

# Community report

## Canterbury-Bankstown (A)

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

AREA

**Canterbury-Bankstown (A)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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

Canterbury–Bankstown (A) | Greater Sydney comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 44.6% (165,495) of people in Canterbury–Bankstown (A) were born overseas, compared with 38.6% in Greater Sydney. A further 49.2% (182,532) 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

Canterbury-Bankstown (A) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	246	0.1%	0.1%	228	0.1%	0.1%	+18	0.0
At sea	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	182,532	49.2%	56.8%	171,652	49.6%	57.1%	+10,880	-0.4
Norfolk Island	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
New Zealand	3,975	1.1%	1.6%	4,459	1.3%	1.8%	-484	-0.2
New Caledonia	31	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	0.0%	-8	0.0
Papua New Guinea	140	0.0%	0.1%	143	0.0%	0.1%	-3	0.0
Solomon Islands	29	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Vanuatu	16	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Guam	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Kiribati	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesia (excludes Hawaii), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	431	0.1%	0.0%	474	0.1%	
Fiji	2,283	0.6%	0.7%	2,242	0.6%	
French Polynesia	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Niue	39	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Samoa	609	0.2%	0.2%	739	0.2%	
Samoa, American	6	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Tokelau	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tonga	817	0.2%	0.1%	736	0.2%	
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	48	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
England	2,714	0.7%	2.9%	2,837	0.8%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	110	0.0%	0.1%	96	0.0%	
Scotland	333	0.1%	0.3%	387	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Wales	85	0.0%	0.1%	79	0.0%	
Guernsey	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ireland	610	0.2%	0.4%	548	0.2%	
Austria	113	0.0%	0.1%	144	0.0%	
Belgium	46	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
France	234	0.1%	0.2%	223	0.1%	
Germany	655	0.2%	0.3%	751	0.2%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	169	0.0%	0.2%	199	0.1%	
Switzerland	70	0.0%	0.1%	65	0.0%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Denmark	42	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	49	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	19	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Sweden	60	0.0%	0.1%	52	0.0%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Italy	3,418	0.9%	0.7%	3,780	1.1%	
Malta	452	0.1%	0.2%	536	0.2%	
Portugal	1,795	0.5%	0.1%	1,736	0.5%	
San Marino	—	—	—	—	—	
Spain	256	0.1%	0.1%	261	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	201	0.1%	0.1%	267	0.1%	
Albania	50	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	377	0.1%	0.1%	345	0.1%	
Bulgaria	62	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Croatia	588	0.2%	0.2%	616	0.2%	
Cyprus	1,286	0.3%	0.1%	1,336	0.4%	
North Macedonia	1,911	0.5%	0.2%	1,971	0.6%	
Greece	7,072	1.9%	0.5%	7,043	2.0%	
Moldova	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Romania	174	0.0%	0.1%	190	0.1%	
Slovenia	95	0.0%	0.0%	108	0.0%	
Montenegro	36	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Serbia	313	0.1%	0.2%	257	0.1%	
Kosovo	26	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	34	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Belarus	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Czechia	81	0.0%	0.0%	79	0.0%	
Estonia	23	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Hungary	187	0.1%	0.1%	240	0.1%	

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Latvia	47	0.0%	0.0%	86	0.0%	
Lithuania	67	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Poland	547	0.1%	0.2%	628	0.2%	
Russian Federation	228	0.1%	0.2%	207	0.1%	
Slovakia	61	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Ukraine	140	0.0%	0.1%	167	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	238	0.1%	0.0%	241	0.1%	
Egypt	2,941	0.8%	0.4%	2,850	0.8%	
Libya	96	0.0%	0.0%	89	0.0%	
Morocco	176	0.0%	0.0%	146	0.0%	
Sudan	411	0.1%	0.1%	438	0.1%	
Tunisia	72	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
South Sudan	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Bahrain	30	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	471	0.1%	0.0%	482	0.1%	
Iran	631	0.2%	0.5%	628	0.2%	
Iraq	1,902	0.5%	1.0%	1,863	0.5%	
Israel	100	0.0%	0.1%	109	0.0%	
Jordan	1,029	0.3%	0.1%	869	0.3%	
Kuwait	541	0.1%	0.1%	463	0.1%	

