

Community report

Colac-Otway (S)

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

AREA

Colac-Otway (S)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

31 March 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

Colac–Otway (S) | Regional Vic. comparison | Persons

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Key takeaway

In 2021, 10% (2,237) of people in Colac–Otway (S) were born overseas, compared with 12.4% in Regional Vic.. A further 82.9% (18,536) 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

Colac-Otway (S) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | | Change | |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------------|--------|-------|-----------------|--------|------|
| | Count | % | Regional Vic. % | Count | % | Regional Vic. % | Count | pp |
| Inadequately described | 9 | 0.0% | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| At sea | — | — | — | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| Australia | 18,536 | 82.9% | 81.0% | 17,456 | 83.3% | 80.7% | +1,080 | -0.4 |
| Norfolk Island | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| New Zealand | 233 | 1.0% | 1.0% | 243 | 1.2% | 1.0% | -10 | -0.2 |
| New Caledonia | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| Papua New Guinea | 8 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% | +2 | 0.0 |
| Solomon Islands | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| Vanuatu | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| Kiribati | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| Marshall Islands | — | — | — | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| Micronesia, Federated States of | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | — | — | — |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional Vic. % | Count | % | Regiona |
| Nauru | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cook Islands | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Fiji | 10 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 16 | 0.1% | |
| French Polynesia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Niue | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Samoa | 30 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Samoa, American | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tokelau | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tonga | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Tuvalu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Australian Antarctic Territory | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| England | 488 | 2.2% | 2.6% | 472 | 2.3% | |
| Isle of Man | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Northern Ireland | 7 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 7 | 0.0% | |
| Scotland | 80 | 0.4% | 0.4% | 80 | 0.4% | |
| Wales | 12 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 15 | 0.1% | |
| Guernsey | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Jersey | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ireland | 37 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 29 | 0.1% | |
| Austria | 14 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 10 | 0.0% | |
| Belgium | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| France | 14 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 8 | 0.0% | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional Vic. % | Count | % | Regiona |
| Germany | 63 | 0.3% | 0.4% | 67 | 0.3% | |
| Liechtenstein | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Luxembourg | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Netherlands | 81 | 0.4% | 0.4% | 72 | 0.3% | |
| Switzerland | 12 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 10 | 0.0% | |
| Denmark | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Finland | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Greenland | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Iceland | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Norway | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 8 | 0.0% | |
| Sweden | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Aland Islands | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Andorra | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Gibraltar | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Italy | 53 | 0.2% | 0.4% | 62 | 0.3% | |
| Malta | 16 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 11 | 0.1% | |
| Portugal | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Spain | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 10 | 0.0% | |
| South Eastern Europe, nfd | 7 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 8 | 0.0% | |
| Albania | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bulgaria | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Croatia | 10 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 12 | 0.1% | |
| Cyprus | 7 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional Vic. % | Count | % | Regiona |
| North Macedonia | 8 | 0.0% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Greece | 16 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 20 | 0.1% | |
| Moldova | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Romania | 7 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Slovenia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Montenegro | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Serbia | 3 | 0.0% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Kosovo | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Eastern Europe, nfd | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 5 | 0.0% | |
| Belarus | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Czechia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Estonia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Hungary | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Latvia | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Lithuania | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Poland | 9 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 7 | 0.0% | |
| Russian Federation | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Slovakia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ukraine | 7 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | |
| North Africa and the Middle East, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |
| North Africa, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Algeria | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Egypt | 11 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 13 | 0.1% | |

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| | Count | % | Regional Vic. % | Count | % | Regiona |
| Libya | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Morocco | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Sudan | 13 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 33 | 0.2% | |
| Tunisia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| South Sudan | 27 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 19 | 0.1% | |
| Middle East, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bahrain | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Gaza Strip and West Bank | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Iran | 3 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 11 | 0.1% | |
| Iraq | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Israel | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Jordan | – | – | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | |
| Kuwait | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Lebanon | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Oman | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Qatar | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Saudi Arabia | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Syria | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Turkey | 3 | 0.0% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| United Arab Emirates | – | – | 0.0% | 5 | 0.0% | |
| Yemen | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Myanmar | 4 | 0.0% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Cambodia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Laos | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional Vic. % | Count | % | Regiona |
| Thailand | 24 | 0.1% | 0.2% | 13 | 0.1% | |
| Vietnam | 17 | 0.1% | 0.2% | 16 | 0.1% | |
| Maritime South-East Asia, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Brunei Darussalam | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Indonesia | 22 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 9 | 0.0% | |
| Malaysia | 26 | 0.1% | 0.3% | 19 | 0.1% | |
| Philippines | 102 | 0.5% | 0.6% | 63 | 0.3% | |
| Singapore | 10 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 5 | 0.0% | |
| Timor-Leste | 7 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) | 181 | 0.8% | 0.3% | 61 | 0.3% | |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China) | 10 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 7 | 0.0% | |
| Macau (SAR of China) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mongolia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Taiwan | 146 | 0.7% | 0.1% | 24 | 0.1% | |
| Japan | 21 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% | |
| Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North) | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Korea, Republic of (South) | 17 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 8 | 0.0% | |
| Southern and Central Asia, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Southern Asia, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bangladesh | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bhutan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| India | 88 | 0.4% | 1.0% | 61 | 0.3% | |
| Maldives | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional Vic. % | Count | % | Regiona |
| Nepal | 26 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 10 | 0.0% | |
| Pakistan | 8 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 10 | 0.0% | |
| Sri Lanka | 32 | 0.1% | 0.2% | 14 | 0.1% | |
| Afghanistan | 25 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 42 | 0.2% | |
| Armenia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Azerbaijan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Georgia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kazakhstan | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kyrgyzstan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Uzbekistan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Northern America, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Bermuda | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Canada | 12 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 9 | 0.0% | |
| United States of America | 44 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 36 | 0.2% | |
| South America, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Argentina | 7 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bolivia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Brazil | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Chile | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Colombia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ecuador | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Falkland Islands | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Guyana | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Paraguay | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional Vic. % | Count | % | Regiona |
| Peru | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Suriname | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Uruguay | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Venezuela | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Costa Rica | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| El Salvador | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Guatemala | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Honduras | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mexico | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nicaragua | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Panama | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Caribbean, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bahamas | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Barbados | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cayman Islands | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cuba | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Dominican Republic | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Haiti | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Jamaica | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Montserrat | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Puerto Rico | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| St Lucia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Trinidad and Tobago | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Curacao | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional Vic. % | Count | % | Regiona |
| Central and West Africa, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Benin | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Burkina Faso | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Cameroon | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Congo, Republic of | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Congo, Democratic Republic of | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cote d'Ivoire | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Gambia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ghana | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Guinea | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Liberia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mali | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Nigeria | – | – | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Senegal | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Sierra Leone | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Togo | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Southern and East Africa, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Angola | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Botswana | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Burundi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Djibouti | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Eritrea | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ethiopia | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Kenya | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional Vic. % | Count | % | Regiona |
| Lesotho | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Madagascar | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Malawi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mauritius | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Mozambique | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Namibia | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Rwanda | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| St Helena | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Seychelles | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Somalia | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| South Africa | 18 | 0.1% | 0.3% | 19 | 0.1% | |
| Eswatini | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tanzania | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Uganda | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Zambia | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Zimbabwe | 10 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 14 | 0.1% | |
| Not stated | 1,579 | 7.1% | 6.6% | 1,715 | 8.2% | |
| Total | 22,352 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 20,961 | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.