

Community report

Western Downs (R)

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Western Downs (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

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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 Western Downs (R) 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

Western Downs (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	60	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	0.1%	-23	0.0
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	20	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.1%	0.0%	-18	-0.1
African, so described	21	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
European, so described	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	14,503	21.4%	17.7%	15,220	22.8%	18.8%	-717	-1.4
Australian Aboriginal	2,376	3.5%	2.6%	161	0.2%	0.6%	+2,215	+3.3
Australian South Sea Islander	10	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.1%	+3	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	134	0.2%	0.6%	8	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	155	0.2%	0.5%	137	0.2%	
New Zealander	230	0.3%	0.6%	192	0.3%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	37	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Solomon Islander	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cook Islander	12	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Fijian	32	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Samoan	20	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Tongan	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
English	12,803	18.9%	19.8%	11,815	17.7%	1
Scottish	3,207	4.7%	5.2%	3,220	4.8%	
Welsh	119	0.2%	0.3%	105	0.2%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
British, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	3,526	5.2%	5.5%	3,635	5.4%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	23	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Dutch	347	0.5%	0.8%	371	0.6%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	106	0.2%	0.3%	76	0.1%	
German	2,983	4.4%	3.2%	3,118	4.7%	
Swiss	16	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Belgian	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	107	0.2%	0.2%	128	0.2%	
Finnish	31	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	22	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Swedish	49	0.1%	0.1%	47	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	364	0.5%	1.6%	285	0.4%	
Maltese	53	0.1%	0.3%	31	0.0%	
Portuguese	25	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Spanish	109	0.2%	0.2%	84	0.1%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Albanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Croatian	25	0.0%	0.2%	37	0.1%	
Greek	39	0.1%	0.2%	50	0.1%	
Macedonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	41	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbian	8	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Slovene	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cypriot	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	–	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czech	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Estonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hungarian	25	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Latvian	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Lithuanian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Polish	94	0.1%	0.3%	82	0.1%	
Russian	27	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.1%	
Slovak	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ukrainian	16	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Egyptian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iraqi	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lebanese	12	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	–
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moroccan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Palestinian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	–
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jewish	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	–
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iranian	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Turkish	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	14	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	–
Vietnamese	21	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	581	0.9%	0.6%	454	0.7%	
Indonesian	34	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	23	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Maritime South-East Asian, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	177	0.3%	0.8%	176	0.3%	
Taiwanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	17	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Korean	26	0.0%	0.2%	13	0.0%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Gujarati	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Indian	133	0.2%	0.5%	211	0.3%	0.5%
Malayali	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Nepalese	18	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Pakistani	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Punjabi	36	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	0.0%
Sikh	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Sinhalese	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Maldivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bangladeshi	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Bhutanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fijian Indian	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Kashmiri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Parsi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sri Lankan	13	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Sri Lankan Tamil	—	—	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Indian Tamil	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tamil, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Telugu	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Southern Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Afghan	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Armenian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
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%	5	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American	59	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Canadian	30	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentinian	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regiona
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Chilean	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Colombian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuelan	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	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%	–	–	
Jamaican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghanaian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	136	0.2%	0.3%	107	0.2%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	23	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regiona
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Total	67,627	100.0%	100.0%	66,888	100.0%	100.0%

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

Data basis: usual residence.