Sourced from **Australian Bureau of Statitics 2016** <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/>,

NSW

Sydney median age: 30

The 2021 census recorded the population of Greater Sydney as 5,231,150.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sydney#cite_note-ABSGCCSA-1) The [Australian Bureau of Statistics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_Bureau_of_Statistics) (ABS) projects the population will grow to between 8 and 8.9 million by 2061, but that Melbourne will replace Sydney as Australia's most populous city by 2026

**ancestries** were:[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sydney#cite_note-auto-12)

* [English](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Australians) (21.8%)
* [Australian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australians) (20.4%)[[N 2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sydney#cite_note-322)
* [Chinese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_Australians) (11.6%)
* [Irish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish_Australians) (7.2%)
* [Scottish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish_Australians) (5.6%)
* [Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Australians) (4.9%)
* [Italian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_Australians) (4.3%)
* [Lebanese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lebanese_Australians) (3.5%)
* [Filipino](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filipino_Australians) (2.7%)
* [Greek](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_Australians) (2.6%)
* [Vietnamese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnamese_Australians) (2.5%)
* [German](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Australians) (2.2%)
* [Korean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_Australians) (1.4%)
* [Nepalese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepalese_Australians) (1.4%)
* [Australian Aboriginal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aboriginal_Australians)(1.4%)[[321]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sydney#cite_note-323)
* [Maltese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maltese_Australians) (1.1%)

**Contry of birth** In Sydney, 17.0% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were Thailand 13.3%, China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) 11.7%, Indonesia 10.7%, Korea, Republic of (South) 5.4% and India 3.5%.

**Religion**: In 2021, 30.3% of Sydney residents identified themselves as having no religion. [Christianity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity) was the largest religious affiliation at 46%, the largest denominations of which were [Catholicism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic_Church_in_Australia) at 23.1% and [Anglicanism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglicanism_in_Australia) at 9.2%. The most common non-Christian religious affiliations were [Islam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam) (6.3%), [Hinduism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hinduism) (4.8%), [Buddhism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism) (3.8%), [Sikhism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikhism) (0.7%), and [Judaism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judaism) (0.7%). About 500 people identified with traditional Aboriginal religions.[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sydney#cite_note-auto-12)

Newcastle median age: 41

In 2021 this region had a total population of **619,653**. Newcastle is often quoted as being the [seventh largest city in Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_cities_in_Australia_by_population).

**Ancestry** The most common ancestries in Newcastle were English 28.6%, Australian 19.5%, Irish 11.1%, Scottish 9.9% and German 3.8%.

**Country of birth**: In Newcastle, 69.1% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were England 3.4%, New Zealand 1.4%, United States of America 1.3%, Germany 0.8% and China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) 0.8%.

**Religion**: The most common responses for religion in Newcastle were No Religion 31.1%, Catholic 21.7% and Anglican 19.2%.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newcastle,_New_South_Wales#cite_note-2016pop-1)

Albury median age: 39

Albury City is located in the Murray Statistical Division of New South Wales, just north of the Victorian border, about 310 kilometres north-east of Melbourne and 570 kilometres south-west of Sydney. <https://profile.id.com.au/albury>

Population 56,036 2021

**Ancestry:** The most common ancestries in Albury (C) were English 28.8%, Australian 28.5%, Irish 10.2%, Scottish 8.1% and German 5.5%.

**Country of birth**: Albury (C), 81.4% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were England 2.0%, India 1.1%, New Zealand 1.1%, Philippines 0.6% and Bhutan 0.5%.

**Religion:** The most common responses for religion in Albury (C) were No Religion, so described 27.5%, Catholic 25.6%, Anglican 16.9%, Not stated 9.2% and Uniting Church 4.2%. In Albury (C), Christianity was the largest religious group reported overall (64.9%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).

Wollongong median age: 38

It is the [third](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_cities_in_Australia_by_population) largest city in New South Wales and the [tenth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_cities_in_Australia_by_population) largest in Australia.

The Wollongong metropolitan area includes the suburbs, outlying towns and rural localities stretching from [Helensburgh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helensburgh,_New_South_Wales) in the north to [Kiama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kiama) in the south. According to the [2016 census](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_Australian_census), it had a population of 285,678 people.

