

Community report

Greater Dandenong (C)

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

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Greater Dandenong (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, 58.2% (92,004) of people in Greater Dandenong (C) were born overseas, compared with 35.7% in Greater Melbourne. A further 36.6% (57,952) 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

Greater Dandenong (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	145	0.1%	0.1%	150	0.1%	0.1%	-5	0.0
At sea	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	57,952	36.6%	59.9%	54,476	35.8%	59.8%	+3,476	+0.8
Norfolk Island	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
New Zealand	1,988	1.3%	1.7%	2,237	1.5%	1.8%	-249	-0.2
New Caledonia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Papua New Guinea	28	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	0.0%	-9	0.0
Solomon Islands	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Vanuatu	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	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	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cook Islands	355	0.2%	0.0%	400	0.3%	–
Fiji	587	0.4%	0.2%	634	0.4%	–
French Polynesia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Samoa	302	0.2%	0.1%	415	0.3%	–
Samoa, American	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tonga	36	0.0%	0.0%	44	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	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
England	1,492	0.9%	2.7%	1,718	1.1%	–
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern Ireland	77	0.0%	0.1%	101	0.1%	–
Scotland	299	0.2%	0.4%	386	0.3%	–
Wales	38	0.0%	0.1%	46	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guernsey	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ireland	189	0.1%	0.3%	180	0.1%	
Austria	74	0.0%	0.1%	86	0.1%	
Belgium	16	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
France	87	0.1%	0.1%	91	0.1%	
Germany	425	0.3%	0.4%	524	0.3%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	311	0.2%	0.2%	371	0.2%	
Switzerland	34	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Denmark	17	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	24	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norway	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Sweden	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	1,478	0.9%	1.2%	1,763	1.2%	
Malta	255	0.2%	0.3%	275	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Portugal	106	0.1%	0.1%	107	0.1%	
Spain	62	0.0%	0.1%	57	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	535	0.3%	0.1%	692	0.5%	
Albania	140	0.1%	0.0%	129	0.1%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,474	0.9%	0.2%	1,566	1.0%	
Bulgaria	57	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Croatia	721	0.5%	0.3%	860	0.6%	
Cyprus	201	0.1%	0.1%	215	0.1%	
North Macedonia	1,023	0.6%	0.4%	967	0.6%	
Greece	1,780	1.1%	0.9%	1,769	1.2%	
Moldova	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Romania	348	0.2%	0.1%	372	0.2%	
Slovenia	56	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Montenegro	30	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Serbia	770	0.5%	0.2%	588	0.4%	
Kosovo	69	0.0%	0.0%	88	0.1%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Belarus	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Czechia	30	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Estonia	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hungary	165	0.1%	0.1%	193	0.1%	
Latvia	11	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Lithuania	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Poland	592	0.4%	0.3%	699	0.5%	

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Russian Federation	149	0.1%	0.1%	145	0.1%	
Slovakia	20	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Ukraine	124	0.1%	0.1%	148	0.1%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Egypt	348	0.2%	0.3%	420	0.3%	
Libya	19	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Morocco	25	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Sudan	303	0.2%	0.1%	434	0.3%	
Tunisia	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
South Sudan	198	0.1%	0.1%	244	0.2%	
Middle East, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	17	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	32	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Iran	723	0.5%	0.4%	913	0.6%	
Iraq	315	0.2%	0.5%	321	0.2%	
Israel	61	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.0%	
Jordan	33	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Kuwait	45	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Lebanon	595	0.4%	0.4%	600	0.4%	
Oman	17	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Qatar	16	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	

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Saudi Arabia	124	0.1%	0.1%	142	0.1%	
Syria	102	0.1%	0.2%	89	0.1%	
Turkey	813	0.5%	0.4%	745	0.5%	
United Arab Emirates	135	0.1%	0.1%	132	0.1%	
Yemen	26	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	1,227	0.8%	0.3%	1,489	1.0%	
Cambodia	8,671	5.5%	0.3%	6,865	4.5%	
Laos	171	0.1%	0.0%	172	0.1%	
Thailand	1,390	0.9%	0.4%	1,182	0.8%	
Vietnam	14,693	9.3%	1.8%	13,284	8.7%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Indonesia	942	0.6%	0.4%	633	0.4%	
Malaysia	3,407	2.2%	1.2%	1,442	0.9%	
Philippines	2,662	1.7%	1.2%	2,095	1.4%	
Singapore	339	0.2%	0.3%	280	0.2%	
Timor-Leste	406	0.3%	0.1%	431	0.3%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	4,887	3.1%	3.4%	4,604	3.0%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	467	0.3%	0.5%	428	0.3%	
Macau (SAR of China)	19	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Taiwan	223	0.1%	0.2%	192	0.1%	

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Japan	139	0.1%	0.2%	134	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	554	0.4%	0.3%	372	0.2%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	39	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Bangladesh	541	0.3%	0.2%	552	0.4%	
Bhutan	19	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
India	11,898	7.5%	4.9%	12,413	8.2%	
Maldives	3	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Nepal	282	0.2%	0.4%	184	0.1%	
Pakistan	2,388	1.5%	0.6%	2,108	1.4%	
Sri Lanka	6,287	4.0%	1.3%	6,366	4.2%	
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghanistan	4,820	3.0%	0.5%	4,804	3.2%	
Armenia	31	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Azerbaijan	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Georgia	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kazakhstan	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Tajikistan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Canada	82	0.1%	0.2%	71	0.0%	–
United States of America	193	0.1%	0.4%	177	0.1%	–
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Argentina	166	0.1%	0.1%	196	0.1%	–
Bolivia	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Brazil	46	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	–
Chile	541	0.3%	0.2%	571	0.4%	–
Colombia	87	0.1%	0.2%	55	0.0%	–
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French Guiana	–	–	–	–	–	–
Guyana	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Paraguay	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Peru	61	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	–
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uruguay	68	0.0%	0.0%	82	0.1%	–
Venezuela	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Central America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
El Salvador	168	0.1%	0.1%	180	0.1%	–
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Mexico	19	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anguilla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Montserrat	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Turks and Caicos Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West Africa, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroon	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cabo Verde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chad	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Congo, Democratic Republic of	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Cote d'Ivoire	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Ghana	28	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Guinea	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Liberia	17	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	–
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigeria	91	0.1%	0.0%	69	0.0%	–
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegal	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sierra Leone	36	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Botswana	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Burundi	10	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Comoros	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	113	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	
Ethiopia	453	0.3%	0.2%	426	0.3%	
Kenya	273	0.2%	0.1%	209	0.1%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Malawi	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Mauritius	1,195	0.8%	0.2%	1,330	0.9%	
Mozambique	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	15	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	105	0.1%	0.0%	96	0.1%	
Somalia	157	0.1%	0.1%	166	0.1%	
South Africa	427	0.3%	0.6%	414	0.3%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Tanzania	21	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	0.0%
Uganda	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Zambia	21	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	0.0%
Zimbabwe	95	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.1%	0.1%
Not stated	8,242	5.2%	4.4%	9,811	6.5%	6.5%
Total	158,198	100.0%	100.0%	152,103	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.