

Community report

Woollahra (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, 34.4% (18,386) of people in Woollahra (A) were born overseas, compared with 38.6% in Greater Sydney. A further 61.3% (32,804) 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

Woollahra (A) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	103	0.2%	0.1%	101	0.2%	0.1%	+2	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	32,804	61.3%	56.8%	31,550	58.2%	57.1%	+1,254	+3.1
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	1,429	2.7%	1.6%	1,496	2.8%	1.8%	-67	-0.1
New Caledonia	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Papua New Guinea	64	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.1%	0.1%	-1	0.0
Solomon Islands	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Vanuatu	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+2	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fiji	73	0.1%	0.7%	59	0.1%	
French Polynesia	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	5	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	4	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	52	0.1%	0.0%	38	0.1%	
England	3,458	6.5%	2.9%	3,479	6.4%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	52	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
Scotland	225	0.4%	0.3%	272	0.5%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Wales	71	0.1%	0.1%	87	0.2%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ireland	344	0.6%	0.4%	383	0.7%	
Austria	89	0.2%	0.1%	92	0.2%	
Belgium	64	0.1%	0.0%	45	0.1%	
France	360	0.7%	0.2%	382	0.7%	
Germany	363	0.7%	0.3%	388	0.7%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	123	0.2%	0.2%	130	0.2%	
Switzerland	65	0.1%	0.1%	67	0.1%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Denmark	33	0.1%	0.0%	35	0.1%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	20	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norway	20	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Sweden	78	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.2%	
Aland Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Italy	362	0.7%	0.7%	341	0.6%	
Malta	29	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.0%	
Portugal	68	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
San Marino	—	—	—	—	—	
Spain	106	0.2%	0.1%	118	0.2%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	42	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Albania	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	20	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Bulgaria	31	0.1%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Croatia	57	0.1%	0.2%	43	0.1%	
Cyprus	30	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
North Macedonia	15	0.0%	0.2%	17	0.0%	
Greece	145	0.3%	0.5%	171	0.3%	
Moldova	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Romania	101	0.2%	0.1%	105	0.2%	
Slovenia	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Montenegro	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbia	43	0.1%	0.2%	41	0.1%	
Kosovo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern Europe, nfd	67	0.1%	0.0%	83	0.2%	
Belarus	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Czechia	55	0.1%	0.0%	58	0.1%	
Estonia	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hungary	314	0.6%	0.1%	371	0.7%	

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Latvia	28	0.1%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Lithuania	24	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.1%	
Poland	218	0.4%	0.2%	243	0.4%	
Russian Federation	175	0.3%	0.2%	166	0.3%	
Slovakia	44	0.1%	0.0%	62	0.1%	
Ukraine	168	0.3%	0.1%	140	0.3%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Egypt	125	0.2%	0.4%	125	0.2%	
Libya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Morocco	28	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Sudan	9	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Tunisia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Iran	137	0.3%	0.5%	118	0.2%	
Iraq	32	0.1%	1.0%	42	0.1%	
Israel	334	0.6%	0.1%	334	0.6%	
Jordan	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Kuwait	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	

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Lebanon	69	0.1%	1.2%	66	0.1%	
Oman	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabia	5	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Syria	10	0.0%	0.3%	5	0.0%	
Turkey	69	0.1%	0.3%	56	0.1%	
United Arab Emirates	26	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	17	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Cambodia	11	0.0%	0.3%	3	0.0%	
Laos	3	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Thailand	151	0.3%	0.5%	128	0.2%	
Vietnam	140	0.3%	1.8%	104	0.2%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Indonesia	141	0.3%	0.7%	136	0.3%	
Malaysia	280	0.5%	0.7%	247	0.5%	
Philippines	285	0.5%	1.7%	278	0.5%	
Singapore	292	0.5%	0.3%	255	0.5%	
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	1,099	2.1%	4.6%	791	1.5%	–
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	553	1.0%	0.9%	441	0.8%	–
Macau (SAR of China)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Mongolia	4	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Taiwan	85	0.2%	0.2%	58	0.1%	–
Japan	189	0.4%	0.2%	154	0.3%	–
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Korea, Republic of (South)	122	0.2%	1.0%	132	0.2%	–
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bangladesh	17	0.0%	0.5%	16	0.0%	–
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
India	284	0.5%	3.6%	245	0.5%	–
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepal	20	0.0%	1.1%	22	0.0%	–
Pakistan	19	0.0%	0.6%	14	0.0%	–
Sri Lanka	78	0.1%	0.6%	75	0.1%	–
Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Afghanistan	3	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	–
Armenia	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Azerbaijan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Kazakhstan	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Americas, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Canada	229	0.4%	0.2%	246	0.5%	
United States of America	904	1.7%	0.5%	834	1.5%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	95	0.2%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Bolivia	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Brazil	282	0.5%	0.4%	255	0.5%	
Chile	69	0.1%	0.2%	82	0.2%	
Colombia	141	0.3%	0.2%	106	0.2%	
Ecuador	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	39	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	23	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Venezuela	30	0.1%	0.0%	25	0.0%	

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Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
El Salvador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mexico	57	0.1%	0.0%	41	0.1%	–
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Anguilla	–	–	–	–	–	–
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bahamas	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Cuba	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guadeloupe	–	–	–	–	–	–
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jamaica	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	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%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, British	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Virgin Islands, United States	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	–	–	–	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Cabo Verde	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Guinea	3	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	12	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Comoros	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kenya	34	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mauritius	4	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Mozambique	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	2,213	4.1%	0.8%	2,052	3.8%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tanzania	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Uganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zambia	17	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	85	0.2%	0.1%	86	0.2%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Not stated	2,305	4.3%	4.6%	5,044	9.3%	
Total	53,495	100.0%	100.0%	54,212	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.