

# Community report

## Baw Baw (S)

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

AREA

**Baw Baw (S)**

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, 12% (6,921) of people in Baw Baw (S) were born overseas, compared with 12.4% in Regional Vic.. A further 81.9% (47,188) 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

Baw Baw (S) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
At sea	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	47,188	81.9%	81.0%	39,413	81.4%	80.7%	+7,775	+0.5
Norfolk Island	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
New Zealand	651	1.1%	1.0%	528	1.1%	1.0%	+123	0.0
New Caledonia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Papua New Guinea	34	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%	+10	+0.1
Solomon Islands	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Vanuatu	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
Kiribati	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Marshall Islands	—	—	—	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Micronesia, Federated States of	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islands	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fiji	34	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	22	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa, American	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
England	1,965	3.4%	2.6%	1,723	3.6%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	72	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	
Scotland	282	0.5%	0.4%	227	0.5%	
Wales	65	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ireland	88	0.2%	0.2%	81	0.2%	
Austria	34	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Belgium	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
France	12	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Germany	268	0.5%	0.4%	240	0.5%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	395	0.7%	0.4%	372	0.8%	
Switzerland	20	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Denmark	28	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Finland	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sweden	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	–	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	178	0.3%	0.4%	181	0.4%	
Malta	43	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.1%	
Portugal	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Spain	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	40	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Albania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	23	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bulgaria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatia	40	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Cyprus	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
North Macedonia	5	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Greece	32	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	22	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Slovenia	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	35	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Estonia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hungary	37	0.1%	0.0%	27	0.1%	
Latvia	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Lithuania	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Poland	60	0.1%	0.1%	51	0.1%	
Russian Federation	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Slovakia	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ukraine	32	0.1%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	16	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Libya	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Morocco	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sudan	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	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	17	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Iraq	11	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Israel	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jordan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwait	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanon	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Oman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabia	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Syria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkey	17	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Myanmar	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Cambodia	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Laos	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Thailand	91	0.2%	0.2%	34	0.1%	
Vietnam	86	0.1%	0.2%	26	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesia	56	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Malaysia	46	0.1%	0.3%	38	0.1%	
Philippines	206	0.4%	0.6%	124	0.3%	
Singapore	36	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	136	0.2%	0.3%	75	0.2%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	21	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	105	0.2%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Japan	30	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	–	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bhutan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
India	332	0.6%	1.0%	166	0.3%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Nepal	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Pakistan	31	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	155	0.3%	0.2%	74	0.2%	
Afghanistan	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kazakhstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bermuda	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	69	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
United States of America	137	0.2%	0.2%	98	0.2%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	25	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chile	18	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Colombia	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ecuador	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Peru	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Venezuela	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Montserrat	–	–	–	–	–	
Puerto Rico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	–	–	–	
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mali	–	–	–	–	–	
Nigeria	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kenya	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritius	61	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.1%	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	–	–	–	
Seychelles	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	213	0.4%	0.3%	128	0.3%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Uganda	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zambia	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	52	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Not stated	3,496	6.1%	6.6%	3,814	7.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,605</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>48,440</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.