

Community report

Towong (S)

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

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Towong (S)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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 Towong (S) were Australian, English 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

Towong (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	7	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.2%	0.2%	-3	-0.1
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
African, so described	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
European, so described	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	2,583	41.5%	39.2%	2,535	42.4%	40.0%	+48	-0.9
Australian Aboriginal	107	1.7%	1.9%	8	0.1%	0.2%	+99	+1.6
Australian South Sea Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Torres Strait Islander	7	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	4	0.1%	0.3%	10	0.2%	
New Zealander	33	0.5%	0.5%	26	0.4%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	12	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Tongan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	2,573	41.3%	40.6%	2,494	41.7%	4
Scottish	721	11.6%	11.7%	700	11.7%	1
Welsh	26	0.4%	0.6%	22	0.4%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	822	13.2%	12.9%	778	13.0%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	11	0.2%	0.2%	25	0.4%	
Dutch	118	1.9%	2.3%	107	1.8%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	28	0.4%	0.4%	24	0.4%	
German	363	5.8%	4.6%	385	6.4%	
Swiss	7	0.1%	0.2%	9	0.2%	
Belgian	4	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Danish	12	0.2%	0.2%	6	0.1%	
Finnish	4	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	4	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	
Swedish	6	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	128	2.1%	3.9%	121	2.0%	
Maltese	25	0.4%	0.7%	21	0.4%	
Portuguese	–	–	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Spanish	12	0.2%	0.3%	6	0.1%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.1%	11	0.2%	
Albanian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	29	0.5%	0.6%	8	0.1%	
Greek	7	0.1%	0.6%	11	0.2%	
Macedonian	10	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	14	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	
Slovene	12	0.2%	0.1%	13	0.2%	
Cypriot	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	11	0.2%	0.1%	13	0.2%	
Estonian	12	0.2%	0.0%	8	0.1%	
Hungarian	25	0.4%	0.3%	10	0.2%	
Latvian	8	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Polish	25	0.4%	0.6%	22	0.4%	
Russian	10	0.2%	0.2%	17	0.3%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	12	0.2%	0.2%	13	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Iraqi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	–	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.1%	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	–	–	0.2%	4	0.1%	
Vietnamese	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Karen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Filipino	41	0.7%	0.8%	25	0.4%	
Indonesian	7	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	9	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	26	0.4%	1.1%	18	0.3%	
Taiwanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Korean	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Anglo–Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Indian	12	0.2%	1.0%	15	0.3%	
Malayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	–	–	0.1%	3	0.1%	
Pakistani	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Punjabi	3	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Sikh	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sinhalese	12	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	–	–	0.1%	6	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American	9	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.2%	
Canadian	5	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.1%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chilean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Colombian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	–	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
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Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	–	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	4	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	

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Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	13	0.2%	0.2%	10	0.2%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Amhara	–	–	–	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.