

Community report

Yarra Ranges (S)

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

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Yarra Ranges (S)

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 Ranges (S) 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 Ranges (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	282	0.2%	0.3%	308	0.2%	0.3%	-26	0.0
Eurasian, so described	22	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	0.0%	-15	0.0
Asian, so described	35	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	0.1%	+23	0.0
African, so described	136	0.1%	0.3%	86	0.1%	0.2%	+50	0.0
European, so described	179	0.1%	0.1%	99	0.1%	0.1%	+80	0.0
Caucasian, so described	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, so described	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Oceanian, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Australian Peoples, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australian	61,354	39.3%	23.4%	58,482	39.1%	24.0%	+2,872	+0.2
Australian Aboriginal	1,654	1.1%	0.7%	179	0.1%	0.1%	+1,475	+1.0
Australian South Sea Islander	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Torres Strait Islander	134	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Norfolk Islander	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
New Zealand Peoples, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Maori	383	0.2%	0.4%	336	0.2%	–
New Zealander	1,159	0.7%	0.6%	1,148	0.8%	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
New Caledonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ni-Vanuatu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Papua New Guinean	31	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Solomon Islander	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Melanesian and Papuan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Micronesian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
I-Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauruan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Micronesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Polynesian, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Cook Islander	18	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–
Fijian	96	0.1%	0.1%	87	0.1%	–
Niuean	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Samoan	94	0.1%	0.4%	88	0.1%	–
Tongan	65	0.0%	0.1%	94	0.1%	–
Hawaiian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tahitian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tokelauan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tuvaluan	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pitcairn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesian, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
North-West European, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
British, nfd	64	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	
English	67,602	43.3%	25.6%	64,495	43.1%	25.6%
Scottish	17,490	11.2%	7.1%	16,597	11.1%	
Welsh	1,150	0.7%	0.5%	1,030	0.7%	
Channel Islander	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Manx	23	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
British, nec	32	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Irish	17,727	11.4%	8.3%	17,569	11.7%	
Western European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Austrian	529	0.3%	0.2%	488	0.3%	
Dutch	7,072	4.5%	1.5%	6,613	4.4%	
Flemish	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
French	995	0.6%	0.6%	950	0.6%	
German	7,891	5.1%	2.9%	7,491	5.0%	
Swiss	396	0.3%	0.1%	377	0.3%	
Belgian	140	0.1%	0.0%	118	0.1%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Western European, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Northern European, nfd	84	0.1%	0.0%	49	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Danish	415	0.3%	0.2%	382	0.3%	
Finnish	138	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.1%	
Icelandic	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norwegian	250	0.2%	0.1%	206	0.1%	
Swedish	327	0.2%	0.2%	331	0.2%	
Northern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Southern and Eastern European, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern European, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Basque	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Catalan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Italian	7,427	4.8%	6.6%	6,595	4.4%	
Maltese	906	0.6%	1.4%	846	0.6%	
Portuguese	220	0.1%	0.3%	152	0.1%	
Spanish	432	0.3%	0.5%	420	0.3%	
Gibraltarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern European, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern European, nfd	130	0.1%	0.1%	184	0.1%	
Albanian	125	0.1%	0.2%	119	0.1%	
Bosnian	61	0.0%	0.2%	43	0.0%	
Bulgarian	13	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Croatian	693	0.4%	0.9%	481	0.3%	
Greek	1,499	1.0%	3.5%	1,216	0.8%	
Macedonian	220	0.1%	0.9%	175	0.1%	
Moldovan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Montenegrin	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Romanian	189	0.1%	0.2%	153	0.1%	—
Roma Gypsy	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Serbian	258	0.2%	0.5%	169	0.1%	—
Slovene	196	0.1%	0.1%	140	0.1%	—
Cypriot	168	0.1%	0.3%	100	0.1%	—
Vlach	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
South Eastern European, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Eastern European, nfd	90	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.1%	—
Belarusan	31	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	—
Czech	249	0.2%	0.1%	213	0.1%	—
Estonian	83	0.1%	0.0%	69	0.0%	—
Hungarian	745	0.5%	0.4%	698	0.5%	—
Latvian	218	0.1%	0.1%	193	0.1%	—
Lithuanian	118	0.1%	0.1%	110	0.1%	—
Polish	1,490	1.0%	1.1%	1,294	0.9%	—
Russian	456	0.3%	0.5%	382	0.3%	—
Slovak	53	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	—
Ukrainian	331	0.2%	0.3%	255	0.2%	—
Sorb/Wend	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern European, nec	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	25	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	—
Arab, nfd	23	0.0%	0.3%	23	0.0%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Algerian	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Egyptian	158	0.1%	0.4%	85	0.1%	–
Iraqi	10	0.0%	0.3%	12	0.0%	–
Jordanian	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kuwaiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lebanese	289	0.2%	1.0%	239	0.2%	–
Libyan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Moroccan	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Palestinian	14	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	–
Saudi Arabian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syrian	20	0.0%	0.2%	17	0.0%	–
Tunisian	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Yemeni	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bahraini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Emirati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Omani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Qatari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arab, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jewish	110	0.1%	0.3%	90	0.1%	–
Peoples of the Sudan, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nuer	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
South Sudanese	–	–	0.1%	30	0.0%	–

