

Community report

Whittlesea (C)

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

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Whittlesea (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 Whittlesea (C) were Australian, English and Italian.

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

Whittlesea (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	736	0.3%	0.3%	552	0.3%	0.3%	+184	0.0
Eurasian, so described	23	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Asian, so described	368	0.2%	0.1%	141	0.1%	0.1%	+227	+0.1
African, so described	780	0.3%	0.3%	566	0.3%	0.2%	+214	0.0
European, so described	192	0.1%	0.1%	143	0.1%	0.1%	+49	0.0
Caucasian, so described	16	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
Creole, so described	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-7	0.0
Oceanian, nfd	70	0.0%	0.0%	70	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	45,207	19.7%	23.4%	39,446	20.0%	24.0%	+5,761	-0.3
Australian Aboriginal	2,221	1.0%	0.7%	327	0.2%	0.1%	+1,894	+0.8
Australian South Sea Islander	14	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	0.0%	-17	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Torres Strait Islander	166	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	—
Norfolk Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori	823	0.4%	0.4%	619	0.3%	—
New Zealander	844	0.4%	0.6%	835	0.4%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Caledonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ni-Vanuatu	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Papua New Guinean	42	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	—
Solomon Islander	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Micronesian, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
I-Kiribati	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Nauruan	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Micronesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polynesian, nfd	33	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	—
Cook Islander	175	0.1%	0.1%	132	0.1%	—
Fijian	394	0.2%	0.1%	283	0.1%	—
Niuean	37	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	—
Samoan	1,486	0.6%	0.4%	1,085	0.5%	—
Tongan	150	0.1%	0.1%	143	0.1%	—
Hawaiian	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Tahitian	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Tokelauan	18	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Pitcairn	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
British, nfd	61	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
English	40,319	17.6%	25.6%	36,878	18.7%	
Scottish	9,196	4.0%	7.1%	8,576	4.3%	
Welsh	563	0.2%	0.5%	454	0.2%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
British, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Irish	11,183	4.9%	8.3%	11,105	5.6%	
Western European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	228	0.1%	0.2%	231	0.1%	
Dutch	1,498	0.7%	1.5%	1,267	0.6%	
Flemish	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
French	610	0.3%	0.6%	630	0.3%	
German	3,787	1.7%	2.9%	3,593	1.8%	
Swiss	113	0.0%	0.1%	111	0.1%	
Belgian	38	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	30	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	141	0.1%	0.2%	140	0.1%	
Finnish	81	0.0%	0.1%	74	0.0%	
Icelandic	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norwegian	132	0.1%	0.1%	104	0.1%	
Swedish	143	0.1%	0.2%	140	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	27,879	12.2%	6.6%	26,060	13.2%	
Maltese	4,073	1.8%	1.4%	3,934	2.0%	
Portuguese	784	0.3%	0.3%	647	0.3%	
Spanish	1,122	0.5%	0.5%	1,035	0.5%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	272	0.1%	0.1%	359	0.2%	
Albanian	1,125	0.5%	0.2%	931	0.5%	
Bosnian	376	0.2%	0.2%	295	0.1%	
Bulgarian	105	0.0%	0.0%	95	0.0%	
Croatian	1,990	0.9%	0.9%	1,731	0.9%	
Greek	12,211	5.3%	3.5%	11,745	5.9%	
Macedonian	13,979	6.1%	0.9%	13,003	6.6%	
Moldovan	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	45	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Romanian	185	0.1%	0.2%	144	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	34	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Serbian	1,426	0.6%	0.5%	1,069	0.5%	
Slovene	277	0.1%	0.1%	245	0.1%	
Cypriot	1,173	0.5%	0.3%	881	0.4%	
Vlach	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	46	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Belarusan	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czech	99	0.0%	0.1%	94	0.0%	
Estonian	40	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Hungarian	431	0.2%	0.4%	378	0.2%	
Latvian	85	0.0%	0.1%	83	0.0%	
Lithuanian	76	0.0%	0.1%	58	0.0%	
Polish	1,093	0.5%	1.1%	953	0.5%	
Russian	424	0.2%	0.5%	320	0.2%	
Slovak	51	0.0%	0.1%	50	0.0%	
Ukrainian	330	0.1%	0.3%	301	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	716	0.3%	0.1%	190	0.1%	
Arab, nfd	2,366	1.0%	0.3%	1,685	0.9%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Algerian	49	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Egyptian	1,513	0.7%	0.4%	1,333	0.7%	
Iraqi	2,616	1.1%	0.3%	2,145	1.1%	
Jordanian	94	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	47	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Lebanese	5,151	2.2%	1.0%	4,766	2.4%	
Libyan	117	0.1%	0.0%	95	0.0%	
Moroccan	84	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Palestinian	303	0.1%	0.1%	237	0.1%	
Saudi Arabian	31	0.0%	0.0%	136	0.1%	
Syrian	1,399	0.6%	0.2%	1,039	0.5%	
Tunisian	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Yemeni	89	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Bahraini	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Emirati	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Omani	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	
Arab, nec	35	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Jewish	45	0.0%	0.3%	36	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	75	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sudanese	174	0.1%	0.1%	164	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Berber	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Coptic	18	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Iranian	2,434	1.1%	0.5%	1,417	0.7%	
Kurdish	796	0.3%	0.1%	765	0.4%	
Turkish	2,389	1.0%	0.8%	2,183	1.1%	
Assyrian	491	0.2%	0.2%	316	0.2%	
