

Community report

North Sydney (A)

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

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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, 39.9% (27,512) of people in North Sydney (A) were born overseas, compared with 38.6% in Greater Sydney. A further 56.1% (38,646) 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

North Sydney (A) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	77	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	0.1%	-6	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	38,646	56.1%	56.8%	36,678	54.2%	57.1%	+1,968	+1.9
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	1,765	2.6%	1.6%	2,027	3.0%	1.8%	-262	-0.4
New Caledonia	17	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
Papua New Guinea	94	0.1%	0.1%	91	0.1%	0.1%	+3	0.0
Solomon Islands	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesia (excludes Hawaii), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Fiji	154	0.2%	0.7%	158	0.2%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	12	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	6	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	56	0.1%	0.0%	51	0.1%	
England	4,356	6.3%	2.9%	4,460	6.6%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	84	0.1%	0.1%	92	0.1%	
Scotland	418	0.6%	0.3%	436	0.6%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Wales	123	0.2%	0.1%	127	0.2%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Jersey	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ireland	432	0.6%	0.4%	462	0.7%	
Austria	82	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.1%	
Belgium	51	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.1%	
France	431	0.6%	0.2%	435	0.6%	
Germany	406	0.6%	0.3%	409	0.6%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	182	0.3%	0.2%	203	0.3%	
Switzerland	91	0.1%	0.1%	113	0.2%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Denmark	43	0.1%	0.0%	74	0.1%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	53	0.1%	0.0%	53	0.1%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	36	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Sweden	113	0.2%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Italy	419	0.6%	0.7%	361	0.5%	
Malta	29	0.0%	0.2%	28	0.0%	
Portugal	41	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.1%	
San Marino	–	–	–	–	–	
Spain	164	0.2%	0.1%	119	0.2%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	59	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.1%	
Albania	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	26	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Bulgaria	46	0.1%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Croatia	78	0.1%	0.2%	84	0.1%	
Cyprus	13	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
North Macedonia	43	0.1%	0.2%	38	0.1%	
Greece	96	0.1%	0.5%	74	0.1%	
Moldova	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	65	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	
Slovenia	6	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Montenegro	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Serbia	64	0.1%	0.2%	44	0.1%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	37	0.1%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Belarus	22	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Czechia	70	0.1%	0.0%	86	0.1%	
Estonia	33	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Hungary	120	0.2%	0.1%	165	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Latvia	23	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Lithuania	31	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Poland	269	0.4%	0.2%	249	0.4%	
Russian Federation	268	0.4%	0.2%	235	0.3%	
Slovakia	69	0.1%	0.0%	66	0.1%	
Ukraine	98	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.1%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	108	0.2%	0.4%	122	0.2%	
Libya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Morocco	24	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Sudan	11	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Tunisia	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
South Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle East, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Iran	432	0.6%	0.5%	364	0.5%	
Iraq	37	0.1%	1.0%	28	0.0%	
Israel	72	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Jordan	34	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Kuwait	15	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	

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Lebanon	65	0.1%	1.2%	64	0.1%	
Oman	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Saudi Arabia	17	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Syria	18	0.0%	0.3%	16	0.0%	
Turkey	133	0.2%	0.3%	91	0.1%	
United Arab Emirates	64	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Yemen	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	31	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Cambodia	32	0.0%	0.3%	12	0.0%	
Laos	7	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Thailand	486	0.7%	0.5%	510	0.8%	
Vietnam	279	0.4%	1.8%	220	0.3%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indonesia	275	0.4%	0.7%	217	0.3%	
Malaysia	661	1.0%	0.7%	561	0.8%	
Philippines	751	1.1%	1.7%	676	1.0%	
Singapore	346	0.5%	0.3%	305	0.5%	
Timor-Leste	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
North-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	2,521	3.7%	4.6%	1,966	2.9%	–
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	1,109	1.6%	0.9%	958	1.4%	–
Macau (SAR of China)	27	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Mongolia	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Taiwan	309	0.4%	0.2%	282	0.4%	–
Japan	886	1.3%	0.2%	1,028	1.5%	–
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Korea, Republic of (South)	547	0.8%	1.0%	442	0.7%	–
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bangladesh	55	0.1%	0.5%	51	0.1%	–
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
India	1,576	2.3%	3.6%	1,325	2.0%	–
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepal	307	0.4%	1.1%	308	0.5%	–
Pakistan	80	0.1%	0.6%	87	0.1%	–
Sri Lanka	251	0.4%	0.6%	236	0.3%	–
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Afghanistan	12	0.0%	0.3%	3	0.0%	–
Armenia	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Azerbaijan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Kazakhstan	18	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	382	0.6%	0.2%	364	0.5%	
United States of America	1,036	1.5%	0.5%	1,055	1.6%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	98	0.1%	0.1%	95	0.1%	
Bolivia	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Brazil	618	0.9%	0.4%	381	0.6%	
Chile	132	0.2%	0.2%	81	0.1%	
Colombia	300	0.4%	0.2%	206	0.3%	
Ecuador	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Paraguay	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Peru	130	0.2%	0.1%	119	0.2%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	24	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Venezuela	57	0.1%	0.0%	58	0.1%	

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Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Guatemala	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Honduras	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mexico	98	0.1%	0.0%	78	0.1%	
Nicaragua	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anguilla	–	–	–	–	–	
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	–	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Martinique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, British	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Virgin Islands, United States	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	–	–	–	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cabo Verde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Liberia	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	23	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Botswana	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Comoros	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kenya	52	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mauritius	45	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Mozambique	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Namibia	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	1,229	1.8%	0.8%	1,092	1.6%	
Eswatini	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Uganda	23	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Zambia	31	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	111	0.2%	0.1%	102	0.2%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Not stated	2,777	4.0%	4.6%	5,305	7.8%	
Total	68,935	100.0%	100.0%	67,669	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.