

Community report

Blue Mountains (C)

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

AREA

Blue Mountains (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

31 March 2026

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

Blue Mountains (C) | Greater Sydney comparison | Persons

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Key takeaway

In 2021, 17.4% (13,595) of people in Blue Mountains (C) were born overseas, compared with 38.6% in Greater Sydney. A further 79.3% (61,895) 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

Blue Mountains (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | | Change | |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|------------------|--------|-------|------------------|--------|------|
| | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | pp |
| Inadequately described | 25 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 28 | 0.0% | 0.1% | -3 | 0.0 |
| At sea | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Oceania and Antarctica, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Australia | 61,895 | 79.3% | 56.8% | 60,027 | 78.1% | 57.1% | +1,868 | +1.2 |
| Norfolk Island | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | +3 | 0.0 |
| New Zealand | 1,168 | 1.5% | 1.6% | 1,119 | 1.5% | 1.8% | +49 | 0.0 |
| New Caledonia | 8 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | +5 | 0.0 |
| Papua New Guinea | 73 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 73 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0 |
| Solomon Islands | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – |
| Vanuatu | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 8 | 0.0% | 0.0% | -3 | 0.0 |
| Micronesia, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Guam | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sy |
| Kiribati | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Marshall Islands | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Micronesia, Federated States of | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nauru | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Northern Mariana Islands | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Polynesia (excludes Hawaii), nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Cook Islands | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Fiji | 79 | 0.1% | 0.7% | 78 | 0.1% | |
| French Polynesia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Niue | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Samoa | 12 | 0.0% | 0.2% | 10 | 0.0% | |
| Samoa, American | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tokelau | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tonga | 14 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Tuvalu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Wallis and Futuna | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Pitcairn Islands | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Antarctica, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd | 28 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 25 | 0.0% | |
| England | 4,265 | 5.5% | 2.9% | 4,390 | 5.7% | |
| Isle of Man | 9 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 5 | 0.0% | |
| Northern Ireland | 115 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 128 | 0.2% | |
| Scotland | 520 | 0.7% | 0.3% | 537 | 0.7% | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sydney % |
| Wales | 121 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 132 | 0.2% | |
| Guernsey | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | |
| Jersey | 8 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 5 | 0.0% | |
| Ireland | 310 | 0.4% | 0.4% | 284 | 0.4% | |
| Austria | 103 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 120 | 0.2% | |
| Belgium | 27 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 28 | 0.0% | |
| France | 159 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 106 | 0.1% | |
| Germany | 538 | 0.7% | 0.3% | 560 | 0.7% | |
| Liechtenstein | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Luxembourg | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Monaco | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Netherlands | 330 | 0.4% | 0.2% | 359 | 0.5% | |
| Switzerland | 64 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 62 | 0.1% | |
| Northern Europe, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Denmark | 45 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 44 | 0.1% | |
| Faroe Islands | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Finland | 31 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 28 | 0.0% | |
| Greenland | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Iceland | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Norway | 12 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 10 | 0.0% | |
| Sweden | 48 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 44 | 0.1% | |
| Aland Islands | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Andorra | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Gibraltar | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sy |
| Italy | 160 | 0.2% | 0.7% | 172 | 0.2% | |
| Malta | 86 | 0.1% | 0.2% | 87 | 0.1% | |
| Portugal | 24 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 20 | 0.0% | |
| San Marino | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Spain | 41 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 38 | 0.0% | |
| South Eastern Europe, nfd | 55 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 55 | 0.1% | |
| Albania | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 17 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 17 | 0.0% | |
| Bulgaria | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 7 | 0.0% | |
| Croatia | 74 | 0.1% | 0.2% | 75 | 0.1% | |
| Cyprus | 17 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 16 | 0.0% | |
| North Macedonia | 9 | 0.0% | 0.2% | 8 | 0.0% | |
| Greece | 68 | 0.1% | 0.5% | 70 | 0.1% | |
| Moldova | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Romania | 30 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 26 | 0.0% | |
| Slovenia | 16 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 14 | 0.0% | |
| Montenegro | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Serbia | 30 | 0.0% | 0.2% | 21 | 0.0% | |
| Kosovo | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Eastern Europe, nfd | 49 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 49 | 0.1% | |
| Belarus | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Czechia | 76 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 75 | 0.1% | |
| Estonia | 14 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 9 | 0.0% | |
| Hungary | 107 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 107 | 0.1% | |

