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Community Explorer

COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Newcastle (C)

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

AREA
Newcastle (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, 14.8% (24,997) of people in Newcastle (C) were born overseas, compared with 12.2% in Regional NSW. A further 80.8% (136,481) 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

Newcastle (C) – Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	81	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	0.0%	+52	0.0
At sea	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	136,481	80.8%	81.3%	126,385	81.3%	80.9%	+10,096	-0.5
Norfolk Island	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
New Zealand	1,779	1.1%	1.2%	1,623	1.0%	1.1%	+156	+0.1
New Caledonia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Papua New Guinea	118	0.1%	0.1%	107	0.1%	0.1%	+11	0.0
Solomon Islands	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Vanuatu	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Guam	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Kiribati	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Marshall Islands	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palau	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fiji	137	0.1%	0.1%	134	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	64	0.0%	0.0%	82	0.1%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	83	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.1%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
England	3,648	2.2%	2.8%	3,228	2.1%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	85	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.1%	
Scotland	578	0.3%	0.4%	538	0.3%	
Wales	155	0.1%	0.1%	155	0.1%	
Guernsey	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Jersey	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ireland	339	0.2%	0.2%	304	0.2%	
Austria	95	0.1%	0.1%	91	0.1%	
Belgium	30	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
France	140	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	
Germany	585	0.3%	0.4%	598	0.4%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	216	0.1%	0.2%	227	0.1%	
Switzerland	42	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	52	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	30	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	50	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Sweden	81	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	565	0.3%	0.3%	652	0.4%	
Malta	37	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Portugal	54	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.0%	
Spain	90	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	125	0.1%	0.1%	166	0.1%	
Albania	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	157	0.1%	0.0%	145	0.1%	
Bulgaria	14	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Croatia	185	0.1%	0.1%	177	0.1%	
Cyprus	35	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North Macedonia	632	0.4%	0.2%	661	0.4%	
Greece	329	0.2%	0.1%	370	0.2%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	53	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Slovenia	20	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Montenegro	14	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Serbia	80	0.0%	0.0%	86	0.1%	
Kosovo	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Belarus	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Czechia	27	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Estonia	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hungary	56	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Latvia	18	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Lithuania	20	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Poland	243	0.1%	0.1%	272	0.2%	
Russian Federation	65	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Slovakia	22	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Ukraine	38	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Algeria	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Egypt	113	0.1%	0.1%	86	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Libya	19	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Morocco	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sudan	41	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.0%	
Tunisia	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South Sudan	17	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Iran	241	0.1%	0.1%	241	0.2%	
Iraq	80	0.0%	0.1%	111	0.1%	
Israel	9	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Jordan	40	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Kuwait	25	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Lebanon	49	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	
Oman	6	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Qatar	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Saudi Arabia	228	0.1%	0.0%	207	0.1%	
Syria	295	0.2%	0.0%	96	0.1%	
Turkey	51	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	47	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South–East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	58	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Cambodia	68	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Laos	19	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Thailand	373	0.2%	0.2%	267	0.2%	
Vietnam	549	0.3%	0.1%	392	0.3%	
Maritime South–East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indonesia	263	0.2%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
Malaysia	479	0.3%	0.2%	432	0.3%	
Philippines	1,068	0.6%	0.5%	812	0.5%	
Singapore	158	0.1%	0.1%	174	0.1%	
Timor–Leste	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	1,380	0.8%	0.3%	1,715	1.1%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	290	0.2%	0.1%	280	0.2%	
Macau (SAR of China)	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Mongolia	11	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Taiwan	98	0.1%	0.1%	169	0.1%	
Japan	164	0.1%	0.1%	119	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	411	0.2%	0.1%	402	0.3%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	281	0.2%	0.1%	163	0.1%	
Bhutan	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
India	1,747	1.0%	0.7%	1,158	0.7%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nepal	487	0.3%	0.2%	100	0.1%	
Pakistan	506	0.3%	0.1%	249	0.2%	
Sri Lanka	240	0.1%	0.1%	226	0.1%	
Afghanistan	290	0.2%	0.0%	256	0.2%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kazakhstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Uzbekistan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bermuda	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Canada	391	0.2%	0.2%	322	0.2%	
United States of America	725	0.4%	0.3%	588	0.4%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	73	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Bolivia	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Brazil	198	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.1%	
Chile	77	0.0%	0.1%	75	0.0%	
Colombia	74	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Ecuador	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	65	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Venezuela	21	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	23	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Guatemala	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Honduras	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mexico	26	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Nicaragua	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Panama	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Congo, Republic of	37	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	114	0.1%	0.0%	73	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	55	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Guinea	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea–Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	16	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Mauritania	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	121	0.1%	0.0%	121	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Senegal	21	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Sierra Leone	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Botswana	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Burundi	21	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Eritrea	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethiopia	60	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Kenya	102	0.1%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	35	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Mauritius	43	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Mozambique	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Namibia	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somalia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	625	0.4%	0.4%	431	0.3%	
Eswatini	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	22	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Uganda	36	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Zambia	18	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	180	0.1%	0.1%	159	0.1%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Not stated	7,379	4.4%	6.5%	7,387	4.8%	
Total	**168,857**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**155,381**	**100.0%**	**10**

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.