

Community report

Wollongong (C)

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

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Wollongong (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, 21% (45,086) of people in Wollongong (C) were born overseas, compared with 12.2% in Regional NSW. A further 74.9% (160,645) 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

Wollongong (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	88	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	0.0%	+29	0.0
At sea	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	160,645	74.9%	81.3%	147,933	72.7%	80.9%	+12,712	+2.2
Norfolk Island	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
New Zealand	2,313	1.1%	1.2%	2,161	1.1%	1.1%	+152	0.0
New Caledonia	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Papua New Guinea	87	0.0%	0.1%	100	0.0%	0.1%	-13	0.0
Solomon Islands	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Vanuatu	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Guam	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Kiribati	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Marshall Islands	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nauru	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Palau	—	—	—	—	—	
Cook Islands	78	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.0%	
Fiji	233	0.1%	0.1%	194	0.1%	
French Polynesia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Niue	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Samoa	46	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Samoa, American	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tokelau	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tonga	76	0.0%	0.0%	91	0.0%	
Tuvalu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Antarctica, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	52	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
England	8,003	3.7%	2.8%	8,095	4.0%	
Isle of Man	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Northern Ireland	168	0.1%	0.1%	187	0.1%	
Scotland	1,319	0.6%	0.4%	1,454	0.7%	
Wales	406	0.2%	0.1%	436	0.2%	
Guernsey	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Jersey	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Ireland	504	0.2%	0.2%	470	0.2%	
Austria	190	0.1%	0.1%	191	0.1%	
Belgium	53	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
France	216	0.1%	0.1%	204	0.1%	
Germany	1,023	0.5%	0.4%	1,118	0.5%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Monaco	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	698	0.3%	0.2%	742	0.4%	
Switzerland	61	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	62	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	115	0.1%	0.0%	118	0.1%	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Norway	51	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Sweden	92	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	2,317	1.1%	0.3%	2,621	1.3%	
Malta	361	0.2%	0.1%	385	0.2%	
Portugal	806	0.4%	0.1%	832	0.4%	
Spain	409	0.2%	0.1%	427	0.2%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	450	0.2%	0.1%	498	0.2%	
Albania	17	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	332	0.2%	0.0%	308	0.2%	
Bulgaria	21	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Croatia	750	0.3%	0.1%	811	0.4%	
Cyprus	138	0.1%	0.0%	147	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North Macedonia	2,954	1.4%	0.2%	2,897	1.4%	
Greece	659	0.3%	0.1%	726	0.4%	
Moldova	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romania	49	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Slovenia	93	0.0%	0.0%	103	0.1%	
Montenegro	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Serbia	506	0.2%	0.0%	388	0.2%	
Kosovo	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Belarus	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Czechia	69	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Estonia	13	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Hungary	137	0.1%	0.0%	151	0.1%	
Latvia	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Lithuania	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Poland	347	0.2%	0.1%	358	0.2%	
Russian Federation	107	0.0%	0.0%	105	0.1%	
Slovakia	40	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Ukraine	65	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	—	—	—	3	0.0%	
North Africa, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Algeria	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Egypt	172	0.1%	0.1%	165	0.1%	

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Libya	123	0.1%	0.0%	168	0.1%	
Morocco	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sudan	50	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Tunisia	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
South Sudan	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Iran	319	0.1%	0.1%	398	0.2%	
Iraq	441	0.2%	0.1%	443	0.2%	
Israel	25	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Jordan	68	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Kuwait	26	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Lebanon	705	0.3%	0.1%	618	0.3%	
Oman	7	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Qatar	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Saudi Arabia	179	0.1%	0.0%	190	0.1%	
Syria	491	0.2%	0.0%	471	0.2%	
Turkey	591	0.3%	0.0%	553	0.3%	
United Arab Emirates	71	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Yemen	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	6	0.0%	
Myanmar	275	0.1%	0.0%	203	0.1%	
Cambodia	44	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	

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Laos	34	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Thailand	746	0.3%	0.2%	593	0.3%	
Vietnam	964	0.4%	0.1%	938	0.5%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Brunei Darussalam	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Indonesia	294	0.1%	0.1%	311	0.2%	
Malaysia	366	0.2%	0.2%	413	0.2%	
Philippines	1,332	0.6%	0.5%	1,062	0.5%	
Singapore	149	0.1%	0.1%	125	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	1,878	0.9%	0.3%	3,030	1.5%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	209	0.1%	0.1%	203	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Mongolia	20	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Taiwan	102	0.0%	0.1%	121	0.1%	
Japan	197	0.1%	0.1%	171	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Korea, Republic of (South)	321	0.1%	0.1%	308	0.2%	
Southern Asia, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Bangladesh	217	0.1%	0.1%	114	0.1%	
Bhutan	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	
India	2,315	1.1%	0.7%	1,441	0.7%	
Maldives	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nepal	327	0.2%	0.2%	80	0.0%	
Pakistan	460	0.2%	0.1%	259	0.1%	
Sri Lanka	299	0.1%	0.1%	305	0.1%	
Afghanistan	51	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Canada	507	0.2%	0.2%	378	0.2%	
United States of America	831	0.4%	0.3%	681	0.3%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Argentina	143	0.1%	0.0%	105	0.1%	
Bolivia	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Brazil	208	0.1%	0.1%	94	0.0%	
Chile	525	0.2%	0.1%	506	0.2%	
Colombia	103	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Ecuador	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Peru	73	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uruguay	138	0.1%	0.0%	131	0.1%	
Venezuela	32	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
El Salvador	31	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Guatemala	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Honduras	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mexico	48	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Nicaragua	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Panama	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	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	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Curacao	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	14	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	148	0.1%	0.0%	77	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	29	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Guinea	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	18	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Mali	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nigeria	80	0.0%	0.0%	110	0.1%	
Senegal	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sierra Leone	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Togo	20	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Botswana	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burundi	24	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Eritrea	32	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Ethiopia	43	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Kenya	108	0.1%	0.0%	95	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Malawi	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Mauritius	36	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Mozambique	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Namibia	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	757	0.4%	0.4%	566	0.3%	
Eswatini	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Tanzania	40	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Uganda	34	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Zambia	32	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	134	0.1%	0.1%	122	0.1%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	8,830	4.1%	6.5%	11,771	5.8%	
Total	214,561	100.0%	100.0%	203,612	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.