

# Community report

## Darebin (C)

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

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**Darebin (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, 31.4% (46,646) of people in Darebin (C) were born overseas, compared with 35.7% in Greater Melbourne. A further 64.4% (95,641) 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

Darebin (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	71	0.0%	0.1%	99	0.1%	0.1%	-28	-0.1
At sea	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	95,641	64.4%	59.9%	86,912	59.2%	59.8%	+8,729	+5.2
Norfolk Island	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
New Zealand	2,488	1.7%	1.7%	2,193	1.5%	1.8%	+295	+0.2
New Caledonia	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Papua New Guinea	74	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Solomon Islands	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Vanuatu	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Guam	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauru	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cook Islands	13	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Fiji	194	0.1%	0.2%	195	0.1%	–
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoa	63	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.0%	–
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tonga	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	43	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	–
England	3,296	2.2%	2.7%	2,815	1.9%	–
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Northern Ireland	76	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	–
Scotland	461	0.3%	0.4%	424	0.3%	–
Wales	90	0.1%	0.1%	81	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jersey	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ireland	467	0.3%	0.3%	466	0.3%	–
Austria	60	0.0%	0.1%	59	0.0%	–
Belgium	48	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	–
France	295	0.2%	0.1%	235	0.2%	–
Germany	501	0.3%	0.4%	437	0.3%	–
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Netherlands	174	0.1%	0.2%	176	0.1%	–
Switzerland	72	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	–
Denmark	30	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finland	25	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norway	28	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Sweden	98	0.1%	0.0%	71	0.0%	–
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	–
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Italy	5,220	3.5%	1.2%	6,132	4.2%	–
Malta	305	0.2%	0.3%	355	0.2%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Portugal	134	0.1%	0.1%	124	0.1%	
Spain	182	0.1%	0.1%	163	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	126	0.1%	0.1%	159	0.1%	
Albania	70	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	166	0.1%	0.2%	162	0.1%	
Bulgaria	33	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Croatia	334	0.2%	0.3%	370	0.3%	
Cyprus	270	0.2%	0.1%	285	0.2%	
North Macedonia	1,153	0.8%	0.4%	1,148	0.8%	
Greece	4,240	2.9%	0.9%	4,552	3.1%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Romania	73	0.0%	0.1%	73	0.0%	
Slovenia	45	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Montenegro	23	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Serbia	188	0.1%	0.2%	177	0.1%	
Kosovo	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Belarus	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Czechia	35	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Estonia	14	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Hungary	46	0.0%	0.1%	58	0.0%	
Latvia	7	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Lithuania	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Poland	203	0.1%	0.3%	213	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Russian Federation	68	0.0%	0.1%	66	0.0%	
Slovakia	23	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ukraine	46	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Egypt	316	0.2%	0.3%	362	0.2%	
Libya	62	0.0%	0.0%	103	0.1%	
Morocco	30	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Sudan	60	0.0%	0.1%	71	0.0%	
Tunisia	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
South Sudan	8	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bahrain	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	24	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Iran	422	0.3%	0.4%	578	0.4%	
Iraq	219	0.1%	0.5%	328	0.2%	
Israel	48	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Jordan	30	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Kuwait	61	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	
Lebanon	1,166	0.8%	0.4%	1,171	0.8%	
Oman	14	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Qatar	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

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Saudi Arabia	391	0.3%	0.1%	916	0.6%	
Syria	160	0.1%	0.2%	135	0.1%	
Turkey	300	0.2%	0.4%	249	0.2%	
United Arab Emirates	75	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	26	0.0%	0.3%	44	0.0%	
Cambodia	110	0.1%	0.3%	95	0.1%	
Laos	23	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Thailand	419	0.3%	0.4%	407	0.3%	
Vietnam	2,517	1.7%	1.8%	2,796	1.9%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Indonesia	333	0.2%	0.4%	295	0.2%	
Malaysia	1,010	0.7%	1.2%	912	0.6%	
Philippines	1,075	0.7%	1.2%	920	0.6%	
Singapore	338	0.2%	0.3%	301	0.2%	
Timor-Leste	57	0.0%	0.1%	62	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	3,868	2.6%	3.4%	4,816	3.3%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	341	0.2%	0.5%	325	0.2%	
Macau (SAR of China)	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Mongolia	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Taiwan	185	0.1%	0.2%	237	0.2%	

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Japan	345	0.2%	0.2%	296	0.2%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	202	0.1%	0.3%	184	0.1%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern Asia, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	241	0.2%	0.2%	357	0.2%	
Bhutan	19	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
India	3,726	2.5%	4.9%	4,565	3.1%	
Maldives	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nepal	1,108	0.7%	0.4%	864	0.6%	
Pakistan	405	0.3%	0.6%	547	0.4%	
Sri Lanka	839	0.6%	1.3%	838	0.6%	
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghanistan	71	0.0%	0.5%	93	0.1%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Georgia	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kazakhstan	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Canada	402	0.3%	0.2%	297	0.2%	–
United States of America	829	0.6%	0.4%	558	0.4%	–
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Argentina	141	0.1%	0.1%	117	0.1%	–
Bolivia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Brazil	211	0.1%	0.1%	110	0.1%	–
Chile	204	0.1%	0.2%	163	0.1%	–
Colombia	402	0.3%	0.2%	295	0.2%	–
Ecuador	9	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French Guiana	–	–	–	–	–	–
Guyana	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Peru	63	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	–
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uruguay	25	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Venezuela	76	0.1%	0.0%	66	0.0%	–
Central America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
El Salvador	43	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	–
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Honduras	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mexico	97	0.1%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Nicaragua	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anguilla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	12	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Montserrat	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rico	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	8	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cabo Verde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congo, Democratic Republic of	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ghana	35	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	–
Guinea	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberia	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigeria	65	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	–
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sierra Leone	11	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Botswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Comoros	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	32	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Ethiopia	73	0.0%	0.2%	90	0.1%	
Kenya	137	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.1%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Mauritius	168	0.1%	0.2%	240	0.2%	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Namibia	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Somalia	360	0.2%	0.1%	319	0.2%	
South Africa	426	0.3%	0.6%	344	0.2%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Tanzania	18	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Uganda	15	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Zambia	28	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	109	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.1%	
Not stated	6,245	4.2%	4.4%	10,964	7.5%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>148,532</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>146,707</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.