

# Community report

## Shellharbour (C)

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

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**Shellharbour (C)**

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, 16.1% (12,267) of people in Shellharbour (C) were born overseas, compared with 12.2% in Regional NSW. A further 79.4% (60,543) 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

Shellharbour (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	+7	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	60,543	79.4%	81.3%	52,952	77.5%	80.9%	+7,591	+1.9
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	722	0.9%	1.2%	610	0.9%	1.1%	+112	0.0
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	25	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	0.1%	-1	0.0
Solomon Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	–	–	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	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Fiji	83	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Samoa	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
England	3,184	4.2%	2.8%	3,171	4.6%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	46	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Scotland	481	0.6%	0.4%	536	0.8%	
Wales	190	0.2%	0.1%	193	0.3%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ireland	151	0.2%	0.2%	128	0.2%	
Austria	80	0.1%	0.1%	113	0.2%	
Belgium	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
France	53	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Germany	503	0.7%	0.4%	550	0.8%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	235	0.3%	0.2%	264	0.4%	
Switzerland	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	38	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.1%	
Iceland	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Sweden	17	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Gibraltar	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	389	0.5%	0.3%	410	0.6%	
Malta	243	0.3%	0.1%	261	0.4%	
Portugal	248	0.3%	0.1%	247	0.4%	
Spain	315	0.4%	0.1%	382	0.6%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	115	0.2%	0.1%	116	0.2%	
Albania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	92	0.1%	0.0%	70	0.1%	
Bulgaria	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Croatia	200	0.3%	0.1%	182	0.3%	
Cyprus	58	0.1%	0.0%	57	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North Macedonia	878	1.2%	0.2%	806	1.2%	
Greece	120	0.2%	0.1%	107	0.2%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Slovenia	48	0.1%	0.0%	54	0.1%	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	130	0.2%	0.0%	102	0.1%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Belarus	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czechia	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Estonia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hungary	55	0.1%	0.0%	72	0.1%	
Latvia	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Poland	113	0.1%	0.1%	102	0.1%	
Russian Federation	23	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Slovakia	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ukraine	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Algeria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	119	0.2%	0.1%	83	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Libya	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Morocco	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sudan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tunisia	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
South Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle East, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bahrain	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iran	42	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Iraq	32	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Israel	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jordan	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Kuwait	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanon	52	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
Oman	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Qatar	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabia	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Syria	37	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Turkey	173	0.2%	0.0%	165	0.2%	
United Arab Emirates	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Cambodia	35	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	

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Laos	28	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Thailand	184	0.2%	0.2%	116	0.2%	
Vietnam	135	0.2%	0.1%	101	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesia	52	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Malaysia	61	0.1%	0.2%	51	0.1%	
Philippines	442	0.6%	0.5%	293	0.4%	
Singapore	50	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Timor-Leste	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	132	0.2%	0.3%	110	0.2%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	34	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	18	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Japan	25	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	49	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.1%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	11	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	298	0.4%	0.7%	174	0.3%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nepal	37	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Pakistan	79	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Sri Lanka	37	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Afghanistan	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	88	0.1%	0.2%	67	0.1%	
United States of America	137	0.2%	0.3%	112	0.2%	
South America, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	27	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	45	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Chile	203	0.3%	0.1%	194	0.3%	
Colombia	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ecuador	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	57	0.1%	0.0%	63	0.1%	
Venezuela	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	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	–	–	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Togo	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundi	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenya	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritius	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	256	0.3%	0.4%	215	0.3%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Uganda	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zambia	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zimbabwe	26	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,448	4.5%	6.5%	4,091	6.0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,258</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>68,368</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.