

Community report

Port Stephens (A)

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

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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% (9,002) of people in Port Stephens (A) were born overseas, compared with 12.2% in Regional NSW. A further 83% (62,402) 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 Stephens (A) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	28	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+19	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	62,402	83.0%	81.3%	56,263	80.9%	80.9%	+6,139	+2.1
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	975	1.3%	1.2%	875	1.3%	1.1%	+100	0.0
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	50	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	0.1%	+8	0.0
Solomon Islands	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palau	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fiji	73	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	13	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
England	2,974	4.0%	2.8%	2,667	3.8%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	69	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Scotland	371	0.5%	0.4%	368	0.5%	
Wales	127	0.2%	0.1%	125	0.2%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ireland	129	0.2%	0.2%	108	0.2%	
Austria	61	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	
Belgium	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
France	58	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.1%	
Germany	353	0.5%	0.4%	336	0.5%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	217	0.3%	0.2%	234	0.3%	
Switzerland	29	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	24	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	23	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sweden	19	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	157	0.2%	0.3%	117	0.2%	
Malta	99	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	
Portugal	27	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Spain	12	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	30	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Albania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Bulgaria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatia	96	0.1%	0.1%	79	0.1%	
Cyprus	26	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North Macedonia	28	0.0%	0.2%	16	0.0%	
Greece	58	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Romania	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Slovenia	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	21	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Belarus	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Estonia	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hungary	20	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Latvia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Poland	62	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Russian Federation	29	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Slovakia	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ukraine	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Algeria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	43	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Libya	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Morocco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sudan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tunisia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iran	10	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Iraq	12	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Israel	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Jordan	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kuwait	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanon	20	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Oman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabia	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Syria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkey	22	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cambodia	9	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Laos	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thailand	174	0.2%	0.2%	96	0.1%	
Vietnam	69	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesia	48	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Malaysia	174	0.2%	0.2%	130	0.2%	
Philippines	312	0.4%	0.5%	244	0.4%	
Singapore	45	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	120	0.2%	0.3%	94	0.1%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	38	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	13	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Japan	32	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	35	0.0%	0.1%	49	0.1%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	22	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	157	0.2%	0.7%	94	0.1%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Nepal	102	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.0%	
Pakistan	31	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	24	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Afghanistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenia	6	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Canada	127	0.2%	0.2%	117	0.2%	
United States of America	236	0.3%	0.3%	187	0.3%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	17	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	30	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Chile	43	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Colombia	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	23	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Venezuela	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
El Salvador	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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%	–	–	
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%	3	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	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	28	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenya	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritius	51	0.1%	0.0%	49	0.1%	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	343	0.5%	0.4%	266	0.4%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Uganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zambia	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	52	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,806	5.1%	6.5%	5,613	8.1%	
Total	75,210	100.0%	100.0%	69,518	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.