

Community report

Gold Coast (C)

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

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Gold Coast (C)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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, 29.1% (181,793) of people in Gold Coast (C) were born overseas, compared with 18.4% in Regional Qld. A further 65.2% (407,315) 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

Gold Coast (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	353	0.1%	0.0%	285	0.1%	0.0%	+68	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	407,315	65.2%	74.3%	354,981	63.9%	74.3%	+52,334	+1.3
Norfolk Island	25	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
New Zealand	44,485	7.1%	3.7%	44,186	8.0%	3.9%	+299	-0.9
New Caledonia	246	0.0%	0.0%	211	0.0%	0.0%	+35	0.0
Papua New Guinea	1,111	0.2%	0.3%	1,043	0.2%	0.3%	+68	0.0
Solomon Islands	38	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Vanuatu	68	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	12	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	0.0%	-8	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	19	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Northern Mariana Islands	5	0.0%	–	6	0.0%	
Palau	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cook Islands	261	0.0%	0.0%	263	0.0%	
Fiji	1,126	0.2%	0.1%	929	0.2%	
French Polynesia	75	0.0%	0.0%	80	0.0%	
Niue	40	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Samoa	400	0.1%	0.0%	304	0.1%	
Samoa, American	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tokelau	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tonga	108	0.0%	0.0%	89	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	–	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	246	0.0%	0.0%	206	0.0%	
England	30,748	4.9%	3.7%	28,716	5.2%	
Isle of Man	33	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	583	0.1%	0.1%	600	0.1%	
Scotland	3,537	0.6%	0.4%	3,239	0.6%	
Wales	1,115	0.2%	0.1%	952	0.2%	
Guernsey	24	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Jersey	50	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ireland	1,554	0.2%	0.2%	1,393	0.3%	
Austria	495	0.1%	0.1%	469	0.1%	
Belgium	252	0.0%	0.0%	208	0.0%	
France	1,154	0.2%	0.1%	871	0.2%	
Germany	3,021	0.5%	0.4%	2,861	0.5%	
Luxembourg	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Monaco	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	1,800	0.3%	0.3%	1,820	0.3%	
Switzerland	430	0.1%	0.1%	386	0.1%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	321	0.1%	0.0%	316	0.1%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	359	0.1%	0.0%	333	0.1%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Iceland	19	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Norway	166	0.0%	0.0%	174	0.0%	
Sweden	473	0.1%	0.1%	392	0.1%	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	19	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Italy	1,927	0.3%	0.3%	1,683	0.3%	
Malta	533	0.1%	0.1%	502	0.1%	
Portugal	290	0.0%	0.0%	204	0.0%	
Spain	701	0.1%	0.1%	402	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	538	0.1%	0.0%	600	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Albania	60	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	931	0.1%	0.0%	783	0.1%	
Bulgaria	132	0.0%	0.0%	108	0.0%	
Croatia	905	0.1%	0.1%	867	0.2%	
Cyprus	198	0.0%	0.0%	179	0.0%	
North Macedonia	320	0.1%	0.0%	224	0.0%	
Greece	547	0.1%	0.0%	542	0.1%	
Moldova	27	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Romania	524	0.1%	0.0%	379	0.1%	
Slovenia	226	0.0%	0.0%	204	0.0%	
Montenegro	31	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Serbia	614	0.1%	0.0%	488	0.1%	
Kosovo	23	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	177	0.0%	0.0%	161	0.0%	
Belarus	68	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Czechia	426	0.1%	0.0%	344	0.1%	
Estonia	113	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	
Hungary	843	0.1%	0.1%	762	0.1%	
Latvia	85	0.0%	0.0%	102	0.0%	
Lithuania	84	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Poland	1,175	0.2%	0.1%	978	0.2%	
Russian Federation	1,012	0.2%	0.1%	762	0.1%	
Slovakia	196	0.0%	0.0%	192	0.0%	
Ukraine	341	0.1%	0.0%	237	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Africa, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Algeria	30	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	0.0%
Egypt	674	0.1%	0.1%	630	0.1%	0.1%
Libya	57	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	0.0%
Morocco	75	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	0.0%
Sudan	111	0.0%	0.0%	95	0.0%	0.0%
Tunisia	21	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	0.0%
South Sudan	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Middle East, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Bahrain	36	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	0.0%
Gaza Strip and West Bank	21	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	0.0%
Iran	1,058	0.2%	0.1%	839	0.2%	0.1%
Iraq	301	0.0%	0.1%	280	0.1%	0.1%
Israel	237	0.0%	0.0%	175	0.0%	0.0%
Jordan	80	0.0%	0.0%	83	0.0%	0.0%
Kuwait	67	0.0%	0.0%	125	0.0%	0.0%
Lebanon	326	0.1%	0.0%	282	0.1%	0.0%
Oman	30	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	0.0%
Qatar	27	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	0.0%
Saudi Arabia	152	0.0%	0.0%	190	0.0%	0.0%
Syria	100	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	0.0%
Turkey	520	0.1%	0.0%	382	0.1%	0.0%

