

# Community report

## The Hills Shire (A)

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

AREA

**The Hills Shire (A)**

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 The Hills Shire (A) 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

The Hills Shire (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	465	0.2%	0.3%	291	0.2%	0.2%	+174	0.0
Eurasian, so described	38	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	+21	0.0
Asian, so described	296	0.2%	0.2%	150	0.1%	0.1%	+146	+0.1
African, so described	392	0.2%	0.2%	213	0.1%	0.2%	+179	+0.1
European, so described	165	0.1%	0.1%	119	0.1%	0.1%	+46	0.0
Caucasian, so described	25	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+15	0.0
Creole, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	37	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	0.1%	+7	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	42,279	22.0%	22.3%	39,463	25.1%	23.5%	+2,816	-3.1
Australian Aboriginal	1,211	0.6%	1.6%	98	0.1%	0.2%	+1,113	+0.5
Australian South Sea Islander	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Torres Strait Islander	100	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	—
Norfolk Islander	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori	552	0.3%	0.5%	375	0.2%	—
New Zealander	1,173	0.6%	0.7%	1,260	0.8%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
New Caledonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ni-Vanuatu	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Papua New Guinean	54	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	—
Solomon Islander	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Micronesian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
I-Kiribati	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Nauruan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Micronesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polynesian, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Cook Islander	55	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	—
Fijian	462	0.2%	0.4%	303	0.2%	—
Niuean	24	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Samoan	221	0.1%	0.6%	133	0.1%	—
Tongan	216	0.1%	0.4%	155	0.1%	—
Hawaiian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tahitian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Tokelauan	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitcairn	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
North-West European, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
British, nfd	76	0.0%	0.0%	88	0.1%	–
English	43,397	22.6%	23.8%	42,169	26.8%	23.8%
Scottish	11,244	5.9%	6.0%	10,879	6.9%	–
Welsh	887	0.5%	0.5%	845	0.5%	–
Channel Islander	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Manx	17	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
British, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Irish	13,267	6.9%	7.7%	13,552	8.6%	–
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Austrian	354	0.2%	0.2%	341	0.2%	–
Dutch	2,219	1.2%	0.9%	2,034	1.3%	–
Flemish	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
French	916	0.5%	0.7%	843	0.5%	–
German	4,409	2.3%	2.3%	4,320	2.7%	–
Swiss	209	0.1%	0.1%	212	0.1%	–
Belgian	91	0.0%	0.1%	75	0.0%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	36	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Danish	319	0.2%	0.2%	310	0.2%	
Finnish	149	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.1%	
Icelandic	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Norwegian	190	0.1%	0.1%	143	0.1%	
Swedish	306	0.2%	0.2%	261	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	32	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Catalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Italian	8,745	4.6%	4.3%	7,858	5.0%	
Maltese	3,334	1.7%	1.2%	2,825	1.8%	
Portuguese	673	0.4%	0.5%	551	0.4%	
Spanish	1,271	0.7%	0.8%	1,190	0.8%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	112	0.1%	0.1%	197	0.1%	
Albanian	30	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Bosnian	111	0.1%	0.1%	80	0.1%	
Bulgarian	65	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Croatian	1,853	1.0%	0.8%	1,523	1.0%	
Greek	2,470	1.3%	2.4%	2,201	1.4%	
Macedonian	265	0.1%	0.6%	178	0.1%	
Moldovan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Montenegrin	16	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Romanian	214	0.1%	0.1%	167	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	758	0.4%	0.6%	524	0.3%	
Slovene	225	0.1%	0.1%	192	0.1%	
Cypriot	329	0.2%	0.3%	240	0.2%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	83	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Belarusan	33	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Czech	204	0.1%	0.2%	177	0.1%	
Estonian	95	0.0%	0.1%	84	0.1%	
Hungarian	625	0.3%	0.4%	573	0.4%	
Latvian	156	0.1%	0.1%	165	0.1%	
Lithuanian	90	0.0%	0.1%	87	0.1%	
Polish	1,676	0.9%	0.8%	1,375	0.9%	
Russian	949	0.5%	0.6%	804	0.5%	
Slovak	127	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Ukrainian	444	0.2%	0.2%	375	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	376	0.2%	0.2%	79	0.1%	
Arab, nfd	617	0.3%	0.6%	268	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Algerian	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	1,718	0.9%	0.5%	1,073	0.7%	
Iraqi	135	0.1%	0.6%	112	0.1%	
Jordanian	140	0.1%	0.1%	94	0.1%	
Kuwaiti	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	4,033	2.1%	3.3%	3,353	2.1%	
Libyan	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Palestinian	288	0.2%	0.2%	170	0.1%	
Saudi Arabian	6	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Syrian	255	0.1%	0.3%	235	0.1%	
Tunisian	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	110	0.1%	0.2%	81	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	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	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Sudanese	68	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Coptic	24	0.0%	0.0%	76	0.0%	
Iranian	3,820	2.0%	0.6%	2,153	1.4%	
Kurdish	165	0.1%	0.1%	131	0.1%	
Turkish	801	0.4%	0.6%	604	0.4%	
Assyrian	220	0.1%	0.6%	154	0.1%	
Chaldean	15	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Mandaean	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	–	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	32	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	47	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Burmese	325	0.2%	0.1%	213	0.1%	
Hmong	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	180	0.1%	0.3%	113	0.1%	
Lao	72	0.0%	0.2%	58	0.0%	
Thai	579	0.3%	0.6%	440	0.3%	

