

Community report

Ballarat (C)

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

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Ballarat (C)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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, 11.3% (12,809) of people in Ballarat (C) were born overseas, compared with 12.4% in Regional Vic.. A further 83.7% (95,208) 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

Ballarat (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	18	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	0.0%	-10	0.0
At sea	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	95,208	83.7%	81.0%	85,069	83.7%	80.7%	+10,139	0.0
Norfolk Island	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
New Zealand	969	0.9%	1.0%	765	0.8%	1.0%	+204	+0.1
New Caledonia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Papua New Guinea	39	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Solomon Islands	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Vanuatu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Kiribati	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Marshall Islands	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Micronesia, Federated States of	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Nauru	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cook Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fiji	70	0.1%	0.1%	72	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Samoa, American	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
England	2,454	2.2%	2.6%	2,074	2.0%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	83	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.1%	
Scotland	372	0.3%	0.4%	358	0.4%	
Wales	71	0.1%	0.1%	69	0.1%	
Guernsey	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ireland	181	0.2%	0.2%	135	0.1%	
Austria	48	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Belgium	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
France	61	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Germany	310	0.3%	0.4%	283	0.3%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	495	0.4%	0.4%	538	0.5%	
Switzerland	20	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Denmark	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Finland	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sweden	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	–	–	–	
Gibraltar	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	173	0.2%	0.4%	174	0.2%	
Malta	70	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Portugal	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Spain	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	47	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
Albania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Bulgaria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatia	129	0.1%	0.1%	120	0.1%	
Cyprus	18	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
North Macedonia	15	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Greece	66	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Moldova	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	20	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Slovenia	12	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	33	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Belarus	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czechia	21	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Estonia	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hungary	33	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Latvia	9	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Poland	56	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Russian Federation	34	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Slovakia	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ukraine	17	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	48	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Libya	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Morocco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudan	21	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	36	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Iran	72	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	
Iraq	51	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Israel	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jordan	–	–	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Kuwait	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Lebanon	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Oman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatar	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Saudi Arabia	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Syria	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkey	21	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	33	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Yemen	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Myanmar	17	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Cambodia	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Laos	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Thailand	159	0.1%	0.2%	110	0.1%	
Vietnam	170	0.1%	0.2%	93	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indonesia	90	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Malaysia	249	0.2%	0.3%	182	0.2%	
Philippines	631	0.6%	0.6%	418	0.4%	
Singapore	76	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	677	0.6%	0.3%	717	0.7%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	72	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
Macau (SAR of China)	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	53	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Japan	88	0.1%	0.0%	80	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	–	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	66	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	93	0.1%	0.0%	64	0.1%	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	1,846	1.6%	1.0%	860	0.8%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Nepal	212	0.2%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Pakistan	184	0.2%	0.1%	69	0.1%	
Sri Lanka	249	0.2%	0.2%	125	0.1%	
Afghanistan	18	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Georgia	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uzbekistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	140	0.1%	0.1%	91	0.1%	
United States of America	314	0.3%	0.2%	234	0.2%	
South America, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	14	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	43	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Chile	32	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Colombia	35	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Peru	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Venezuela	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Guatemala	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montserrat	–	–	–	–	–	
Puerto Rico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Burkina Faso	–	–	–	–	–	
Cameroon	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	21	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mali	–	–	–	–	–	
Nigeria	49	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togo	26	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burundi	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	23	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Kenya	42	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritius	35	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rwanda	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	–	–	–	
Seychelles	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
South Africa	268	0.2%	0.3%	210	0.2%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Uganda	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zambia	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	93	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.0%	
Not stated	5,676	5.0%	6.6%	6,962	6.8%	
Total	113,693	100.0%	100.0%	101,638	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.