

Community report

Boroondara (C)

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

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Boroondara (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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, 32.5% (54,482) of people in Boroondara (C) were born overseas, compared with 35.7% in Greater Melbourne. A further 64.6% (108,493) 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

Boroondara (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	92	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	0.1%	-8	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	108,493	64.6%	59.9%	107,409	64.2%	59.8%	+1,084	+0.4
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	2,413	1.4%	1.7%	2,648	1.6%	1.8%	-235	-0.2
New Caledonia	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+7	0.0
Papua New Guinea	92	0.1%	0.0%	98	0.1%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Solomon Islands	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Vanuatu	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauru	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cook Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fiji	160	0.1%	0.2%	190	0.1%	–
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoa	9	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	–
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tonga	28	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	50	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	–
England	4,789	2.9%	2.7%	4,965	3.0%	–
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern Ireland	116	0.1%	0.1%	118	0.1%	–
Scotland	569	0.3%	0.4%	610	0.4%	–
Wales	114	0.1%	0.1%	115	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guernsey	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Jersey	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ireland	460	0.3%	0.3%	489	0.3%	—
Austria	117	0.1%	0.1%	135	0.1%	—
Belgium	54	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	—
France	331	0.2%	0.1%	379	0.2%	—
Germany	601	0.4%	0.4%	670	0.4%	—
Liechtenstein	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Luxembourg	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Monaco	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Netherlands	311	0.2%	0.2%	313	0.2%	—
Switzerland	93	0.1%	0.0%	110	0.1%	—
Denmark	56	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	—
Faroe Islands	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Finland	36	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	—
Greenland	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iceland	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Norway	15	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	—
Sweden	80	0.0%	0.0%	88	0.1%	—
Aland Islands	—	—	—	—	—	—
Andorra	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gibraltar	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Italy	1,418	0.8%	1.2%	1,529	0.9%	—
Malta	91	0.1%	0.3%	108	0.1%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Portugal	29	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Spain	90	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	99	0.1%	0.1%	111	0.1%	
Albania	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	67	0.0%	0.2%	46	0.0%	
Bulgaria	38	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Croatia	176	0.1%	0.3%	190	0.1%	
Cyprus	122	0.1%	0.1%	145	0.1%	
North Macedonia	107	0.1%	0.4%	138	0.1%	
Greece	1,586	0.9%	0.9%	1,606	1.0%	
Moldova	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Romania	86	0.1%	0.1%	86	0.1%	
Slovenia	33	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Montenegro	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Serbia	99	0.1%	0.2%	89	0.1%	
Kosovo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	33	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Belarus	21	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Czechia	54	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Estonia	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Hungary	152	0.1%	0.1%	194	0.1%	
Latvia	53	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Lithuania	26	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Poland	319	0.2%	0.3%	369	0.2%	

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Russian Federation	151	0.1%	0.1%	147	0.1%	
Slovakia	24	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Ukraine	75	0.0%	0.1%	71	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Egypt	288	0.2%	0.3%	261	0.2%	
Libya	14	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Morocco	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Sudan	17	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Tunisia	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
South Sudan	4	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bahrain	15	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Iran	817	0.5%	0.4%	651	0.4%	
Iraq	88	0.1%	0.5%	179	0.1%	
Israel	134	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	
Jordan	19	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kuwait	31	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Lebanon	129	0.1%	0.4%	136	0.1%	
Oman	10	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Qatar	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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Saudi Arabia	85	0.1%	0.1%	251	0.2%	
Syria	55	0.0%	0.2%	47	0.0%	
Turkey	187	0.1%	0.4%	174	0.1%	
United Arab Emirates	98	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	84	0.1%	0.3%	70	0.0%	
Cambodia	106	0.1%	0.3%	88	0.1%	
Laos	27	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Thailand	454	0.3%	0.4%	467	0.3%	
Vietnam	2,039	1.2%	1.8%	1,977	1.2%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	32	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Indonesia	782	0.5%	0.4%	745	0.4%	
Malaysia	3,749	2.2%	1.2%	3,329	2.0%	
Philippines	556	0.3%	1.2%	564	0.3%	
Singapore	1,108	0.7%	0.3%	966	0.6%	
Timor-Leste	65	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	13,393	8.0%	3.4%	11,066	6.6%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	2,046	1.2%	0.5%	1,766	1.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	47	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Mongolia	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Taiwan	846	0.5%	0.2%	815	0.5%	

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Japan	398	0.2%	0.2%	400	0.2%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	640	0.4%	0.3%	697	0.4%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	126	0.1%	0.2%	144	0.1%	
Bhutan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
India	4,047	2.4%	4.9%	4,047	2.4%	
Maldives	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nepal	199	0.1%	0.4%	122	0.1%	
Pakistan	294	0.2%	0.6%	227	0.1%	
Sri Lanka	1,402	0.8%	1.3%	1,237	0.7%	
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghanistan	23	0.0%	0.5%	25	0.0%	
Armenia	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Azerbaijan	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Georgia	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kazakhstan	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Turkmenistan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Bermuda	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Canada	428	0.3%	0.2%	405	0.2%	
United States of America	1,178	0.7%	0.4%	1,087	0.6%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	94	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.0%	
Bolivia	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Brazil	164	0.1%	0.1%	145	0.1%	
Chile	112	0.1%	0.2%	89	0.1%	
Colombia	344	0.2%	0.2%	305	0.2%	
Ecuador	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French Guiana	–	–	–	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	48	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Venezuela	67	0.0%	0.0%	84	0.1%	
Central America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belize	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	30	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Guatemala	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Honduras	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Mexico	80	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Panama	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anguilla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Montserrat	–	–	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	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Turks and Caicos Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
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	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ghana	14	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigeria	35	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Botswana	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Comoros	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrea	10	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	–
Ethiopia	23	0.0%	0.2%	32	0.0%	–
Kenya	93	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.0%	–
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawi	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Mauritius	176	0.1%	0.2%	156	0.1%	–
Mozambique	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Namibia	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwanda	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Somalia	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
South Africa	998	0.6%	0.6%	1,015	0.6%	–
Eswatini	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Tanzania	25	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	0.0%
Uganda	22	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%
Zambia	43	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	0.0%
Zimbabwe	120	0.1%	0.1%	131	0.1%	0.1%
Not stated	4,883	2.9%	4.4%	8,078	4.8%	4.8%
Total	167,858	100.0%	100.0%	167,243	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.