

Community report

Sydney (C)

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

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Sydney (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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, 48.6% (102,888) of people in Sydney (C) were born overseas, compared with 38.6% in Greater Sydney. A further 44.6% (94,475) 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

Sydney (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	302	0.1%	0.1%	337	0.2%	0.1%	-35	-0.1
At sea	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	94,475	44.6%	56.8%	82,091	39.4%	57.1%	+12,384	+5.2
Norfolk Island	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
New Zealand	5,715	2.7%	1.6%	5,427	2.6%	1.8%	+288	+0.1
New Caledonia	55	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Papua New Guinea	156	0.1%	0.1%	195	0.1%	0.1%	-39	0.0
Solomon Islands	42	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%	+24	0.0
Vanuatu	8	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	-8	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Guam	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesia (excludes Hawaii), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	17	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Fiji	438	0.2%	0.7%	410	0.2%	
French Polynesia	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Niue	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Samoa	35	0.0%	0.2%	35	0.0%	
Samoa, American	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	84	0.0%	0.1%	71	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pitcairn Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	160	0.1%	0.0%	144	0.1%	
England	10,101	4.8%	2.9%	9,390	4.5%	
Isle of Man	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	338	0.2%	0.1%	277	0.1%	
Scotland	1,148	0.5%	0.3%	1,004	0.5%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Wales	330	0.2%	0.1%	275	0.1%	
Guernsey	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Jersey	22	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Ireland	2,352	1.1%	0.4%	1,939	0.9%	
Austria	169	0.1%	0.1%	178	0.1%	
Belgium	196	0.1%	0.0%	181	0.1%	
France	1,626	0.8%	0.2%	1,914	0.9%	
Germany	1,242	0.6%	0.3%	1,255	0.6%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Netherlands	482	0.2%	0.2%	540	0.3%	
Switzerland	214	0.1%	0.1%	230	0.1%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Denmark	117	0.1%	0.0%	131	0.1%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	95	0.0%	0.0%	115	0.1%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	16	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Norway	103	0.0%	0.0%	121	0.1%	
Sweden	285	0.1%	0.1%	332	0.2%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Gibraltar	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Italy	1,684	0.8%	0.7%	1,750	0.8%	
Malta	126	0.1%	0.2%	137	0.1%	
Portugal	267	0.1%	0.1%	268	0.1%	
San Marino	—	—	—	—	—	
Spain	722	0.3%	0.1%	648	0.3%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	143	0.1%	0.1%	188	0.1%	
Albania	25	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	166	0.1%	0.1%	158	0.1%	
Bulgaria	79	0.0%	0.0%	84	0.0%	
Croatia	226	0.1%	0.2%	219	0.1%	
Cyprus	137	0.1%	0.1%	139	0.1%	
North Macedonia	159	0.1%	0.2%	141	0.1%	
Greece	666	0.3%	0.5%	716	0.3%	
Moldova	36	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Romania	171	0.1%	0.1%	166	0.1%	
Slovenia	32	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Montenegro	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Serbia	272	0.1%	0.2%	212	0.1%	
Kosovo	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	83	0.0%	0.0%	80	0.0%	
Belarus	64	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Czechia	176	0.1%	0.0%	250	0.1%	
Estonia	86	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Hungary	252	0.1%	0.1%	269	0.1%	

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Latvia	60	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Lithuania	104	0.0%	0.0%	100	0.0%	
Poland	715	0.3%	0.2%	615	0.3%	
Russian Federation	935	0.4%	0.2%	855	0.4%	
Slovakia	184	0.1%	0.0%	210	0.1%	
Ukraine	607	0.3%	0.1%	582	0.3%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	25	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Egypt	245	0.1%	0.4%	246	0.1%	
Libya	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Morocco	43	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Sudan	42	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	
Tunisia	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South Sudan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Middle East, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bahrain	35	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	16	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Iran	913	0.4%	0.5%	704	0.3%	
Iraq	135	0.1%	1.0%	115	0.1%	
Israel	218	0.1%	0.1%	169	0.1%	
Jordan	112	0.1%	0.1%	99	0.0%	
Kuwait	59	0.0%	0.1%	58	0.0%	

