

# Community report

## Whyalla (C)

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

AREA

**Whyalla (C)**

COMPARISON

**Regional SA**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**31 March 2026**

### 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

Whyalla (C) | Regional SA comparison | Persons  
Community report section 1 of 1

SECTION

01

## Key takeaway

In 2021, the largest ancestry groups among residents in Whyalla (C) were English, Australian and Scottish.

## 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

Whyalla (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	54	0.3%	0.2%	37	0.2%	0.2%	+17	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Asian, so described	11	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.1%	0.0%	-1	0.0
African, so described	33	0.2%	0.1%	34	0.2%	0.1%	-1	0.0
European, so described	6	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.1%	0.1%	-14	-0.1
Caucasian, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	8,320	39.2%	40.5%	9,009	41.3%	42.1%	-689	-2.1
Australian Aboriginal	1,085	5.1%	4.3%	202	0.9%	1.2%	+883	+4.2
Australian South Sea Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Torres Strait Islander	64	0.3%	0.1%	–	–	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	87	0.4%	0.3%	67	0.3%	
New Zealander	68	0.3%	0.4%	66	0.3%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	21	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	
Niuean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tongan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tahitian	–	–	–	–	–	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-West European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
British, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
English	8,861	41.7%	42.0%	9,005	41.3%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Scottish	2,301	10.8%	9.2%	2,387	10.9%	
Welsh	215	1.0%	0.6%	234	1.1%	
Channel Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Manx	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
British, nec	8	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Irish	1,552	7.3%	7.7%	1,682	7.7%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Austrian	44	0.2%	0.2%	39	0.2%	
Dutch	370	1.7%	1.7%	426	2.0%	
Flemish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	70	0.3%	0.4%	103	0.5%	
German	1,497	7.0%	10.7%	1,494	6.8%	
Swiss	9	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Belgian	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Danish	82	0.4%	0.2%	60	0.3%	
Finnish	15	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	16	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Swedish	31	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	480	2.3%	2.2%	474	2.2%	
Maltese	67	0.3%	0.2%	70	0.3%	
Portuguese	15	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Spanish	133	0.6%	0.2%	161	0.7%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	34	0.2%	0.1%	49	0.2%	
Albanian	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnian	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	
Bulgarian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Croatian	182	0.9%	0.4%	156	0.7%	
Greek	245	1.2%	0.8%	239	1.1%	
Macedonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Moldovan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegrin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian	7	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	57	0.3%	0.1%	47	0.2%	
Slovene	7	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Cypriot	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Belarusan	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Czech	8	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Estonian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hungarian	27	0.1%	0.2%	40	0.2%	
Latvian	16	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Lithuanian	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Polish	119	0.6%	0.6%	119	0.5%	
Russian	23	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
Slovak	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ukrainian	27	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Sorb/Wend	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern European, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Arab, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Algerian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Egyptian	24	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Iraqi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jordanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kuwaiti	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Lebanese	11	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Moroccan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Palestinian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Syrian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Tunisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkish	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	25	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Vietnamese	23	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Mon	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Filipino	421	2.0%	0.9%	336	1.5%	
Indonesian	17	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Javanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	10	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Timorese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	112	0.5%	0.5%	124	0.6%	
Taiwanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	7	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Korean	16	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.1%	
Mongolian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tibetan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo–Indian	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bengali	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indian	179	0.8%	0.4%	156	0.7%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Malayali	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Nepalese	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Pakistani	14	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Punjabi	38	0.2%	0.1%	—	—	
Sikh	28	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Sinhalese	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bangladeshi	19	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.1%	
Bhutanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Fijian Indian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sri Lankan	16	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	—	—	—	—	—	
Tamil, nfd	24	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Telugu	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Southern Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Afghan	13	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Armenian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Georgian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kazakh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pathan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Uzbek	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Azeri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Hazara	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
North American, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
African American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
American	23	0.1%	0.2%	18	0.1%	
Canadian	13	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
French Canadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hispanic North American	–	–	–	–	–	
Native North American Indian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Argentinian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bolivian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazilian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chilean	16	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Colombian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guyanese	–	–	–	–	–	
Peruvian	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Uruguayan	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Venezuelan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuban	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Jamaican	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	–	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghanaian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nigerian	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaner	11	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenyan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mozambican	–	–	–	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	–	–	–	
Seychellois	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Somali	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South African	102	0.5%	0.2%	93	0.4%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwean	38	0.2%	0.0%	32	0.1%	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	–	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.