

Community report

Sydney (C)

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

AREA

Sydney (C)

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 Sydney (C) were English, Australian and Chinese.

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

Sydney (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	664	0.3%	0.3%	488	0.2%	0.2%	+176	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	40	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Asian, so described	194	0.1%	0.2%	111	0.1%	0.1%	+83	0.0
African, so described	310	0.1%	0.2%	242	0.1%	0.2%	+68	0.0
European, so described	422	0.2%	0.1%	235	0.1%	0.1%	+187	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Creole, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	55	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	0.1%	0	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Australian	35,616	16.8%	22.3%	31,972	15.3%	23.5%	+3,644	+1.5
Australian Aboriginal	2,903	1.4%	1.6%	583	0.3%	0.2%	+2,320	+1.1
Australian South Sea Islander	36	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	0.0%	-16	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Torres Strait Islander	236	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Maori	953	0.5%	0.5%	781	0.4%	
New Zealander	1,726	0.8%	0.7%	1,754	0.8%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Caledonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ni-Vanuatu	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	72	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	27	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Micronesian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
I-Kiribati	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nauruan	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Micronesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Polynesian, nfd	52	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Cook Islander	92	0.0%	0.1%	85	0.0%	
Fijian	398	0.2%	0.4%	296	0.1%	
Niuean	22	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Samoan	254	0.1%	0.6%	197	0.1%	
Tongan	295	0.1%	0.4%	215	0.1%	
Hawaiian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tahitian	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tokelauan	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Tuvaluan	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Pitcairn	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Polynesian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
North-West European, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%
British, nfd	123	0.1%	0.0%	107	0.1%	0.0%
English	53,016	25.1%	23.8%	48,685	23.4%	23.4%
Scottish	15,789	7.5%	6.0%	14,332	6.9%	6.9%
Welsh	1,436	0.7%	0.5%	1,271	0.6%	0.6%
Channel Islander	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Manx	22	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
British, nec	25	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Irish	22,547	10.7%	7.7%	21,526	10.3%	10.3%
Western European, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Austrian	588	0.3%	0.2%	536	0.3%	0.3%
Dutch	2,418	1.1%	0.9%	2,150	1.0%	1.0%
Flemish	11	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%
French	2,993	1.4%	0.7%	3,052	1.5%	1.5%
German	6,906	3.3%	2.3%	6,443	3.1%	3.1%
Swiss	457	0.2%	0.1%	411	0.2%	0.2%
Belgian	239	0.1%	0.1%	244	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Luxembourg	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Western European, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Northern European, nfd	136	0.1%	0.0%	81	0.0%	0.0%

