

# Community report

## Whitsunday (R)

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

AREA

**Whitsunday (R)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Qld**

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 Whitsunday (R) 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

Whitsunday (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	62	0.2%	0.2%	59	0.2%	0.2%	+3	0.0
Eurasian, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Asian, so described	12	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.1%	0.0%	-6	-0.1
African, so described	20	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.1%	+13	+0.1
European, so described	35	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	0.1%	+15	0.0
Caucasian, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Creole, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	13,303	35.8%	35.3%	13,399	39.7%	37.7%	-96	-3.9
Australian Aboriginal	1,888	5.1%	5.1%	217	0.6%	1.2%	+1,671	+4.5
Australian South Sea Islander	203	0.5%	0.2%	225	0.7%	0.2%	-22	-0.2

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	368	1.0%	1.3%	67	0.2%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	276	0.7%	1.0%	287	0.8%	
New Zealander	412	1.1%	1.2%	395	1.2%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	69	0.2%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	63	0.2%	0.3%	67	0.2%	
Solomon Islander	19	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Cook Islander	15	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Fijian	26	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Niuean	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	58	0.2%	0.2%	31	0.1%	
Tongan	160	0.4%	0.1%	97	0.3%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelauan	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Pitcairn	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Polynesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
North-West European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
British, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
English	14,428	38.8%	39.6%	12,400	36.7%	
Scottish	3,728	10.0%	10.4%	3,233	9.6%	
Welsh	248	0.7%	0.6%	233	0.7%	
Channel Islander	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Manx	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
British, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Irish	3,751	10.1%	10.9%	3,256	9.6%	
Western European, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Austrian	40	0.1%	0.2%	40	0.1%	
Dutch	527	1.4%	1.5%	425	1.3%	
Flemish	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
French	270	0.7%	0.6%	217	0.6%	
German	1,952	5.3%	6.3%	1,781	5.3%	
Swiss	52	0.1%	0.2%	49	0.1%	
Belgian	31	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Frisian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Luxembourg	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Western European, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Northern European, nfd	22	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	151	0.4%	0.5%	156	0.5%	
Finnish	43	0.1%	0.2%	33	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	51	0.1%	0.2%	55	0.2%	
Swedish	81	0.2%	0.2%	72	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	1,185	3.2%	3.2%	989	2.9%	
Maltese	176	0.5%	0.5%	120	0.4%	
Portuguese	34	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.1%	
Spanish	251	0.7%	0.5%	152	0.4%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	21	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Albanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bulgarian	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Croatian	77	0.2%	0.3%	39	0.1%	
Greek	126	0.3%	0.5%	101	0.3%	
Macedonian	15	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Romanian	19	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	27	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Slovene	16	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Cypriot	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Vlach	–	–	–	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Belarusan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czech	37	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Estonian	25	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Hungarian	85	0.2%	0.3%	60	0.2%	
Latvian	12	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Lithuanian	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Polish	168	0.5%	0.5%	137	0.4%	
Russian	75	0.2%	0.3%	55	0.2%	
Slovak	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian	43	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Algerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Egyptian	9	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Iraqi	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Jordanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lebanese	34	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	–
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moroccan	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Palestinian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	–
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jewish	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	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	10	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkish	30	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	–
Assyrian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Lao	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Thai	148	0.4%	0.3%	115	0.3%	–
Vietnamese	96	0.3%	0.2%	80	0.2%	–
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Mainland South-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	468	1.3%	1.3%	366	1.1%	
Indonesian	76	0.2%	0.2%	39	0.1%	
Javanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	36	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South-East Asian, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	385	1.0%	1.6%	431	1.3%	
Taiwanese	51	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.2%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	65	0.2%	0.5%	99	0.3%	
Korean	74	0.2%	0.3%	155	0.5%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Anglo-Indian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bengali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burgher	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Gujarati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	156	0.4%	1.0%	122	0.4%	
Malayali	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepalese	23	0.1%	0.2%	22	0.1%	
Pakistani	11	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Punjabi	28	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.0%	
Sikh	15	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Sinhalese	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Maldivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladeshi	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	40	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Telugu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Armenian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	5	0.0%	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
American	84	0.2%	0.3%	107	0.3%	
Canadian	111	0.3%	0.2%	105	0.3%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Native North American Indian	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Argentinian	41	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Brazilian	10	0.0%	0.2%	13	0.0%	
Chilean	54	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Colombian	24	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Uruguayan	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Venezuelan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Barbadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
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	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghanaian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	11	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South African	136	0.4%	0.6%	116	0.3%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zambian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	20	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.