

# Community report

## Whitehorse (C)

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AREA

**Whitehorse (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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 Whitehorse (C) were Chinese, English and Australian.

## 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

Whitehorse (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	308	0.2%	0.3%	278	0.2%	0.3%	+30	0.0
Eurasian, so described	46	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Asian, so described	147	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.1%	0.1%	+57	0.0
African, so described	208	0.1%	0.3%	166	0.1%	0.2%	+42	0.0
European, so described	145	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.1%	0.1%	+9	0.0
Caucasian, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Creole, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	35,997	21.3%	23.4%	37,425	23.1%	24.0%	-1,428	-1.8
Australian Aboriginal	517	0.3%	0.7%	71	0.0%	0.1%	+446	+0.3
Australian South Sea Islander	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+7	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Torres Strait Islander	73	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	244	0.1%	0.4%	193	0.1%	
New Zealander	827	0.5%	0.6%	1,029	0.6%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	34	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Nauruan	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Cook Islander	29	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Fijian	112	0.1%	0.1%	109	0.1%	
Niuean	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Samoan	92	0.1%	0.4%	73	0.0%	
Tongan	77	0.0%	0.1%	90	0.1%	
Hawaiian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	18	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North–West European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
British, nfd	55	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	
English	40,997	24.2%	25.6%	42,997	26.5%	25.6%
Scottish	12,679	7.5%	7.1%	12,816	7.9%	
Welsh	794	0.5%	0.5%	831	0.5%	
Channel Islander	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Manx	12	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
British, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	14,152	8.4%	8.3%	15,731	9.7%	
Western European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Austrian	361	0.2%	0.2%	338	0.2%	
Dutch	2,173	1.3%	1.5%	2,225	1.4%	
Flemish	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
French	807	0.5%	0.6%	805	0.5%	
German	4,678	2.8%	2.9%	4,816	3.0%	
Swiss	287	0.2%	0.1%	277	0.2%	
Belgian	78	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Frisian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Northern European, nfd	38	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	314	0.2%	0.2%	274	0.2%	
Finnish	98	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.1%	
Icelandic	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Norwegian	182	0.1%	0.1%	189	0.1%	
Swedish	271	0.2%	0.2%	297	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Italian	7,575	4.5%	6.6%	7,360	4.5%	
Maltese	803	0.5%	1.4%	714	0.4%	
Portuguese	234	0.1%	0.3%	225	0.1%	
Spanish	548	0.3%	0.5%	539	0.3%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	119	0.1%	0.1%	174	0.1%	
Albanian	66	0.0%	0.2%	48	0.0%	
Bosnian	87	0.1%	0.2%	82	0.1%	
Bulgarian	61	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Croatian	798	0.5%	0.9%	686	0.4%	
Greek	5,989	3.5%	3.5%	6,055	3.7%	
Macedonian	403	0.2%	0.9%	343	0.2%	
Moldovan	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Romanian	152	0.1%	0.2%	141	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Serbian	456	0.3%	0.5%	365	0.2%	
Slovene	221	0.1%	0.1%	197	0.1%	
Cypriot	448	0.3%	0.3%	372	0.2%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	71	0.0%	0.1%	52	0.0%	
Belarusan	13	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Czech	222	0.1%	0.1%	205	0.1%	
Estonian	78	0.0%	0.0%	79	0.0%	
Hungarian	670	0.4%	0.4%	689	0.4%	
Latvian	269	0.2%	0.1%	287	0.2%	
Lithuanian	104	0.1%	0.1%	117	0.1%	
Polish	1,228	0.7%	1.1%	1,254	0.8%	
Russian	553	0.3%	0.5%	542	0.3%	
Slovak	62	0.0%	0.1%	59	0.0%	
Ukrainian	342	0.2%	0.3%	296	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	103	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	133	0.1%	0.3%	96	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Algerian	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Egyptian	320	0.2%	0.4%	299	0.2%	
Iraqi	39	0.0%	0.3%	49	0.0%	
Jordanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	402	0.2%	1.0%	329	0.2%	
Libyan	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Moroccan	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Palestinian	42	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	14	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Syrian	49	0.0%	0.2%	35	0.0%	
Tunisian	19	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Yemeni	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	
Arab, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Jewish	109	0.1%	0.3%	84	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	24	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sudanese	35	0.0%	0.1%	52	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	1,388	0.8%	0.5%	1,125	0.7%	
Kurdish	59	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.0%	
Turkish	320	0.2%	0.8%	203	0.1%	
Assyrian	15	0.0%	0.2%	18	0.0%	
Chaldean	4	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	46	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	52	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Anglo-Burmese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Burmese	168	0.1%	0.2%	119	0.1%	
Hmong	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	508	0.3%	0.5%	384	0.2%	
Lao	176	0.1%	0.1%	162	0.1%	
Thai	635	0.4%	0.4%	560	0.3%	
Vietnamese	2,828	1.7%	2.4%	2,441	1.5%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Karen	5	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Mon	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	32	0.0%	0.1%	63	0.0%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	1,826	1.1%	1.7%	1,292	0.8%	
