

# Community report

## Central Desert (R)

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

AREA

**Central Desert (R)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NT**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**1 April 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

Central Desert (R) | Regional NT comparison | Persons

Community report section 1 of 1

## Key takeaway

In 2021, 3.3% (118) of people in Central Desert (R) were born overseas, compared with 12.7% in Regional NT. A further 89.5% (3,199) 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

Central Desert (R) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	3,199	89.5%	78.8%	3,392	92.8%	78.6%	-193	-3.3
New Zealand	25	0.7%	1.7%	44	1.2%	1.9%	-19	-0.5
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	5	0.1%	0.2%	4	0.1%	0.2%	+1	0.0
Solomon Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cook Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Fiji	5	0.1%	0.3%	–	–	0.2%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
England	17	0.5%	1.3%	16	0.4%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Scotland	3	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Wales	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ireland	4	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Austria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belgium	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
France	3	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Germany	8	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	
Netherlands	–	–	0.1%	3	0.1%	
Switzerland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Denmark	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sweden	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Malta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Portugal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Spain	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgaria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cyprus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Macedonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greece	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Estonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungary	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvia	–	–	–	–	–	
Poland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Federation	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Slovakia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukraine	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Morocco	–	–	–	–	–	
Sudan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Tunisia	–	–	–	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
South Sudan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bahrain	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iran	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iraq	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Israel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwait	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syria	–	–	–	–	–	
Turkey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Arab Emirates	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Myanmar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cambodia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Laos	–	–	–	–	–	
Thailand	8	0.2%	0.2%	–	–	
Vietnam	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Indonesia	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Malaysia	3	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Philippines	7	0.2%	1.2%	7	0.2%	
Singapore	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	5	0.1%	0.3%	–	–	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	–	–	0.1%	3	0.1%	
Japan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	9	0.3%	1.4%	–	–	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Pakistan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sri Lanka	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Afghanistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	4	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.1%	
United States of America	7	0.2%	0.8%	–	–	
Argentina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bolivia	–	–	–	–	–	
Brazil	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Chile	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Colombia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuela	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	–	–	–	–	–	
Jamaica	–	–	–	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenya	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Mauritius	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	5	0.1%	0.3%	5	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Tanzania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwe	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Not stated	257	7.2%	8.5%	175	4.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,574</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,657</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.