

Community report

Port Macquarie-Hastings (A)

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

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Port Macquarie-Hastings (A)

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, 12.3% (10,643) of people in Port Macquarie–Hastings (A) were born overseas, compared with 12.2% in Regional NSW. A further 82.7% (71,723) 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

Port Macquarie-Hastings (A) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	28	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	+14	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	71,723	82.7%	81.3%	63,852	81.3%	80.9%	+7,871	+1.4
Norfolk Island	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
New Zealand	1,191	1.4%	1.2%	1,059	1.3%	1.1%	+132	+0.1
New Caledonia	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Papua New Guinea	58	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	0.1%	+5	0.0
Solomon Islands	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palau	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fiji	69	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
England	3,580	4.1%	2.8%	3,255	4.1%	
Isle of Man	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	80	0.1%	0.1%	81	0.1%	
Scotland	423	0.5%	0.4%	415	0.5%	
Wales	93	0.1%	0.1%	84	0.1%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ireland	199	0.2%	0.2%	192	0.2%	
Austria	58	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	
Belgium	32	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
France	96	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.1%	
Germany	365	0.4%	0.4%	337	0.4%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	300	0.3%	0.2%	302	0.4%	
Switzerland	55	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.1%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	33	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	27	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sweden	38	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	120	0.1%	0.3%	116	0.1%	
Malta	82	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.1%	
Portugal	4	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Spain	25	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	16	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Albania	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bulgaria	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Croatia	40	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	
Cyprus	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North Macedonia	4	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Greece	35	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Slovenia	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	19	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Estonia	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hungary	40	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.1%	
Latvia	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Lithuania	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Poland	65	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Russian Federation	24	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Slovakia	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ukraine	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Algeria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	58	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Libya	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Morocco	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sudan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iran	27	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Iraq	12	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Israel	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Jordan	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kuwait	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanon	18	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Oman	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabia	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Syria	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Turkey	27	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	19	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Cambodia	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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Laos	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Thailand	132	0.2%	0.2%	80	0.1%	
Vietnam	80	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesia	62	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Malaysia	88	0.1%	0.2%	66	0.1%	
Philippines	402	0.5%	0.5%	249	0.3%	
Singapore	40	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	179	0.2%	0.3%	152	0.2%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	55	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	17	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Japan	52	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	59	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	14	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Bhutan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
India	366	0.4%	0.7%	231	0.3%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Nepal	121	0.1%	0.2%	25	0.0%	
Pakistan	32	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	62	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Afghanistan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Armenia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Canada	180	0.2%	0.2%	134	0.2%	
United States of America	293	0.3%	0.3%	249	0.3%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	28	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Bolivia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	44	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Chile	34	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Colombia	21	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Guyana	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peru	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	20	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Venezuela	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	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%	–	–	
Cuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	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	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kenya	27	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritius	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	370	0.4%	0.4%	271	0.3%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Uganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Zambia	24	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	80	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	4,362	5.0%	6.5%	5,722	7.3%	
Total	86,728	100.0%	100.0%	78,536	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.