

# Community report

## Wellington (S)

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

AREA

**Wellington (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 Wellington (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

Wellington (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	94	0.2%	0.2%	91	0.2%	0.2%	+3	0.0
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
African, so described	23	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	0.1%	+9	+0.1
European, so described	42	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	0.0%	+18	0.0
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	19,121	41.9%	39.2%	18,169	42.3%	40.0%	+952	-0.4
Australian Aboriginal	824	1.8%	1.9%	79	0.2%	0.2%	+745	+1.6
Australian South Sea Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Torres Strait Islander	27	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	103	0.2%	0.3%	90	0.2%	
New Zealander	241	0.5%	0.5%	238	0.6%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Fijian	23	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Niuean	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	22	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Tongan	17	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
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%	4	0.0%	
British, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
English	18,817	41.2%	40.6%	17,243	40.1%	4
Scottish	5,020	11.0%	11.7%	4,647	10.8%	1
Welsh	244	0.5%	0.6%	211	0.5%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
British, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	5,234	11.5%	12.9%	4,919	11.4%	1
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	72	0.2%	0.2%	71	0.2%	
Dutch	1,203	2.6%	2.3%	1,086	2.5%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	148	0.3%	0.4%	127	0.3%	
German	1,690	3.7%	4.6%	1,697	3.9%	
Swiss	58	0.1%	0.2%	51	0.1%	
Belgian	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Danish	126	0.3%	0.2%	104	0.2%	
Finnish	31	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	66	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Swedish	71	0.2%	0.2%	61	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,150	2.5%	3.9%	1,009	2.3%	
Maltese	221	0.5%	0.7%	143	0.3%	
Portuguese	26	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Spanish	89	0.2%	0.3%	67	0.2%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	41	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Albanian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bosnian	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bulgarian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Croatian	149	0.3%	0.6%	120	0.3%	
Greek	207	0.5%	0.6%	164	0.4%	
Macedonian	42	0.1%	0.2%	32	0.1%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian	12	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	49	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.1%	
Slovene	26	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Cypriot	13	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Belarusan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	28	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Estonian	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Hungarian	83	0.2%	0.3%	88	0.2%	
Latvian	46	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	
Lithuanian	36	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Polish	329	0.7%	0.6%	302	0.7%	
Russian	99	0.2%	0.2%	82	0.2%	
Slovak	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ukrainian	100	0.2%	0.2%	85	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	21	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egyptian	24	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	

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Iraqi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	41	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	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	9	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	22	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	–	–	–	
Burmese	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	40	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Lao	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Thai	78	0.2%	0.2%	59	0.1%	
Vietnamese	108	0.2%	0.2%	80	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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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Filipino	380	0.8%	0.8%	243	0.6%	
Indonesian	38	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	44	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	313	0.7%	1.1%	269	0.6%	
Taiwanese	22	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.1%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	14	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Korean	17	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	23	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Anglo–Indian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bengali	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Indian	269	0.6%	1.0%	270	0.6%	
Malayali	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	19	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Pakistani	43	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Punjabi	38	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.0%	
Sikh	18	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Sinhalese	29	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	82	0.2%	0.1%	77	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	24	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Telugu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Armenian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
American	92	0.2%	0.2%	83	0.2%	
Canadian	59	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
French Canadian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bolivian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chilean	24	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Colombian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguayan	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	–	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	18	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	–	–	0.0%	3	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%	–	–	
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		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nigerian	5	0.0%	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	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	37	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	100	0.2%	0.2%	79	0.2%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	20	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	–	–	–	
Batswana	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	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.