

# Community report

## Shoalhaven (C)

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

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**Shoalhaven (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, 13.5% (14,606) of people in Shoalhaven (C) were born overseas, compared with 12.2% in Regional NSW. A further 80% (86,780) 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

Shoalhaven (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	26	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	86,780	80.0%	81.3%	78,738	79.0%	80.9%	+8,042	+1.0
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	1,334	1.2%	1.2%	1,200	1.2%	1.1%	+134	0.0
New Caledonia	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Papua New Guinea	66	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.1%	0.1%	+2	0.0
Solomon Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Palau	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Fiji	94	0.1%	0.1%	68	0.1%	
French Polynesia	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	21	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
England	4,807	4.4%	2.8%	4,661	4.7%	
Isle of Man	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	101	0.1%	0.1%	96	0.1%	
Scotland	552	0.5%	0.4%	541	0.5%	
Wales	173	0.2%	0.1%	165	0.2%	
Guernsey	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ireland	188	0.2%	0.2%	177	0.2%	
Austria	102	0.1%	0.1%	92	0.1%	
Belgium	27	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
France	94	0.1%	0.1%	61	0.1%	
Germany	547	0.5%	0.4%	555	0.6%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	377	0.3%	0.2%	405	0.4%	
Switzerland	43	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	54	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.1%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	45	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Iceland	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Norway	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sweden	53	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	314	0.3%	0.3%	300	0.3%	
Malta	215	0.2%	0.1%	214	0.2%	
Portugal	53	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	
Spain	55	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	56	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Albania	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	19	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Bulgaria	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Croatia	171	0.2%	0.1%	153	0.2%	
Cyprus	36	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North Macedonia	51	0.0%	0.2%	34	0.0%	
Greece	162	0.1%	0.1%	150	0.2%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Slovenia	23	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbia	33	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	31	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Belarus	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czechia	20	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Estonia	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hungary	57	0.1%	0.0%	71	0.1%	
Latvia	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Lithuania	12	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Poland	111	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Russian Federation	33	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Slovakia	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Ukraine	18	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Algeria	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Egypt	70	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Libya	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Morocco	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sudan	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tunisia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Iran	48	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Iraq	33	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Israel	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Jordan	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kuwait	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanon	49	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Oman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabia	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Syria	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkey	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Yemen	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Cambodia	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

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Laos	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Thailand	202	0.2%	0.2%	133	0.1%	
Vietnam	102	0.1%	0.1%	80	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Indonesia	96	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.1%	
Malaysia	91	0.1%	0.2%	73	0.1%	
Philippines	569	0.5%	0.5%	365	0.4%	
Singapore	59	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	280	0.3%	0.3%	245	0.2%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	57	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Macau (SAR of China)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	16	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Japan	64	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.0%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	79	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.0%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	32	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Bhutan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
India	546	0.5%	0.7%	278	0.3%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Nepal	150	0.1%	0.2%	39	0.0%	
Pakistan	55	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	83	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Afghanistan	—	—	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Armenia	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Canada	183	0.2%	0.2%	123	0.1%	
United States of America	395	0.4%	0.3%	305	0.3%	
South America, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Argentina	49	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Bolivia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Brazil	46	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Chile	92	0.1%	0.1%	68	0.1%	
Colombia	21	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ecuador	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Falkland Islands	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	90	0.1%	0.0%	77	0.1%	
Venezuela	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Guatemala	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	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	3	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%	5	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Kenya	37	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritius	59	0.1%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Mozambique	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	321	0.3%	0.4%	226	0.2%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Uganda	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zambia	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	52	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	7,113	6.6%	6.5%	8,133	8.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,499</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>99,641</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.