Chaldean	576	0.3%	0.2%	509	0.3%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	19	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	52	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	100	0.0%	0.2%	64	0.0%	
Hmong	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	559	0.2%	0.5%	518	0.3%	
Lao	123	0.1%	0.1%	81	0.0%	
Thai	643	0.3%	0.4%	434	0.2%	
Vietnamese	5,026	2.2%	2.4%	4,705	2.4%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Mon	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Filipino	4,389	1.9%	1.7%	3,127	1.6%	–
Indonesian	630	0.3%	0.4%	454	0.2%	–
Javanese	18	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Madurese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Malay	648	0.3%	0.4%	387	0.2%	–
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	363	0.2%	0.1%	275	0.1%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bruneian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kadazan	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Singaporean	101	0.0%	0.1%	69	0.0%	–
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Chinese	9,907	4.3%	8.3%	8,669	4.4%	–
Taiwanese	106	0.0%	0.1%	75	0.0%	–
Chinese Asian, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese	253	0.1%	0.3%	223	0.1%	–
Korean	422	0.2%	0.4%	277	0.1%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Tibetan	34	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	1,074	0.5%	0.3%	455	0.2%	
Anglo-Indian	168	0.1%	0.1%	138	0.1%	
Bengali	177	0.1%	0.1%	97	0.0%	
Burgher	45	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	229	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.0%	
Indian	18,025	7.9%	5.3%	13,185	6.7%	
Malayali	539	0.2%	0.1%	50	0.0%	
Nepalese	2,373	1.0%	0.4%	590	0.3%	
Pakistani	1,959	0.9%	0.6%	1,100	0.6%	
Punjabi	4,581	2.0%	1.0%	1,606	0.8%	
Sikh	2,173	0.9%	0.5%	1,060	0.5%	
Sinhalese	1,663	0.7%	0.6%	535	0.3%	
Maldivian	13	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	424	0.2%	0.2%	249	0.1%	
Bhutanese	21	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	235	0.1%	0.1%	151	0.1%	
Kashmiri	23	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sindhi	21	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Sri Lankan	2,243	1.0%	1.0%	2,881	1.5%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sri Lankan Tamil	248	0.1%	0.0%	305	0.2%	
Indian Tamil	30	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	1,753	0.8%	0.5%	672	0.3%	
Telugu	294	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	125	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	508	0.2%	0.4%	417	0.2%	
Armenian	155	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	
Georgian	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kazakh	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	65	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Uzbek	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Azeri	14	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Hazara	98	0.0%	0.4%	34	0.0%	
Tajik	18	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tatar	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Turkmen	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Uighur	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	65	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
African American	30	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
American	309	0.1%	0.3%	245	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Canadian	166	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	
French Canadian	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	45	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	24	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	74	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Argentinian	167	0.1%	0.1%	141	0.1%	
Bolivian	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	174	0.1%	0.1%	101	0.1%	
Chilean	286	0.1%	0.2%	239	0.1%	
Colombian	181	0.1%	0.2%	101	0.1%	
Ecuadorian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Peruvian	49	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Uruguayan	44	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Venezuelan	50	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Paraguayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
South American, nec	27	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	104	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	77	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.0%	
Costa Rican	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Cuban	23	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Jamaican	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Akan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	169	0.1%	0.0%	101	0.1%	
Nigerian	196	0.1%	0.0%	150	0.1%	
Yoruba	24	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Liberian	82	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	41	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Congolese	41	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Gio	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	47	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Central and West African, nec	33	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Afrikaner	12	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Angolan	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Eritrean	101	0.0%	0.1%	79	0.0%	
Ethiopian	81	0.0%	0.2%	41	0.0%	
Kenyan	147	0.1%	0.0%	103	0.1%	
Malawian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mauritian	561	0.2%	0.3%	455	0.2%	
Mozambican	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Oromo	22	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Seychellois	58	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Somali	916	0.4%	0.2%	570	0.3%	
South African	463	0.2%	0.5%	347	0.2%	
Tanzanian	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Ugandan	37	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Zambian	21	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Zimbabwean	497	0.2%	0.1%	265	0.1%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	19	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Burundian	30	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	22	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Shona	15	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Swahili	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	54	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.