

Community report

Northern Beaches (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, 30.2% (79,621) of people in Northern Beaches (A) were born overseas, compared with 38.6% in Greater Sydney. A further 66.7% (175,866) 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

Northern Beaches (A) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	179	0.1%	0.1%	147	0.1%	0.1%	+32	0.0
At sea	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	175,866	66.7%	56.8%	166,494	65.8%	57.1%	+9,372	+0.9
Norfolk Island	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
New Zealand	5,737	2.2%	1.6%	6,027	2.4%	1.8%	-290	-0.2
New Caledonia	17	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	0.0%	-10	0.0
Papua New Guinea	270	0.1%	0.1%	264	0.1%	0.1%	+6	0.0
Solomon Islands	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Vanuatu	14	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Guam	—	—	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesia (excludes Hawaii), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Fiji	319	0.1%	0.7%	314	0.1%	
French Polynesia	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Niue	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Samoa	55	0.0%	0.2%	65	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	170	0.1%	0.1%	178	0.1%	
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	154	0.1%	0.0%	143	0.1%	
England	21,036	8.0%	2.9%	20,088	7.9%	
Isle of Man	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	340	0.1%	0.1%	339	0.1%	
Scotland	1,843	0.7%	0.3%	1,813	0.7%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Wales	684	0.3%	0.1%	608	0.2%	
Guernsey	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Jersey	49	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Ireland	1,561	0.6%	0.4%	1,367	0.5%	
Austria	267	0.1%	0.1%	266	0.1%	
Belgium	205	0.1%	0.0%	179	0.1%	
France	1,374	0.5%	0.2%	1,122	0.4%	
Germany	2,045	0.8%	0.3%	1,968	0.8%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Netherlands	1,200	0.5%	0.2%	1,204	0.5%	
Switzerland	463	0.2%	0.1%	415	0.2%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Denmark	255	0.1%	0.0%	244	0.1%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	169	0.1%	0.0%	139	0.1%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norway	109	0.0%	0.0%	120	0.0%	
Sweden	524	0.2%	0.1%	474	0.2%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Italy	2,360	0.9%	0.7%	2,268	0.9%	
Malta	106	0.0%	0.2%	111	0.0%	
Portugal	126	0.0%	0.1%	125	0.0%	
San Marino	—	—	—	—	—	
Spain	380	0.1%	0.1%	274	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	345	0.1%	0.1%	474	0.2%	
Albania	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	199	0.1%	0.1%	196	0.1%	
Bulgaria	57	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Croatia	717	0.3%	0.2%	692	0.3%	
Cyprus	95	0.0%	0.1%	84	0.0%	
North Macedonia	93	0.0%	0.2%	87	0.0%	
Greece	319	0.1%	0.5%	315	0.1%	
Moldova	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Romania	126	0.0%	0.1%	106	0.0%	
Slovenia	49	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Montenegro	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Serbia	435	0.2%	0.2%	232	0.1%	
Kosovo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern Europe, nfd	113	0.0%	0.0%	108	0.0%	
Belarus	34	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Czechia	382	0.1%	0.0%	403	0.2%	
Estonia	43	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Hungary	275	0.1%	0.1%	285	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Latvia	45	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Lithuania	47	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Poland	600	0.2%	0.2%	499	0.2%	
Russian Federation	378	0.1%	0.2%	292	0.1%	
Slovakia	251	0.1%	0.0%	228	0.1%	
Ukraine	122	0.0%	0.1%	106	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	25	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Egypt	346	0.1%	0.4%	342	0.1%	
Libya	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Morocco	53	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Sudan	19	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Tunisia	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
South Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bahrain	15	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	16	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Iran	759	0.3%	0.5%	737	0.3%	
Iraq	77	0.0%	1.0%	78	0.0%	
Israel	167	0.1%	0.1%	146	0.1%	
Jordan	52	0.0%	0.1%	50	0.0%	
Kuwait	29	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	

