

Community report

Wollongong (C)

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

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Wollongong (C)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Wollongong (C) 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

Wollongong (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	473	0.2%	0.2%	403	0.2%	0.2%	+70	0.0
Eurasian, so described	8	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	0.0%	-12	0.0
Asian, so described	103	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	0.0%	+57	0.0
African, so described	225	0.1%	0.1%	238	0.1%	0.1%	-13	0.0
European, so described	259	0.1%	0.1%	141	0.1%	0.1%	+118	0.0
Caucasian, so described	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	40	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Australian	74,469	34.7%	40.2%	70,590	34.7%	42.5%	+3,879	0.0
Australian Aboriginal	6,673	3.1%	6.1%	796	0.4%	0.8%	+5,877	+2.7
Australian South Sea Islander	14	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	0.0%	-17	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Torres Strait Islander	252	0.1%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	1,087	0.5%	0.4%	854	0.4%	
New Zealander	1,483	0.7%	0.6%	1,471	0.7%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Papua New Guinean	62	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	19	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Nauruan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nfd	36	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Cook Islander	294	0.1%	0.0%	287	0.1%	
Fijian	323	0.2%	0.1%	248	0.1%	
Niuean	49	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Samoan	276	0.1%	0.1%	194	0.1%	
Tongan	362	0.2%	0.1%	321	0.2%	
Hawaiian	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tahitian	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Tokelauan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tuvaluan	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Pitcairn	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Polynesian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
North-West European, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
British, nfd	84	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	
English	76,824	35.8%	40.9%	72,789	35.7%	4
Scottish	21,100	9.8%	10.7%	19,688	9.7%	1
Welsh	2,164	1.0%	0.7%	1,928	0.9%	
Channel Islander	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Manx	27	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
British, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Irish	22,031	10.3%	11.8%	22,205	10.9%	1
Western European, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Austrian	650	0.3%	0.2%	584	0.3%	
Dutch	3,982	1.9%	1.4%	3,455	1.7%	
Flemish	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
French	1,215	0.6%	0.5%	1,092	0.5%	
German	8,022	3.7%	4.2%	7,612	3.7%	
Swiss	223	0.1%	0.1%	181	0.1%	
Belgian	109	0.1%	0.0%	100	0.0%	
Frisian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Luxembourg	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Western European, nec	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Northern European, nfd	116	0.1%	0.0%	53	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Danish	514	0.2%	0.2%	477	0.2%	
Finnish	405	0.2%	0.1%	360	0.2%	
Icelandic	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Norwegian	365	0.2%	0.1%	323	0.2%	
Swedish	446	0.2%	0.2%	320	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Catalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Italian	13,003	6.1%	2.8%	12,114	5.9%	
Maltese	2,428	1.1%	0.5%	2,124	1.0%	
Portuguese	2,000	0.9%	0.2%	1,905	0.9%	
Spanish	1,888	0.9%	0.4%	1,711	0.8%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	344	0.2%	0.1%	533	0.3%	
Albanian	289	0.1%	0.0%	206	0.1%	
Bosnian	217	0.1%	0.0%	218	0.1%	
Bulgarian	71	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Croatian	2,189	1.0%	0.4%	1,839	0.9%	
Greek	3,566	1.7%	0.6%	3,232	1.6%	
Macedonian	6,989	3.3%	0.5%	6,597	3.2%	
Moldovan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Montenegrin	28	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Romanian	102	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.0%	
Roma Gypsy	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Serbian	2,369	1.1%	0.2%	1,908	0.9%	
Slovene	412	0.2%	0.1%	351	0.2%	
Cypriot	496	0.2%	0.1%	375	0.2%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	103	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Belarusan	26	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Czech	277	0.1%	0.1%	214	0.1%	
Estonian	171	0.1%	0.1%	122	0.1%	
Hungarian	881	0.4%	0.2%	734	0.4%	
Latvian	261	0.1%	0.1%	254	0.1%	
Lithuanian	146	0.1%	0.1%	144	0.1%	
Polish	1,954	0.9%	0.6%	1,640	0.8%	
Russian	589	0.3%	0.2%	548	0.3%	
Slovak	124	0.1%	0.0%	92	0.0%	
Ukrainian	543	0.3%	0.2%	471	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	157	0.1%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	603	0.3%	0.1%	651	0.3%	
Algerian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Egyptian	260	0.1%	0.1%	217	0.1%	
Iraqi	306	0.1%	0.1%	307	0.2%	
Jordanian	38	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Lebanese	2,159	1.0%	0.3%	1,864	0.9%	
Libyan	89	0.0%	0.0%	141	0.1%	
Moroccan	25	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Palestinian	84	0.0%	0.0%	77	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	30	0.0%	0.0%	87	0.0%	
Syrian	460	0.2%	0.0%	427	0.2%	
Tunisian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yemeni	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Emirati	–	–	–	–	–	
Omani	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Arab, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Jewish	113	0.1%	0.0%	71	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nuer	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudanese	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sudanese	39	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Berber	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Coptic	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Iranian	380	0.2%	0.1%	435	0.2%	
Kurdish	75	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Turkish	1,301	0.6%	0.1%	1,156	0.6%	
Assyrian	182	0.1%	0.0%	138	0.1%	