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Vietnamese	1,153	0.6%	2.3%	761	0.5%	
Karen	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mon	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	5,410	2.8%	2.5%	3,501	2.2%	
Indonesian	921	0.5%	0.6%	629	0.4%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Malay	603	0.3%	0.2%	363	0.2%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	21	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bruneian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Singaporean	145	0.1%	0.0%	108	0.1%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	24	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	28,141	14.7%	10.6%	19,829	12.6%	
Taiwanese	342	0.2%	0.1%	210	0.1%	
Chinese Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Japanese	496	0.3%	0.4%	336	0.2%	

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Korean	4,592	2.4%	1.3%	3,425	2.2%	
Mongolian	36	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Tibetan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nfd	849	0.4%	0.3%	150	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	159	0.1%	0.0%	141	0.1%	
Bengali	297	0.2%	0.2%	122	0.1%	
Burgher	36	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	196	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Indian	17,423	9.1%	4.5%	9,914	6.3%	
Malayali	154	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Nepalese	863	0.4%	1.3%	204	0.1%	
Pakistani	2,201	1.1%	0.7%	893	0.6%	
Punjabi	1,324	0.7%	0.4%	218	0.1%	
Sikh	728	0.4%	0.2%	112	0.1%	
Sinhalese	1,318	0.7%	0.2%	485	0.3%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	735	0.4%	0.5%	387	0.2%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	325	0.2%	0.2%	212	0.1%	
Kashmiri	73	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Parsi	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sindhi	29	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Sri Lankan	2,112	1.1%	0.4%	2,285	1.5%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	301	0.2%	0.1%	270	0.2%	
Indian Tamil	47	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	1,784	0.9%	0.5%	470	0.3%	
Telugu	279	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	140	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	890	0.5%	0.3%	602	0.4%	
Armenian	501	0.3%	0.3%	446	0.3%	
Georgian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kazakh	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	37	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Uzbek	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Azeri	39	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Hazara	57	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Tajik	28	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Tatar	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	100	0.1%	0.1%	51	0.0%	
North American, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African American	29	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
American	555	0.3%	0.3%	548	0.3%	
Canadian	245	0.1%	0.2%	240	0.2%	
French Canadian	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	59	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	31	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	206	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
Argentinian	183	0.1%	0.1%	138	0.1%	
Bolivian	19	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Brazilian	219	0.1%	0.3%	138	0.1%	
Chilean	513	0.3%	0.3%	388	0.2%	
Colombian	260	0.1%	0.2%	148	0.1%	
Ecuadorian	52	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Guyanese	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Peruvian	265	0.1%	0.1%	181	0.1%	
Uruguayan	185	0.1%	0.1%	161	0.1%	
Venezuelan	53	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Paraguayan	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
South American, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	125	0.1%	0.1%	117	0.1%	
Nicaraguan	14	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Salvadoran	44	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Costa Rican	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guatemalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Mayan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Cuban	18	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Jamaican	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Barbadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Akan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	140	0.1%	0.1%	86	0.1%	
Nigerian	112	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.0%	
Yoruba	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Afrikaner	63	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Kenyan	53	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	385	0.2%	0.2%	299	0.2%	
Mozambican	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somali	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
South African	1,976	1.0%	0.6%	1,584	1.0%	
Tanzanian	18	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ugandan	42	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Zambian	27	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Zimbabwean	206	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Shona	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.