

# Community report

## Lismore (C)

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

AREA

**Lismore (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

Lismore (C) | Regional NSW comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 10.3% (4,560) of people in Lismore (C) were born overseas, compared with 12.2% in Regional NSW. A further 81.8% (36,243) 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

Lismore (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

| Category               | 2021   |       |                | 2016   |       |                | Change |      |
|------------------------|--------|-------|----------------|--------|-------|----------------|--------|------|
|                        | Count  | %     | Regional NSW % | Count  | %     | Regional NSW % | Count  | pp   |
| Inadequately described | 6      | 0.0%  | 0.0%           | 11     | 0.0%  | 0.0%           | -5     | 0.0  |
| At sea                 | –      | –     | 0.0%           | –      | –     | 0.0%           | –      | –    |
| Australia              | 36,243 | 81.8% | 81.3%          | 35,353 | 82.0% | 80.9%          | +890   | -0.2 |
| Norfolk Island         | 6      | 0.0%  | 0.0%           | 5      | 0.0%  | 0.0%           | +1     | 0.0  |
| New Zealand            | 555    | 1.3%  | 1.2%           | 527    | 1.2%  | 1.1%           | +28    | +0.1 |
| New Caledonia          | –      | –     | 0.0%           | –      | –     | 0.0%           | –      | –    |
| Papua New Guinea       | 41     | 0.1%  | 0.1%           | 50     | 0.1%  | 0.1%           | -9     | 0.0  |
| Solomon Islands        | 7      | 0.0%  | 0.0%           | 4      | 0.0%  | 0.0%           | +3     | 0.0  |
| Vanuatu                | 9      | 0.0%  | 0.0%           | –      | –     | 0.0%           | –      | –    |
| Guam                   | –      | –     | 0.0%           | –      | –     | 0.0%           | –      | –    |
| Kiribati               | –      | –     | 0.0%           | 3      | 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   | 34    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 30    | 0.1% |          |
| French Polynesia                                     | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Niue   | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Samoa  | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 4     | 0.0% |          |
| Samoa, American                                      | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Tokelau  | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Tonga  | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 4     | 0.0% |          |
| Tuvalu   | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Antarctica, nfd                                      | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd | 7     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 4     | 0.0% |          |
| England  | 1,144 | 2.6% | 2.8%           | 1,051 | 2.4% |          |
| Isle of Man  | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Northern Ireland                                     | 15    | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 28    | 0.1% |          |
| Scotland   | 99    | 0.2% | 0.4%           | 99    | 0.2% |          |
| Wales  | 24    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 23    | 0.1% |          |
| Guernsey   | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 7     | 0.0% |          |
| Jersey   | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 7     | 0.0% |          |
| Ireland  | 41    | 0.1% | 0.2%           | 51    | 0.1% |          |
| Austria  | 26    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 24    | 0.1% |          |
| Belgium  | 12    | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 11    | 0.0% |          |

| Category                  | 2021  |      |                | 2016  |      |          |
|---------------------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|------|----------|
|                           | Count | %    | Regional NSW % | Count | %    | Regional |
| France                    | 68    | 0.2% | 0.1%           | 53    | 0.1% |          |
| Germany                   | 229   | 0.5% | 0.4%           | 218   | 0.5% |          |
| Luxembourg                | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Monaco                    | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Netherlands               | 106   | 0.2% | 0.2%           | 116   | 0.3% |          |
| Switzerland               | 56    | 0.1% | 0.0%           | 41    | 0.1% |          |
| Northern Europe, nfd      | –     | –    | –              | –     | –    |          |
| Denmark                   | 16    | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 17    | 0.0% |          |
| Faroe Islands             | –     | –    | –              | –     | –    |          |
| Finland                   | 12    | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 7     | 0.0% |          |
| Iceland                   | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Norway                    | 7     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |
| Sweden                    | 21    | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 17    | 0.0% |          |
| Gibraltar                 | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Italy                     | 141   | 0.3% | 0.3%           | 171   | 0.4% |          |
| Malta                     | 6     | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 7     | 0.0% |          |
| Portugal                  | 8     | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 11    | 0.0% |          |
| Spain                     | 15    | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 12    | 0.0% |          |
| South Eastern Europe, nfd | 6     | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 5     | 0.0% |          |
| Albania                   | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina    | 6     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Bulgaria                  | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Croatia                   | 9     | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 5     | 0.0% |          |
| Cyprus                    | –     | –    | 0.0%           | 6     | 0.0% |          |

