	0.1%	129	0.1%	
Hungarian	835	0.4%	0.4%	737	0.3%	
Latvian	240	0.1%	0.1%	192	0.1%	
Lithuanian	219	0.1%	0.1%	168	0.1%	
Polish	1,989	0.9%	0.8%	1,570	0.7%	
Russian	1,796	0.8%	0.6%	1,372	0.6%	
Slovak	251	0.1%	0.1%	141	0.1%	
Ukrainian	711	0.3%	0.2%	539	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	155	0.1%	0.2%	42	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	345	0.1%	0.6%	201	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Algerian	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Egyptian	1,366	0.6%	0.5%	1,189	0.5%	
Iraqi	67	0.0%	0.6%	55	0.0%	
Jordanian	34	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	2,923	1.3%	3.3%	2,452	1.1%	
Libyan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Moroccan	40	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Palestinian	105	0.0%	0.2%	95	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	189	0.1%	0.3%	176	0.1%	
Tunisian	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Yemeni	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	166	0.1%	0.2%	119	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
South Sudanese	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Sudanese	26	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	50	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Iranian	298	0.1%	0.6%	187	0.1%	
Kurdish	21	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Turkish	387	0.2%	0.6%	287	0.1%	
Assyrian	97	0.0%	0.6%	53	0.0%	
Chaldean	12	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	–	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	55	0.0%	0.1%	43	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	110	0.0%	0.1%	78	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	163	0.1%	0.3%	112	0.1%	
Lao	69	0.0%	0.2%	58	0.0%	
Thai	839	0.4%	0.6%	555	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Vietnamese	851	0.4%	2.3%	603	0.3%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	2,261	1.0%	2.5%	1,721	0.8%	
Indonesian	618	0.3%	0.6%	530	0.2%	
Javanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Malay	285	0.1%	0.2%	239	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	27	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	89	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	9,062	3.9%	10.6%	7,585	3.5%	
Taiwanese	117	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Japanese	632	0.3%	0.4%	470	0.2%	

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Korean	454	0.2%	1.3%	355	0.2%	
Mongolian	31	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	50	0.0%	0.3%	64	0.0%	
Anglo-Indian	74	0.0%	0.0%	87	0.0%	
Bengali	39	0.0%	0.2%	32	0.0%	
Burgher	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	6	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Indian	2,197	1.0%	4.5%	2,117	1.0%	
Malayali	14	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Nepalese	360	0.2%	1.3%	259	0.1%	
Pakistani	141	0.1%	0.7%	149	0.1%	
Punjabi	89	0.0%	0.4%	44	0.0%	
Sikh	46	0.0%	0.2%	14	0.0%	
Sinhalese	64	0.0%	0.2%	26	0.0%	
Maldivian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	120	0.1%	0.5%	93	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	89	0.0%	0.2%	75	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Sri Lankan	299	0.1%	0.4%	259	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	115	0.0%	0.5%	9	0.0%	
Telugu	10	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	10	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	16	0.0%	0.3%	8	0.0%	
Armenian	213	0.1%	0.3%	202	0.1%	
Georgian	20	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kazakh	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Pathan	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hazara	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	9	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	92	0.0%	0.1%	60	0.0%	
North American, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
African American	37	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
American	789	0.3%	0.3%	708	0.3%	
Canadian	591	0.3%	0.2%	503	0.2%	
French Canadian	25	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	43	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	47	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	315	0.1%	0.1%	208	0.1%	
Argentinian	243	0.1%	0.1%	185	0.1%	
Bolivian	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Brazilian	687	0.3%	0.3%	350	0.2%	
Chilean	569	0.2%	0.3%	465	0.2%	
Colombian	391	0.2%	0.2%	236	0.1%	
Ecuadorian	62	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Guyanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Peruvian	231	0.1%	0.1%	185	0.1%	
Uruguayan	196	0.1%	0.1%	162	0.1%	
Venezuelan	43	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
South American, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mexican	111	0.0%	0.1%	66	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	44	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Costa Rican	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guatemalan	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Cuban	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jamaican	44	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	17	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Barbadian	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	22	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Nigerian	30	0.0%	0.1%	16	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%	7	0.0%	
Congolese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Afrikaner	45	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	–
Angolan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Eritrean	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Kenyan	49	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	–
Malawian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	371	0.2%	0.2%	315	0.1%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Seychellois	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Somali	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
South African	1,277	0.6%	0.6%	1,046	0.5%	–
Tanzanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ugandan	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Zambian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Zimbabwean	68	0.0%	0.1%	85	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.