

Community report

Ballina (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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, 12.6% (5,809) of people in Ballina (A) were born overseas, compared with 12.2% in Regional NSW. A further 81.6% (37,701) 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

Ballina (A) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	37,701	81.6%	81.3%	33,978	81.4%	80.9%	+3,723	+0.2
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	770	1.7%	1.2%	656	1.6%	1.1%	+114	+0.1
New Caledonia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	70	0.2%	0.1%	64	0.2%	0.1%	+6	0.0
Solomon Islands	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+7	0.0
Vanuatu	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palau	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fiji	35	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
England	1,699	3.7%	2.8%	1,416	3.4%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	27	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Scotland	169	0.4%	0.4%	173	0.4%	
Wales	66	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Guernsey	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ireland	80	0.2%	0.2%	74	0.2%	
Austria	32	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
Belgium	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
France	76	0.2%	0.1%	48	0.1%	
Germany	184	0.4%	0.4%	137	0.3%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	147	0.3%	0.2%	152	0.4%	
Switzerland	55	0.1%	0.0%	45	0.1%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	23	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.1%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Sweden	30	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	104	0.2%	0.3%	96	0.2%	
Malta	23	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Portugal	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Spain	14	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	3	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Albania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgaria	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Croatia	11	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Cyprus	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North Macedonia	5	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Greece	8	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Slovenia	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Estonia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hungary	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Latvia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Poland	20	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Russian Federation	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Slovakia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukraine	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Algeria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	12	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Libya	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Morocco	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iran	24	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Iraq	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Israel	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Jordan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwait	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanon	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Oman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatar	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Saudi Arabia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkey	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cambodia	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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Laos	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Thailand	128	0.3%	0.2%	65	0.2%	
Vietnam	44	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesia	45	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Malaysia	64	0.1%	0.2%	48	0.1%	
Philippines	164	0.4%	0.5%	103	0.2%	
Singapore	26	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	52	0.1%	0.3%	58	0.1%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	30	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	9	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Japan	85	0.2%	0.1%	63	0.2%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	23	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	10	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	182	0.4%	0.7%	104	0.2%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Nepal	35	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Pakistan	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Sri Lanka	25	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Afghanistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	148	0.3%	0.2%	89	0.2%	
United States of America	236	0.5%	0.3%	151	0.4%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	23	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Brazil	94	0.2%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Chile	40	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Colombia	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Venezuela	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemala	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Puerto Rico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenya	22	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mauritius	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	261	0.6%	0.4%	231	0.6%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Uganda	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Zambia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwe	43	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,706	5.9%	6.5%	3,193	7.6%	
Total	46,216	100.0%	100.0%	41,748	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.