| Category                              | 2021  |      |                | 2016  |      |          |
|---------------------------------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|------|----------|
|                                       | Count | %    | Regional NSW % | Count | %    | Regional |
| North Macedonia                       | –     | –    | 0.2%           | –     | –    |          |
| Greece                                | 7     | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 4     | 0.0% |          |
| Moldova                               | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Romania                               | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 7     | 0.0% |          |
| Slovenia                              | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Montenegro                            | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Serbia                                | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Kosovo                                | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Eastern Europe, nfd                   | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 4     | 0.0% |          |
| Belarus                               | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Czechia                               | 9     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 6     | 0.0% |          |
| Estonia                               | –     | –    | 0.0%           | 5     | 0.0% |          |
| Hungary                               | 17    | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 14    | 0.0% |          |
| Latvia                                | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Lithuania                             | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Poland                                | 20    | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 23    | 0.1% |          |
| Russian Federation                    | 7     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 11    | 0.0% |          |
| Slovakia                              | –     | –    | 0.0%           | 4     | 0.0% |          |
| Ukraine                               | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 9     | 0.0% |          |
| North Africa and the Middle East, nfd | –     | –    | –              | –     | –    |          |
| North Africa, nfd                     | –     | –    | –              | –     | –    |          |
| Algeria                               | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |
| Egypt                                 | 33    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 14    | 0.0% |          |

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|                          | Count | %    | Regional NSW % | Count | %    | Regional |
| Libya                    | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Morocco                  | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 4     | 0.0% |          |
| Sudan                    | 10    | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 13    | 0.0% |          |
| Tunisia                  | –     | –    | 0.0%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |
| South Sudan              | 7     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 8     | 0.0% |          |
| Middle East, nfd         | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Bahrain                  | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Gaza Strip and West Bank | –     | –    | 0.0%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |
| Iran                     | 21    | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 11    | 0.0% |          |
| Iraq                     | 4     | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |
| Israel                   | 10    | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 10    | 0.0% |          |
| Jordan                   | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Kuwait                   | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Lebanon                  | 5     | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |
| Oman                     | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Qatar                    | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Saudi Arabia             | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Syria                    | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Turkey                   | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| United Arab Emirates     | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Yemen                    | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| South-East Asia, nfd     | –     | –    | –              | –     | –    |          |
| Myanmar                  | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 4     | 0.0% |          |
| Cambodia                 | 6     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |

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|  | Count | %    | Regional NSW % | Count | %    | Regional |
| Laos   | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Thailand                                       | 85    | 0.2% | 0.2%           | 46    | 0.1% |          |
| Vietnam  | 59    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 49    | 0.1% |          |
| Maritime South-East Asia, nfd                  | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Brunei Darussalam                              | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Indonesia                                      | 34    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 46    | 0.1% |          |
| Malaysia                                       | 52    | 0.1% | 0.2%           | 48    | 0.1% |          |
| Philippines                                    | 195   | 0.4% | 0.5%           | 160   | 0.4% |          |
| Singapore                                      | 25    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 10    | 0.0% |          |
| Timor-Leste                                    | 6     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)               | 66    | 0.1% | 0.3%           | 66    | 0.2% |          |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China)                       | 25    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 19    | 0.0% |          |
| Macau (SAR of China)                           | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Mongolia                                       | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Taiwan   | 18    | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 18    | 0.0% |          |
| Japan  | 68    | 0.2% | 0.1%           | 40    | 0.1% |          |
| Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North) | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Korea, Republic of (South)                     | 36    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 31    | 0.1% |          |
| Southern Asia, nfd                             | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Bangladesh                                     | 14    | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 10    | 0.0% |          |
| Bhutan   | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| India  | 179   | 0.4% | 0.7%           | 113   | 0.3% |          |
| Maldives                                       | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |

