

Community report

Adelaide (C)

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

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Adelaide (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Adelaide

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Birthplace

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.

Birthplace

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Key takeaway

In 2021, 45.4% (11,363) of people in Adelaide (C) were born overseas, compared with 27.6% in Greater Adelaide. A further 47.5% (11,893) of people were born in Australia.

About this topic

Birthplace records the country in which a person was born. It is a core measure of migration history and cultural diversity and helps distinguish Australia-born and overseas-born populations.

This topic is useful for understanding settlement patterns and the likely language, service, and support needs of different communities. It should be interpreted together with ancestry, language used at home, and religion for a fuller view of cultural diversity.

Interpretation notes

- Country of birth measures birthplace only; it does not capture ancestry, ethnicity, or current citizenship on its own.
- Use birthplace with ancestry and language when interpreting cultural background, because many cultural groups include both Australia-born and overseas-born people.

Birthplace - Ranked by size

Adelaide (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	22	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	0.1%	+5	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	11,893	47.5%	68.7%	10,050	45.5%	68.2%	+1,843	+2.0
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
New Zealand	222	0.9%	0.7%	211	1.0%	0.8%	+11	-0.1
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	32	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	0.1%	+14	0.0
Solomon Islands	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Cook Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fiji	13	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	–
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoa	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tonga	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	21	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	–
England	1,003	4.0%	5.7%	879	4.0%	–
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern Ireland	24	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	–
Scotland	115	0.5%	0.7%	116	0.5%	–
Wales	25	0.1%	0.2%	28	0.1%	–
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ireland	66	0.3%	0.2%	59	0.3%	–
Austria	12	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.1%	–
Belgium	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
France	72	0.3%	0.1%	64	0.3%	–
Germany	119	0.5%	0.6%	97	0.4%	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Netherlands	59	0.2%	0.3%	43	0.2%	
Switzerland	11	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.1%	
Denmark	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Finland	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.1%	
Sweden	14	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.1%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	167	0.7%	1.1%	165	0.7%	
Malta	9	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Portugal	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Spain	31	0.1%	0.0%	67	0.3%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	18	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Albania	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	0.0%	0.2%	16	0.1%	
Bulgaria	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Croatia	34	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.1%	
Cyprus	5	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
North Macedonia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Greece	86	0.3%	0.5%	89	0.4%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romania	20	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Slovenia	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbia	26	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Europe, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Belarus	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Czechia	13	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Estonia	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Hungary	18	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	–
Latvia	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.1%	–
Lithuania	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Poland	59	0.2%	0.3%	45	0.2%	–
Russian Federation	56	0.2%	0.1%	38	0.2%	–
Slovakia	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ukraine	18	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	–
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Algeria	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Egypt	36	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	–
Libya	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Morocco	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudan	12	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.1%	–
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Sudan	9	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bahrain	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gaza Strip and West Bank	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Iran	182	0.7%	0.4%	136	0.6%	–
Iraq	27	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	–
Israel	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Jordan	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Kuwait	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Lebanon	23	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	–
Oman	5	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.3%	–
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Saudi Arabia	75	0.3%	0.1%	132	0.6%	–
Syria	6	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.1%	–
Turkey	33	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
United Arab Emirates	35	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.1%	–
Yemen	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Myanmar	25	0.1%	0.2%	32	0.1%	–
Cambodia	37	0.1%	0.3%	15	0.1%	–
Laos	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Thailand	104	0.4%	0.2%	102	0.5%	–
Vietnam	422	1.7%	1.2%	209	0.9%	–
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Brunei Darussalam	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Indonesia	118	0.5%	0.2%	81	0.4%	
Malaysia	720	2.9%	0.6%	744	3.4%	
Philippines	314	1.3%	0.9%	145	0.7%	
Singapore	287	1.1%	0.2%	293	1.3%	
Timor-Leste	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	3,004	12.0%	1.8%	2,873	13.0%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	525	2.1%	0.3%	450	2.0%	
Macau (SAR of China)	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.1%	
Mongolia	13	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	135	0.5%	0.1%	102	0.5%	
Japan	111	0.4%	0.1%	108	0.5%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	–	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	314	1.3%	0.3%	303	1.4%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	58	0.2%	0.2%	46	0.2%	
Bhutan	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
India	850	3.4%	3.1%	463	2.1%	
Maldives	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	73	0.3%	0.5%	16	0.1%	
Pakistan	84	0.3%	0.4%	56	0.3%	
Sri Lanka	134	0.5%	0.4%	87	0.4%	
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Afghanistan	28	0.1%	0.6%	20	0.1%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	96	0.4%	0.2%	79	0.4%	
United States of America	188	0.8%	0.3%	168	0.8%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	23	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bolivia	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Brazil	125	0.5%	0.1%	146	0.7%	
Chile	15	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Colombia	103	0.4%	0.1%	49	0.2%	
Ecuador	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Guyana	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	14	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uruguay	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Venezuela	23	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.1%	–
Belize	–	–	–	–	–	–
Costa Rica	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
El Salvador	12	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mexico	26	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.1%	–
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Panama	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jamaica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Martinique	–	–	–	–	–	–
Puerto Rico	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
St Lucia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Trinidad and Tobago	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Virgin Islands, British	–	–	–	–	–	–
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Cabo Verde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congo, Republic of	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Congo, Democratic Republic of	9	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ghana	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberia	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Niger	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nigeria	13	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burundi	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrea	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ethiopia	12	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.1%	–
Kenya	31	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	–
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mauritius	15	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.1%	–
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwanda	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Somalia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
South Africa	125	0.5%	0.5%	101	0.5%	–
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tanzania	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Uganda	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Zambia	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Zimbabwe	29	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	–
Not stated	1,771	7.1%	3.7%	2,249	10.2%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Total	25,027	100.0%	100.0%	22,067	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.