

# Community report

## Yarra (C)

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

AREA

**Yarra (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 Yarra (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

Yarra (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	230	0.3%	0.3%	230	0.3%	0.3%	0	0.0
Eurasian, so described	11	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%	-8	0.0
Asian, so described	22	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	0.1%	+9	0.0
African, so described	255	0.3%	0.3%	253	0.3%	0.2%	+2	0.0
European, so described	122	0.1%	0.1%	99	0.1%	0.1%	+23	0.0
Caucasian, so described	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Creole, so described	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceanian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australian	22,315	24.8%	23.4%	20,097	23.2%	24.0%	+2,218	+1.6
Australian Aboriginal	519	0.6%	0.7%	79	0.1%	0.1%	+440	+0.5
Australian South Sea Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Torres Strait Islander	44	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Norfolk Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori	365	0.4%	0.4%	273	0.3%	
New Zealander	924	1.0%	0.6%	1,022	1.2%	
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Caledonian	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ni-Vanuatu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinean	24	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
I-Kiribati	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nauruan	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Polynesian, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cook Islander	29	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Fijian	68	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
Niuean	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Samoan	58	0.1%	0.4%	63	0.1%	
Tongan	29	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Hawaiian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tahitian	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Pitcairn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polynesian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
North-West European, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
British, nfd	47	0.1%	0.0%	50	0.1%	—
English	30,539	33.9%	25.6%	27,476	31.7%	25.6%
Scottish	10,772	12.0%	7.1%	9,310	10.7%	7.1%
Welsh	761	0.8%	0.5%	693	0.8%	0.5%
Channel Islander	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Manx	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
British, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Irish	14,221	15.8%	8.3%	13,078	15.1%	8.3%
Western European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Austrian	293	0.3%	0.2%	256	0.3%	0.2%
Dutch	1,635	1.8%	1.5%	1,326	1.5%	1.5%
Flemish	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
French	1,010	1.1%	0.6%	956	1.1%	0.6%
German	3,804	4.2%	2.9%	3,444	4.0%	2.9%
Swiss	238	0.3%	0.1%	208	0.2%	0.1%
Belgian	103	0.1%	0.0%	82	0.1%	0.0%
Frisian	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Luxembourg	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Western European, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Northern European, nfd	53	0.1%	0.0%	42	0.0%	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	334	0.4%	0.2%	289	0.3%	
Finnish	126	0.1%	0.1%	105	0.1%	
Icelandic	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norwegian	206	0.2%	0.1%	160	0.2%	
Swedish	297	0.3%	0.2%	243	0.3%	
Northern European, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Catalan	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Italian	5,912	6.6%	6.6%	5,164	6.0%	
Maltese	582	0.6%	1.4%	467	0.5%	
Portuguese	230	0.3%	0.3%	159	0.2%	
Spanish	597	0.7%	0.5%	552	0.6%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	66	0.1%	0.1%	114	0.1%	
Albanian	66	0.1%	0.2%	58	0.1%	
Bosnian	77	0.1%	0.2%	58	0.1%	
Bulgarian	41	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Croatian	688	0.8%	0.9%	555	0.6%	
Greek	3,448	3.8%	3.5%	3,315	3.8%	
Macedonian	430	0.5%	0.9%	325	0.4%	
Moldovan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	17	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Romanian	111	0.1%	0.2%	94	0.1%	
Roma Gypsy	16	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbian	376	0.4%	0.5%	266	0.3%	
Slovene	141	0.2%	0.1%	110	0.1%	
Cypriot	222	0.2%	0.3%	141	0.2%	
Vlach	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nfd	85	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Belarusan	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Czech	173	0.2%	0.1%	132	0.2%	
Estonian	85	0.1%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Hungarian	389	0.4%	0.4%	361	0.4%	
Latvian	151	0.2%	0.1%	121	0.1%	
Lithuanian	131	0.1%	0.1%	117	0.1%	
Polish	1,185	1.3%	1.1%	963	1.1%	
Russian	466	0.5%	0.5%	365	0.4%	
Slovak	69	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
Ukrainian	260	0.3%	0.3%	202	0.2%	
Sorb/Wend	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	71	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Arab, nfd	65	0.1%	0.3%	75	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Algerian	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Egyptian	187	0.2%	0.4%	150	0.2%	
Iraqi	35	0.0%	0.3%	32	0.0%	
Jordanian	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanese	356	0.4%	1.0%	290	0.3%	
Libyan	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Moroccan	39	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Palestinian	26	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Saudi Arabian	4	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Syrian	42	0.0%	0.2%	31	0.0%	
Tunisian	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yemeni	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jewish	325	0.4%	0.3%	168	0.2%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	53	0.1%	0.0%	51	0.1%	
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dinka	5	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
South Sudanese	108	0.1%	0.1%	169	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sudanese	170	0.2%	0.1%	273	0.3%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	244	0.3%	0.5%	190	0.2%	
Kurdish	25	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Turkish	391	0.4%	0.8%	326	0.4%	
Assyrian	12	0.0%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Chaldean	4	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	69	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