Chaldean	21	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Mandaean	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Nubian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Yezidi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	38	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Anglo-Burmese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Burmese	209	0.1%	0.0%	203	0.1%	
Hmong	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Khmer (Cambodian)	95	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Lao	76	0.0%	0.0%	81	0.0%	
Thai	780	0.4%	0.2%	626	0.3%	
Vietnamese	1,240	0.6%	0.2%	1,235	0.6%	
Karen	220	0.1%	0.0%	108	0.1%	
Mon	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Chin	18	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	71	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Filipino	2,167	1.0%	0.8%	1,583	0.8%	
Indonesian	357	0.2%	0.1%	334	0.2%	
Javanese	21	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Malay	147	0.1%	0.1%	175	0.1%	
Sundanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Balinese	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Singaporean	31	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chinese	4,298	2.0%	1.0%	5,128	2.5%	
Taiwanese	64	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	369	0.2%	0.1%	284	0.1%	
Korean	474	0.2%	0.1%	399	0.2%	
Mongolian	31	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Tibetan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	119	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Anglo-Indian	20	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Bengali	78	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Burgher	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gujarati	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Indian	2,853	1.3%	0.8%	2,128	1.0%	
Malayali	159	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nepalese	365	0.2%	0.2%	107	0.1%	
Pakistani	496	0.2%	0.1%	313	0.2%	
Punjabi	162	0.1%	0.2%	13	0.0%	
Sikh	70	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Sinhalese	136	0.1%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Maldivian	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	187	0.1%	0.1%	115	0.1%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fijian Indian	51	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Kashmiri	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Parsi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sri Lankan	276	0.1%	0.1%	351	0.2%	
Sri Lankan Tamil	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	155	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Telugu	74	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	43	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	68	0.0%	0.0%	73	0.0%	
Armenian	86	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Georgian	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kazakh	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pathan	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uzbek	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Azeri	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hazara	22	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Turkmen	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	40	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
North American, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
African American	40	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
American	764	0.4%	0.3%	527	0.3%	
Canadian	440	0.2%	0.2%	339	0.2%	
French Canadian	16	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	19	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	66	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nfd	150	0.1%	0.0%	136	0.1%	
Argentinian	151	0.1%	0.0%	128	0.1%	
Bolivian	9	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Brazilian	209	0.1%	0.1%	118	0.1%	
Chilean	925	0.4%	0.1%	838	0.4%	
Colombian	129	0.1%	0.0%	67	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guyanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Peruvian	127	0.1%	0.0%	107	0.1%	
Uruguayan	230	0.1%	0.0%	152	0.1%	
Venezuelan	31	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Paraguayan	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Central American, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mexican	93	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Salvadoran	44	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Costa Rican	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Guatemalan	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Central American, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Cuban	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Jamaican	32	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Barbadian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	30	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Nigerian	68	0.0%	0.0%	89	0.0%	
Yoruba	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Liberian	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congolese	176	0.1%	0.0%	100	0.0%	
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Togolese	14	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Central and West African, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Afrikaner	26	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Eritrean	71	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Ethiopian	46	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Kenyan	38	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Malawian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritian	90	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Namibian	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Seychellois	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somali	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South African	760	0.4%	0.3%	526	0.3%	
Tanzanian	30	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Ugandan	13	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Zambian	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Zimbabwean	80	0.0%	0.0%	88	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burundian	55	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	–	–	–	
Rwandan	–	–	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Shona	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Swahili	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.