

Community report

Port Phillip (C)

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

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Port Phillip (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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, 33.1% (33,761) of people in Port Phillip (C) were born overseas, compared with 35.7% in Greater Melbourne. A further 60.7% (61,847) 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 Phillip (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	187	0.2%	0.1%	242	0.2%	0.1%	-55	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	61,847	60.7%	59.9%	58,423	57.9%	59.8%	+3,424	+2.8
Norfolk Island	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	2,684	2.6%	1.7%	3,019	3.0%	1.8%	-335	-0.4
New Caledonia	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Papua New Guinea	83	0.1%	0.0%	67	0.1%	0.0%	+16	0.0
Solomon Islands	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cook Islands	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Fiji	116	0.1%	0.2%	96	0.1%	–
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Samoa	8	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tonga	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	60	0.1%	0.0%	59	0.1%	–
England	4,989	4.9%	2.7%	4,963	4.9%	–
Isle of Man	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Northern Ireland	180	0.2%	0.1%	161	0.2%	–
Scotland	676	0.7%	0.4%	661	0.7%	–
Wales	151	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guernsey	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Jersey	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ireland	1,418	1.4%	0.3%	1,185	1.2%	
Austria	95	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.1%	
Belgium	72	0.1%	0.0%	68	0.1%	
France	675	0.7%	0.1%	609	0.6%	
Germany	702	0.7%	0.4%	698	0.7%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Netherlands	283	0.3%	0.2%	290	0.3%	
Switzerland	96	0.1%	0.0%	94	0.1%	
Denmark	53	0.1%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	64	0.1%	0.0%	59	0.1%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Norway	36	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Sweden	119	0.1%	0.0%	127	0.1%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Italy	861	0.8%	1.2%	857	0.8%	
Malta	91	0.1%	0.3%	102	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Portugal	45	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Spain	202	0.2%	0.1%	157	0.2%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	94	0.1%	0.1%	105	0.1%	
Albania	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	117	0.1%	0.2%	97	0.1%	
Bulgaria	29	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Croatia	157	0.2%	0.3%	138	0.1%	
Cyprus	94	0.1%	0.1%	95	0.1%	
North Macedonia	94	0.1%	0.4%	67	0.1%	
Greece	1,071	1.1%	0.9%	1,163	1.2%	
Moldova	27	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Romania	123	0.1%	0.1%	122	0.1%	
Slovenia	28	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Montenegro	62	0.1%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Serbia	150	0.1%	0.2%	125	0.1%	
Kosovo	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	29	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Belarus	74	0.1%	0.0%	97	0.1%	
Czechia	44	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.1%	
Estonia	26	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Hungary	135	0.1%	0.1%	152	0.2%	
Latvia	33	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Lithuania	28	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Poland	514	0.5%	0.3%	508	0.5%	

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Russian Federation	396	0.4%	0.1%	413	0.4%	
Slovakia	29	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Ukraine	407	0.4%	0.1%	495	0.5%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Egypt	180	0.2%	0.3%	159	0.2%	
Libya	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Morocco	29	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Sudan	29	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Tunisia	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South Sudan	19	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Iran	360	0.4%	0.4%	265	0.3%	
Iraq	35	0.0%	0.5%	43	0.0%	
Israel	293	0.3%	0.1%	276	0.3%	
Jordan	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Kuwait	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Lebanon	75	0.1%	0.4%	73	0.1%	
Oman	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Qatar	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Saudi Arabia	41	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Syria	25	0.0%	0.2%	26	0.0%	
Turkey	197	0.2%	0.4%	175	0.2%	
United Arab Emirates	53	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Yemen	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	17	0.0%	0.3%	24	0.0%	
Cambodia	39	0.0%	0.3%	24	0.0%	
Laos	26	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Thailand	341	0.3%	0.4%	294	0.3%	
Vietnam	461	0.5%	1.8%	336	0.3%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Brunei Darussalam	26	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Indonesia	391	0.4%	0.4%	423	0.4%	
Malaysia	894	0.9%	1.2%	835	0.8%	
Philippines	643	0.6%	1.2%	455	0.5%	
Singapore	362	0.4%	0.3%	327	0.3%	
Timor-Leste	27	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	1,658	1.6%	3.4%	1,825	1.8%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	352	0.3%	0.5%	339	0.3%	
Macau (SAR of China)	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Mongolia	19	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	179	0.2%	0.2%	211	0.2%	

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Japan	292	0.3%	0.2%	359	0.4%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	310	0.3%	0.3%	284	0.3%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	42	0.0%	0.2%	53	0.1%	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	2,131	2.1%	4.9%	2,020	2.0%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	247	0.2%	0.4%	144	0.1%	
Pakistan	110	0.1%	0.6%	85	0.1%	
Sri Lanka	275	0.3%	1.3%	253	0.3%	
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghanistan	28	0.0%	0.5%	18	0.0%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Georgia	29	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Kazakhstan	45	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tajikistan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	27	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Bermuda	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Canada	462	0.5%	0.2%	468	0.5%	
United States of America	1,207	1.2%	0.4%	1,108	1.1%	
South America, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Argentina	204	0.2%	0.1%	109	0.1%	
Bolivia	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Brazil	586	0.6%	0.1%	375	0.4%	
Chile	261	0.3%	0.2%	169	0.2%	
Colombia	865	0.8%	0.2%	357	0.4%	
Ecuador	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
French Guiana	—	—	—	—	—	
Guyana	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Paraguay	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peru	67	0.1%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Suriname	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Uruguay	28	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Venezuela	73	0.1%	0.0%	92	0.1%	
Central America, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Belize	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Costa Rica	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
El Salvador	28	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Guatemala	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Honduras	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mexico	161	0.2%	0.0%	97	0.1%	
Nicaragua	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Panama	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anguilla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Barbados	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Montserrat	–	–	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Turks and Caicos Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Curacao	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Central and West Africa, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Benin	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Burkina Faso	—	—	0.0%	3	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%	8	0.0%	—
Congo, Democratic Republic of	16	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Cote d'Ivoire	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Equatorial Guinea	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gabon	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Gambia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ghana	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Guinea	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Liberia	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Mali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mauritania	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Niger	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nigeria	24	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	—
Sao Tome and Principe	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Senegal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sierra Leone	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Burundi	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Comoros	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	25	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Ethiopia	96	0.1%	0.2%	74	0.1%	
Kenya	63	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Malawi	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mauritius	154	0.2%	0.2%	162	0.2%	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Namibia	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Somalia	24	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
South Africa	821	0.8%	0.6%	741	0.7%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Tanzania	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Uganda	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Zambia	27	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	115	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.1%	
Not stated	6,357	6.2%	4.4%	10,569	10.5%	
Total	101,965	100.0%	100.0%	100,849	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.