

Community report

Whittlesea (C)

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

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Whittlesea (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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, 37.6% (86,290) of people in Whittlesea (C) were born overseas, compared with 35.7% in Greater Melbourne. A further 58.2% (133,440) 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

Whittlesea (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	102	0.0%	0.1%	117	0.1%	0.1%	-15	-0.1
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Australia	133,440	58.2%	59.9%	115,304	58.4%	59.8%	+18,136	-0.2
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	2,608	1.1%	1.7%	2,319	1.2%	1.8%	+289	-0.1
New Caledonia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	42	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	0.0%	-17	0.0
Solomon Islands	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nauru	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cook Islands	60	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	–
Fiji	769	0.3%	0.2%	657	0.3%	–
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Samoa	474	0.2%	0.1%	391	0.2%	–
Samoa, American	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tonga	44	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	–
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
England	2,685	1.2%	2.7%	2,615	1.3%	–
Isle of Man	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Northern Ireland	119	0.1%	0.1%	109	0.1%	–
Scotland	376	0.2%	0.4%	399	0.2%	–
Wales	80	0.0%	0.1%	77	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jersey	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ireland	325	0.1%	0.3%	282	0.1%	–
Austria	74	0.0%	0.1%	72	0.0%	–
Belgium	35	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
France	113	0.0%	0.1%	83	0.0%	–
Germany	409	0.2%	0.4%	408	0.2%	–
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Luxembourg	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Netherlands	177	0.1%	0.2%	185	0.1%	–
Switzerland	37	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	–
Denmark	21	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Finland	20	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Norway	31	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	–
Sweden	42	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	–
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	–
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Italy	5,742	2.5%	1.2%	5,980	3.0%	–
Malta	906	0.4%	0.3%	987	0.5%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Portugal	279	0.1%	0.1%	247	0.1%	
Spain	152	0.1%	0.1%	135	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	271	0.1%	0.1%	323	0.2%	
Albania	344	0.1%	0.0%	276	0.1%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	428	0.2%	0.2%	373	0.2%	
Bulgaria	55	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Croatia	640	0.3%	0.3%	618	0.3%	
Cyprus	631	0.3%	0.1%	620	0.3%	
North Macedonia	5,787	2.5%	0.4%	5,435	2.8%	
Greece	3,832	1.7%	0.9%	3,760	1.9%	
Moldova	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Romania	77	0.0%	0.1%	80	0.0%	
Slovenia	63	0.0%	0.0%	75	0.0%	
Montenegro	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Serbia	336	0.1%	0.2%	293	0.1%	
Kosovo	38	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	29	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Estonia	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hungary	67	0.0%	0.1%	74	0.0%	
Latvia	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Lithuania	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Poland	259	0.1%	0.3%	244	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Russian Federation	114	0.0%	0.1%	87	0.0%	
Slovakia	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Ukraine	52	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	27	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Egypt	1,003	0.4%	0.3%	988	0.5%	
Libya	154	0.1%	0.0%	112	0.1%	
Morocco	43	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Sudan	139	0.1%	0.1%	117	0.1%	
Tunisia	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South Sudan	50	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	36	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Bahrain	35	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	76	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Iran	2,390	1.0%	0.4%	1,663	0.8%	
Iraq	3,013	1.3%	0.5%	2,322	1.2%	
Israel	27	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Jordan	132	0.1%	0.0%	75	0.0%	
Kuwait	262	0.1%	0.0%	217	0.1%	
Lebanon	1,992	0.9%	0.4%	1,642	0.8%	
Oman	41	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Qatar	43	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Saudi Arabia	260	0.1%	0.1%	400	0.2%	
Syria	1,076	0.5%	0.2%	531	0.3%	
Turkey	913	0.4%	0.4%	777	0.4%	
United Arab Emirates	296	0.1%	0.1%	168	0.1%	
Yemen	28	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	69	0.0%	0.3%	61	0.0%	
Cambodia	310	0.1%	0.3%	283	0.1%	
Laos	55	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Thailand	540	0.2%	0.4%	395	0.2%	
Vietnam	3,681	1.6%	1.8%	3,198	1.6%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	17	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Indonesia	524	0.2%	0.4%	402	0.2%	
Malaysia	1,479	0.6%	1.2%	1,129	0.6%	
Philippines	3,126	1.4%	1.2%	2,308	1.2%	
Singapore	517	0.2%	0.3%	403	0.2%	
Timor-Leste	352	0.2%	0.1%	340	0.2%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	3,883	1.7%	3.4%	3,741	1.9%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	418	0.2%	0.5%	325	0.2%	
Macau (SAR of China)	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	173	0.1%	0.2%	147	0.1%	

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Japan	155	0.1%	0.2%	112	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	297	0.1%	0.3%	220	0.1%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	68	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Bangladesh	442	0.2%	0.2%	294	0.1%	
Bhutan	25	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
India	17,030	7.4%	4.9%	11,119	5.6%	
Maldives	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Nepal	1,875	0.8%	0.4%	494	0.3%	
Pakistan	1,564	0.7%	0.6%	875	0.4%	
Sri Lanka	3,717	1.6%	1.3%	3,136	1.6%	
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afghanistan	325	0.1%	0.5%	265	0.1%	
Armenia	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Georgia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	16	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tajikistan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Bermuda	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Canada	161	0.1%	0.2%	128	0.1%	
United States of America	387	0.2%	0.4%	296	0.1%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	145	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.1%	
Bolivia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	165	0.1%	0.1%	91	0.0%	
Chile	186	0.1%	0.2%	153	0.1%	
Colombia	204	0.1%	0.2%	105	0.1%	
Ecuador	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French Guiana	–	–	–	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Peru	49	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	31	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Venezuela	51	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Central America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
El Salvador	70	0.0%	0.1%	58	0.0%	
Guatemala	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Mexico	62	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Nicaragua	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anguilla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antigua and Barbuda	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Montserrat	–	–	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Turks and Caicos Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cameroon	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Cabo Verde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congo, Republic of	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Congo, Democratic Republic of	35	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–
Cote d'Ivoire	10	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ghana	146	0.1%	0.0%	115	0.1%	–
Guinea	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Liberia	74	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.0%	–
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nigeria	221	0.1%	0.0%	134	0.1%	–
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegal	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Sierra Leone	36	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Togo	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Botswana	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Burundi	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Comoros	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Eritrea	42	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	
Ethiopia	106	0.0%	0.2%	65	0.0%	
Kenya	266	0.1%	0.1%	175	0.1%	
Lesotho	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mauritius	461	0.2%	0.2%	385	0.2%	
Mozambique	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	35	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Somalia	363	0.2%	0.1%	245	0.1%	
South Africa	608	0.3%	0.6%	493	0.2%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Tanzania	19	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Uganda	36	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Zambia	39	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	480	0.2%	0.1%	363	0.2%	
Not stated	9,625	4.2%	4.4%	12,042	6.1%	
Total	229,355	100.0%	100.0%	197,501	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.