

# Community report

## Brisbane (C)

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

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**Brisbane (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Brisbane**

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

Brisbane (C) | Greater Brisbane comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 31.8% (395,317) of people in Brisbane (C) were born overseas, compared with 27.2% in Greater Brisbane. A further 64.4% (800,414) 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

Brisbane (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	710	0.1%	0.1%	718	0.1%	0.1%	-8	0.0
At sea	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Australia	800,414	64.4%	68.3%	719,106	63.6%	67.8%	+81,308	+0.8
Norfolk Island	32	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	0.0%	-30	0.0
New Zealand	41,744	3.4%	4.4%	40,687	3.6%	4.7%	+1,057	-0.2
New Caledonia	150	0.0%	0.0%	138	0.0%	0.0%	+12	0.0
Papua New Guinea	4,996	0.4%	0.4%	4,684	0.4%	0.4%	+312	0.0
Solomon Islands	376	0.0%	0.0%	326	0.0%	0.0%	+50	0.0
Vanuatu	100	0.0%	0.0%	99	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	—	—	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Guam	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Kiribati	64	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	108	0.0%	0.0%	87	0.0%	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Palau	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesia (excludes Hawaii), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	306	0.0%	0.0%	317	0.0%	
Fiji	5,539	0.4%	0.4%	5,210	0.5%	
French Polynesia	48	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Niue	68	0.0%	0.0%	80	0.0%	
Samoa	2,021	0.2%	0.3%	1,806	0.2%	
Samoa, American	32	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Tokelau	29	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Tonga	547	0.0%	0.1%	547	0.0%	
Tuvalu	14	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Wallis and Futuna	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	428	0.0%	0.0%	379	0.0%	
England	42,311	3.4%	3.8%	39,320	3.5%	
Isle of Man	40	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	1,284	0.1%	0.1%	1,181	0.1%	
Scotland	5,693	0.5%	0.5%	5,538	0.5%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Wales	1,417	0.1%	0.1%	1,306	0.1%	
Guernsey	31	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Jersey	68	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Ireland	4,827	0.4%	0.3%	4,448	0.4%	
Austria	545	0.0%	0.0%	570	0.1%	
Belgium	412	0.0%	0.0%	341	0.0%	
France	2,504	0.2%	0.1%	2,196	0.2%	
Germany	4,753	0.4%	0.4%	4,549	0.4%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	31	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Monaco	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Netherlands	2,489	0.2%	0.3%	2,606	0.2%	
Switzerland	713	0.1%	0.0%	637	0.1%	
Denmark	621	0.0%	0.0%	636	0.1%	
Faroe Islands	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Finland	615	0.0%	0.1%	578	0.1%	
Greenland	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	26	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Norway	278	0.0%	0.0%	318	0.0%	
Sweden	720	0.1%	0.0%	608	0.1%	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Gibraltar	18	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Italy	4,844	0.4%	0.3%	4,762	0.4%	
Malta	320	0.0%	0.0%	351	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Portugal	533	0.0%	0.0%	523	0.0%	
Spain	1,175	0.1%	0.1%	975	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	776	0.1%	0.1%	917	0.1%	
Albania	164	0.0%	0.0%	130	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,595	0.1%	0.1%	1,414	0.1%	
Bulgaria	260	0.0%	0.0%	224	0.0%	
Croatia	1,009	0.1%	0.1%	973	0.1%	
Cyprus	545	0.0%	0.0%	562	0.0%	
North Macedonia	494	0.0%	0.0%	464	0.0%	
Greece	1,786	0.1%	0.1%	1,803	0.2%	
Moldova	38	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Romania	794	0.1%	0.1%	686	0.1%	
Slovenia	173	0.0%	0.0%	164	0.0%	
Montenegro	64	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Serbia	1,011	0.1%	0.1%	811	0.1%	
Kosovo	47	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	197	0.0%	0.0%	196	0.0%	
Belarus	75	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Czechia	354	0.0%	0.0%	296	0.0%	
Estonia	161	0.0%	0.0%	124	0.0%	
Hungary	915	0.1%	0.1%	921	0.1%	
Latvia	125	0.0%	0.0%	122	0.0%	
Lithuania	114	0.0%	0.0%	76	0.0%	
Poland	1,953	0.2%	0.1%	1,823	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Russian Federation	1,501	0.1%	0.1%	1,141	0.1%	
Slovakia	227	0.0%	0.0%	199	0.0%	
Ukraine	548	0.0%	0.0%	451	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Algeria	85	0.0%	0.0%	83	0.0%	
Egypt	1,078	0.1%	0.1%	805	0.1%	
Libya	118	0.0%	0.0%	97	0.0%	
Morocco	86	0.0%	0.0%	88	0.0%	
Sudan	1,139	0.1%	0.1%	1,062	0.1%	
Tunisia	17	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
South Sudan	323	0.0%	0.0%	346	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	35	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Bahrain	138	0.0%	0.0%	106	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	73	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Iran	4,848	0.4%	0.2%	4,038	0.4%	
Iraq	1,414	0.1%	0.1%	1,205	0.1%	
Israel	355	0.0%	0.0%	271	0.0%	
Jordan	263	0.0%	0.0%	188	0.0%	
Kuwait	303	0.0%	0.0%	302	0.0%	
Lebanon	707	0.1%	0.0%	609	0.1%	
Oman	131	0.0%	0.0%	178	0.0%	
Qatar	128	0.0%	0.0%	77	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Saudi Arabia	788	0.1%	0.0%	1,246	0.1%	
Syria	633	0.1%	0.1%	247	0.0%	
Turkey	807	0.1%	0.0%	563	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	848	0.1%	0.0%	525	0.0%	
Yemen	43	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
South-East Asia, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Myanmar	1,020	0.1%	0.1%	950	0.1%	
Cambodia	642	0.1%	0.1%	540	0.0%	
Laos	227	0.0%	0.0%	210	0.0%	
Thailand	4,207	0.3%	0.3%	3,240	0.3%	
Vietnam	16,616	1.3%	0.8%	13,909	1.2%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Brunei Darussalam	211	0.0%	0.0%	198	0.0%	
Indonesia	3,610	0.3%	0.2%	3,365	0.3%	
Malaysia	8,961	0.7%	0.5%	8,433	0.7%	
Philippines	14,214	1.1%	1.1%	11,258	1.0%	
Singapore	3,992	0.3%	0.2%	3,746	0.3%	
Timor-Leste	244	0.0%	0.0%	237	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	36,768	3.0%	1.7%	32,116	2.8%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	8,314	0.7%	0.4%	6,930	0.6%	
