

Community report

Darwin (C)

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

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Darwin (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Darwin

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, 34.1% (27,481) of people in Darwin (C) were born overseas, compared with 27.8% in Greater Darwin. A further 58% (46,679) 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

Darwin (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	46	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.1%	0.1%	-3	0.0
Australia	46,679	58.0%	63.8%	44,951	57.1%	62.7%	+1,728	+0.9
Norfolk Island	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
New Zealand	1,347	1.7%	1.7%	1,600	2.0%	2.1%	-253	-0.3
New Caledonia	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Papua New Guinea	245	0.3%	0.3%	255	0.3%	0.3%	-10	0.0
Solomon Islands	14	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Vanuatu	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Kiribati	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Nauru	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Cook Islands	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Fiji	204	0.3%	0.2%	162	0.2%	0.2%	+42	+0.1

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	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater D
Niue	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Samoa	19	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Tokelau	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tonga	33	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
England	2,238	2.8%	2.7%	2,616	3.3%	
Isle of Man	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	66	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	
Scotland	276	0.3%	0.3%	341	0.4%	
Wales	72	0.1%	0.1%	84	0.1%	
Guernsey	—	—	—	—	—	
Jersey	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ireland	427	0.5%	0.4%	704	0.9%	
Austria	43	0.1%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Belgium	34	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
France	168	0.2%	0.2%	216	0.3%	
Germany	375	0.5%	0.4%	444	0.6%	
Luxembourg	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Netherlands	130	0.2%	0.2%	167	0.2%	
Switzerland	62	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
Denmark	37	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	
Finland	24	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Norway	16	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater D
Sweden	37	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.1%	
Gibraltar	–	–	–	–	–	
Italy	313	0.4%	0.3%	318	0.4%	
Malta	16	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Portugal	110	0.1%	0.1%	105	0.1%	
Spain	69	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Albania	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	28	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Bulgaria	14	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Croatia	14	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Cyprus	103	0.1%	0.1%	97	0.1%	
North Macedonia	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Greece	1,009	1.3%	0.8%	1,123	1.4%	
Romania	26	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Slovenia	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Montenegro	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Kosovo	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Belarus	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	23	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Estonia	31	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.1%	
Hungary	38	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.1%	

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Latvia	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Lithuania	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Poland	70	0.1%	0.1%	71	0.1%	
Russian Federation	46	0.1%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Slovakia	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ukraine	19	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Algeria	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Egypt	47	0.1%	0.0%	42	0.1%	
Libya	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Morocco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudan	46	0.1%	0.0%	80	0.1%	
Tunisia	–	–	–	–	–	
South Sudan	50	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.1%	
Bahrain	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	–	–	–	
Iran	74	0.1%	0.1%	106	0.1%	
Iraq	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Israel	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Jordan	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kuwait	27	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Lebanon	34	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.1%	
Oman	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Qatar	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Saudi Arabia	59	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.0%	

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Syria	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Turkey	36	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	59	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Yemen	—	—	—	—	—	
Myanmar	143	0.2%	0.1%	153	0.2%	
Cambodia	90	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Laos	24	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Thailand	567	0.7%	0.7%	533	0.7%	
Vietnam	780	1.0%	0.8%	473	0.6%	
Brunei Darussalam	26	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Indonesia	965	1.2%	0.9%	743	0.9%	
Malaysia	505	0.6%	0.5%	475	0.6%	
Philippines	3,331	4.1%	3.8%	3,365	4.3%	
Singapore	206	0.3%	0.2%	209	0.3%	
Timor-Leste	832	1.0%	0.7%	851	1.1%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	1,213	1.5%	1.0%	955	1.2%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	239	0.3%	0.2%	196	0.2%	
Macau (SAR of China)	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Mongolia	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Taiwan	320	0.4%	0.3%	415	0.5%	
Japan	136	0.2%	0.1%	314	0.4%	
Korea, Republic of (South)	201	0.2%	0.2%	244	0.3%	
Southern Asia, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bangladesh	523	0.6%	0.5%	277	0.4%	

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Bhutan	38	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
India	2,964	3.7%	2.7%	2,108	2.7%	
Nepal	2,305	2.9%	1.8%	900	1.1%	
Pakistan	465	0.6%	0.4%	240	0.3%	
Sri Lanka	894	1.1%	0.8%	526	0.7%	
Afghanistan	17	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.1%	
Azerbaijan	—	—	—	—	—	
Kazakhstan	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	—	—	—	4	0.0%	
Uzbekistan	—	—	—	4	0.0%	
Canada	185	0.2%	0.2%	180	0.2%	
United States of America	295	0.4%	0.3%	307	0.4%	
South America, nfd	—	—	—	5	0.0%	
Argentina	43	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Bolivia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Brazil	142	0.2%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Chile	45	0.1%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Colombia	120	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.0%	
Ecuador	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	—	—	—	3	0.0%	
Guyana	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Peru	30	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Uruguay	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Venezuela	10	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

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El Salvador	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Guatemala	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mexico	21	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Trinidad and Tobago	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cameroon	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Congo, Republic of	67	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	86	0.1%	0.1%	81	0.1%	
Cote d'Ivoire	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ghana	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Guinea	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Liberia	17	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Nigeria	104	0.1%	0.2%	87	0.1%	
Senegal	3	0.0%	–	6	0.0%	
Sierra Leone	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Togo	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Botswana	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Burundi	21	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Ethiopia	21	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Kenya	110	0.1%	0.1%	81	0.1%	
Lesotho	–	–	–	–	–	

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Madagascar	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Malawi	14	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Mauritius	50	0.1%	0.0%	41	0.1%	
Mozambique	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Namibia	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Seychelles	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Somalia	12	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
South Africa	371	0.5%	0.5%	346	0.4%	
Eswatini	–	–	–	–	–	
Tanzania	21	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Uganda	27	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Zambia	21	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	186	0.2%	0.3%	233	0.3%	
Not stated	6,322	7.9%	8.4%	8,892	11.3%	
Total	80,482	100.0%	100.0%	78,777	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.