

# Community report

## Willoughby (C)

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

AREA

**Willoughby (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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 Willoughby (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

Willoughby (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	161	0.2%	0.3%	107	0.1%	0.2%	+54	+0.1
Eurasian, so described	18	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	0.0%	-10	0.0
Asian, so described	89	0.1%	0.2%	46	0.1%	0.1%	+43	0.0
African, so described	40	0.1%	0.2%	40	0.1%	0.2%	0	0.0
European, so described	118	0.2%	0.1%	85	0.1%	0.1%	+33	+0.1
Caucasian, so described	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Creole, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	15,120	20.0%	22.3%	15,002	20.2%	23.5%	+118	-0.2
Australian Aboriginal	226	0.3%	1.6%	30	0.0%	0.2%	+196	+0.3
Australian South Sea Islander	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Torres Strait Islander	30	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Norfolk Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Maori	128	0.2%	0.5%	91	0.1%	—
New Zealander	628	0.8%	0.7%	702	0.9%	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
New Caledonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ni-Vanuatu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Papua New Guinean	32	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	—
Solomon Islander	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Micronesian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
I-Kiribati	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nauruan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Micronesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polynesian, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Cook Islander	5	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	—
Fijian	86	0.1%	0.4%	45	0.1%	—
Niuean	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Samoan	27	0.0%	0.6%	25	0.0%	—
Tongan	22	0.0%	0.4%	15	0.0%	—
Hawaiian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tahitian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tokelauan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Tuvaluan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North-West European, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
British, nfd	34	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.1%	–
English	17,755	23.5%	23.8%	18,116	24.4%	23.8%
Scottish	5,276	7.0%	6.0%	5,115	6.9%	6.0%
Welsh	403	0.5%	0.5%	419	0.6%	0.5%
Channel Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Manx	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%
British, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Irish	6,478	8.6%	7.7%	7,059	9.5%	7.7%
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Austrian	217	0.3%	0.2%	195	0.3%	0.2%
Dutch	727	1.0%	0.9%	685	0.9%	0.9%
Flemish	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
French	660	0.9%	0.7%	582	0.8%	0.7%
German	1,800	2.4%	2.3%	1,813	2.4%	2.3%
Swiss	135	0.2%	0.1%	158	0.2%	0.1%
Belgian	51	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	0.1%
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern European, nfd	38	0.1%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Danish	176	0.2%	0.2%	168	0.2%	
Finnish	72	0.1%	0.1%	81	0.1%	
Icelandic	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Norwegian	114	0.2%	0.1%	94	0.1%	
Swedish	185	0.2%	0.2%	157	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Catalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Italian	2,446	3.2%	4.3%	2,355	3.2%	
Maltese	201	0.3%	1.2%	180	0.2%	
Portuguese	228	0.3%	0.5%	174	0.2%	
Spanish	393	0.5%	0.8%	407	0.5%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	45	0.1%	0.1%	57	0.1%	
Albanian	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bosnian	20	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Bulgarian	36	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.1%	
Croatian	765	1.0%	0.8%	675	0.9%	
Greek	982	1.3%	2.4%	897	1.2%	
Macedonian	145	0.2%	0.6%	138	0.2%	
Moldovan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Montenegrin	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Romanian	80	0.1%	0.1%	80	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian	211	0.3%	0.6%	157	0.2%	
Slovene	60	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Cypriot	76	0.1%	0.3%	53	0.1%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	87	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.1%	
Belarusan	20	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Czech	140	0.2%	0.2%	130	0.2%	
Estonian	80	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.1%	
Hungarian	385	0.5%	0.4%	384	0.5%	
Latvian	56	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Lithuanian	68	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.1%	
Polish	622	0.8%	0.8%	553	0.7%	
Russian	482	0.6%	0.6%	459	0.6%	
Slovak	68	0.1%	0.1%	69	0.1%	
Ukrainian	121	0.2%	0.2%	115	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	54	0.1%	0.2%	22	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	50	0.1%	0.6%	70	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Algerian	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Egyptian	156	0.2%	0.5%	115	0.2%	
Iraqi	30	0.0%	0.6%	29	0.0%	
Jordanian	14	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	558	0.7%	3.3%	573	0.8%	
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moroccan	19	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Palestinian	46	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Syrian	28	0.0%	0.3%	37	0.0%	
Tunisian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yemeni	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Arab, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	142	0.2%	0.2%	111	0.1%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Darfur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
South Sudanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudanese	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Iranian	651	0.9%	0.6%	631	0.8%	–
Kurdish	15	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	–
Turkish	104	0.1%	0.6%	78	0.1%	–
Assyrian	17	0.0%	0.6%	21	0.0%	–
Chaldean	–	–	0.2%	4	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	40	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	–
South-East Asian, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burmese	51	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.0%	–
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Khmer (Cambodian)	51	0.1%	0.3%	43	0.1%	–
Lao	38	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.0%	–
Thai	716	0.9%	0.6%	556	0.7%	–

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Vietnamese	568	0.8%	2.3%	431	0.6%	
Karen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	1,310	1.7%	2.5%	1,089	1.5%	
Indonesian	493	0.7%	0.6%	392	0.5%	
Javanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	361	0.5%	0.2%	238	0.3%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	84	0.1%	0.0%	65	0.1%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	24	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
North–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese	20,008	26.5%	10.6%	17,936	24.1%	
Taiwanese	462	0.6%	0.1%	387	0.5%	
Chinese Asian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	1,976	2.6%	0.4%	1,897	2.6%	

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Korean	2,101	2.8%	1.3%	2,675	3.6%	
Mongolian	62	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Tibetan	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	178	0.2%	0.3%	61	0.1%	
Anglo-Indian	20	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Bengali	43	0.1%	0.2%	25	0.0%	
Burgher	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gujarati	15	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Indian	2,985	3.9%	4.5%	2,565	3.5%	
Malayali	25	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Nepalese	514	0.7%	1.3%	403	0.5%	
Pakistani	147	0.2%	0.7%	141	0.2%	
Punjabi	57	0.1%	0.4%	27	0.0%	
Sikh	29	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Sinhalese	100	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.0%	
Maldivian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	73	0.1%	0.5%	51	0.1%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	21	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Kashmiri	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Parsi	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sindhi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Sri Lankan	230	0.3%	0.4%	214	0.3%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	11	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tamil, nfd	147	0.2%	0.5%	34	0.0%	
Telugu	42	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Southern Asian, nec	32	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	39	0.1%	0.3%	37	0.0%	
Armenian	1,048	1.4%	0.3%	1,044	1.4%	
Georgian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	16	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
North American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
African American	17	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
American	329	0.4%	0.3%	285	0.4%	
Canadian	183	0.2%	0.2%	181	0.2%	
French Canadian	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	24	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	42	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Argentinian	45	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Bolivian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Brazilian	179	0.2%	0.3%	94	0.1%	
Chilean	108	0.1%	0.3%	94	0.1%	
Colombian	161	0.2%	0.2%	110	0.1%	
Ecuadorian	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Guyanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peruvian	80	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Uruguayan	21	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Venezuelan	32	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Paraguayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	68	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Costa Rican	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guatemalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Cuban	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaican	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbadian	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	10	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Nigerian	11	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Liberian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Themne	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Afrikaner	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Angolan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kenyan	14	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	62	0.1%	0.2%	48	0.1%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychellois	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South African	509	0.7%	0.6%	486	0.7%	
Tanzanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ugandan	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Zambian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Zimbabwean	18	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	–	–	–	
Zulu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East African, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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

Data basis: usual residence.