

## AUSTRALIA'S ETHNIC DIVERSITY-2017

Australia is a uniquely diverse country.

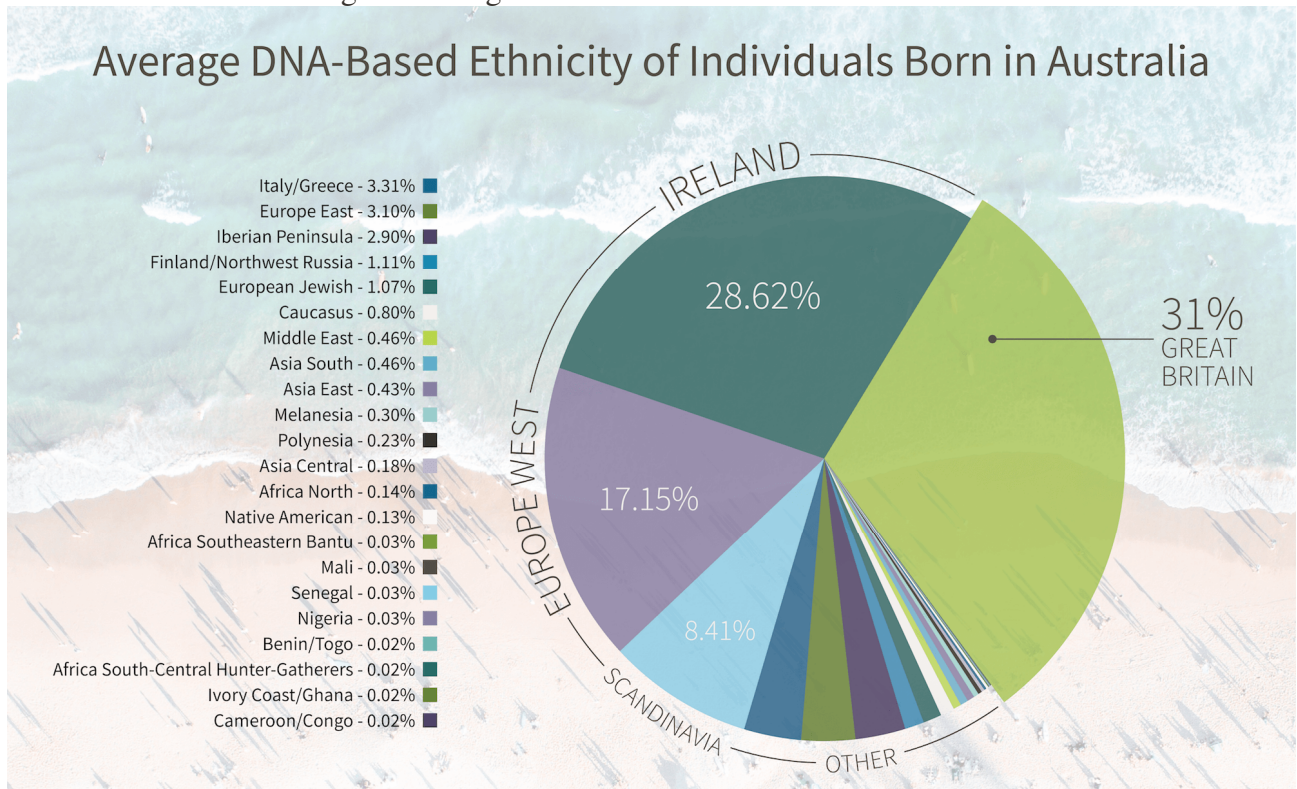
In addition to being home to one of the oldest continuous cultures on earth, Australia is now home to people from [nearly 200 countries](#).

And while many Australians know their recent family histories, DNA testing now allows them to learn more about where they come from than ever before.

At Ancestry, we looked at the results of Aussies who have taken an [AncestryDNA](#) test to discover the make-up of modern Australia.

### The Ethnic Makeup of Modern Australia

The ethnicities with the highest averages for Australians were Great Britain and Ireland.



Data based on insights from Australian-born AncestryDNA test-takers who've received results as of December 2017.

According to our study, the average Australian is:

- 31.00% British
- 28.62% Irish
- 17.15% Western European (primarily French and German)

The top two most common ethnic regions, Great Britain and Ireland, align with the [top reported ancestries](#) in the 2016 Australian census.

The study showed a higher percentage of Irish ethnicity than one would have expected (28.6%), given that only 7.6% of the population reported having Irish ethnicity in the census.

<https://blogs.ancestry.com.au/cm/the-make-up-of-the-modern-australian/>