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Lebanon	423	0.2%	1.2%	417	0.2%	
Oman	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Qatar	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Saudi Arabia	229	0.1%	0.1%	317	0.2%	
Syria	64	0.0%	0.3%	52	0.0%	
Turkey	635	0.3%	0.3%	453	0.2%	
United Arab Emirates	135	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.0%	
Yemen	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	262	0.1%	0.1%	218	0.1%	
Cambodia	162	0.1%	0.3%	112	0.1%	
Laos	147	0.1%	0.1%	101	0.0%	
Thailand	6,381	3.0%	0.5%	6,766	3.2%	
Vietnam	2,369	1.1%	1.8%	2,117	1.0%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	45	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Indonesia	5,786	2.7%	0.7%	5,234	2.5%	
Malaysia	2,780	1.3%	0.7%	2,333	1.1%	
Philippines	2,420	1.1%	1.7%	1,818	0.9%	
Singapore	1,153	0.5%	0.3%	1,210	0.6%	
Timor-Leste	38	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
North-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	16,583	7.8%	4.6%	20,290	9.7%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	2,534	1.2%	0.9%	2,360	1.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	81	0.0%	0.0%	73	0.0%	
Mongolia	383	0.2%	0.1%	322	0.2%	
Taiwan	1,241	0.6%	0.2%	1,362	0.7%	
Japan	1,558	0.7%	0.2%	1,735	0.8%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Korea, Republic of (South)	2,332	1.1%	1.0%	3,495	1.7%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	344	0.2%	0.5%	284	0.1%	
Bhutan	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
India	3,875	1.8%	3.6%	2,808	1.3%	
Maldives	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nepal	438	0.2%	1.1%	333	0.2%	
Pakistan	345	0.2%	0.6%	236	0.1%	
Sri Lanka	485	0.2%	0.6%	400	0.2%	
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Afghanistan	72	0.0%	0.3%	30	0.0%	
Armenia	16	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Azerbaijan	22	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Georgia	28	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	

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Kazakhstan	68	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Tajikistan	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Uzbekistan	75	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Canada	1,161	0.5%	0.2%	1,084	0.5%	
United States of America	2,819	1.3%	0.5%	2,688	1.3%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Argentina	550	0.3%	0.1%	391	0.2%	
Bolivia	28	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Brazil	2,271	1.1%	0.4%	1,578	0.8%	
Chile	653	0.3%	0.2%	462	0.2%	
Colombia	1,988	0.9%	0.2%	955	0.5%	
Ecuador	103	0.0%	0.0%	78	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Paraguay	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Peru	305	0.1%	0.1%	195	0.1%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	123	0.1%	0.1%	119	0.1%	
Venezuela	153	0.1%	0.0%	142	0.1%	

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Belize	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Costa Rica	24	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
El Salvador	47	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Guatemala	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Honduras	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mexico	414	0.2%	0.0%	282	0.1%	
Nicaragua	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Panama	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Caribbean, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Anguilla	—	—	—	—	—	
Antigua and Barbuda	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Aruba	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bahamas	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Barbados	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Cayman Islands	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Cuba	25	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Dominica	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dominican Republic	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Grenada	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guadeloupe	—	—	—	—	—	
Haiti	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jamaica	19	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Martinique	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Puerto Rico	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	

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St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Trinidad and Tobago	18	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Virgin Islands, British	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Virgin Islands, United States	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroon	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Cabo Verde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Congo, Democratic Republic of	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Cote d'Ivoire	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Equatorial Guinea	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ghana	35	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Guinea	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	61	0.0%	0.1%	64	0.0%	
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegal	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sierra Leone	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Angola	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Botswana	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Burundi	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Comoros	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eritrea	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	38	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Kenya	119	0.1%	0.1%	96	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Malawi	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Mauritius	155	0.1%	0.1%	140	0.1%	
Mozambique	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Namibia	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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Reunion	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Rwanda	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Somalia	17	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
South Africa	1,601	0.8%	0.8%	1,247	0.6%	
Eswatini	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	38	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Uganda	24	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Zambia	48	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	185	0.1%	0.1%	146	0.1%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Not stated	14,231	6.7%	4.6%	26,520	12.7%	
Total	211,594	100.0%	100.0%	208,430	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.