

Community report

Lake Macquarie (C)

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

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Lake Macquarie (C)

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, 10.8% (23,106) of people in Lake Macquarie (C) were born overseas, compared with 12.2% in Regional NSW. A further 85.5% (182,826) 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

Lake Macquarie (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	44	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	182,826	85.5%	81.3%	168,248	85.2%	80.9%	+14,578	+0.3
Norfolk Island	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
New Zealand	2,542	1.2%	1.2%	2,260	1.1%	1.1%	+282	+0.1
New Caledonia	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Papua New Guinea	170	0.1%	0.1%	156	0.1%	0.1%	+14	0.0
Solomon Islands	19	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Vanuatu	22	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+12	0.0
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Marshall Islands	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Palau	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	14	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Fiji	179	0.1%	0.1%	151	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Niue	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Samoa	125	0.1%	0.0%	106	0.1%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	87	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
England	5,444	2.5%	2.8%	5,151	2.6%	
Isle of Man	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	125	0.1%	0.1%	117	0.1%	
Scotland	858	0.4%	0.4%	867	0.4%	
Wales	253	0.1%	0.1%	242	0.1%	
Guernsey	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jersey	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ireland	383	0.2%	0.2%	317	0.2%	
Austria	150	0.1%	0.1%	161	0.1%	
Belgium	36	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
France	111	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.0%	
Germany	894	0.4%	0.4%	880	0.4%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	516	0.2%	0.2%	529	0.3%	
Switzerland	73	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	64	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	52	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Sweden	76	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	408	0.2%	0.3%	415	0.2%	
Malta	139	0.1%	0.1%	118	0.1%	
Portugal	43	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	
Spain	57	0.0%	0.1%	50	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	89	0.0%	0.1%	103	0.1%	
Albania	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	59	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Bulgaria	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Croatia	131	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
Cyprus	31	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North Macedonia	243	0.1%	0.2%	265	0.1%	
Greece	137	0.1%	0.1%	137	0.1%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	48	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Slovenia	20	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Montenegro	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Serbia	70	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Kosovo	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Belarus	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czechia	53	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Estonia	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Hungary	63	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	
Latvia	22	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Lithuania	22	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Poland	225	0.1%	0.1%	204	0.1%	
Russian Federation	65	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Slovakia	24	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Ukraine	59	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Algeria	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Egypt	85	0.0%	0.1%	70	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Libya	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Morocco	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Sudan	26	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iran	102	0.0%	0.1%	57	0.0%	
Iraq	64	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Israel	18	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Jordan	5	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Kuwait	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Lebanon	59	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Oman	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Qatar	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Saudi Arabia	23	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Syria	18	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Turkey	36	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	42	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Cambodia	81	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Laos	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Thailand	384	0.2%	0.2%	273	0.1%	
Vietnam	216	0.1%	0.1%	140	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Brunei Darussalam	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesia	206	0.1%	0.1%	152	0.1%	
Malaysia	375	0.2%	0.2%	310	0.2%	
Philippines	911	0.4%	0.5%	695	0.4%	
Singapore	106	0.0%	0.1%	80	0.0%	
Timor-Leste	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	639	0.3%	0.3%	522	0.3%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	163	0.1%	0.1%	121	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mongolia	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Taiwan	49	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Japan	116	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.0%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	225	0.1%	0.1%	182	0.1%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	97	0.0%	0.1%	67	0.0%	
Bhutan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
India	1,038	0.5%	0.7%	666	0.3%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nepal	225	0.1%	0.2%	28	0.0%	
Pakistan	146	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	169	0.1%	0.1%	156	0.1%	
Afghanistan	22	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Armenia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Canada	350	0.2%	0.2%	265	0.1%	
United States of America	621	0.3%	0.3%	505	0.3%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	54	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Bolivia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	110	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Chile	98	0.0%	0.1%	96	0.0%	
Colombia	43	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Ecuador	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Guyana	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Paraguay	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	45	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Suriname	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	35	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Venezuela	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
El Salvador	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Nicaragua	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Puerto Rico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Kitts and Nevis	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	24	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	56	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burundi	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Kenya	63	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mauritius	65	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Mozambique	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Namibia	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	976	0.5%	0.4%	675	0.3%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Uganda	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Zambia	25	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	169	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Not stated	7,906	3.7%	6.5%	9,421	4.8%	
Total	213,838	100.0%	100.0%	197,360	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.