

Community report

Perth (C)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Perth

POPULATION

Persons

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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, 54.1% (15,400) of people in Perth (C) were born overseas, compared with 35.9% in Greater Perth. A further 36.4% (10,345) 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

Perth (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	26	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	0.1%	+1	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	10,345	36.4%	59.5%	6,497	29.8%	57.3%	+3,848	+6.6
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	587	2.1%	2.8%	532	2.4%	3.2%	+55	-0.3
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	18	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.1%	+14	+0.1
Solomon Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	18	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	–	–	–	–
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cook Islands	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Fiji	13	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.1%	–
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoa	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tonga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	6	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.1%	–
England	1,589	5.6%	8.0%	1,314	6.0%	–
Isle of Man	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern Ireland	32	0.1%	0.2%	41	0.2%	–
Scotland	226	0.8%	1.1%	228	1.0%	–
Wales	66	0.2%	0.3%	68	0.3%	–
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jersey	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Ireland	294	1.0%	0.8%	290	1.3%	
Austria	14	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Belgium	31	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
France	170	0.6%	0.2%	184	0.8%	
Germany	139	0.5%	0.4%	120	0.6%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Netherlands	72	0.3%	0.3%	54	0.2%	
Switzerland	40	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Denmark	20	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	
Greenland	–	–	–	–	–	
Iceland	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	15	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Sweden	35	0.1%	0.0%	27	0.1%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	254	0.9%	0.8%	249	1.1%	
Malta	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Portugal	16	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
San Marino	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Spain	70	0.2%	0.1%	63	0.3%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	24	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Albania	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	36	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.2%	
Bulgaria	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Croatia	45	0.2%	0.2%	33	0.2%	
Cyprus	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
North Macedonia	15	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.1%	
Greece	33	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Moldova	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Romania	36	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Slovenia	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Montenegro	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Serbia	36	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Kosovo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern Europe, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Belarus	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czechia	13	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.1%	
Estonia	26	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.1%	
Hungary	16	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Latvia	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Lithuania	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Poland	112	0.4%	0.2%	98	0.4%	
Russian Federation	109	0.4%	0.1%	66	0.3%	

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Slovakia	14	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.1%	
Ukraine	28	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.1%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Egypt	58	0.2%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Libya	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Morocco	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sudan	8	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Iran	284	1.0%	0.3%	233	1.1%	
Iraq	30	0.1%	0.2%	16	0.1%	
Israel	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Jordan	17	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Kuwait	21	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.1%	
Lebanon	29	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.1%	
Oman	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Qatar	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabia	72	0.3%	0.0%	56	0.3%	

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Syria	19	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Turkey	27	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.2%	
United Arab Emirates	43	0.2%	0.1%	38	0.2%	
Yemen	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Myanmar	78	0.3%	0.4%	54	0.2%	
Cambodia	19	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Laos	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thailand	261	0.9%	0.4%	162	0.7%	
Vietnam	332	1.2%	0.8%	155	0.7%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	22	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.1%	
Indonesia	516	1.8%	0.6%	284	1.3%	
Malaysia	832	2.9%	1.5%	710	3.3%	
Philippines	438	1.5%	1.5%	260	1.2%	
Singapore	583	2.0%	0.7%	518	2.4%	
Timor-Leste	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	1,773	6.2%	1.3%	971	4.5%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	303	1.1%	0.3%	299	1.4%	
Macau (SAR of China)	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mongolia	21	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	156	0.5%	0.2%	253	1.2%	
Japan	408	1.4%	0.2%	347	1.6%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Korea, Republic of (South)	384	1.3%	0.3%	615	2.8%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	74	0.3%	0.1%	45	0.2%	
Bhutan	25	0.1%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
India	1,259	4.4%	2.8%	772	3.5%	
Maldives	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nepal	182	0.6%	0.2%	87	0.4%	
Pakistan	162	0.6%	0.3%	95	0.4%	
Sri Lanka	150	0.5%	0.4%	73	0.3%	
Afghanistan	30	0.1%	0.3%	18	0.1%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	10	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.1%	
Kyrgyzstan	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Canada	127	0.4%	0.3%	68	0.3%	
United States of America	281	1.0%	0.4%	209	1.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Argentina	80	0.3%	0.0%	33	0.2%	–
Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Brazil	319	1.1%	0.2%	368	1.7%	–
Chile	79	0.3%	0.1%	32	0.1%	–
Colombia	357	1.3%	0.1%	151	0.7%	–
Ecuador	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Peru	24	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	–
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uruguay	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Venezuela	24	0.1%	0.0%	32	0.1%	–
Central America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Costa Rica	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
El Salvador	10	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mexico	47	0.2%	0.0%	17	0.1%	–
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cuba	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Haiti	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jamaica	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Martinique	–	–	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	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroon	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cabo Verde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congo, Democratic Republic of	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ghana	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigeria	27	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Angola	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Botswana	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrea	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Ethiopia	11	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Kenya	74	0.3%	0.3%	44	0.2%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mauritius	94	0.3%	0.2%	67	0.3%	
Mozambique	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Namibia	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Reunion	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Somalia	4	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
South Africa	433	1.5%	1.8%	258	1.2%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tanzania	16	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.1%	
Uganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zambia	32	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Zimbabwe	127	0.4%	0.5%	72	0.3%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Not stated	2,712	9.5%	4.6%	3,595	16.5%	
Total	28,457	100.0%	100.0%	21,780	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.