| Category                 | 2021  |      |                | 2016  |      |          |
|--------------------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|------|----------|
|                          | Count | %    | Regional NSW % | Count | %    | Regional |
| Nepal                    | 49    | 0.1% | 0.2%           | –     | –    |          |
| Pakistan                 | 29    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 26    | 0.1% |          |
| Sri Lanka                | 30    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 15    | 0.0% |          |
| Afghanistan              | –     | –    | 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                  | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Canada                   | 103   | 0.2% | 0.2%           | 80    | 0.2% |          |
| United States of America | 165   | 0.4% | 0.3%           | 146   | 0.3% |          |
| South America, nfd       | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Argentina                | 15    | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 8     | 0.0% |          |
| Bolivia                  | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 4     | 0.0% |          |
| Brazil                   | 33    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 10    | 0.0% |          |
| Chile                    | 20    | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 11    | 0.0% |          |
| Colombia                 | 13    | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 5     | 0.0% |          |
| Ecuador                  | 7     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 5     | 0.0% |          |
| Falkland Islands         | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |

| Category           | 2021  |      |                | 2016  |      |          |
|--------------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|------|----------|
|                    | Count | %    | Regional NSW % | Count | %    | Regional |
| Guyana             | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Paraguay           | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Peru               | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Suriname           | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Uruguay            | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 11    | 0.0% |          |
| Venezuela          | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Belize             | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Costa Rica         | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| El Salvador        | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Guatemala          | –     | –    | 0.0%           | 4     | 0.0% |          |
| Honduras           | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Mexico             | –     | –    | 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%           | –     | –    |          |

| Category                      | 2021  |      |                | 2016  |      |          |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|------|----------|
|                               | Count | %    | Regional NSW % | Count | %    | Regional |
| 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 | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 23    | 0.1% |          |
| Cote d'Ivoire                 | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Gabon                         | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Gambia                        | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Ghana                         | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Guinea                        | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Guinea-Bissau                 | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Liberia                       | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Mauritania                    | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Niger                         | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Nigeria                       | 11    | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 5     | 0.0% |          |

| Category                      | 2021  |      |                | 2016  |      |          |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|------|----------|
|                               | Count | %    | Regional NSW % | Count | %    | Regional |
| Senegal                       | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Sierra Leone                  | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 5     | 0.0% |          |
| Togo                          | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Southern and East Africa, nfd | –     | –    | 0.0%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |
| Angola                        | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Botswana                      | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Burundi                       | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Eritrea                       | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Ethiopia                      | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 8     | 0.0% |          |
| Kenya                         | 25    | 0.1% | 0.0%           | 30    | 0.1% |          |
| Lesotho                       | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Madagascar                    | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Malawi                        | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 8     | 0.0% |          |
| Mauritius                     | 13    | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 6     | 0.0% |          |
| Mozambique                    | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Namibia                       | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 5     | 0.0% |          |
| Reunion                       | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Rwanda                        | –     | –    | 0.0%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |
| St Helena                     | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Seychelles                    | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Somalia                       | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| South Africa                  | 158   | 0.4% | 0.4%           | 110   | 0.3% |          |
| Eswatini                      | –     | –    | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |
| Tanzania                      | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | –     | –    |          |

| Category                      | 2021          |               |                | 2016          |               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                               | Count         | %             | Regional NSW % | Count         | %             | Regional      |
| Uganda                        | 3             | 0.0%          | 0.0%           | 3             | 0.0%          |               |
| Zambia                        | 8             | 0.0%          | 0.0%           | –             | –             |               |
| Zimbabwe                      | 34            | 0.1%          | 0.1%           | 28            | 0.1%          |               |
| Southern and East Africa, nec | –             | –             | 0.0%           | –             | –             |               |
| Not stated                    | 3,494         | 7.9%          | 6.5%           | 3,726         | 8.6%          |               |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>44,297</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>43,098</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.