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Sudanese	34	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Peoples of the Sudan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Berber	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iranian	371	0.2%	0.5%	154	0.1%	
Kurdish	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Turkish	116	0.1%	0.8%	91	0.1%	
Assyrian	3	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Chaldean	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nubian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec	70	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.0%	
South-East Asian, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anglo-Burmese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	685	0.4%	0.2%	263	0.2%	
Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer (Cambodian)	123	0.1%	0.5%	81	0.1%	
Lao	26	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Thai	347	0.2%	0.4%	247	0.2%	
Vietnamese	262	0.2%	2.4%	174	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Karen	143	0.1%	0.1%	72	0.0%	
Mon	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin	885	0.6%	0.1%	711	0.5%	
Rohingya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South–East Asian, nec	131	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Maritime South–East Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Filipino	892	0.6%	1.7%	694	0.5%	
Indonesian	234	0.1%	0.4%	141	0.1%	
Javanese	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Madurese	–	–	–	–	–	
Malay	165	0.1%	0.4%	115	0.1%	
Sundanese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	8	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Acehnese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Balinese	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bruneian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kadazan	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Singaporean	31	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Maritime South–East Asian, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chinese	2,708	1.7%	8.3%	1,923	1.3%	
Taiwanese	38	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Chinese Asian, nec	24	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Japanese	260	0.2%	0.3%	193	0.1%	
Korean	154	0.1%	0.4%	80	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mongolian	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Tibetan	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Other North-East Asian, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern and Central Asian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Southern Asian, nfd	43	0.0%	0.3%	11	0.0%	—
Anglo-Indian	88	0.1%	0.1%	94	0.1%	—
Bengali	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Burgher	28	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Gujarati	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Indian	1,638	1.0%	5.3%	1,102	0.7%	—
Malayali	19	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	—
Nepalese	96	0.1%	0.4%	55	0.0%	—
Pakistani	66	0.0%	0.6%	34	0.0%	—
Punjabi	130	0.1%	1.0%	44	0.0%	—
Sikh	57	0.0%	0.5%	38	0.0%	—
Sinhalese	206	0.1%	0.6%	52	0.0%	—
Maldivian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bangladeshi	38	0.0%	0.2%	13	0.0%	—
Bhutanese	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Fijian Indian	15	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	—
Kashmiri	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Parsi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sindhi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sri Lankan	618	0.4%	1.0%	488	0.3%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sri Lankan Tamil	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Indian Tamil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tamil, nfd	70	0.0%	0.5%	9	0.0%	
Telugu	8	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Southern Asian, nec	22	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Central Asian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghan	19	0.0%	0.4%	17	0.0%	
Armenian	63	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.0%	
Georgian	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pathan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbek	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Azeri	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hazara	5	0.0%	0.4%	–	–	
Tajik	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uighur	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyz	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central Asian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peoples of the Americas, nfd	20	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
North American, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African American	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
American	515	0.3%	0.3%	483	0.3%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Canadian	325	0.2%	0.1%	264	0.2%	
French Canadian	20	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hispanic North American	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Native North American Indian	34	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Bermudan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
North American, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nfd	42	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Argentinian	60	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Bolivian	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Brazilian	46	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Chilean	129	0.1%	0.2%	133	0.1%	
Colombian	42	0.0%	0.2%	29	0.0%	
Ecuadorian	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guyanese	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peruvian	32	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Uruguayan	40	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Venezuelan	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Paraguayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South American, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexican	56	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Nicaraguan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvadoran	30	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Costa Rican	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guatemalan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central American, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Caribbean Islander, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Cuban	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Jamaican	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Trinidadian Tobagonian	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Barbadian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean Islander, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sub-Saharan African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West African, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fulani	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghanaian	19	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Nigerian	24	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Yoruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ivorean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Sierra Leonean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroonian	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Congolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Igbo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Krahn	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegalese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Themne	–	–	–	–	–	–
Togolese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West African, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Southern and East African, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Afrikaner	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Angolan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Eritrean	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Ethiopian	21	0.0%	0.2%	22	0.0%	–
Kenyan	26	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Malawian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritian	234	0.1%	0.3%	189	0.1%	–
Mozambican	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Seychellois	44	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Somali	–	–	0.2%	9	0.0%	–
South African	813	0.5%	0.5%	715	0.5%	–
Tanzanian	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Ugandan	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Zambian	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Zimbabwean	71	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Amhara	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Batswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hutu	–	–	–	–	–	
Masai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigrayan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tigre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zulu	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burundian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ogaden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwandan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Swahili	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swazilander	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and East African, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

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

Data basis: usual residence.