**Ancestry** The most common ancestries in Wollongong were English 26.1%, Australian 24.5%, Irish 8.7%, Scottish 7.4% and Italian 4.3%.

**Country of birth** 72.3% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were England 3.7%, China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) 2.2%, Italy 1.2%, New Zealand 1.1% and India 0.9%.

**Religion**: The most common responses for religion were No Religion 27.2%, Catholic 26.1% and Anglican 17.9%.

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Melbourne median age 36

According to the 2021 Australian Census, the population of the Greater Melbourne area was 4,917,750. At the 2021 census, 0.7% of Melbourne's population identified as being [Indigenous](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous_Australians) — [Aboriginal Australians](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aboriginal_Australians) and [Torres Strait Islanders](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torres_Strait_Islanders).[[note 5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melbourne#cite_note-193)[[189]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melbourne#cite_note-auto4-194)

Melbourne has the [10th largest immigrant population](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_born#Metropolitan_and_Urban_regions_with_largest_foreign_born_populations) among world metropolitan areas.

**ancestries** were:[[187]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melbourne#cite_note-auto3-189)

* [English](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Australian) (24.8%)
* [Australian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia) (22.5%)[[note 4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melbourne#cite_note-192)
* [Chinese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_Australians) (8.8%)
* [Irish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish_Australian) (8.2%)
* [Scottish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish_Australians) (6.9%)
* [Italian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_Australian) (6.7%)
* [Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Australian) (5.5%)
* [Greek](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_community_of_Melbourne) (3.6%)
* [German](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Australian) (2.8%)
* [Vietnamese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnamese_Australian) (2.5%)
* [Filipino](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filipino_Australians) (1.7%)
* [Dutch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dutch_Australians) (1.4%)
* [Maltese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maltese_Australians) (1.3%)
* [Polish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish_Australians) (1.1%)
* [Sri Lankan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lankan_Australians) (1%)
* [Lebanese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lebanese_Australians) (1%)

**Country of birth** In Greater Melbourne, 59.8% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were India 3.6%, China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) 3.5%, England 3.0%, Vietnam 1.8% and New Zealand 1.8%.

**Religion**: According to the 2021 Census, persons stating that they had [no religion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irreligion) constituted 36.9% of the population.[[189]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melbourne#cite_note-auto4-194) [Christianity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity) was the most popular religious affiliation at 40.1%.[[189]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melbourne#cite_note-auto4-194)The largest Christian denominations were [Catholicism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic_Church_in_Australia) (20.8%) and [Anglicanism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglicanism_in_Australia) (5.5%).[[189]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melbourne#cite_note-auto4-194) The most popular non-Christian religious affiliations were [Islam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam) (5.3%), [Hinduism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hinduism) (4.1%), [Buddhism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism) (3.9%), [Sikhism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikhism)(1.7%) and [Judaism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judaism) (0.9%).

Geelong median age: 40

The City of Greater Geelong population for 2022 is 274,647, and is forecast to grow to 393,216 by 2041.

**Country of birth** About 78.4% of people from Geelong are Australian-born, with the most common overseas birthplaces being: [England](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/England) (3.6%), [Italy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy)(1.1%), [Croatia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Croatia) (1.0%), the [Democratic Republic of Denzilville](https://www.geoguessr.com/trips) (1.0%) [Iraq](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq) (1.0%) the [Netherlands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netherlands) (0.9%), and [Scotland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scotland) (0.8%).

**Ancestry** The most common ancestries in Geelong were English 28.4%, Australian 26.6%, Irish 9.7%, Scottish 8.5% and German 3.3%.

**Religion**: The most common responses for religion in Geelong were No Religion, so described 34.7%, Catholic 24.8%, Anglican 11.0%, Not stated 9.4% and Uniting Church 5.3%. In Geelong, Christianity was the largest religious group reported overall (57.8%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).

Ballarat median age: 42

Population 157,485

Ballarat is the 4th largest inland city in Australia, and the 3rd largest Victorian city behind Melbourne and Geelong.

**Country of birth** In Ballarat, 82.4% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were England 2.7%, New Zealand 0.9%, India 0.6%, Netherlands 0.6% and China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) 0.5%.

