



Employed Persons by Country of Birth



More than one million (30%) of New South Wales' workers are born overseas, compared with 25% for the rest of Australia. While New South Wales accounts for 31% of Australia's total employment, it contributes a larger 35% of the overseas born workforce. This positions New South Wales ahead of other states, and at the forefront of the Asia Pacific, for its ability to provide a large, diverse, well educated and multilingual workforce.

The United Kingdom and Ireland is the largest contributor of New South Wales workers born outside Australia, with a 17% share. Mainland China (8%) and India (6%) accounted for the next largest shares. In terms of regions, North West Europe is the major source of overseas born workers in New South Wales with 22%, followed by South East Asia (15%), and North East Asia (14%).

Employed persons by country of birth, 2009 ('000)

Country of birth (1)	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Other	Australia	NSW as a % of Aust
Australia	2,378.7	1,912.2	1,751.6	636.5	760.3	449.1	7,888.4	30.2
Born overseas	1,001.2	741.1	480.0	154.9	402.2	101.9	2,881.3	34.7
Oceania and Antarctica	103.2	61.2	151.1	8.6	43.0	10.4	377.5	27.3
New Zealand	64.8	48.0	126.2	6.0	40.3	10.4	377.5	27.3
Other	38.4	13.2	24.9	2.6	2.7	2.9	84.7	45.3
North West Europe	215.5	185.9	150.1	76.9	174.3	38.3	841.0	25.6
United Kingdom and Ireland	171.1	145.2	123.7	64.5	154.2	31.2	689.9	24.8
Germany	12.6	18.0	8.1	5.2	5.0	2.2	51.1	24.7
Netherlands	4.5	11.1	6.0	4.2	6.1	2.4	34.3	13.1
Other	27.3	11.6	12.3	3.0	9.0	2.6	65.8	41.5
Southern and Eastern Europe	114.4	123.7	26.8	21.1	33.8	9.5	329.3	34.7
Italy	18.4	26.8	2.3	7.0	13.8	2.8	71.1	25.9
Greece	9.5	18.2		1.7	1.0	1.4	31.8	29.9
Former Yugoslav Republic	42.5	37.5	10.5	4.2	8.4	1.7	104.8	40.6
Other	44.0	41.2	14.0	8.2	10.5	3.7	121.6	36.2

North Africa and the Middle East	70.8	28.1	10.7	4.3	5.3	1.7	120.9	58.6
Lebanon	34.7	7.2	1.7	1.1		0.1	44.8	77.5
Other	36.2	20.8	9.0	3.2	5.3	1.6	76.1	47.6

South East Asia	149.4	108.0	49.6	19.1	51.3	11.9	389.3	38.4
Vietnam	33.7	37.2	14.0	6.6	4.6	2.1	98.2	34.3
Malaysia	16.1	22.5	7.0	2.9	14.6	2.3	65.4	24.6
Philippines	59.8	23.4	15.8	5.6	7.0	3.6	115.2	51.9
Other	39.8	24.9	12.7	4.0	25.0	4.2	110.6	36.0

North East Asia	136.2	59.1	20.7	6.3	17.7	6.1	246.1	
China	80.9	33.8	4.9	5.3	6.0	3.6	134.5	60.1
Other	55.3	25.3	15.8	1.0	11.7	2.5	111.6	49.6

Southern and Central Asia	112.0	107.7	17.0	9.5	20.7	7.9	274.8	40.8
India	61.7	65.9	14.3	6.8	14.6	4.1	167.4	36.9
Other	50.3	41.8	2.7	2.7	6.2	3.7	107.4	46.8

Americas	60.3	31.1	25.0	4.4	14.4	7.3	142.5	42.3
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Sub-Saharan Africa	39.3	36.2	28.9	4.7	41.7	9.1	159.9	24.6
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Footnotes:

1 Based on the Standard Australian Classification of Countries, 1998.

Source: ABS Cat. No. 6291.0.55.001, February 2009 (original estimates).