

Community report

Kiama (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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, 14.4% (3,328) of people in Kiama (A) were born overseas, compared with 12.2% in Regional NSW. A further 81.5% (18,766) 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

Kiama (A) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	18,766	81.5%	81.3%	17,038	79.5%	80.9%	+1,728	+2.0
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	300	1.3%	1.2%	315	1.5%	1.1%	-15	-0.2
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	20	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%	+8	0.0
Solomon Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palau	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fiji	14	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
England	1,201	5.2%	2.8%	1,114	5.2%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	46	0.2%	0.1%	45	0.2%	
Scotland	149	0.6%	0.4%	141	0.7%	
Wales	34	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.2%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ireland	80	0.3%	0.2%	83	0.4%	
Austria	25	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Belgium	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
France	15	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Germany	124	0.5%	0.4%	100	0.5%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	70	0.3%	0.2%	70	0.3%	
Switzerland	14	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	14	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	13	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	12	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Sweden	24	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	80	0.3%	0.3%	90	0.4%	
Malta	34	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Portugal	5	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Spain	13	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	10	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Albania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bulgaria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatia	17	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Cyprus	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North Macedonia	29	0.1%	0.2%	16	0.1%	
Greece	25	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Slovenia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Estonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungary	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.1%	
Latvia	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Poland	22	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Russian Federation	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Slovakia	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ukraine	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Algeria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	23	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	

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Libya	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Morocco	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sudan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tunisia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South Sudan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Middle East, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bahrain	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Iran	10	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Iraq	4	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Israel	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Jordan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kuwait	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Lebanon	7	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Oman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Qatar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Saudi Arabia	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Syria	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Turkey	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Yemen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
South-East Asia, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Myanmar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Cambodia	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	

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Laos	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thailand	45	0.2%	0.2%	39	0.2%	
Vietnam	21	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesia	18	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Malaysia	34	0.1%	0.2%	19	0.1%	
Philippines	45	0.2%	0.5%	32	0.1%	
Singapore	19	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	71	0.3%	0.3%	61	0.3%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	18	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Japan	14	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	9	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	36	0.2%	0.7%	28	0.1%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Nepal	10	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Pakistan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sri Lanka	3	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Afghanistan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	63	0.3%	0.2%	48	0.2%	
United States of America	136	0.6%	0.3%	91	0.4%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	19	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Chile	12	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Colombia	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Venezuela	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenya	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritius	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	112	0.5%	0.4%	101	0.5%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Uganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambia	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	21	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	944	4.1%	6.5%	1,465	6.8%	
Total	23,038	100.0%	100.0%	21,426	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.