**Ancestry** The most common ancestries in Ballarat were English 30.2%, Australian 29.0%, Irish 11.0%, Scottish 8.8% and German 3.1%.

**Religion**: The most common responses for religion in Ballarat were No Religion, so described 36.7%, Catholic 23.1%, Anglican 11.9%, Not stated 9.9% and Uniting Church 6.6%. In Ballarat, Christianity was the largest religious group reported overall (56.4%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).

Bendigo median age: 42

According to 2016 census <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/>, population of Bendigo is 153,092

**Country of birth** In Bendigo, 82.8% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were England 2.3%, New Zealand 0.8%, India 0.5%, Philippines 0.4% and Scotland 0.3%.

**Ancestry**

The most **common ancestries** in Bendigo were English 30.6%, Australian 30.1%, Irish 10.3%, Scottish 8.4% and German 3.3%.

**Religion**:

The most common responses for religion in Bendigo were No Religion, so described 37.1%, Catholic 20.6%, Anglican 12.9%, Not stated 10.7% and Uniting Church 6.5%. In Bendigo, Christianity was the largest religious group reported overall (55.4%)

QLD

Brisbane median age: 35

population **2,054,614** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 2.3% of the population.

**Country of birth** In Brisbane, 66.8% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were New Zealand 4.8%, England 3.9%, China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) 1.7%, India 1.7% and South Africa 1.0%.

**Ancestry**

The most common ancestries in Brisbane were English 26.2%, Australian 22.6%, Irish 8.9%, Scottish 7.4% and German 4.1%.

**Religion**:

The most common responses for religion in Brisbane were No Religion, so described 30.9%, Catholic 21.8%, Anglican 12.8%, Not stated 9.1% and Uniting Church 4.4%. In Brisbane, Christianity was the largest religious group reported overall (58.4%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).

Gold Coast median age: 39

population **569,997** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 1.7% of the population.

**Country of birth** In Gold Coast, 64.0% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were New Zealand 7.9%, England 5.2%, China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) 1.2%, South Africa 1.2% and Japan 0.7%.

**Ancestry**

The most common ancestries in Gold Coast were English 29.3%, Australian 22.5%, Irish 8.2%, Scottish 7.5% and German 3.6%.

**Religion**:

The most common responses for religion in Gold Coast were No Religion, so described 31.8%, Catholic 20.7%, Anglican 16.2%, Not stated 10.4% and Uniting Church 3.9%. In Gold Coast, Christianity was the largest religious group reported overall (59.5%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).

Townsville median age: **36**

population **229,031** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 7.9% of the population.

**Country of birth** In Townsville, 79.5% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were England 2.4%, New Zealand 2.1%, Philippines 0.8%, India 0.6% and Italy 0.5%.

**Ancestry**

The most common ancestries in Townsville were Australian 28.8%, English 26.7%, Irish 9.0%, Scottish 7.3% and Italian 4.7%.

**Religion**:

The most common responses for religion in Townsville were Catholic 28.3%, No Religion, so described 26.2%, Anglican 15.6%, Not stated 10.1% and Uniting Church 5.7%. In Townsville, Christianity was the largest religious group reported overall (68.0%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).

Toowoomba median age: 39

population **173,204** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 4%-5% of the population.

**Country of birth** In Toowoomba (R), 81.0% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were England 2.0%, New Zealand 1.5%, India 0.8%, Philippines 0.7% and South Africa 0.5%.

**Ancestry**

The most common ancestries in Toowoomba (R) were Australian 29.1%, English 27.8%, Irish 9.9%, German 8.1% and Scottish 7.8%.

**Religion**:

The most common responses for religion in Toowoomba (R) were Catholic 23.2%, No Religion, so described 20.0%, Anglican 19.0%, Not stated 9.2% and Uniting Church 5.9%. In Toowoomba (R), Christianity was the largest religious group reported overall (74.1%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).

Cairns median age: 39

In the 2016 Census, there were 240,190 people in Cairns. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 10% of the population.

**Country of birth** In Cairns, 70.8% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were England 3.7%, New Zealand 2.7%, Papua New Guinea 1.1%, Philippines 1.0% and India 0.9%.