South-East Asian, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burmese	49	0.1%	0.2%	46	0.1%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	88	0.1%	0.5%	74	0.1%	
Lao	38	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	
Thai	333	0.4%	0.4%	320	0.4%	
Vietnamese	3,063	3.4%	2.4%	3,342	3.9%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Karen	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Mon	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Chin	9	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	–
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Filipino	768	0.9%	1.7%	513	0.6%	–
Indonesian	264	0.3%	0.4%	226	0.3%	–
Javanese	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Madurese	–	–	–	–	–	–
Malay	394	0.4%	0.4%	282	0.3%	–
Sundanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Timorese	171	0.2%	0.1%	224	0.3%	–
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Balinese	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Kadazan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Singaporean	76	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.1%	–
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Chinese	5,504	6.1%	8.3%	5,430	6.3%	–
Taiwanese	104	0.1%	0.1%	96	0.1%	–
Chinese Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Japanese	400	0.4%	0.3%	382	0.4%	–
Korean	271	0.3%	0.4%	235	0.3%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Tibetan	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other North-East Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nfd	29	0.0%	0.3%	10	0.0%	
Anglo-Indian	44	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Bengali	17	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Burgher	28	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Gujarati	4	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Indian	1,405	1.6%	5.3%	1,158	1.3%	
Malayali	11	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Nepalese	95	0.1%	0.4%	62	0.1%	
Pakistani	77	0.1%	0.6%	81	0.1%	
Punjabi	25	0.0%	1.0%	14	0.0%	
Sikh	8	0.0%	0.5%	9	0.0%	
Sinhalese	141	0.2%	0.6%	32	0.0%	
Maldivian	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bangladeshi	32	0.0%	0.2%	20	0.0%	
Bhutanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian Indian	18	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Kashmiri	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Parsi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sri Lankan	440	0.5%	1.0%	411	0.5%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sri Lankan Tamil	20	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	116	0.1%	0.5%	25	0.0%	
Telugu	11	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	14	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	51	0.1%	0.4%	64	0.1%	
Armenian	49	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Georgian	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kazakh	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azeri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hazara	29	0.0%	0.4%	10	0.0%	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kyrgyz	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	48	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
North American, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
African American	26	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
American	525	0.6%	0.3%	413	0.5%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Canadian	270	0.3%	0.1%	219	0.3%	
French Canadian	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	26	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	25	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Bermudan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	39	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Argentinian	75	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Bolivian	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Brazilian	132	0.1%	0.1%	103	0.1%	
Chilean	155	0.2%	0.2%	160	0.2%	
Colombian	206	0.2%	0.2%	164	0.2%	
Ecuadorian	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Guyanese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peruvian	47	0.1%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Uruguayan	20	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Venezuelan	32	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South American, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mexican	98	0.1%	0.1%	76	0.1%	
Nicaraguan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Salvadoran	31	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Costa Rican	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mayan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Cuban	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jamaican	34	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Barbadian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	32	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Nigerian	30	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	10	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Krahn	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mandinka	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Senegalese	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Themne	—	—	—	—	—	—
Togolese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central and West African, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Southern and East African, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	—
Afrikaner	26	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Angolan	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Eritrean	210	0.2%	0.1%	237	0.3%	—
Ethiopian	386	0.4%	0.2%	373	0.4%	—
Kenyan	36	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	—
Malawian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mauritian	132	0.1%	0.3%	103	0.1%	—
Mozambican	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Namibian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Oromo	172	0.2%	0.0%	137	0.2%	—
Seychellois	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Somali	456	0.5%	0.2%	437	0.5%	—
South African	364	0.4%	0.5%	296	0.3%	—
Tanzanian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ugandan	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Zambian	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Zimbabwean	35	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Amhara	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Tigre	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.