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| | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sy |
| Latvia | 16 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 19 | 0.0% | |
| Lithuania | 13 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 13 | 0.0% | |
| Poland | 202 | 0.3% | 0.2% | 183 | 0.2% | |
| Russian Federation | 54 | 0.1% | 0.2% | 25 | 0.0% | |
| Slovakia | 28 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 25 | 0.0% | |
| Ukraine | 17 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 10 | 0.0% | |
| North Africa and the Middle East, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| North Africa, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Algeria | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Egypt | 50 | 0.1% | 0.4% | 55 | 0.1% | |
| Libya | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Morocco | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Sudan | 5 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 6 | 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 | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Iran | 35 | 0.0% | 0.5% | 29 | 0.0% | |
| Iraq | 27 | 0.0% | 1.0% | 22 | 0.0% | |
| Israel | 43 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 27 | 0.0% | |
| Jordan | 9 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Kuwait | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sy |
| Lebanon | 65 | 0.1% | 1.2% | 49 | 0.1% | |
| Oman | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Qatar | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Saudi Arabia | 6 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Syria | 10 | 0.0% | 0.3% | 7 | 0.0% | |
| Turkey | 27 | 0.0% | 0.3% | 14 | 0.0% | |
| United Arab Emirates | 6 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Yemen | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| South–East Asia, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mainland South–East Asia, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Myanmar | 16 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 15 | 0.0% | |
| Cambodia | 40 | 0.1% | 0.3% | 41 | 0.1% | |
| Laos | 9 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 8 | 0.0% | |
| Thailand | 172 | 0.2% | 0.5% | 122 | 0.2% | |
| Vietnam | 169 | 0.2% | 1.8% | 129 | 0.2% | |
| Maritime South–East Asia, nfd | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Brunei Darussalam | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 8 | 0.0% | |
| Indonesia | 105 | 0.1% | 0.7% | 132 | 0.2% | |
| Malaysia | 170 | 0.2% | 0.7% | 156 | 0.2% | |
| Philippines | 356 | 0.5% | 1.7% | 264 | 0.3% | |
| Singapore | 83 | 0.1% | 0.3% | 70 | 0.1% | |
| Timor–Leste | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| North–East Asia, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sydney % |
| Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia), nfd | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) | 263 | 0.3% | 4.6% | 212 | 0.3% | – |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China) | 93 | 0.1% | 0.9% | 96 | 0.1% | – |
| Macau (SAR of China) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Mongolia | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | – |
| Taiwan | 33 | 0.0% | 0.2% | 32 | 0.0% | – |
| Japan | 119 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 109 | 0.1% | – |
| Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Korea, Republic of (South) | 81 | 0.1% | 1.0% | 96 | 0.1% | – |
| Southern and Central Asia, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Southern Asia, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Bangladesh | 12 | 0.0% | 0.5% | 4 | 0.0% | – |
| Bhutan | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | – |
| India | 331 | 0.4% | 3.6% | 259 | 0.3% | – |
| Maldives | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Nepal | 48 | 0.1% | 1.1% | 15 | 0.0% | – |
| Pakistan | 37 | 0.0% | 0.6% | 24 | 0.0% | – |
| Sri Lanka | 74 | 0.1% | 0.6% | 61 | 0.1% | – |
| Central Asia, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Afghanistan | 9 | 0.0% | 0.3% | 3 | 0.0% | – |
| Armenia | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | – |
| Azerbaijan | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Georgia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |

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| | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sy |
| Kazakhstan | – | – | 0.0% | 7 | 0.0% | |
| Kyrgyzstan | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Tajikistan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Turkmenistan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Uzbekistan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Americas, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Northern America, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bermuda | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Canada | 214 | 0.3% | 0.2% | 193 | 0.3% | |
| United States of America | 534 | 0.7% | 0.5% | 445 | 0.6% | |
| South America, nfd | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Argentina | 74 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 57 | 0.1% | |
| Bolivia | 10 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 7 | 0.0% | |
| Brazil | 58 | 0.1% | 0.4% | 38 | 0.0% | |
| Chile | 132 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 102 | 0.1% | |
| Colombia | 24 | 0.0% | 0.2% | 20 | 0.0% | |
| Ecuador | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Falkland Islands | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Guyana | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Paraguay | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Peru | 26 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 23 | 0.0% | |
| Suriname | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Uruguay | 54 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 51 | 0.1% | |
| Venezuela | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | |

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| | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sy |
| Belize | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Costa Rica | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| El Salvador | 14 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | |
| Guatemala | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Honduras | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mexico | 11 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 8 | 0.0% | |
| Nicaragua | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Panama | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Caribbean, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Anguilla | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Antigua and Barbuda | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Aruba | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bahamas | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | |
| Barbados | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cayman Islands | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cuba | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Dominica | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Dominican Republic | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Grenada | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Guadeloupe | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Haiti | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Jamaica | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Martinique | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Puerto Rico | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sy |
| St Kitts and Nevis | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| St Lucia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| St Vincent and the Grenadines | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 10 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 8 | 0.0% | |
| Virgin Islands, British | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Virgin Islands, United States | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Curacao | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Sint Maarten (Dutch part) | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Central and West Africa, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Benin | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Burkina Faso | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cameroon | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cabo Verde | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Central African Republic | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Chad | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Congo, Republic of | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Congo, Democratic Republic of | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cote d'Ivoire | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Equatorial Guinea | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Gabon | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Gambia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ghana | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | |
| Guinea | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Guinea-Bissau | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sy |
| Liberia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mali | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mauritania | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Niger | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nigeria | 6 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Sao Tome and Principe | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Senegal | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Sierra Leone | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Togo | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Southern and East Africa, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Angola | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Botswana | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Burundi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Comoros | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Djibouti | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Eritrea | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ethiopia | 8 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 8 | 0.0% | |
| Kenya | 31 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 30 | 0.0% | |
| Lesotho | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Madagascar | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Malawi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mauritius | 44 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 48 | 0.1% | |
| Mozambique | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Namibia | 9 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |

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| | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sy |
| Reunion | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Rwanda | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| St Helena | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Seychelles | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Somalia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| South Africa | 345 | 0.4% | 0.8% | 289 | 0.4% | |
| Eswatini | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tanzania | 11 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 7 | 0.0% | |
| Uganda | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Zambia | 11 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 14 | 0.0% | |
| Zimbabwe | 32 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 34 | 0.0% | |
| Southern and East Africa, nec | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Not stated | 2,602 | 3.3% | 4.6% | 3,918 | 5.1% | |
| Total | 78,092 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 76,825 | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.