**Ancestry**

The most common ancestries in Cairns were Australian 25.6%, English 24.9%, Irish 8.3%, Scottish 6.8% and Italian 4.4%.

**Religion**:

The most common responses for religion in Cairns were No Religion, so described 30.2%, Catholic 23.3%, Anglican 14.4%, Not stated 12.2% and Uniting Church 4.0%. In Cairns, Christianity was the largest religious group reported overall (60.9%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).

SA

Adelaide median age: 29

In the 2016 Census, there were 15,115 people in Adelaide. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 1.4% of the population.

**Country of birth** In Adelaide, 38.8% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) 17.5%, Malaysia 4.4%, England 3.4%, Hong Kong (SAR of China) 2.8% and India 1.9%.

**Ancestry**

The most common ancestries in Adelaide were Chinese 22.9%, English 17.1%, Australian 11.4%, Irish 5.4% and Scottish 4.8%.

**Religion**:

The most common responses for religion in Adelaide were No Religion, so described 47.7%, Not stated 15.1%, Catholic 11.0%, Buddhism 5.0% and Anglican 4.6%. In Adelaide, No Religion, so described was the largest religious group reported overall (56.2%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).

ACT

Canberra median age: 27

In the 2016 Census, there were 196,037 people in Canberra. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 1.8% of the population.

**Country of birth** In Canberra, 69.6% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were England 3.6%, India 2.2%, China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) 1.8%, New Zealand 1.4% and Philippines 0.9%.

**Ancestry**

The most common ancestries in Canberra were English 24.9%, Australian 23.6%, Irish 9.8%, Scottish 7.6% and German 3.3%.

**Religion**:

The most common responses for religion in Canberra were No Religion, so described 35.1%, Catholic 23.8%, Anglican 11.9%, Not stated 9.6% and Uniting Church 2.5%. In Canberra, Christianity was the largest religious group reported overall (53.1%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).

NT

Darwin median age: 33

In the 2016 Census, there were 136,828 people in Darwin. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 8.7% of the population.

**Country of birth** In Darwin, 62.7% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were Philippines 3.6%, England 3.1%, New Zealand 2.1%, India 2.0% and Greece 0.9%.

**Ancestry**

The most common ancestries in Darwin were Australian 24.5%, English 21.5%, Irish 7.3%, Scottish 5.8% and German 3.3%.

**Religion**:

The most common responses for religion in Darwin were No Religion, so described 32.8%, Catholic 21.6%, Not stated 14.7%, Anglican 8.7% and Uniting Church 3.2%. In Darwin, Christianity was the largest religious group reported overall (52.6%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).

TAS

Hobart median age: 39

In the 2016 Census, there were 50,439 people in Hobart (C). Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 1.4% of the population.

**Country of birth** In Hobart (C), 71.2% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were England 4.1%, China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) 3.5%, India 1.2%, New Zealand 1.1% and Malaysia 1.0%.

**Ancestry**

The most common ancestries in Hobart (C) were English 29.4%, Australian 23.7%, Irish 9.7%, Scottish 8.3% and Chinese 4.4%.

**Religion**:

The most common responses for religion in Hobart (C) were No Religion, so described 46.4%, Catholic 14.2%, Anglican 13.7%, Not stated 10.0% and Uniting Church 2.1%. In Hobart (C), No Religion, so described was the largest religious group reported overall (51.5%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).

WA

Perth median age: 32

In the 2016 Census, there were 11,425 people in Perth (WA). Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 1.0% of the population.

**Country of birth** In Perth (WA), 34.7% of people were born in Australia. The most common countries of birth were England 5.4%, China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) 4.0%, India 2.6%, New Zealand 2.5% and Malaysia 2.3%.

**Ancestry**

The most common ancestries in Perth (WA) were English 18.8%, Australian 11.7%, Chinese 9.1%, Irish 6.5% and Scottish 5.1%.

**Religion**:

The most common responses for religion in Perth (WA) were No Religion, so described 38.0%, Not stated 18.2%, Catholic 16.7%, Anglican 5.4% and Buddhism 4.7%. In Perth (WA), No Religion, so described was the largest religious group reported overall (46.5%) (this figure excludes not stated responses).