Macau (SAR of China)	227	0.0%	0.0%	233	0.0%	
Mongolia	299	0.0%	0.0%	144	0.0%	
Taiwan	10,511	0.8%	0.5%	10,038	0.9%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Japan	4,408	0.4%	0.2%	4,014	0.4%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Korea, Republic of (South)	10,339	0.8%	0.5%	10,193	0.9%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	8	0.0%	
Southern Asia, nfd	93	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Bangladesh	1,747	0.1%	0.1%	1,550	0.1%	
Bhutan	786	0.1%	0.0%	158	0.0%	
India	35,188	2.8%	2.0%	27,664	2.4%	
Maldives	36	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Nepal	5,342	0.4%	0.3%	2,758	0.2%	
Pakistan	2,921	0.2%	0.2%	2,297	0.2%	
Sri Lanka	6,589	0.5%	0.3%	5,489	0.5%	
Afghanistan	1,674	0.1%	0.2%	1,265	0.1%	
Armenia	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Azerbaijan	38	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Georgia	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Kazakhstan	178	0.0%	0.0%	111	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	53	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Tajikistan	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Turkmenistan	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Uzbekistan	104	0.0%	0.0%	73	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Bermuda	46	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Canada	4,102	0.3%	0.2%	3,444	0.3%	
United States of America	6,847	0.6%	0.4%	5,936	0.5%	
South America, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Argentina	758	0.1%	0.0%	536	0.0%	
Bolivia	64	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Brazil	4,541	0.4%	0.2%	2,738	0.2%	
Chile	1,269	0.1%	0.1%	959	0.1%	
Colombia	4,989	0.4%	0.2%	3,064	0.3%	
Ecuador	187	0.0%	0.0%	223	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
French Guiana	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	42	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Paraguay	36	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Peru	780	0.1%	0.0%	532	0.0%	
Suriname	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Uruguay	153	0.0%	0.0%	136	0.0%	
Venezuela	774	0.1%	0.0%	650	0.1%	
Central America, nfd	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Belize	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Costa Rica	42	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
El Salvador	1,215	0.1%	0.1%	1,183	0.1%	
Guatemala	52	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Honduras	28	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Mexico	630	0.1%	0.0%	423	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Nicaragua	53	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Panama	19	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Caribbean, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Antigua and Barbuda	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Aruba	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bahamas	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Barbados	27	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Cayman Islands	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cuba	90	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Dominica	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Dominican Republic	23	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Grenada	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Guadeloupe	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Haiti	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Jamaica	82	0.0%	0.0%	88	0.0%	
Martinique	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Montserrat	—	—	—	—	—	
Puerto Rico	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
St Kitts and Nevis	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
St Lucia	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Trinidad and Tobago	133	0.0%	0.0%	121	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, British	—	—	—	—	—	
Virgin Islands, United States	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Curacao	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central and West Africa, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Benin	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cameroon	38	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Cabo Verde	–	–	–	–	–	
Central African Republic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	165	0.0%	0.0%	89	0.0%	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	419	0.0%	0.1%	259	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	50	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	–	–	–	
Gabon	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Gambia	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Ghana	227	0.0%	0.0%	215	0.0%	
Guinea	75	0.0%	0.0%	78	0.0%	
Liberia	256	0.0%	0.0%	296	0.0%	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nigeria	686	0.1%	0.1%	508	0.0%	
Senegal	36	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Sierra Leone	189	0.0%	0.0%	189	0.0%	
Togo	24	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Angola	25	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Botswana	136	0.0%	0.0%	109	0.0%	
Burundi	284	0.0%	0.0%	178	0.0%	
Djibouti	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Eritrea	851	0.1%	0.0%	678	0.1%	
Ethiopia	899	0.1%	0.1%	711	0.1%	
Kenya	1,227	0.1%	0.1%	981	0.1%	
Lesotho	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Madagascar	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Malawi	125	0.0%	0.0%	103	0.0%	
Mauritius	468	0.0%	0.0%	399	0.0%	
Mozambique	89	0.0%	0.0%	88	0.0%	
Namibia	110	0.0%	0.0%	96	0.0%	
Reunion	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Rwanda	118	0.0%	0.0%	102	0.0%	
Seychelles	91	0.0%	0.0%	95	0.0%	
Somalia	1,007	0.1%	0.1%	949	0.1%	
South Africa	14,254	1.1%	1.1%	11,858	1.0%	
Eswatini	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tanzania	316	0.0%	0.0%	252	0.0%	
Uganda	277	0.0%	0.0%	215	0.0%	
Zambia	415	0.0%	0.0%	412	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	2,747	0.2%	0.2%	2,605	0.2%	
Not stated	47,090	3.8%	4.5%	65,639	5.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,242,821</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,131,099</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.