

When the ice retreated genetically homogenous groups recolonized the north, where they are still found in high frequencies. Some 70 percent of men in southern England are *R1b*. In parts of Spain and Ireland that number exceeds 90 percent.

There are many sublineages within *R1b* that are yet to be defined. The Genographic Project hopes to bring future clarity to the disparate parts of this distinctive European lineage.