Indonesian	690	0.4%	0.4%	600	0.4%	
Javanese	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Madurese	–	–	–	–	–	
Malay	1,155	0.7%	0.4%	908	0.6%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	47	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Bruneian	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kadazan	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Singaporean	152	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.1%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Chinese	44,440	26.2%	8.3%	36,019	22.2%	
Taiwanese	534	0.3%	0.1%	303	0.2%	
Chinese Asian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Japanese	777	0.5%	0.3%	606	0.4%	
Korean	1,514	0.9%	0.4%	1,360	0.8%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	35	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Tibetan	12	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	334	0.2%	0.3%	169	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	121	0.1%	0.1%	128	0.1%	
Bengali	93	0.1%	0.1%	61	0.0%	
Burgher	79	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Gujarati	114	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Indian	8,009	4.7%	5.3%	6,419	4.0%	
Malayali	103	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Nepalese	535	0.3%	0.4%	282	0.2%	
Pakistani	616	0.4%	0.6%	409	0.3%	
Punjabi	520	0.3%	1.0%	196	0.1%	
Sikh	276	0.2%	0.5%	207	0.1%	
Sinhalese	1,211	0.7%	0.6%	387	0.2%	
Maldivian	9	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	167	0.1%	0.2%	161	0.1%	
Bhutanese	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	72	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Kashmiri	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sindhi	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Sri Lankan	1,836	1.1%	1.0%	2,269	1.4%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sri Lankan Tamil	95	0.1%	0.0%	84	0.1%	
Indian Tamil	21	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	702	0.4%	0.5%	159	0.1%	
Telugu	208	0.1%	0.2%	11	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	73	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	125	0.1%	0.4%	94	0.1%	
Armenian	156	0.1%	0.1%	137	0.1%	
Georgian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	32	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Azeri	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hazara	22	0.0%	0.4%	13	0.0%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tatar	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	30	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	41	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
North American, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
African American	17	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
American	415	0.2%	0.3%	453	0.3%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Canadian	236	0.1%	0.1%	228	0.1%	
French Canadian	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	29	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	22	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	45	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Argentinian	86	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.0%	
Bolivian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Brazilian	79	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.0%	
Chilean	173	0.1%	0.2%	155	0.1%	
Colombian	165	0.1%	0.2%	131	0.1%	
Ecuadorian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guyanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Peruvian	89	0.1%	0.0%	70	0.0%	
Uruguayan	30	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Venezuelan	33	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Paraguayan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	60	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	23	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Cuban	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	27	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Barbadian	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central and West African, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	16	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Nigerian	44	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Yoruba	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Congolese	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Krahn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mandinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Senegalese	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Themne	—	—	—	—	—	—
Togolese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central and West African, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Southern and East African, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Afrikaner	23	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	—
Angolan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eritrean	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Ethiopian	37	0.0%	0.2%	33	0.0%	—
Kenyan	41	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	—
Malawian	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Mauritian	257	0.2%	0.3%	258	0.2%	—
Mozambican	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Namibian	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Oromo	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Seychellois	35	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	—
Somali	6	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	—
South African	707	0.4%	0.5%	669	0.4%	—
Tanzanian	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ugandan	25	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	—
Zambian	7	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Zimbabwean	98	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.1%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Shona	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Swahili	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.