

# Community report

## Inner West (A)

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

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**Inner West (A)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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, 33.4% (60,988) of people in Inner West (A) were born overseas, compared with 38.6% in Greater Sydney. A further 62.6% (114,365) 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

Inner West (A) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	93	0.1%	0.1%	115	0.1%	0.1%	-22	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	114,365	62.6%	56.8%	105,718	58.1%	57.1%	+8,647	+4.5
Norfolk Island	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	3,869	2.1%	1.6%	4,159	2.3%	1.8%	-290	-0.2
New Caledonia	16	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	0.0%	-7	0.0
Papua New Guinea	155	0.1%	0.1%	167	0.1%	0.1%	-12	0.0
Solomon Islands	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Vanuatu	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+7	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Kiribati	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesia (excludes Hawaii), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	39	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Fiji	482	0.3%	0.7%	508	0.3%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Niue	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Samoa	40	0.0%	0.2%	54	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	150	0.1%	0.1%	168	0.1%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn Islands	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	132	0.1%	0.0%	112	0.1%	
England	8,336	4.6%	2.9%	8,005	4.4%	
Isle of Man	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	186	0.1%	0.1%	184	0.1%	
Scotland	914	0.5%	0.3%	872	0.5%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Wales	242	0.1%	0.1%	238	0.1%	
Guernsey	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jersey	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ireland	1,361	0.7%	0.4%	1,353	0.7%	
Austria	100	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.0%	
Belgium	80	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
France	612	0.3%	0.2%	565	0.3%	
Germany	845	0.5%	0.3%	805	0.4%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	332	0.2%	0.2%	335	0.2%	
Switzerland	156	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.1%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Denmark	83	0.0%	0.0%	76	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	73	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Norway	44	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Sweden	157	0.1%	0.1%	128	0.1%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Italy	2,794	1.5%	0.7%	3,226	1.8%	
Malta	220	0.1%	0.2%	250	0.1%	
Portugal	1,168	0.6%	0.1%	1,228	0.7%	
San Marino	—	—	—	—	—	
Spain	406	0.2%	0.1%	401	0.2%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	132	0.1%	0.1%	181	0.1%	
Albania	19	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	134	0.1%	0.1%	111	0.1%	
Bulgaria	42	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Croatia	310	0.2%	0.2%	317	0.2%	
Cyprus	167	0.1%	0.1%	185	0.1%	
North Macedonia	337	0.2%	0.2%	328	0.2%	
Greece	2,428	1.3%	0.5%	2,693	1.5%	
Moldova	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Romania	139	0.1%	0.1%	122	0.1%	
Slovenia	39	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Montenegro	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Serbia	202	0.1%	0.2%	200	0.1%	
Kosovo	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	36	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Belarus	15	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Czechia	82	0.0%	0.0%	105	0.1%	
Estonia	42	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Hungary	166	0.1%	0.1%	179	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Latvia	33	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Lithuania	44	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Poland	424	0.2%	0.2%	489	0.3%	
Russian Federation	250	0.1%	0.2%	211	0.1%	
Slovakia	90	0.0%	0.0%	71	0.0%	
Ukraine	100	0.1%	0.1%	119	0.1%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Egypt	270	0.1%	0.4%	355	0.2%	
Libya	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Morocco	33	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Sudan	36	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Tunisia	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South Sudan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bahrain	23	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	29	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Iran	316	0.2%	0.5%	316	0.2%	
Iraq	98	0.1%	1.0%	95	0.1%	
Israel	119	0.1%	0.1%	104	0.1%	
Jordan	54	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	
Kuwait	27	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	

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Lebanon	1,023	0.6%	1.2%	1,068	0.6%	
Oman	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Qatar	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Saudi Arabia	43	0.0%	0.1%	46	0.0%	
Syria	63	0.0%	0.3%	55	0.0%	
Turkey	497	0.3%	0.3%	440	0.2%	
United Arab Emirates	85	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.0%	
Yemen	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	144	0.1%	0.1%	150	0.1%	
Cambodia	122	0.1%	0.3%	117	0.1%	
Laos	63	0.0%	0.1%	67	0.0%	
Thailand	1,313	0.7%	0.5%	1,484	0.8%	
Vietnam	3,137	1.7%	1.8%	3,201	1.8%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Indonesia	854	0.5%	0.7%	909	0.5%	
Malaysia	1,130	0.6%	0.7%	1,010	0.6%	
Philippines	2,082	1.1%	1.7%	2,071	1.1%	
Singapore	564	0.3%	0.3%	442	0.2%	
Timor-Leste	35	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
North-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	5,556	3.0%	4.6%	6,375	3.5%	–
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	1,102	0.6%	0.9%	951	0.5%	–
Macau (SAR of China)	27	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Mongolia	61	0.0%	0.1%	59	0.0%	–
Taiwan	360	0.2%	0.2%	385	0.2%	–
Japan	645	0.4%	0.2%	592	0.3%	–
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Korea, Republic of (South)	830	0.5%	1.0%	809	0.4%	–
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bangladesh	271	0.1%	0.5%	440	0.2%	–
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
India	1,937	1.1%	3.6%	2,335	1.3%	–
Maldives	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepal	1,964	1.1%	1.1%	2,346	1.3%	–
Pakistan	169	0.1%	0.6%	131	0.1%	–
Sri Lanka	420	0.2%	0.6%	344	0.2%	–
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Afghanistan	24	0.0%	0.3%	19	0.0%	–
Armenia	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Georgia	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–

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Kazakhstan	20	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bermuda	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Canada	683	0.4%	0.2%	632	0.3%	
United States of America	1,782	1.0%	0.5%	1,493	0.8%	
South America, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Argentina	233	0.1%	0.1%	229	0.1%	
Bolivia	25	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Brazil	670	0.4%	0.4%	516	0.3%	
Chile	387	0.2%	0.2%	380	0.2%	
Colombia	572	0.3%	0.2%	357	0.2%	
Ecuador	91	0.0%	0.0%	101	0.1%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Paraguay	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Peru	228	0.1%	0.1%	242	0.1%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	142	0.1%	0.1%	167	0.1%	
Venezuela	76	0.0%	0.0%	84	0.0%	

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Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	14	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
El Salvador	26	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Guatemala	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	141	0.1%	0.0%	117	0.1%	
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Panama	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anguilla	–	–	–	–	–	
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Barbados	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	–	–	–	
Haiti	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Jamaica	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Martinique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rico	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, British	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Virgin Islands, United States	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	–	–	–	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cabo Verde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cote d'Ivoire	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	45	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Liberia	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	53	0.0%	0.1%	62	0.0%	
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegal	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sierra Leone	39	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	17	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Botswana	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Comoros	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ethiopia	33	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Kenya	98	0.1%	0.1%	94	0.1%	
Lesotho	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mauritius	141	0.1%	0.1%	157	0.1%	
Mozambique	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Namibia	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	16	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Somalia	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South Africa	1,005	0.5%	0.8%	897	0.5%	
Eswatini	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	31	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Uganda	31	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Zambia	31	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	106	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Not stated	7,455	4.1%	4.6%	13,916	7.6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>182,808</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>181,977</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.