

# Community report

## Brimbank (C)

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

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**Brimbank (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, 48.2% (93,703) of people in Brimbank (C) were born overseas, compared with 35.7% in Greater Melbourne. A further 45.9% (89,271) 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

Brimbank (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	106	0.1%	0.1%	175	0.1%	0.1%	-69	0.0
At sea	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	89,271	45.9%	59.9%	87,157	44.9%	59.8%	+2,114	+1.0
Norfolk Island	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
New Zealand	2,601	1.3%	1.7%	3,272	1.7%	1.8%	-671	-0.4
New Caledonia	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Papua New Guinea	55	0.0%	0.0%	92	0.0%	0.0%	-37	0.0
Solomon Islands	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Vanuatu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Micronesia, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Guam	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cook Islands	96	0.0%	0.0%	123	0.1%	–
Fiji	614	0.3%	0.2%	602	0.3%	–
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Samoa	785	0.4%	0.1%	821	0.4%	–
Samoa, American	18	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Tonga	189	0.1%	0.0%	237	0.1%	–
Tuvalu	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
England	1,554	0.8%	2.7%	1,650	0.8%	–
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern Ireland	72	0.0%	0.1%	110	0.1%	–
Scotland	305	0.2%	0.4%	350	0.2%	–
Wales	41	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ireland	185	0.1%	0.3%	201	0.1%	–
Austria	126	0.1%	0.1%	167	0.1%	–
Belgium	17	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
France	125	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	–
Germany	786	0.4%	0.4%	936	0.5%	–
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Netherlands	153	0.1%	0.2%	199	0.1%	–
Switzerland	52	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	–
Denmark	17	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finland	39	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norway	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Sweden	43	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	–
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Italy	2,819	1.4%	1.2%	3,192	1.6%	–
Malta	4,086	2.1%	0.3%	4,522	2.3%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Portugal	235	0.1%	0.1%	241	0.1%	
Spain	137	0.1%	0.1%	152	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	575	0.3%	0.1%	718	0.4%	
Albania	167	0.1%	0.0%	166	0.1%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,202	0.6%	0.2%	1,223	0.6%	
Bulgaria	34	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Croatia	2,035	1.0%	0.3%	2,282	1.2%	
Cyprus	1,252	0.6%	0.1%	1,341	0.7%	
North Macedonia	3,033	1.6%	0.4%	3,068	1.6%	
Greece	2,031	1.0%	0.9%	2,216	1.1%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	222	0.1%	0.1%	242	0.1%	
Slovenia	175	0.1%	0.0%	213	0.1%	
Montenegro	120	0.1%	0.0%	106	0.1%	
Serbia	753	0.4%	0.2%	721	0.4%	
Kosovo	117	0.1%	0.0%	113	0.1%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Belarus	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Czechia	32	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Estonia	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hungary	70	0.0%	0.1%	114	0.1%	
Latvia	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Lithuania	13	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Poland	895	0.5%	0.3%	1,063	0.5%	

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Russian Federation	107	0.1%	0.1%	107	0.1%	
Slovakia	19	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Ukraine	126	0.1%	0.1%	187	0.1%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
North Africa, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Algeria	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Egypt	924	0.5%	0.3%	1,012	0.5%	
Libya	65	0.0%	0.0%	103	0.1%	
Morocco	14	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Sudan	675	0.3%	0.1%	865	0.4%	
Tunisia	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
South Sudan	263	0.1%	0.1%	291	0.1%	
Middle East, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bahrain	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	36	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Iran	440	0.2%	0.4%	602	0.3%	
Iraq	1,256	0.6%	0.5%	471	0.2%	
Israel	25	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Jordan	50	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Kuwait	42	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Lebanon	795	0.4%	0.4%	786	0.4%	
Oman	6	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Qatar	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	

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Saudi Arabia	75	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.0%	
Syria	272	0.1%	0.2%	231	0.1%	
Turkey	689	0.4%	0.4%	661	0.3%	
United Arab Emirates	82	0.0%	0.1%	85	0.0%	
Yemen	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	1,867	1.0%	0.3%	1,463	0.8%	
Cambodia	251	0.1%	0.3%	221	0.1%	
Laos	305	0.2%	0.0%	343	0.2%	
Thailand	574	0.3%	0.4%	535	0.3%	
Vietnam	25,391	13.0%	1.8%	21,702	11.2%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indonesia	478	0.2%	0.4%	391	0.2%	
Malaysia	1,140	0.6%	1.2%	925	0.5%	
Philippines	5,759	3.0%	1.2%	5,746	3.0%	
Singapore	235	0.1%	0.3%	230	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	826	0.4%	0.1%	894	0.5%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	2,202	1.1%	3.4%	2,394	1.2%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	538	0.3%	0.5%	515	0.3%	
Macau (SAR of China)	18	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Mongolia	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Taiwan	156	0.1%	0.2%	150	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Japan	127	0.1%	0.2%	97	0.0%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	145	0.1%	0.3%	152	0.1%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	47	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Bangladesh	415	0.2%	0.2%	485	0.2%	
Bhutan	26	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
India	8,209	4.2%	4.9%	9,279	4.8%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	1,098	0.6%	0.4%	598	0.3%	
Pakistan	1,910	1.0%	0.6%	1,817	0.9%	
Sri Lanka	1,624	0.8%	1.3%	1,909	1.0%	
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghanistan	618	0.3%	0.5%	476	0.2%	
Armenia	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Azerbaijan	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Georgia	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Kazakhstan	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Bermuda	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Canada	101	0.1%	0.2%	105	0.1%	—
United States of America	243	0.1%	0.4%	252	0.1%	—
South America, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Argentina	269	0.1%	0.1%	304	0.2%	—
Bolivia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Brazil	74	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	—
Chile	672	0.3%	0.2%	756	0.4%	—
Colombia	216	0.1%	0.2%	131	0.1%	—
Ecuador	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Falkland Islands	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
French Guiana	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guyana	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Paraguay	22	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	—
Peru	52	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	—
Suriname	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uruguay	210	0.1%	0.0%	231	0.1%	—
Venezuela	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Central America, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Belize	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Costa Rica	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
El Salvador	498	0.3%	0.1%	506	0.3%	—
Guatemala	6	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Honduras	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mexico	34	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Nicaragua	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anguilla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	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	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Cabo Verde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congo, Republic of	24	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	–
Congo, Democratic Republic of	68	0.0%	0.0%	70	0.0%	–
Cote d'Ivoire	15	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	–
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gambia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ghana	74	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.0%	–
Guinea	25	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	–
Liberia	125	0.1%	0.0%	223	0.1%	–
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigeria	119	0.1%	0.0%	147	0.1%	–
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegal	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sierra Leone	48	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Togo	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Angola	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Botswana	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Burundi	27	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Comoros	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Eritrea	503	0.3%	0.1%	358	0.2%	
Ethiopia	1,001	0.5%	0.2%	964	0.5%	
Kenya	151	0.1%	0.1%	170	0.1%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mauritius	204	0.1%	0.2%	216	0.1%	
Mozambique	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	13	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	16	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Somalia	255	0.1%	0.1%	215	0.1%	
South Africa	213	0.1%	0.6%	183	0.1%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Tanzania	27	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Uganda	65	0.0%	0.0%	87	0.0%	
Zambia	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	69	0.0%	0.1%	71	0.0%	
Not stated	11,623	6.0%	4.4%	14,158	7.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>194,597</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>194,286</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.