

Community report

Rockhampton (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, 10% (8,156) of people in Rockhampton (R) were born overseas, compared with 18.4% in Regional Qld. A further 82.6% (67,711) 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

Rockhampton (R) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	15	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	67,711	82.6%	74.3%	65,958	82.7%	74.3%	+1,753	-0.1
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	1,189	1.5%	3.7%	1,163	1.5%	3.9%	+26	0.0
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	149	0.2%	0.3%	132	0.2%	0.3%	+17	0.0
Solomon Islands	23	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	+9	0.0
Vanuatu	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islands	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fiji	134	0.2%	0.1%	105	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	19	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	–	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
England	1,043	1.3%	3.7%	1,053	1.3%	
Isle of Man	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	18	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Scotland	145	0.2%	0.4%	167	0.2%	
Wales	29	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ireland	63	0.1%	0.2%	64	0.1%	
Austria	18	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Belgium	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
France	22	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Germany	127	0.2%	0.4%	147	0.2%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	95	0.1%	0.3%	116	0.1%	
Switzerland	8	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sweden	12	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	29	0.0%	0.3%	26	0.0%	
Malta	6	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Portugal	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Spain	14	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Albania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnia and Herzegovina	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Bulgaria	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Croatia	4	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Cyprus	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
North Macedonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Greece	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romania	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Slovenia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czechia	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Estonia	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Hungary	10	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Latvia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Poland	15	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	–
Russian Federation	20	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Slovakia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ukraine	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	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	14	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	–
Libya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Morocco	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Sudan	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Sudan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bahrain	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iran	26	0.0%	0.1%	35	0.0%	–
Iraq	9	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Israel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jordan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuwait	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Lebanon	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Oman	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Saudi Arabia	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Syria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkey	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–

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United Arab Emirates	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Myanmar	79	0.1%	0.0%	114	0.1%	
Cambodia	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Laos	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Thailand	112	0.1%	0.2%	85	0.1%	
Vietnam	332	0.4%	0.2%	345	0.4%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indonesia	44	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Malaysia	84	0.1%	0.2%	95	0.1%	
Philippines	1,001	1.2%	0.9%	822	1.0%	
Singapore	45	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	435	0.5%	0.5%	176	0.2%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	37	0.0%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Taiwan	34	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Japan	34	0.0%	0.3%	30	0.0%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Korea, Republic of (South)	50	0.1%	0.2%	69	0.1%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	95	0.1%	0.0%	93	0.1%	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	639	0.8%	0.8%	466	0.6%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	226	0.3%	0.2%	107	0.1%	
Pakistan	47	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	
Sri Lanka	238	0.3%	0.1%	259	0.3%	
Afghanistan	39	0.0%	0.0%	96	0.1%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	–	–	–	
Uzbekistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	98	0.1%	0.3%	60	0.1%	
United States of America	123	0.2%	0.4%	133	0.2%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	15	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	

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Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	171	0.2%	0.3%	227	0.3%	
Chile	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Colombia	14	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French Guiana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuela	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anguilla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, British	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Virgin Islands, United States	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gambia	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghana	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	–	–	–	
Nigeria	43	0.1%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	12	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Burundi	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethiopia	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Kenya	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mauritius	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibia	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Africa	391	0.5%	0.9%	340	0.4%	–
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tanzania	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Uganda	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Zambia	13	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Zimbabwe	164	0.2%	0.2%	137	0.2%	–
Not stated	6,073	7.4%	7.3%	6,272	7.9%	–
Total	81,940	100.0%	100.0%	79,720	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.