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United Arab Emirates	256	0.0%	0.0%	199	0.0%	0.0%
Yemen	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
South-East Asia, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Myanmar	159	0.0%	0.0%	102	0.0%	0.0%
Cambodia	222	0.0%	0.0%	161	0.0%	0.0%
Laos	85	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	0.0%
Thailand	2,066	0.3%	0.2%	1,533	0.3%	0.2%
Vietnam	1,397	0.2%	0.2%	825	0.1%	0.1%
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Brunei Darussalam	56	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	0.0%
Indonesia	1,231	0.2%	0.1%	958	0.2%	0.1%
Malaysia	1,868	0.3%	0.2%	1,664	0.3%	0.2%
Philippines	5,626	0.9%	0.9%	4,076	0.7%	0.7%
Singapore	993	0.2%	0.1%	879	0.2%	0.1%
Timor-Leste	53	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	0.0%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	8,772	1.4%	0.5%	6,961	1.3%	0.5%
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	1,729	0.3%	0.1%	1,452	0.3%	0.1%
Macau (SAR of China)	54	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	0.0%
Mongolia	43	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%
Taiwan	1,718	0.3%	0.1%	1,477	0.3%	0.1%
Japan	4,423	0.7%	0.3%	4,234	0.8%	0.3%
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Korea, Republic of (South)	3,463	0.6%	0.2%	3,165	0.6%	
Southern Asia, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	353	0.1%	0.0%	293	0.1%	
Bhutan	19	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
India	6,957	1.1%	0.8%	4,145	0.7%	
Maldives	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nepal	1,039	0.2%	0.2%	566	0.1%	
Pakistan	637	0.1%	0.1%	406	0.1%	
Sri Lanka	856	0.1%	0.1%	636	0.1%	
Afghanistan	144	0.0%	0.0%	112	0.0%	
Armenia	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Azerbaijan	19	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Georgia	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Kazakhstan	62	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	19	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	–	6	0.0%	
Uzbekistan	36	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	32	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Canada	2,254	0.4%	0.3%	1,831	0.3%	
United States of America	3,114	0.5%	0.4%	2,508	0.5%	
South America, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Argentina	564	0.1%	0.1%	352	0.1%	

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Bolivia	23	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Brazil	4,597	0.7%	0.3%	1,963	0.4%	
Chile	724	0.1%	0.1%	399	0.1%	
Colombia	1,238	0.2%	0.1%	498	0.1%	
Ecuador	59	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
French Guiana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	20	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Paraguay	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Peru	278	0.0%	0.0%	206	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uruguay	349	0.1%	0.0%	275	0.0%	
Venezuela	214	0.0%	0.0%	180	0.0%	
Central America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	16	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
El Salvador	151	0.0%	0.0%	117	0.0%	
Guatemala	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Honduras	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	193	0.0%	0.0%	100	0.0%	
Nicaragua	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Panama	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Caribbean, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Anguilla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Antigua and Barbuda	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	3	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Barbados	34	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Cayman Islands	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Cuba	41	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Grenada	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Haiti	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jamaica	53	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Martinique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rico	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	–	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	68	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, British	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Virgin Islands, United States	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Gambia	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghana	49	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Guinea	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	17	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	–	–	–	
Nigeria	196	0.0%	0.0%	125	0.0%	
Senegal	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sierra Leone	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Angola	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Botswana	23	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Burundi	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eritrea	137	0.0%	0.0%	99	0.0%	
Ethiopia	173	0.0%	0.0%	140	0.0%	
Kenya	288	0.0%	0.0%	196	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Madagascar	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Malawi	21	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Mauritius	414	0.1%	0.0%	353	0.1%	
Mozambique	47	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Namibia	51	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Reunion	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rwanda	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Seychelles	23	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Somalia	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	8,563	1.4%	0.9%	6,820	1.2%	
Eswatini	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Tanzania	50	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Uganda	47	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Zambia	161	0.0%	0.0%	144	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	1,049	0.2%	0.2%	878	0.2%	
Not stated	35,950	5.8%	7.3%	43,528	7.8%	
Total	625,058	100.0%	100.0%	555,677	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.