

Community report

Sydney (C)

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

AREA

Sydney (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Overseas arrivals

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.

Overseas arrivals

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Key takeaway

In 2021, 2016 to August 2021 was the most common arrival period among overseas-born residents in Sydney (C), accounting for 35.2% (36,188 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (19.1%).

About this topic

Overseas arrivals groups the overseas-born population by the year they first arrived in Australia to live here for one year or more. It shows how recent or established migrant communities are within an area.

This topic only applies to people born overseas, not the total population. It is useful for understanding settlement trends and likely demand for newcomer services, and it is best read with birthplace, language used at home, and religion.

Interpretation notes

- This topic applies only to overseas-born people who first arrived to live in Australia for one year or more, not to the total population.
- Year of arrival is most useful with birthplace and language, because arrival timing alone does not show current support needs.

Overseas arrivals

Sydney (C) – Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021 count	2021 %	Greater Sydney %
Arrived in 1960 or earlier	1,420	1.4%	3.1%
1961 to 1970	2,832	2.8%	5.9%
1971 to 1980	4,519	4.4%	7.5%
1981 to 1990	8,251	8.0%	12.8%
1991 to 2000	11,047	10.7%	14.3%
2001 to 2010	18,368	17.8%	21.3%
2011 to 2015	18,266	17.7%	13.7%
2016 to Aug 2021	36,188	35.2%	19.1%
Not stated	2,040	2.0%	2.3%
Total	102,929	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.