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Danish	592	0.3%	0.2%	541	0.3%	
Finnish	284	0.1%	0.1%	265	0.1%	
Icelandic	20	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Norwegian	420	0.2%	0.1%	344	0.2%	
Swedish	636	0.3%	0.2%	661	0.3%	
Northern European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	65	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	24	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Catalan	22	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Italian	8,347	3.9%	4.3%	7,168	3.4%	
Maltese	1,003	0.5%	1.2%	817	0.4%	
Portuguese	1,332	0.6%	0.5%	1,030	0.5%	
Spanish	2,666	1.3%	0.8%	2,246	1.1%	
Gibraltarian	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	159	0.1%	0.1%	222	0.1%	
Albanian	77	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Bosnian	164	0.1%	0.1%	152	0.1%	
Bulgarian	144	0.1%	0.0%	123	0.1%	
Croatian	1,155	0.5%	0.8%	878	0.4%	
Greek	4,016	1.9%	2.4%	3,529	1.7%	
Macedonian	500	0.2%	0.6%	419	0.2%	
Moldovan	25	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Montenegrin	32	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Romanian	316	0.1%	0.1%	273	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Serbian	909	0.4%	0.6%	703	0.3%	
Slovene	172	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.1%	
Cypriot	449	0.2%	0.3%	318	0.2%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	217	0.1%	0.1%	151	0.1%	
Belarusan	90	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Czech	494	0.2%	0.2%	489	0.2%	
Estonian	188	0.1%	0.1%	173	0.1%	
Hungarian	979	0.5%	0.4%	924	0.4%	
Latvian	242	0.1%	0.1%	220	0.1%	
Lithuanian	339	0.2%	0.1%	269	0.1%	
Polish	2,452	1.2%	0.8%	1,960	0.9%	
Russian	2,292	1.1%	0.6%	2,123	1.0%	
Slovak	302	0.1%	0.1%	312	0.1%	
Ukrainian	844	0.4%	0.2%	749	0.4%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	230	0.1%	0.2%	98	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	359	0.2%	0.6%	310	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Algerian	61	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Egyptian	451	0.2%	0.5%	391	0.2%	
Iraqi	116	0.1%	0.6%	82	0.0%	
Jordanian	58	0.0%	0.1%	75	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lebanese	1,803	0.9%	3.3%	1,475	0.7%	
Libyan	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Moroccan	99	0.0%	0.0%	93	0.0%	
Palestinian	130	0.1%	0.2%	81	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	69	0.0%	0.0%	131	0.1%	
Syrian	147	0.1%	0.3%	112	0.1%	
Tunisian	22	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Yemeni	16	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Qatari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Jewish	809	0.4%	0.2%	562	0.3%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
South Sudanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sudanese	41	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	1,186	0.6%	0.6%	850	0.4%	
Kurdish	72	0.0%	0.1%	63	0.0%	
Turkish	1,010	0.5%	0.6%	718	0.3%	
Assyrian	114	0.1%	0.6%	97	0.0%	
Chaldean	6	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	–	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	189	0.1%	0.1%	154	0.1%	
South-East Asian, nfd	32	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	292	0.1%	0.1%	203	0.1%	
Hmong	24	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Khmer (Cambodian)	283	0.1%	0.3%	157	0.1%	
Lao	233	0.1%	0.2%	158	0.1%	
Thai	6,293	3.0%	0.6%	6,711	3.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Vietnamese	3,281	1.6%	2.3%	2,753	1.3%	
Karen	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	3,458	1.6%	2.5%	2,354	1.1%	
Indonesian	4,058	1.9%	0.6%	3,262	1.6%	
Javanese	28	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Malay	978	0.5%	0.2%	748	0.4%	
Sundanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	45	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Balinese	29	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Bruneian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Singaporean	212	0.1%	0.0%	158	0.1%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	95	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	35,562	16.8%	10.6%	36,168	17.4%	
Taiwanese	618	0.3%	0.1%	570	0.3%	
Chinese Asian, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Japanese	2,239	1.1%	0.4%	2,227	1.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Korean	2,923	1.4%	1.3%	3,956	1.9%	
Mongolian	430	0.2%	0.1%	348	0.2%	
Tibetan	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern Asian, nfd	174	0.1%	0.3%	62	0.0%	
Anglo-Indian	62	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Bengali	144	0.1%	0.2%	64	0.0%	
Burgher	23	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gujarati	39	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Indian	5,480	2.6%	4.5%	4,302	2.1%	
Malayali	59	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Nepalese	456	0.2%	1.3%	345	0.2%	
Pakistani	426	0.2%	0.7%	254	0.1%	
Punjabi	129	0.1%	0.4%	31	0.0%	
Sikh	27	0.0%	0.2%	14	0.0%	
Sinhalese	245	0.1%	0.2%	58	0.0%	
Maldivian	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	304	0.1%	0.5%	237	0.1%	
Bhutanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	125	0.1%	0.2%	67	0.0%	
Kashmiri	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Parsi	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sindhi	19	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Sri Lankan	629	0.3%	0.4%	617	0.3%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	33	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	328	0.2%	0.5%	67	0.0%	
Telugu	55	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	51	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	90	0.0%	0.3%	52	0.0%	
Armenian	261	0.1%	0.3%	207	0.1%	
Georgian	38	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Kazakh	44	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Pathan	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Uzbek	42	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Azeri	20	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Hazara	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Tajik	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tatar	24	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	30	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	294	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.1%	
North American, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
African American	91	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
American	1,111	0.5%	0.3%	1,081	0.5%	
Canadian	509	0.2%	0.2%	479	0.2%	
French Canadian	39	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	125	0.1%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	79	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Bermudan	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
South American, nfd	280	0.1%	0.1%	152	0.1%	
Argentinian	324	0.2%	0.1%	223	0.1%	
Bolivian	36	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Brazilian	1,337	0.6%	0.3%	949	0.5%	
Chilean	695	0.3%	0.3%	478	0.2%	
Colombian	1,627	0.8%	0.2%	800	0.4%	
Ecuadorian	97	0.0%	0.0%	71	0.0%	
Guyanese	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Peruvian	307	0.1%	0.1%	217	0.1%	
Uruguayan	123	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.0%	
Venezuelan	107	0.1%	0.0%	105	0.1%	
Paraguayan	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
South American, nec	58	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mexican	452	0.2%	0.1%	332	0.2%	
Nicaraguan	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Salvadoran	41	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Costa Rican	19	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Guatemalan	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	89	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Cuban	34	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Jamaican	80	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	26	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Barbadian	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	32	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	51	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Central and West African, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	58	0.0%	0.1%	46	0.0%	
Nigerian	78	0.0%	0.1%	75	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ivorean	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Congolese	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central and West African, nec	40	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Afrikaner	48	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Angolan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ethiopian	48	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Kenyan	67	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	230	0.1%	0.2%	176	0.1%	
Mozambican	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Namibian	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Somali	23	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
South African	1,023	0.5%	0.6%	743	0.4%	
Tanzanian	21	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ugandan	18	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Zambian	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Zimbabwean	90	0.0%	0.1%	49	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Burundian	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	27	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.