

Community report

Townsville (C)

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

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Townsville (C)

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 Townsville (C) 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

Townsville (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	487	0.3%	0.2%	403	0.2%	0.2%	+84	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	-9	0.0
Asian, so described	132	0.1%	0.1%	119	0.1%	0.0%	+13	0.0
African, so described	481	0.2%	0.1%	254	0.1%	0.1%	+227	+0.1
European, so described	163	0.1%	0.1%	118	0.1%	0.1%	+45	0.0
Caucasian, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	64	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.0%	0.0%	-21	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Australian	71,437	37.1%	35.3%	75,053	40.2%	37.7%	-3,616	-3.1
Australian Aboriginal	13,121	6.8%	5.1%	1,618	0.9%	1.2%	+11,503	+5.9
Australian South Sea Islander	399	0.2%	0.2%	539	0.3%	0.2%	-140	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	3,951	2.0%	1.3%	752	0.4%	
Norfolk Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	1,343	0.7%	1.0%	1,047	0.6%	
New Zealander	1,804	0.9%	1.2%	1,945	1.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	54	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
New Caledonian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	47	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	1,066	0.6%	0.3%	1,003	0.5%	
Solomon Islander	57	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	29	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Polynesian, nfd	78	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Cook Islander	348	0.2%	0.1%	251	0.1%	
Fijian	327	0.2%	0.1%	274	0.1%	
Niuean	40	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Samoan	371	0.2%	0.2%	266	0.1%	
Tongan	115	0.1%	0.1%	96	0.1%	
Hawaiian	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Tahitian	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tokelauan	247	0.1%	0.0%	233	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	19	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
North–West European, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
British, nfd	69	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
English	72,415	37.6%	39.6%	72,080	38.6%	
Scottish	20,158	10.5%	10.4%	19,744	10.6%	
Welsh	1,124	0.6%	0.6%	1,102	0.6%	
Channel Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Manx	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
British, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Irish	21,775	11.3%	10.9%	24,490	13.1%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	283	0.1%	0.2%	287	0.2%	
Dutch	2,566	1.3%	1.5%	2,453	1.3%	
Flemish	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
French	1,121	0.6%	0.6%	1,079	0.6%	
German	10,318	5.4%	6.3%	10,565	5.7%	
Swiss	280	0.1%	0.2%	262	0.1%	
Belgian	109	0.1%	0.1%	73	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	151	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	929	0.5%	0.5%	860	0.5%	
Finnish	308	0.2%	0.2%	301	0.2%	
Icelandic	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Norwegian	382	0.2%	0.2%	300	0.2%	
Swedish	401	0.2%	0.2%	410	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	86	0.0%	0.0%	73	0.0%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Italian	9,325	4.8%	3.2%	8,597	4.6%	
Maltese	762	0.4%	0.5%	617	0.3%	
Portuguese	184	0.1%	0.2%	174	0.1%	
Spanish	991	0.5%	0.5%	927	0.5%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	118	0.1%	0.1%	154	0.1%	
Albanian	28	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Bosnian	21	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Bulgarian	24	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Croatian	396	0.2%	0.3%	266	0.1%	
Greek	1,346	0.7%	0.5%	1,275	0.7%	
Macedonian	40	0.0%	0.1%	57	0.0%	
Moldovan	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	73	0.0%	0.1%	55	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Serbian	132	0.1%	0.1%	99	0.1%	
Slovene	91	0.0%	0.1%	71	0.0%	
Cypriot	141	0.1%	0.0%	87	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	–	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	72	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Belarusan	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Czech	121	0.1%	0.1%	120	0.1%	
Estonian	57	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Hungarian	398	0.2%	0.3%	317	0.2%	
Latvian	132	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.1%	
Lithuanian	85	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Polish	869	0.5%	0.5%	811	0.4%	
Russian	396	0.2%	0.3%	380	0.2%	
Slovak	45	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Ukrainian	202	0.1%	0.1%	200	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	72	0.0%	0.0%	84	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Algerian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Egyptian	129	0.1%	0.1%	103	0.1%	0.1%
Iraqi	38	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.0%	0.1%
Jordanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Lebanese	130	0.1%	0.1%	105	0.1%	0.1%
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Moroccan	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Palestinian	6	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Syrian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Tunisian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Yemeni	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	–
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Jewish	72	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	0.0%
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%
Dinka	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	–
South Sudanese	23	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%
Sudanese	43	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	0.0%
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	92	0.0%	0.1%	95	0.1%	–
Kurdish	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Turkish	59	0.0%	0.1%	52	0.0%	–
Assyrian	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	27	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
South-East Asian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	87	0.0%	0.0%	107	0.1%	–
Hmong	13	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	73	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	–
Lao	47	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	–
Thai	483	0.3%	0.3%	382	0.2%	–
Vietnamese	460	0.2%	0.2%	373	0.2%	–
Karen	53	0.0%	0.0%	71	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Filipino	2,923	1.5%	1.3%	2,258	1.2%	
Indonesian	277	0.1%	0.2%	228	0.1%	
Javanese	21	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Malay	196	0.1%	0.1%	245	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	23	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Balinese	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	24	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Chinese	2,548	1.3%	1.6%	2,563	1.4%	
Taiwanese	50	0.0%	0.1%	43	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	307	0.2%	0.5%	266	0.1%	
Korean	457	0.2%	0.3%	325	0.2%	
Mongolian	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	72	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Anglo–Indian	12	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bengali	21	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Burgher	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Gujarati	33	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indian	2,319	1.2%	1.0%	2,029	1.1%	
Malayali	136	0.1%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Nepalese	226	0.1%	0.2%	148	0.1%	
Pakistani	130	0.1%	0.1%	95	0.1%	
Punjabi	189	0.1%	0.2%	64	0.0%	
Sikh	71	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Sinhalese	142	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.0%	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	63	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Bhutanese	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	35	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	273	0.1%	0.1%	290	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	19	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	180	0.1%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Telugu	22	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	54	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Armenian	27	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	69	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	15	0.0%	
African American	24	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
American	537	0.3%	0.3%	529	0.3%	
Canadian	328	0.2%	0.2%	327	0.2%	
French Canadian	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	25	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	84	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
South American, nfd	39	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Argentinian	42	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regiona
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	114	0.1%	0.2%	65	0.0%	
Chilean	73	0.0%	0.1%	72	0.0%	
Colombian	33	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guyanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Peruvian	43	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Uruguayan	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Venezuelan	27	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mexican	39	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Salvadoran	73	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Costa Rican	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central American, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Cuban	17	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Jamaican	23	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Barbadian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Puerto Rican	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	62	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghanaian	35	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Nigerian	84	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Yoruba	3	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	5	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	428	0.2%	0.0%	204	0.1%	
Igbo	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	6	0.0%	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	38	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	43	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Angolan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ethiopian	15	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Kenyan	101	0.1%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Malawian	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Mauritian	72	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Namibian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	29	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Somali	169	0.1%	0.0%	273	0.1%	
South African	711	0.4%	0.6%	682	0.4%	
Tanzanian	21	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Ugandan	21	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Zambian	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	151	0.1%	0.1%	175	0.1%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Burundian	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	52	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Shona	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Swahili	32	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	39	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.