

Community report

Northam (S)

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

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Northam (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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, 18% (2,038) of people in Northam (S) were born overseas, compared with 17.7% in Regional WA. A further 72.1% (8,181) 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

Northam (S) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	7	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+4	+0.1
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Australia	8,181	72.1%	72.1%	7,741	69.8%	71.7%	+440	+2.3
Norfolk Island	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	305	2.7%	3.0%	299	2.7%	3.4%	+6	0.0
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	9	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	0.1%	+1	0.0
Solomon Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Kiribati	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Cook Islands	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Fiji	10	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	—
French Polynesia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Niue	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Samoa	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Samoa, American	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Tonga	9	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Tuvalu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Polynesia (excludes Hawaii), nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
England	575	5.1%	5.0%	642	5.8%	—
Isle of Man	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Northern Ireland	10	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	—
Scotland	43	0.4%	0.5%	52	0.5%	—
Wales	12	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	—
Guernsey	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jersey	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ireland	28	0.2%	0.3%	26	0.2%	—
Austria	9	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.1%	—
Belgium	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
France	11	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Germany	74	0.7%	0.4%	75	0.7%	—
Luxembourg	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Netherlands	53	0.5%	0.3%	49	0.4%	0.3%
Switzerland	3	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.1%	0.1%
Denmark	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Finland	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.1%
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norway	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sweden	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Italy	17	0.1%	0.3%	19	0.2%	0.2%
Malta	8	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Portugal	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.1%
Spain	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Eastern Europe, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Albania	–	–	0.0%	7	0.1%	0.1%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.1%
Bulgaria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Croatia	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.1%	0.1%
Cyprus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
North Macedonia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Greece	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romania	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.1%	0.1%
Slovenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Serbia	16	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.1%	0.0%
Eastern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czechia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Estonia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Hungary	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Latvia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Lithuania	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Poland	18	0.2%	0.1%	18	0.2%	0.1%
Russian Federation	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Slovakia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ukraine	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Algeria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Egypt	6	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.1%	0.0%
Libya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Morocco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudan	16	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.1%	0.0%
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
South Sudan	6	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bahrain	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iran	30	0.3%	0.0%	51	0.5%	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Iraq	16	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.2%	0.0%
Israel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jordan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuwait	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Lebanon	8	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Oman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Saudi Arabia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syria	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkey	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
United Arab Emirates	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Myanmar	8	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.2%	–
Cambodia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Laos	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Thailand	16	0.1%	0.3%	12	0.1%	–
Vietnam	41	0.4%	0.2%	55	0.5%	–
Brunei Darussalam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Indonesia	20	0.2%	0.2%	19	0.2%	–
Malaysia	23	0.2%	0.2%	25	0.2%	–
Philippines	177	1.6%	1.2%	180	1.6%	–
Singapore	11	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.2%	–
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	23	0.2%	0.2%	31	0.3%	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Macau (SAR of China)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mongolia	6	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Taiwan	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Japan	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Korea, Republic of (South)	—	—	0.1%	8	0.1%	—
Bangladesh	12	0.1%	0.0%	37	0.3%	—
Bhutan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
India	77	0.7%	0.5%	83	0.7%	—
Maldives	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nepal	9	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.1%	—
Pakistan	26	0.2%	0.1%	13	0.1%	—
Sri Lanka	32	0.3%	0.1%	44	0.4%	—
Afghanistan	12	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.3%	—
Armenia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Kazakhstan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Uzbekistan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bermuda	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Canada	13	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.1%	—
United States of America	15	0.1%	0.3%	30	0.3%	—
South America, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Argentina	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bolivia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Brazil	7	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	—

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Chile	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Colombia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
French Guiana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paraguay	–	–	–	–	–	–
Peru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uruguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Venezuela	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
El Salvador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guatemala	–	–	–	–	–	–
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%	–	–	–

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Cuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jamaica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Puerto Rico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
St Lucia	–	–	–	–	–	–
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Trinidad and Tobago	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congo, Democratic Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ghana	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigeria	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.1%	–
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sierra Leone	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burundi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Ethiopia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kenya	6	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.1%	–
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritius	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.1%	–
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Somalia	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
South Africa	73	0.6%	1.1%	65	0.6%	–
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tanzania	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Uganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambia	5	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Zimbabwe	23	0.2%	0.4%	28	0.3%	–
Not stated	1,130	10.0%	10.2%	1,159	10.4%	10.2%
Total	11,349	100.0%	100.0%	11,094	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.