

Community report

Dorset (M)

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

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Dorset (M)

COMPARISON

Regional Tas.

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, 8.6% (587) of people in Dorset (M) were born overseas, compared with 12.5% in Regional Tas.. A further 82.9% (5,648) 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

Dorset (M) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	5,648	82.9%	81.1%	5,476	82.9%	81.4%	+172	0.0
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	90	1.3%	1.1%	85	1.3%	1.0%	+5	0.0
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.1%	0	0.0
Solomon Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Cook Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Fiji	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Samoa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
England	184	2.7%	3.6%	198	3.0%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	–	–	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Scotland	28	0.4%	0.4%	23	0.3%	
Wales	6	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ireland	9	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Austria	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.1%	
Belgium	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
France	8	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	
Germany	26	0.4%	0.3%	29	0.4%	
Netherlands	31	0.5%	0.4%	39	0.6%	
Switzerland	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Denmark	5	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Sweden	9	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	9	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.2%	
Malta	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Portugal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Spain	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Albania	–	–	–	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgaria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cyprus	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	
North Macedonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greece	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Slovenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Estonia	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Hungary	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Poland	6	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Russian Federation	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Slovakia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukraine	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Libya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Morocco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	–	–	–	
Iran	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Iraq	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Israel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jordan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwait	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oman	–	–	–	–	–	
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Turkey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Arab Emirates	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemen	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Cambodia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Laos	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thailand	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Vietnam	6	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.1%	
Maritime South–East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesia	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Malaysia	–	–	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Philippines	16	0.2%	0.4%	13	0.2%	
Singapore	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Timor–Leste	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	12	0.2%	0.4%	5	0.1%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	6	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	–	–	–	
Taiwan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Japan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	–	–	0.1%	4	0.1%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Bhutan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
India	16	0.2%	0.7%	–	–	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	15	0.2%	0.7%	–	–	
Pakistan	27	0.4%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	7	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Afghanistan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	–	–	–	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	3	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.1%	
United States of America	22	0.3%	0.3%	19	0.3%	
South America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Argentina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chile	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Colombia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	–	–	–	
Peru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Venezuela	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nicaragua	–	–	–	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	–	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rico	–	–	–	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenya	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Malawi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritius	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	12	0.2%	0.3%	10	0.2%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uganda	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	
Zambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwe	7	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	
Not stated	578	8.5%	6.4%	613	9.3%	
Total	6,813	100.0%	100.0%	6,609	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.