

Community report

Moreton Bay (R)

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

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Moreton Bay (R)

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

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Key takeaway

In 2021, 21% (99,791) of people in Moreton Bay (R) were born overseas, compared with 27.2% in Greater Brisbane. A further 74.7% (355,678) 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

Moreton Bay (R) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	180	0.0%	0.1%	151	0.0%	0.1%	+29	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Oceania and Antarctica, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	355,678	74.7%	68.3%	316,050	74.3%	67.8%	+39,628	+0.4
Norfolk Island	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
New Zealand	23,135	4.9%	4.4%	21,343	5.0%	4.7%	+1,792	-0.1
New Caledonia	54	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Papua New Guinea	1,626	0.3%	0.4%	1,460	0.3%	0.4%	+166	0.0
Solomon Islands	143	0.0%	0.0%	113	0.0%	0.0%	+30	0.0
Vanuatu	41	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	0.0%	+11	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Kiribati	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Marshall Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	38	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Polynesia (excludes Hawaii), nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Cook Islands	126	0.0%	0.0%	135	0.0%	
Fiji	1,705	0.4%	0.4%	1,382	0.3%	
French Polynesia	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Niue	31	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Samoa	1,249	0.3%	0.3%	1,066	0.3%	
Samoa, American	24	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Tokelau	20	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Tonga	204	0.0%	0.1%	137	0.0%	
Tuvalu	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antarctica, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	122	0.0%	0.0%	127	0.0%	
England	22,529	4.7%	3.8%	20,980	4.9%	
Isle of Man	15	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	520	0.1%	0.1%	477	0.1%	
Scotland	2,481	0.5%	0.5%	2,385	0.6%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Wales	757	0.2%	0.1%	710	0.2%	
Guernsey	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jersey	37	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Ireland	1,199	0.3%	0.3%	1,030	0.2%	
Austria	213	0.0%	0.0%	193	0.0%	
Belgium	98	0.0%	0.0%	100	0.0%	
France	469	0.1%	0.1%	394	0.1%	
Germany	1,873	0.4%	0.4%	1,732	0.4%	
Liechtenstein	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Netherlands	1,488	0.3%	0.3%	1,440	0.3%	
Switzerland	238	0.0%	0.0%	222	0.1%	
Denmark	200	0.0%	0.0%	181	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finland	144	0.0%	0.1%	135	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Norway	39	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Sweden	148	0.0%	0.0%	123	0.0%	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Italy	842	0.2%	0.3%	750	0.2%	
Malta	216	0.0%	0.0%	215	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Portugal	120	0.0%	0.0%	94	0.0%	
Spain	161	0.0%	0.1%	149	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	140	0.0%	0.1%	147	0.0%	
Albania	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	122	0.0%	0.1%	113	0.0%	
Bulgaria	32	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Croatia	207	0.0%	0.1%	198	0.0%	
Cyprus	76	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.0%	
North Macedonia	65	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Greece	152	0.0%	0.1%	135	0.0%	
Moldova	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Romania	149	0.0%	0.1%	120	0.0%	
Slovenia	74	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Montenegro	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Serbia	118	0.0%	0.1%	93	0.0%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	36	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Belarus	26	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Czechia	115	0.0%	0.0%	104	0.0%	
Estonia	29	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Hungary	337	0.1%	0.1%	297	0.1%	
Latvia	26	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Lithuania	24	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Poland	456	0.1%	0.1%	383	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Russian Federation	330	0.1%	0.1%	211	0.0%	
Slovakia	68	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Ukraine	114	0.0%	0.0%	91	0.0%	
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	17	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Egypt	201	0.0%	0.1%	168	0.0%	
Libya	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Morocco	26	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Sudan	98	0.0%	0.1%	82	0.0%	
Tunisia	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South Sudan	76	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	10	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Iran	389	0.1%	0.2%	201	0.0%	
Iraq	287	0.1%	0.1%	147	0.0%	
Israel	44	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Jordan	27	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Kuwait	34	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Lebanon	86	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Oman	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Qatar	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	

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Saudi Arabia	49	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Syria	229	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Turkey	74	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
United Arab Emirates	99	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Yemen	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Myanmar	257	0.1%	0.1%	159	0.0%	
Cambodia	104	0.0%	0.1%	91	0.0%	
Laos	40	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Thailand	1,083	0.2%	0.3%	612	0.1%	
Vietnam	600	0.1%	0.8%	407	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Brunei Darussalam	23	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Indonesia	512	0.1%	0.2%	376	0.1%	
Malaysia	866	0.2%	0.5%	681	0.2%	
Philippines	5,178	1.1%	1.1%	3,542	0.8%	
Singapore	416	0.1%	0.2%	372	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	74	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	1,469	0.3%	1.7%	1,105	0.3%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	426	0.1%	0.4%	358	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mongolia	19	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Taiwan	796	0.2%	0.5%	652	0.2%	

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Japan	511	0.1%	0.2%	423	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Korea, Republic of (South)	941	0.2%	0.5%	631	0.1%	
Southern and Central Asia, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	129	0.0%	0.1%	92	0.0%	
Bhutan	90	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
India	5,078	1.1%	2.0%	2,317	0.5%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	584	0.1%	0.3%	162	0.0%	
Pakistan	187	0.0%	0.2%	110	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	723	0.2%	0.3%	531	0.1%	
Afghanistan	81	0.0%	0.2%	60	0.0%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	36	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Turkmenistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uzbekistan	16	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bermuda	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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Canada	954	0.2%	0.2%	768	0.2%	
United States of America	1,562	0.3%	0.4%	1,236	0.3%	
South America, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Argentina	129	0.0%	0.0%	97	0.0%	
Bolivia	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Brazil	438	0.1%	0.2%	227	0.1%	
Chile	184	0.0%	0.1%	136	0.0%	
Colombia	326	0.1%	0.2%	161	0.0%	
Ecuador	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
French Guiana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Paraguay	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Peru	98	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Suriname	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Uruguay	80	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Venezuela	126	0.0%	0.0%	101	0.0%	
Central America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Costa Rica	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
El Salvador	157	0.0%	0.1%	130	0.0%	
Guatemala	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Honduras	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mexico	62	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %
Nicaragua	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Panama	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Antigua and Barbuda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Barbados	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Cayman Islands	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cuba	16	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Grenada	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Guadeloupe	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jamaica	27	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Martinique	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Montserrat	–	–	–	–	–	
Puerto Rico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Lucia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	32	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, British	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, United States	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	16	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cabo Verde	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chad	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	36	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	–	–	–	
Gabon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ghana	54	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mauritania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nigeria	165	0.0%	0.1%	86	0.0%	
Senegal	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sierra Leone	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Angola	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Botswana	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Burundi	20	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	39	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Kenya	211	0.0%	0.1%	158	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madagascar	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Malawi	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Mauritius	213	0.0%	0.0%	173	0.0%	
Mozambique	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Namibia	32	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Reunion	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rwanda	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Seychelles	57	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Somalia	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
South Africa	5,784	1.2%	1.1%	4,677	1.1%	
Eswatini	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tanzania	38	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Uganda	51	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Zambia	150	0.0%	0.0%	116	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	1,057	0.2%	0.2%	861	0.2%	
Not stated	20,850	4.4%	4.5%	25,848	6.1%	
Total	476,319	100.0%	100.0%	425,233	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.