

# Community report

## Southern Downs (R)

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

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**Southern Downs (R)**

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, 10.2% (3,717) of people in Southern Downs (R) were born overseas, compared with 18.4% in Regional Qld. A further 81.4% (29,522) 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

Southern Downs (R) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	29,522	81.4%	74.3%	28,898	82.4%	74.3%	+624	-1.0
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	614	1.7%	3.7%	590	1.7%	3.9%	+24	0.0
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	46	0.1%	0.3%	40	0.1%	0.3%	+6	0.0
Solomon Islands	45	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	19	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+16	+0.1
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islands	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Fiji	38	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	19	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	–	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
England	911	2.5%	3.7%	921	2.6%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	24	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Scotland	72	0.2%	0.4%	85	0.2%	
Wales	16	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ireland	42	0.1%	0.2%	39	0.1%	
Austria	19	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Belgium	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
France	17	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Germany	119	0.3%	0.4%	128	0.4%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	122	0.3%	0.3%	143	0.4%	
Switzerland	27	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	6	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	24	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sweden	12	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	184	0.5%	0.3%	240	0.7%	
Malta	3	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Portugal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Spain	12	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Albania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Bulgaria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Croatia	24	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.1%	–
Cyprus	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
North Macedonia	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Greece	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romania	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Slovenia	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbia	14	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Europe, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Czechia	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Estonia	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Hungary	9	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	–
Latvia	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Poland	23	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	–
Russian Federation	3	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Slovakia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ukraine	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Africa, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Algeria	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Egypt	—	—	0.1%	4	0.0%	—
Libya	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Morocco	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sudan	—	—	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	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Iraq	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—
Israel	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Jordan	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Kuwait	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Lebanon	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Oman	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Qatar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Saudi Arabia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Syria	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Turkey	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
United Arab Emirates	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Myanmar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cambodia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Laos	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thailand	39	0.1%	0.2%	25	0.1%	
Vietnam	19	0.1%	0.2%	17	0.0%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesia	30	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Malaysia	23	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.1%	
Philippines	262	0.7%	0.9%	202	0.6%	
Singapore	11	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Timor-Leste	26	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	47	0.1%	0.5%	56	0.2%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	15	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	53	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.2%	
Japan	26	0.1%	0.3%	10	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)	70	0.2%	0.2%	84	0.2%	0.2%
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bangladesh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
India	85	0.2%	0.8%	63	0.2%	0.2%
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nepal	16	0.0%	0.2%	13	0.0%	0.0%
Pakistan	11	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Sri Lanka	14	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Afghanistan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kazakhstan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkmenistan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uzbekistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Canada	52	0.1%	0.3%	42	0.1%	0.1%
United States of America	83	0.2%	0.4%	90	0.3%	0.3%
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Argentina	11	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.0%

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Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	30	0.1%	0.3%	31	0.1%	
Chile	16	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Colombia	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French Guiana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuela	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	19	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	–	–	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	–	–	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%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	–	–	0.0%	4	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%	–	–	
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%	–	–	
Cameroon	–	–	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%	–	–	–
Cote d'Ivoire	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gambia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ghana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niger	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nigeria	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Botswana	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kenya	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritius	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Africa	106	0.3%	0.9%	107	0.3%	–
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tanzania	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Uganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambia	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Zimbabwe	31	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.1%	–
Not stated	3,044	8.4%	7.3%	2,570	7.3%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,283</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>35,052</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.