

Community report

Greater Geelong (C)

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

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Greater Geelong (C)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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, 17.6% (47,771) of people in Greater Geelong (C) were born overseas, compared with 12.4% in Regional Vic.. A further 77.7% (210,461) 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 Geelong (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	78	0.0%	0.0%	83	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
At sea	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	210,461	77.7%	81.0%	179,939	77.1%	80.7%	+30,522	+0.6
Norfolk Island	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
New Zealand	2,863	1.1%	1.0%	2,281	1.0%	1.0%	+582	+0.1
New Caledonia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Papua New Guinea	126	0.0%	0.0%	111	0.0%	0.0%	+15	0.0
Solomon Islands	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Vanuatu	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Guam	—	—	—	5	0.0%	—	—	—
Kiribati	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Marshall Islands	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Cook Islands	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Fiji	178	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	51	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	30	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	53	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
England	8,744	3.2%	2.6%	7,955	3.4%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	417	0.2%	0.1%	398	0.2%	
Scotland	1,443	0.5%	0.4%	1,374	0.6%	
Wales	306	0.1%	0.1%	286	0.1%	
Guernsey	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Jersey	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ireland	695	0.3%	0.2%	554	0.2%	
Austria	195	0.1%	0.1%	213	0.1%	
Belgium	55	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
France	218	0.1%	0.1%	154	0.1%	
Germany	1,317	0.5%	0.4%	1,337	0.6%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	1,315	0.5%	0.4%	1,379	0.6%	
Switzerland	68	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Denmark	66	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Finland	70	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Norway	36	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Sweden	83	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	–	–	–	
Gibraltar	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Italy	1,619	0.6%	0.4%	1,640	0.7%	
Malta	421	0.2%	0.1%	344	0.1%	
Portugal	117	0.0%	0.0%	115	0.0%	
Spain	274	0.1%	0.0%	256	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	378	0.1%	0.1%	478	0.2%	
Albania	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	475	0.2%	0.0%	433	0.2%	
Bulgaria	60	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Croatia	1,331	0.5%	0.1%	1,338	0.6%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Cyprus	92	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	
North Macedonia	696	0.3%	0.1%	638	0.3%	
Greece	512	0.2%	0.1%	462	0.2%	
Moldova	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Romania	49	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Slovenia	139	0.1%	0.0%	159	0.1%	
Montenegro	17	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Serbia	437	0.2%	0.1%	379	0.2%	
Kosovo	30	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	25	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Belarus	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czechia	34	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Estonia	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hungary	167	0.1%	0.0%	181	0.1%	
Latvia	33	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Lithuania	49	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
Poland	406	0.1%	0.1%	419	0.2%	
Russian Federation	98	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	
Slovakia	11	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Ukraine	107	0.0%	0.0%	92	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
North Africa, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Algeria	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Egypt	226	0.1%	0.0%	139	0.1%	
Libya	21	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Morocco	21	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Sudan	92	0.0%	0.0%	81	0.0%	
Tunisia	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	42	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Iran	528	0.2%	0.1%	464	0.2%	
Iraq	279	0.1%	0.1%	227	0.1%	
Israel	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Jordan	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Kuwait	23	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Lebanon	139	0.1%	0.0%	106	0.0%	
Oman	10	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Qatar	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Saudi Arabia	61	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	
Syria	95	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Turkey	176	0.1%	0.1%	147	0.1%	
United Arab Emirates	85	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Yemen	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Myanmar	553	0.2%	0.1%	374	0.2%	
Cambodia	67	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	

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Laos	59	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Thailand	825	0.3%	0.2%	554	0.2%	
Vietnam	690	0.3%	0.2%	526	0.2%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indonesia	311	0.1%	0.1%	229	0.1%	
Malaysia	688	0.3%	0.3%	512	0.2%	
Philippines	2,017	0.7%	0.6%	1,270	0.5%	
Singapore	314	0.1%	0.1%	257	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	27	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	1,685	0.6%	0.3%	1,528	0.7%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	256	0.1%	0.1%	199	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Taiwan	104	0.0%	0.1%	68	0.0%	
Japan	176	0.1%	0.0%	139	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	–	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	192	0.1%	0.0%	151	0.1%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bangladesh	169	0.1%	0.0%	97	0.0%	
Bhutan	16	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
India	5,097	1.9%	1.0%	2,317	1.0%	

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Maldives	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nepal	356	0.1%	0.1%	103	0.0%	
Pakistan	803	0.3%	0.1%	397	0.2%	
Sri Lanka	830	0.3%	0.2%	405	0.2%	
Afghanistan	611	0.2%	0.1%	515	0.2%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bermuda	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Canada	440	0.2%	0.1%	296	0.1%	
United States of America	813	0.3%	0.2%	607	0.3%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	60	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Bolivia	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Brazil	133	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Chile	77	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Colombia	174	0.1%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Ecuador	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Guyana	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	41	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	21	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Venezuela	38	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
El Salvador	20	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Guatemala	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	31	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Nicaragua	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bahamas	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Montserrat	–	–	–	–	–	
Puerto Rico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	–	–	–	
Cameroon	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Congo, Republic of	37	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	86	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	23	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Guinea	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Liberia	29	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Mali	–	–	–	–	–	
Nigeria	117	0.0%	0.0%	87	0.0%	
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burundi	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethiopia	45	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Kenya	107	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	32	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mauritius	173	0.1%	0.0%	96	0.0%	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	14	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Rwanda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	–	–	–	
Seychelles	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Somalia	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
South Africa	936	0.3%	0.3%	638	0.3%	
Eswatini	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tanzania	52	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Uganda	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Zambia	37	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	226	0.1%	0.1%	153	0.1%	
Not stated	12,749	4.7%	6.6%	15,505	6.6%	
Total	270,981	100.0%	100.0%	233,476	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.