

Community report

Mackay (R)

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

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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, 11.9% (14,426) of people in Mackay (R) were born overseas, compared with 18.4% in Regional Qld. A further 79% (96,036) 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

Mackay (R) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	49	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	0.0%	+15	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	96,036	79.0%	74.3%	91,611	79.7%	74.3%	+4,425	-0.7
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	2,847	2.3%	3.7%	2,883	2.5%	3.9%	-36	-0.2
New Caledonia	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Papua New Guinea	197	0.2%	0.3%	188	0.2%	0.3%	+9	0.0
Solomon Islands	29	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Vanuatu	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islands	54	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Fiji	168	0.1%	0.1%	167	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	27	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tonga	15	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Tuvalu	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	–	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
England	2,199	1.8%	3.7%	2,221	1.9%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	47	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.0%	
Scotland	266	0.2%	0.4%	301	0.3%	
Wales	73	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Ireland	160	0.1%	0.2%	171	0.1%	0.2%
Austria	38	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	0.1%
Belgium	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%
France	62	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.0%	0.1%
Germany	300	0.2%	0.4%	308	0.3%	0.4%
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Netherlands	214	0.2%	0.3%	242	0.2%	0.3%
Switzerland	37	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	0.1%
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Denmark	40	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	0.0%
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	–
Finland	35	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	0.0%
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Norway	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Sweden	31	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	0.1%
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Italy	157	0.1%	0.3%	165	0.1%	0.3%
Malta	272	0.2%	0.1%	304	0.3%	0.1%
Portugal	18	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	0.0%
Spain	27	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	0.1%
South Eastern Europe, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Albania	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bulgaria	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Croatia	24	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Cyprus	—	—	0.0%	7	0.0%	
North Macedonia	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Greece	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Moldova	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Romania	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Slovenia	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Montenegro	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Serbia	23	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Kosovo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern Europe, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Belarus	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Czechia	20	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Estonia	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hungary	27	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Latvia	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lithuania	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Poland	52	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Russian Federation	32	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Slovakia	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Ukraine	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Africa, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Algeria	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Egypt	31	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	—
Libya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Morocco	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Sudan	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Tunisia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
South Sudan	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Middle East, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Bahrain	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gaza Strip and West Bank	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Iran	34	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	—
Iraq	4	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	—
Israel	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	—
Jordan	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Kuwait	7	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	—
Lebanon	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Oman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Qatar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Saudi Arabia	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Syria	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkey	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
United Arab Emirates	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Myanmar	37	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Cambodia	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Laos	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Thailand	239	0.2%	0.2%	183	0.2%	
Vietnam	91	0.1%	0.2%	67	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesia	88	0.1%	0.1%	86	0.1%	
Malaysia	128	0.1%	0.2%	102	0.1%	
Philippines	1,946	1.6%	0.9%	1,603	1.4%	
Singapore	39	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	290	0.2%	0.5%	233	0.2%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	22	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Taiwan	41	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Japan	49	0.0%	0.3%	38	0.0%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Korea, Republic of (South)	65	0.1%	0.2%	43	0.0%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	66	0.1%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	698	0.6%	0.8%	583	0.5%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	99	0.1%	0.2%	60	0.1%	
Pakistan	47	0.0%	0.1%	49	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	130	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.1%	
Afghanistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	–	–	–	
Uzbekistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	172	0.1%	0.3%	159	0.1%	
United States of America	195	0.2%	0.4%	206	0.2%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	8	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	

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Bolivia	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Brazil	83	0.1%	0.3%	47	0.0%	
Chile	28	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Colombia	25	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Ecuador	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
French Guiana	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Guyana	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Paraguay	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Peru	28	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Suriname	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Uruguay	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Venezuela	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Central America, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Belize	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Costa Rica	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
El Salvador	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Guatemala	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Honduras	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mexico	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Nicaragua	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Panama	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Caribbean, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Anguilla	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guadeloupe	3	0.0%	–	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Martinique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	–	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Virgin Islands, British	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Virgin Islands, United States	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Cameroon	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Central African Republic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Chad	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Congo, Republic of	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Cote d'Ivoire	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Gambia	—	—	—	—	—	
Ghana	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Guinea	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Liberia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mali	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Niger	—	—	—	—	—	
Nigeria	41	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Senegal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sierra Leone	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Togo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Angola	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Botswana	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Burundi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Djibouti	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eritrea	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ethiopia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kenya	30	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Mauritius	16	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Mozambique	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Namibia	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Africa	1,275	1.0%	0.9%	1,110	1.0%	–
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tanzania	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Uganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambia	47	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.1%	–
Zimbabwe	395	0.3%	0.2%	370	0.3%	–
Not stated	11,169	9.2%	7.3%	9,892	8.6%	–
Total	121,631	100.0%	100.0%	114,928	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.