

Community report

Coffs Harbour (C)

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

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Coffs Harbour (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, 15.6% (12,262) of people in Coffs Harbour (C) were born overseas, compared with 12.2% in Regional NSW. A further 78.4% (61,779) 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

Coffs Harbour (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	21	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	61,779	78.4%	81.3%	57,155	78.3%	80.9%	+4,624	+0.1
Norfolk Island	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	1,109	1.4%	1.2%	1,039	1.4%	1.1%	+70	0.0
New Caledonia	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Papua New Guinea	99	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.1%	0.1%	+9	0.0
Solomon Islands	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Vanuatu	75	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nauru	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Palau	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Fiji	94	0.1%	0.1%	79	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	89	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
England	2,546	3.2%	2.8%	2,513	3.4%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	74	0.1%	0.1%	67	0.1%	
Scotland	287	0.4%	0.4%	317	0.4%	
Wales	71	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.1%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ireland	151	0.2%	0.2%	163	0.2%	
Austria	46	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Belgium	21	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
France	86	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Germany	392	0.5%	0.4%	376	0.5%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	240	0.3%	0.2%	243	0.3%	
Switzerland	69	0.1%	0.0%	73	0.1%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	26	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	31	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Iceland	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Norway	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Sweden	32	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	131	0.2%	0.3%	137	0.2%	
Malta	37	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Portugal	11	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Spain	24	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	21	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Albania	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Bulgaria	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Croatia	27	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Cyprus	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
North Macedonia	4	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Greece	24	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Slovenia	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Belarus	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Estonia	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hungary	40	0.1%	0.0%	41	0.1%	
Latvia	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Poland	61	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Russian Federation	27	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Slovakia	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Ukraine	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Algeria	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	44	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Libya	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Morocco	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sudan	44	0.1%	0.0%	79	0.1%	
Tunisia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South Sudan	18	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iran	17	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Iraq	390	0.5%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Israel	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Jordan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kuwait	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lebanon	19	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Oman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Syria	74	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Turkey	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Yemen	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Myanmar	455	0.6%	0.0%	302	0.4%	
Cambodia	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Laos	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Thailand	188	0.2%	0.2%	132	0.2%	
Vietnam	86	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Indonesia	78	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Malaysia	365	0.5%	0.2%	118	0.2%	
Philippines	405	0.5%	0.5%	299	0.4%	
Singapore	29	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Timor-Leste	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	202	0.3%	0.3%	133	0.2%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	65	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	98	0.1%	0.1%	114	0.2%	
Japan	118	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	61	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	
Southern Asia, nfd	58	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bangladesh	10	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	1,349	1.7%	0.7%	1,045	1.4%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Nepal	94	0.1%	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Pakistan	33	0.0%	0.1%	68	0.1%	
Sri Lanka	40	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Afghanistan	66	0.1%	0.0%	131	0.2%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	207	0.3%	0.2%	137	0.2%	
United States of America	269	0.3%	0.3%	229	0.3%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	29	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	41	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Chile	30	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Colombia	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	25	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Venezuela	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	23	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mexico	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Trinidad and Tobago	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Burkina Faso	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	24	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.1%	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	55	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Guinea	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Togo	17	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundi	18	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Eritrea	58	0.1%	0.0%	52	0.1%	
Ethiopia	71	0.1%	0.0%	42	0.1%	
Kenya	46	0.1%	0.0%	47	0.1%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Mauritius	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	425	0.5%	0.4%	307	0.4%	
Eswatini	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Uganda	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Zambia	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	54	0.1%	0.1%	51	0.1%	
Southern and East Africa, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	4,716	6.0%	6.5%	5,643	7.7%	
Total	78,757	100.0%	100.0%	72,967	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.