

# Community report

## Waverley (A)

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

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**Waverley (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 Waverley (A) 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

Waverley (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	189	0.3%	0.3%	170	0.3%	0.2%	+19	0.0
Eurasian, so described	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Asian, so described	42	0.1%	0.2%	24	0.0%	0.1%	+18	+0.1
African, so described	72	0.1%	0.2%	71	0.1%	0.2%	+1	0.0
European, so described	491	0.7%	0.1%	439	0.7%	0.1%	+52	0.0
Caucasian, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.1%	-7	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	14,590	21.3%	22.3%	13,933	20.9%	23.5%	+657	+0.4
Australian Aboriginal	314	0.5%	1.6%	54	0.1%	0.2%	+260	+0.4
Australian South Sea Islander	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Torres Strait Islander	37	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	285	0.4%	0.5%	247	0.4%	
New Zealander	721	1.1%	0.7%	903	1.4%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Cook Islander	25	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Fijian	60	0.1%	0.4%	62	0.1%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	53	0.1%	0.6%	40	0.1%	
Tongan	33	0.0%	0.4%	21	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
North-West European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
British, nfd	45	0.1%	0.0%	69	0.1%	–
English	21,120	30.8%	23.8%	19,346	29.0%	23.8%
Scottish	5,250	7.7%	6.0%	4,886	7.3%	–
Welsh	550	0.8%	0.5%	472	0.7%	–
Channel Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Manx	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
British, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Irish	8,209	12.0%	7.7%	8,133	12.2%	–
Western European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Austrian	392	0.6%	0.2%	375	0.6%	–
Dutch	901	1.3%	0.9%	759	1.1%	–
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
French	1,628	2.4%	0.7%	1,326	2.0%	–
German	2,887	4.2%	2.3%	2,779	4.2%	–
Swiss	229	0.3%	0.1%	184	0.3%	–
Belgian	135	0.2%	0.1%	79	0.1%	–
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	45	0.1%	0.0%	30	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Danish	179	0.3%	0.2%	197	0.3%	
Finnish	97	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.1%	
Icelandic	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Norwegian	163	0.2%	0.1%	121	0.2%	
Swedish	426	0.6%	0.2%	354	0.5%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Catalan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	3,900	5.7%	4.3%	3,315	5.0%	
Maltese	328	0.5%	1.2%	269	0.4%	
Portuguese	574	0.8%	0.5%	474	0.7%	
Spanish	1,247	1.8%	0.8%	983	1.5%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	57	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Albanian	21	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Bosnian	31	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Bulgarian	58	0.1%	0.0%	39	0.1%	
Croatian	441	0.6%	0.8%	345	0.5%	
Greek	1,802	2.6%	2.4%	1,513	2.3%	
Macedonian	110	0.2%	0.6%	94	0.1%	
Moldovan	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Montenegrin	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Romanian	235	0.3%	0.1%	220	0.3%	
Roma Gypsy	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Serbian	259	0.4%	0.6%	173	0.3%	
Slovene	53	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Cypriot	139	0.2%	0.3%	84	0.1%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	544	0.8%	0.1%	406	0.6%	
Belarusan	49	0.1%	0.0%	37	0.1%	
Czech	326	0.5%	0.2%	363	0.5%	
Estonian	65	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	
Hungarian	1,051	1.5%	0.4%	1,151	1.7%	
Latvian	149	0.2%	0.1%	135	0.2%	
Lithuanian	885	1.3%	0.1%	709	1.1%	
Polish	1,614	2.4%	0.8%	1,652	2.5%	
Russian	1,638	2.4%	0.6%	1,759	2.6%	
Slovak	214	0.3%	0.1%	209	0.3%	
Ukrainian	488	0.7%	0.2%	483	0.7%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	142	0.2%	0.2%	73	0.1%	
Arab, nfd	38	0.1%	0.6%	51	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Algerian	24	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Egyptian	190	0.3%	0.5%	144	0.2%	
Iraqi	157	0.2%	0.6%	132	0.2%	
Jordanian	11	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	525	0.8%	3.3%	395	0.6%	
Libyan	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Moroccan	106	0.2%	0.0%	75	0.1%	
Palestinian	34	0.0%	0.2%	21	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Syrian	40	0.1%	0.3%	23	0.0%	
Tunisian	26	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Yemeni	25	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	1,900	2.8%	0.2%	1,400	2.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudanese	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	250	0.4%	0.6%	181	0.3%	–
Kurdish	14	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Turkish	188	0.3%	0.6%	137	0.2%	–
Assyrian	27	0.0%	0.6%	15	0.0%	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.2%	3	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	729	1.1%	0.1%	722	1.1%	–
South-East Asian, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	22	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	14	0.0%	0.3%	28	0.0%	–
Lao	20	0.0%	0.2%	17	0.0%	–
Thai	217	0.3%	0.6%	235	0.4%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Vietnamese	217	0.3%	2.3%	158	0.2%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	690	1.0%	2.5%	522	0.8%	
Indonesian	187	0.3%	0.6%	125	0.2%	
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	109	0.2%	0.2%	88	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	44	0.1%	0.0%	37	0.1%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	2,557	3.7%	10.6%	2,170	3.2%	
Taiwanese	54	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	450	0.7%	0.4%	472	0.7%	

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Korean	292	0.4%	1.3%	238	0.4%	
Mongolian	18	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Tibetan	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern Asian, nfd	18	0.0%	0.3%	10	0.0%	
Anglo-Indian	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Bengali	11	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Burgher	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Gujarati	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Indian	738	1.1%	4.5%	581	0.9%	
Malayali	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Nepalese	52	0.1%	1.3%	54	0.1%	
Pakistani	42	0.1%	0.7%	26	0.0%	
Punjabi	12	0.0%	0.4%	3	0.0%	
Sikh	—	—	0.2%	6	0.0%	
Sinhalese	25	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Maldivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bangladeshi	35	0.1%	0.5%	34	0.1%	
Bhutanese	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	14	0.0%	0.2%	15	0.0%	
Kashmiri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Parsi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Sri Lankan	125	0.2%	0.4%	112	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	28	0.0%	0.5%	5	0.0%	
Telugu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	11	0.0%	0.3%	7	0.0%	
Armenian	87	0.1%	0.3%	57	0.1%	
Georgian	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Kazakh	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Azeri	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Hazara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	57	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
North American, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
African American	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
American	550	0.8%	0.3%	568	0.9%	
Canadian	260	0.4%	0.2%	234	0.4%	
French Canadian	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	24	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	22	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Bermudan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nfd	70	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Argentinian	205	0.3%	0.1%	113	0.2%	
Bolivian	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Brazilian	750	1.1%	0.3%	676	1.0%	
Chilean	328	0.5%	0.3%	273	0.4%	
Colombian	282	0.4%	0.2%	202	0.3%	
Ecuadorian	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Guyanese	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	65	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	
Uruguayan	56	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
Venezuelan	30	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.1%	
Paraguayan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	136	0.2%	0.1%	84	0.1%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Costa Rican	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Guatemalan	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Mayan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central American, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Cuban	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Jamaican	38	0.1%	0.0%	34	0.1%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Barbadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Central and West African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Akan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Fulani	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ghanaian	15	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Nigerian	27	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Yoruba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ivorean	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Liberian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sierra Leonean	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acholi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Cameroonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Congolese	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Southern and East African, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Afrikaner	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Angolan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kenyan	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	72	0.1%	0.2%	66	0.1%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychellois	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South African	2,510	3.7%	0.6%	2,322	3.5%	–
Tanzanian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Zimbabwean	44	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.