

Community report

Upper Hunter Shire (A)

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

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Upper Hunter Shire (A)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Upper Hunter Shire (A) 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 totals represent responses rather than a single unduplicated person count.
- 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

Upper Hunter Shire (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	27	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.1%	+20	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
African, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
European, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-8	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	6,445	22.6%	20.1%	6,675	23.7%	21.3%	-230	-1.1
Australian Aboriginal	910	3.2%	3.1%	60	0.2%	0.4%	+850	+3.0
Australian South Sea Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	30	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	52	0.2%	0.2%	41	0.1%	
New Zealander	74	0.3%	0.3%	65	0.2%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Solomon Islander	33	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	9	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tongan	3	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
English	6,075	21.3%	20.5%	5,705	20.2%	
Scottish	1,498	5.3%	5.4%	1,424	5.1%	
Welsh	70	0.2%	0.3%	71	0.3%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	1,671	5.9%	5.9%	1,631	5.8%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	14	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Dutch	152	0.5%	0.7%	124	0.4%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	50	0.2%	0.3%	35	0.1%	
German	528	1.9%	2.1%	524	1.9%	
Swiss	12	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Belgian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	19	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Finnish	4	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	12	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Swedish	12	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	219	0.8%	1.4%	167	0.6%	
Maltese	43	0.2%	0.3%	36	0.1%	
Portuguese	12	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Spanish	29	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.1%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Croatian	11	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Greek	29	0.1%	0.3%	18	0.1%	
Macedonian	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	3	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Slovene	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cypriot	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Estonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hungarian	12	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
Latvian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Polish	24	0.1%	0.3%	22	0.1%	
Russian	20	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	24	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iraqi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	13	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Turkish	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lao	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Thai	10	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Vietnamese	10	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.1%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	118	0.4%	0.4%	96	0.3%	
Indonesian	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	–	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	165	0.6%	0.5%	91	0.3%	
Taiwanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	3	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Korean	6	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	54	0.2%	0.4%	37	0.1%	
Malayali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	19	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Pakistani	12	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Punjabi	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sikh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Afghan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Armenian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hazara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
American	25	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	–
Canadian	8	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Native North American Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	21	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Chilean	5	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Colombian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	38	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Total	28,461	100.0%	100.0%	28,194	100.0%	100.0%

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

Data basis: usual residence.