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Lebanon	282	0.1%	1.2%	245	0.1%	
Oman	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Qatar	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Saudi Arabia	29	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Syria	197	0.1%	0.3%	182	0.1%	
Turkey	296	0.1%	0.3%	251	0.1%	
United Arab Emirates	102	0.0%	0.1%	67	0.0%	
Yemen	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	39	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Cambodia	60	0.0%	0.3%	54	0.0%	
Laos	26	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Thailand	804	0.3%	0.5%	719	0.3%	
Vietnam	536	0.2%	1.8%	450	0.2%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Brunei Darussalam	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Indonesia	574	0.2%	0.7%	558	0.2%	
Malaysia	683	0.3%	0.7%	609	0.2%	
Philippines	1,831	0.7%	1.7%	1,626	0.6%	
Singapore	639	0.2%	0.3%	524	0.2%	
Timor-Leste	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
North-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	3,780	1.4%	4.6%	3,565	1.4%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	1,078	0.4%	0.9%	944	0.4%	
Macau (SAR of China)	32	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Mongolia	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Taiwan	221	0.1%	0.2%	202	0.1%	
Japan	908	0.3%	0.2%	854	0.3%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	708	0.3%	1.0%	776	0.3%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	96	0.0%	0.5%	101	0.0%	
Bhutan	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
India	1,925	0.7%	3.6%	1,828	0.7%	
Maldives	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	1,014	0.4%	1.1%	580	0.2%	
Pakistan	103	0.0%	0.6%	75	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	183	0.1%	0.6%	185	0.1%	
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Afghanistan	57	0.0%	0.3%	72	0.0%	
Armenia	39	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Azerbaijan	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Kazakhstan	27	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	21	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Canada	1,390	0.5%	0.2%	1,190	0.5%	
United States of America	2,958	1.1%	0.5%	2,461	1.0%	
South America, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Argentina	776	0.3%	0.1%	353	0.1%	
Bolivia	13	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Brazil	3,000	1.1%	0.4%	2,172	0.9%	
Chile	401	0.2%	0.2%	354	0.1%	
Colombia	330	0.1%	0.2%	264	0.1%	
Ecuador	31	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Paraguay	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Peru	354	0.1%	0.1%	322	0.1%	
Suriname	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uruguay	78	0.0%	0.1%	65	0.0%	
Venezuela	194	0.1%	0.0%	149	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Belize	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Costa Rica	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
El Salvador	14	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Guatemala	16	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Honduras	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mexico	152	0.1%	0.0%	95	0.0%	
Nicaragua	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Panama	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Caribbean, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Anguilla	—	—	—	—	—	
Antigua and Barbuda	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Aruba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bahamas	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Barbados	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cayman Islands	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Cuba	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Dominica	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dominican Republic	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Grenada	16	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Guadeloupe	—	—	—	—	—	
Haiti	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jamaica	23	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Martinique	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Puerto Rico	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Trinidad and Tobago	37	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, British	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, United States	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	–	–	–	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cabo Verde	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gabon	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	19	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Liberia	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Mali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mauritania	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Niger	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nigeria	45	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Sao Tome and Principe	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Senegal	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Sierra Leone	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Togo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Angola	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Botswana	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Burundi	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Comoros	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Djibouti	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eritrea	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Ethiopia	19	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Kenya	117	0.0%	0.1%	114	0.0%	
Lesotho	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Madagascar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Malawi	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Mauritius	85	0.0%	0.1%	69	0.0%	
Mozambique	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Namibia	23	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	

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Reunion	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rwanda	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	4,009	1.5%	0.8%	3,469	1.4%	
Eswatini	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tanzania	38	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Uganda	35	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Zambia	95	0.0%	0.0%	84	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	367	0.1%	0.1%	340	0.1%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Not stated	8,000	3.0%	4.6%	13,305	5.3%	
Total	263,487	100.0%	100.0%	252,855	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.