

Community report

Toowoomba (R)

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

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Toowoomba (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 Toowoomba (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

Toowoomba (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	564	0.3%	0.2%	331	0.2%	0.2%	+233	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Asian, so described	133	0.1%	0.1%	82	0.1%	0.0%	+51	0.0
African, so described	437	0.3%	0.1%	248	0.2%	0.1%	+189	+0.1
European, so described	130	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.0%	0.1%	+66	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	36	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%	+12	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	66,701	38.5%	35.3%	65,135	40.5%	37.7%	+1,566	-2.0
Australian Aboriginal	8,131	4.7%	5.1%	613	0.4%	1.2%	+7,518	+4.3
Australian South Sea Islander	42	0.0%	0.2%	82	0.1%	0.2%	-40	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	482	0.3%	1.3%	29	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	689	0.4%	1.0%	534	0.3%	
New Zealander	1,125	0.6%	1.2%	1,019	0.6%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
New Caledonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	208	0.1%	0.3%	236	0.1%	
Solomon Islander	46	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nauruan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	33	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Cook Islander	83	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
Fijian	208	0.1%	0.1%	163	0.1%	
Niuean	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Samoan	133	0.1%	0.2%	83	0.1%	
Tongan	97	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tahitian	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Pitcairn	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North-West European, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
British, nfd	45	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
English	67,215	38.8%	39.6%	62,154	38.7%	
Scottish	18,916	10.9%	10.4%	17,370	10.8%	
Welsh	981	0.6%	0.6%	894	0.6%	
Channel Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Manx	18	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
British, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	21,888	12.6%	10.9%	22,044	13.7%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	139	0.1%	0.2%	115	0.1%	
Dutch	2,351	1.4%	1.5%	2,032	1.3%	
Flemish	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
French	709	0.4%	0.6%	670	0.4%	
German	18,674	10.8%	6.3%	18,126	11.3%	
Swiss	199	0.1%	0.2%	174	0.1%	
Belgian	77	0.0%	0.1%	59	0.0%	
Frisian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	124	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	952	0.5%	0.5%	904	0.6%	
Finnish	207	0.1%	0.2%	165	0.1%	
Icelandic	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Norwegian	222	0.1%	0.2%	170	0.1%	
Swedish	286	0.2%	0.2%	265	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Catalan	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Italian	2,726	1.6%	3.2%	2,287	1.4%	
Maltese	234	0.1%	0.5%	187	0.1%	
Portuguese	158	0.1%	0.2%	131	0.1%	
Spanish	426	0.2%	0.5%	385	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	61	0.0%	0.1%	79	0.0%	
Albanian	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnian	20	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Bulgarian	19	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Croatian	280	0.2%	0.3%	173	0.1%	
Greek	382	0.2%	0.5%	345	0.2%	
Macedonian	37	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Moldovan	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romanian	61	0.0%	0.1%	61	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Serbian	87	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.0%	
Slovene	54	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Cypriot	73	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	–	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	51	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Belarusan	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Czech	96	0.1%	0.1%	73	0.0%	
Estonian	27	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Hungarian	265	0.2%	0.3%	227	0.1%	
Latvian	63	0.0%	0.1%	68	0.0%	
Lithuanian	32	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Polish	735	0.4%	0.5%	643	0.4%	
Russian	272	0.2%	0.3%	228	0.1%	
Slovak	24	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Ukrainian	144	0.1%	0.1%	119	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	67	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	277	0.2%	0.0%	322	0.2%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Algerian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Egyptian	81	0.0%	0.1%	70	0.0%	—
Iraqi	1,460	0.8%	0.1%	169	0.1%	—
Jordanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Kuwaiti	—	—	0.0%	52	0.0%	—
Lebanese	309	0.2%	0.1%	298	0.2%	—
Libyan	23	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	—
Moroccan	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Palestinian	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Saudi Arabian	—	—	0.0%	16	0.0%	—
Syrian	219	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.0%	—
Tunisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yemeni	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Emirati	—	—	—	—	—	—
Omani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Arab, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Jewish	43	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	—
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	—
Dinka	110	0.1%	0.0%	97	0.1%	—
Nuer	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Sudanese	405	0.2%	0.0%	300	0.2%	—
Sudanese	245	0.1%	0.0%	354	0.2%	—
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Berber	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Iranian	202	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	–
Kurdish	255	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.0%	–
Turkish	51	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	–
Assyrian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	483	0.3%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
South-East Asian, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	32	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Hmong	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	30	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Lao	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Thai	249	0.1%	0.3%	162	0.1%	–
Vietnamese	239	0.1%	0.2%	155	0.1%	–
Karen	35	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	2,154	1.2%	1.3%	1,441	0.9%	
Indonesian	139	0.1%	0.2%	99	0.1%	
Javanese	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Malay	106	0.1%	0.1%	125	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Singaporean	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Maritime South-East Asian, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chinese	2,215	1.3%	1.6%	1,789	1.1%	
Taiwanese	115	0.1%	0.1%	67	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	214	0.1%	0.5%	151	0.1%	
Korean	321	0.2%	0.3%	251	0.2%	
Mongolian	16	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tibetan	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	154	0.1%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Anglo-Indian	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	29	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Gujarati	95	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indian	2,046	1.2%	1.0%	1,519	0.9%	
Malayali	94	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Nepalese	804	0.5%	0.2%	311	0.2%	
Pakistani	137	0.1%	0.1%	103	0.1%	
Punjabi	334	0.2%	0.2%	89	0.1%	
Sikh	129	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.0%	
Sinhalese	236	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	105	0.1%	0.0%	100	0.1%	
Bhutanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	46	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	262	0.2%	0.1%	286	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	10	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	132	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Telugu	73	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	41	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	168	0.1%	0.0%	281	0.2%	
Armenian	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	11	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Uzbek	7	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Azeri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	37	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Tajik	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
North American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African American	12	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
American	411	0.2%	0.3%	376	0.2%	
Canadian	259	0.1%	0.2%	230	0.1%	
French Canadian	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	65	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	40	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Argentinian	44	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	289	0.2%	0.2%	213	0.1%	
Chilean	59	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Colombian	57	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	21	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Uruguayan	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Venezuelan	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	38	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	22	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cuban	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Jamaican	30	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Puerto Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Caribbean Islander, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central and West African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Akan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Fulani	—	—	—	—	—	
Ghanaian	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nigerian	30	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Yoruba	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ivorean	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Liberian	11	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Acholi	19	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Cameroonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Congolese	357	0.2%	0.0%	301	0.2%	
Igbo	16	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Krahn	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Mandinka	—	—	—	—	—	
Senegalese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Themne	—	—	—	—	—	
Togolese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central and West African, nec	32	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Afrikaner	56	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	75	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
Ethiopian	29	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Kenyan	30	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Malawian	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mauritian	30	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somali	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
South African	760	0.4%	0.6%	570	0.4%	
Tanzanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ugandan	15	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Zambian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	197	0.1%	0.1%	193	0.1%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	45	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	31	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Shona	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.