

Community report

Waverley (A)

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

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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, 41.6% (28,531) of people in Waverley (A) were born overseas, compared with 38.6% in Greater Sydney. A further 53% (36,324) 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

Waverley (A) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	273	0.4%	0.1%	333	0.5%	0.1%	-60	-0.1
At sea	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	36,324	53.0%	56.8%	33,567	50.2%	57.1%	+2,757	+2.8
Norfolk Island	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
New Zealand	1,594	2.3%	1.6%	1,758	2.6%	1.8%	-164	-0.3
New Caledonia	14	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	0.0%	-7	0.0
Papua New Guinea	43	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	0.1%	-7	0.0
Solomon Islands	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Vanuatu	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Guam	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesia (excludes Hawaii), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Fiji	70	0.1%	0.7%	74	0.1%	
French Polynesia	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	9	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	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	54	0.1%	0.0%	50	0.1%	
England	5,593	8.2%	2.9%	4,755	7.1%	
Isle of Man	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	110	0.2%	0.1%	113	0.2%	
Scotland	400	0.6%	0.3%	347	0.5%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Wales	193	0.3%	0.1%	137	0.2%	
Guernsey	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ireland	1,107	1.6%	0.4%	1,025	1.5%	
Austria	101	0.1%	0.1%	114	0.2%	
Belgium	90	0.1%	0.0%	57	0.1%	
France	895	1.3%	0.2%	767	1.1%	
Germany	566	0.8%	0.3%	599	0.9%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	217	0.3%	0.2%	178	0.3%	
Switzerland	118	0.2%	0.1%	96	0.1%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Denmark	21	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.1%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	47	0.1%	0.0%	41	0.1%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norway	40	0.1%	0.0%	39	0.1%	
Sweden	186	0.3%	0.1%	192	0.3%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Italy	871	1.3%	0.7%	834	1.2%	
Malta	58	0.1%	0.2%	60	0.1%	
Portugal	125	0.2%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
San Marino	–	–	–	–	–	
Spain	415	0.6%	0.1%	302	0.5%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	49	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
Albania	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	25	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Bulgaria	32	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Croatia	61	0.1%	0.2%	69	0.1%	
Cyprus	30	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
North Macedonia	37	0.1%	0.2%	35	0.1%	
Greece	224	0.3%	0.5%	216	0.3%	
Moldova	24	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Romania	92	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.2%	
Slovenia	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Montenegro	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	72	0.1%	0.2%	53	0.1%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	64	0.1%	0.0%	86	0.1%	
Belarus	25	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Czechia	116	0.2%	0.0%	145	0.2%	
Estonia	20	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Hungary	308	0.4%	0.1%	394	0.6%	

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Latvia	29	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Lithuania	46	0.1%	0.0%	55	0.1%	
Poland	300	0.4%	0.2%	335	0.5%	
Russian Federation	421	0.6%	0.2%	424	0.6%	
Slovakia	122	0.2%	0.0%	148	0.2%	
Ukraine	507	0.7%	0.1%	551	0.8%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Egypt	130	0.2%	0.4%	133	0.2%	
Libya	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Morocco	27	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Sudan	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Tunisia	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
South Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Iran	127	0.2%	0.5%	102	0.2%	
Iraq	38	0.1%	1.0%	35	0.1%	
Israel	684	1.0%	0.1%	638	1.0%	
Jordan	8	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Kuwait	6	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	

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Lebanon	95	0.1%	1.2%	87	0.1%	
Oman	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Qatar	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabia	20	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Syria	8	0.0%	0.3%	5	0.0%	
Turkey	100	0.1%	0.3%	71	0.1%	
United Arab Emirates	39	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	13	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Cambodia	4	0.0%	0.3%	14	0.0%	
Laos	9	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Thailand	193	0.3%	0.5%	207	0.3%	
Vietnam	127	0.2%	1.8%	106	0.2%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Indonesia	192	0.3%	0.7%	167	0.2%	
Malaysia	191	0.3%	0.7%	155	0.2%	
Philippines	479	0.7%	1.7%	406	0.6%	
Singapore	234	0.3%	0.3%	211	0.3%	
Timor-Leste	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
North-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	797	1.2%	4.6%	711	1.1%	–
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	289	0.4%	0.9%	214	0.3%	–
Macau (SAR of China)	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mongolia	13	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Taiwan	79	0.1%	0.2%	82	0.1%	–
Japan	252	0.4%	0.2%	304	0.5%	–
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Korea, Republic of (South)	183	0.3%	1.0%	165	0.2%	–
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bangladesh	24	0.0%	0.5%	41	0.1%	–
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
India	326	0.5%	3.6%	302	0.5%	–
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepal	36	0.1%	1.1%	50	0.1%	–
Pakistan	31	0.0%	0.6%	22	0.0%	–
Sri Lanka	59	0.1%	0.6%	53	0.1%	–
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Afghanistan	9	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	–
Armenia	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Azerbaijan	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Georgia	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–

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Kazakhstan	12	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Uzbekistan	20	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Canada	432	0.6%	0.2%	333	0.5%	
United States of America	1,206	1.8%	0.5%	981	1.5%	
South America, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	436	0.6%	0.1%	178	0.3%	
Bolivia	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Brazil	1,236	1.8%	0.4%	1,141	1.7%	
Chile	409	0.6%	0.2%	332	0.5%	
Colombia	271	0.4%	0.2%	216	0.3%	
Ecuador	13	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	78	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	67	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	
Venezuela	50	0.1%	0.0%	48	0.1%	

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Belize	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Costa Rica	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
El Salvador	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Guatemala	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Honduras	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Mexico	103	0.2%	0.0%	67	0.1%	—
Nicaragua	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Panama	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Caribbean, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Anguilla	—	—	—	—	—	—
Antigua and Barbuda	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Aruba	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bahamas	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Barbados	—	—	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Cayman Islands	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Cuba	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Dominica	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Dominican Republic	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Grenada	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Guadeloupe	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haiti	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jamaica	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Martinique	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Puerto Rico	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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

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Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	18	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Comoros	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Kenya	23	0.0%	0.1%	28	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mauritius	39	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.0%	
Mozambique	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Namibia	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	3,097	4.5%	0.8%	2,816	4.2%	
Eswatini	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tanzania	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Uganda	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Zambia	13	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	105	0.2%	0.1%	79	0.1%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Not stated	3,702	5.4%	4.6%	7,215	10.8%	
Total	68,557	100.0%	100.0%	66,816	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.