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Lebanon	21,434	5.8%	1.2%	19,817	5.7%	
Oman	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Qatar	68	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Saudi Arabia	562	0.2%	0.1%	375	0.1%	
Syria	2,960	0.8%	0.3%	2,163	0.6%	
Turkey	795	0.2%	0.3%	698	0.2%	
United Arab Emirates	402	0.1%	0.1%	247	0.1%	
Yemen	80	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	1,425	0.4%	0.1%	1,443	0.4%	
Cambodia	526	0.1%	0.3%	503	0.1%	
Laos	138	0.0%	0.1%	141	0.0%	
Thailand	1,395	0.4%	0.5%	1,191	0.3%	
Vietnam	21,972	5.9%	1.8%	19,067	5.5%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	20	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Indonesia	4,179	1.1%	0.7%	3,626	1.0%	
Malaysia	3,072	0.8%	0.7%	1,862	0.5%	
Philippines	4,906	1.3%	1.7%	4,119	1.2%	
Singapore	476	0.1%	0.3%	423	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	44	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
North-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	19,510	5.3%	4.6%	18,847	5.4%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	2,401	0.6%	0.9%	2,245	0.6%	
Macau (SAR of China)	89	0.0%	0.0%	97	0.0%	
Mongolia	367	0.1%	0.1%	101	0.0%	
Taiwan	540	0.1%	0.2%	452	0.1%	
Japan	413	0.1%	0.2%	357	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Korea, Republic of (South)	2,851	0.8%	1.0%	3,212	0.9%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Southern Asia, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bangladesh	7,334	2.0%	0.5%	7,077	2.0%	
Bhutan	7	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
India	6,509	1.8%	3.6%	5,070	1.5%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nepal	4,263	1.1%	1.1%	2,904	0.8%	
Pakistan	5,288	1.4%	0.6%	4,850	1.4%	
Sri Lanka	596	0.2%	0.6%	649	0.2%	
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Afghanistan	718	0.2%	0.3%	467	0.1%	
Armenia	17	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Azerbaijan	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Georgia	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Kazakhstan	22	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	36	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	232	0.1%	0.2%	204	0.1%	
United States of America	619	0.2%	0.5%	533	0.2%	
South America, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Argentina	285	0.1%	0.1%	296	0.1%	
Bolivia	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Brazil	860	0.2%	0.4%	428	0.1%	
Chile	554	0.1%	0.2%	544	0.2%	
Colombia	581	0.2%	0.2%	357	0.1%	
Ecuador	173	0.0%	0.0%	161	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Paraguay	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Peru	367	0.1%	0.1%	321	0.1%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	252	0.1%	0.1%	277	0.1%	
Venezuela	111	0.0%	0.0%	86	0.0%	

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Belize	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Costa Rica	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
El Salvador	69	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	
Guatemala	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Honduras	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mexico	60	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Nicaragua	20	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Panama	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Caribbean, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Anguilla	–	–	–	–	–	
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Barbados	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cayman Islands	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cuba	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	–	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jamaica	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	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%	18	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, British	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Virgin Islands, United States	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	–	–	–	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Benin	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cabo Verde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chad	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Congo, Republic of	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	18	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	10	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Ghana	377	0.1%	0.0%	427	0.1%	
Guinea	41	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Liberia	34	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Mali	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mauritania	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	250	0.1%	0.1%	255	0.1%	
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegal	42	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Sierra Leone	466	0.1%	0.0%	471	0.1%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	26	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Burundi	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Comoros	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Eritrea	44	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Ethiopia	243	0.1%	0.0%	250	0.1%	
Kenya	210	0.1%	0.1%	158	0.0%	
Lesotho	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritius	533	0.1%	0.1%	639	0.2%	
Mozambique	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Namibia	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Reunion	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Rwanda	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Somalia	252	0.1%	0.0%	201	0.1%	
South Africa	588	0.2%	0.8%	551	0.2%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	52	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Uganda	26	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Zambia	28	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	152	0.0%	0.1%	159	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Not stated	22,970	6.2%	4.6%	21,957	6.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>370,997</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>346,272</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.