

# Community report

## Cardinia (S)

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

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**Cardinia (S)**

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, 23.5% (27,738) of people in Cardinia (S) were born overseas, compared with 35.7% in Greater Melbourne. A further 71.6% (84,554) 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

Cardinia (S) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	47	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.0%	0.1%	0	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	84,554	71.6%	59.9%	70,371	74.8%	59.8%	+14,183	-3.2
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	1,941	1.6%	1.7%	1,643	1.7%	1.8%	+298	-0.1
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	42	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	0.0%	+7	0.0
Solomon Islands	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Kiribati	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islands	65	0.1%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Fiji	239	0.2%	0.2%	162	0.2%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	119	0.1%	0.1%	73	0.1%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Tuvalu	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	35	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
England	4,204	3.6%	2.7%	4,133	4.4%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	124	0.1%	0.1%	97	0.1%	
Scotland	616	0.5%	0.4%	596	0.6%	
Wales	116	0.1%	0.1%	121	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guernsey	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ireland	251	0.2%	0.3%	217	0.2%	
Austria	73	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.1%	
Belgium	19	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
France	62	0.1%	0.1%	57	0.1%	
Germany	423	0.4%	0.4%	430	0.5%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	598	0.5%	0.2%	618	0.7%	
Switzerland	52	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Denmark	34	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Sweden	22	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	389	0.3%	1.2%	362	0.4%	
Malta	96	0.1%	0.3%	92	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Portugal	39	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Spain	34	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	100	0.1%	0.1%	106	0.1%	
Albania	19	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	97	0.1%	0.2%	76	0.1%	
Bulgaria	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Croatia	174	0.1%	0.3%	168	0.2%	
Cyprus	31	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
North Macedonia	37	0.0%	0.4%	26	0.0%	
Greece	100	0.1%	0.9%	85	0.1%	
Moldova	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	233	0.2%	0.1%	159	0.2%	
Slovenia	27	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Montenegro	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Serbia	121	0.1%	0.2%	82	0.1%	
Kosovo	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	29	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Estonia	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Hungary	72	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
Latvia	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Lithuania	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Poland	157	0.1%	0.3%	124	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Russian Federation	53	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Slovakia	10	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Ukraine	27	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	278	0.2%	0.3%	214	0.2%	
Libya	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Morocco	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sudan	202	0.2%	0.1%	166	0.2%	
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	229	0.2%	0.1%	148	0.2%	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Iran	105	0.1%	0.4%	49	0.1%	
Iraq	66	0.1%	0.5%	15	0.0%	
Israel	23	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Jordan	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Kuwait	24	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Lebanon	73	0.1%	0.4%	37	0.0%	
Oman	18	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Qatar	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Saudi Arabia	34	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Syria	31	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Turkey	61	0.1%	0.4%	39	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	57	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	340	0.3%	0.3%	34	0.0%	
Cambodia	142	0.1%	0.3%	76	0.1%	
Laos	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Thailand	218	0.2%	0.4%	120	0.1%	
Vietnam	188	0.2%	1.8%	91	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indonesia	170	0.1%	0.4%	109	0.1%	
Malaysia	376	0.3%	1.2%	182	0.2%	
Philippines	1,125	1.0%	1.2%	612	0.7%	
Singapore	156	0.1%	0.3%	126	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	43	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	643	0.5%	3.4%	278	0.3%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	95	0.1%	0.5%	53	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Taiwan	148	0.1%	0.2%	76	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Japan	75	0.1%	0.2%	48	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	108	0.1%	0.3%	60	0.1%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bangladesh	220	0.2%	0.2%	93	0.1%	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	5,139	4.3%	4.9%	1,668	1.8%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	100	0.1%	0.4%	29	0.0%	
Pakistan	700	0.6%	0.6%	142	0.2%	
Sri Lanka	2,279	1.9%	1.3%	880	0.9%	
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghanistan	362	0.3%	0.5%	124	0.1%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Azerbaijan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Bermuda	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Canada	132	0.1%	0.2%	115	0.1%	
United States of America	248	0.2%	0.4%	204	0.2%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	94	0.1%	0.1%	72	0.1%	
Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	57	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Chile	187	0.2%	0.2%	127	0.1%	
Colombia	51	0.0%	0.2%	22	0.0%	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French Guiana	–	–	–	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	27	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	24	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Venezuela	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	76	0.1%	0.1%	61	0.1%	
Guatemala	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mexico	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Anguilla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	4	0.0%	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	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	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	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ghana	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Guinea	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberia	34	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigeria	88	0.1%	0.0%	36	0.0%	–
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegal	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sierra Leone	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Comoros	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ethiopia	127	0.1%	0.2%	62	0.1%	
Kenya	124	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.1%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mauritius	492	0.4%	0.2%	417	0.4%	
Mozambique	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	47	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Somalia	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
South Africa	601	0.5%	0.6%	456	0.5%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Tanzania	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Uganda	19	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Zambia	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	191	0.2%	0.1%	115	0.1%	
Not stated	5,860	5.0%	4.4%	5,909	6.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,152</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>94,111</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.