

# Community report

## Sunshine Coast (R)

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

AREA

**Sunshine Coast (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, 20.7% (70,751) of people in Sunshine Coast (R) were born overseas, compared with 18.4% in Regional Qld. A further 74.3% (254,478) 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

Sunshine Coast (R) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	122	0.0%	0.0%	94	0.0%	0.0%	+28	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	254,478	74.3%	74.3%	218,108	74.1%	74.3%	+36,370	+0.2
Norfolk Island	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	-4	0.0
New Zealand	14,563	4.3%	3.7%	13,341	4.5%	3.9%	+1,222	-0.2
New Caledonia	42	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	0.0%	+11	0.0
Papua New Guinea	754	0.2%	0.3%	680	0.2%	0.3%	+74	0.0
Solomon Islands	70	0.0%	0.0%	70	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Vanuatu	56	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	0.0%	+18	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Kiribati	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Micronesia, Federated States of	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nauru	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Northern Mariana Islands	—	—	—	—	—	
Palau	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Cook Islands	34	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Fiji	371	0.1%	0.1%	298	0.1%	
French Polynesia	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Niue	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Samoa	79	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Samoa, American	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tokelau	12	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Tonga	41	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Tuvalu	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Wallis and Futuna	—	—	—	5	0.0%	
Australian Antarctic Territory	—	—	—	—	—	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	119	0.0%	0.0%	117	0.0%	
England	20,153	5.9%	3.7%	17,588	6.0%	
Isle of Man	24	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	400	0.1%	0.1%	381	0.1%	
Scotland	2,018	0.6%	0.4%	1,783	0.6%	
Wales	674	0.2%	0.1%	574	0.2%	
Guernsey	17	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Jersey	42	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ireland	889	0.3%	0.2%	722	0.2%	
Austria	264	0.1%	0.1%	262	0.1%	
Belgium	146	0.0%	0.0%	103	0.0%	
France	529	0.2%	0.1%	368	0.1%	
Germany	1,938	0.6%	0.4%	1,817	0.6%	
Luxembourg	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	1,304	0.4%	0.3%	1,277	0.4%	
Switzerland	343	0.1%	0.1%	283	0.1%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	259	0.1%	0.0%	223	0.1%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	183	0.1%	0.0%	176	0.1%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Norway	76	0.0%	0.0%	77	0.0%	
Sweden	281	0.1%	0.1%	234	0.1%	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Italy	665	0.2%	0.3%	522	0.2%	
Malta	189	0.1%	0.1%	173	0.1%	
Portugal	71	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Spain	197	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	118	0.0%	0.0%	112	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Albania	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	48	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Bulgaria	35	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Croatia	192	0.1%	0.1%	151	0.1%	
Cyprus	40	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
North Macedonia	34	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Greece	123	0.0%	0.0%	98	0.0%	
Moldova	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	106	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Slovenia	62	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Montenegro	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	64	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Kosovo	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	48	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Belarus	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Czechia	123	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.0%	
Estonia	28	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Hungary	211	0.1%	0.1%	175	0.1%	
Latvia	23	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Lithuania	18	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Poland	396	0.1%	0.1%	271	0.1%	
Russian Federation	160	0.0%	0.1%	108	0.0%	
Slovakia	65	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Ukraine	78	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Algeria	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Egypt	121	0.0%	0.1%	113	0.0%	–
Libya	16	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Morocco	22	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Sudan	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Tunisia	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
South Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bahrain	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iran	162	0.0%	0.1%	97	0.0%	–
Iraq	22	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	–
Israel	80	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	–
Jordan	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Kuwait	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Lebanon	44	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	–
Oman	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Qatar	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Saudi Arabia	24	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–
Syria	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Turkey	69	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
United Arab Emirates	96	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	0.0%
Yemen	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Myanmar	73	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	0.0%
Cambodia	49	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	0.0%
Laos	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Thailand	758	0.2%	0.2%	505	0.2%	0.2%
Vietnam	420	0.1%	0.2%	188	0.1%	0.1%
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Brunei Darussalam	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Indonesia	367	0.1%	0.1%	312	0.1%	0.1%
Malaysia	514	0.2%	0.2%	404	0.1%	0.1%
Philippines	1,578	0.5%	0.9%	1,162	0.4%	0.4%
Singapore	308	0.1%	0.1%	219	0.1%	0.1%
Timor-Leste	18	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	744	0.2%	0.5%	512	0.2%	0.2%
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	285	0.1%	0.1%	197	0.1%	0.1%
Macau (SAR of China)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Taiwan	262	0.1%	0.1%	200	0.1%	0.1%
Japan	444	0.1%	0.3%	358	0.1%	0.1%
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Korea, Republic of (South)	604	0.2%	0.2%	397	0.1%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	44	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Bhutan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
India	2,332	0.7%	0.8%	1,298	0.4%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	830	0.2%	0.2%	189	0.1%	
Pakistan	120	0.0%	0.1%	83	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	287	0.1%	0.1%	230	0.1%	
Afghanistan	26	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Georgia	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Kyrgyzstan	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	–	–	–	
Uzbekistan	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Canada	1,399	0.4%	0.3%	1,039	0.4%	
United States of America	1,861	0.5%	0.4%	1,426	0.5%	
South America, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Argentina	163	0.0%	0.1%	85	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Bolivia	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Brazil	859	0.3%	0.3%	202	0.1%	
Chile	143	0.0%	0.1%	82	0.0%	
Colombia	201	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.0%	
Ecuador	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French Guiana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Paraguay	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Peru	62	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Uruguay	43	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Venezuela	65	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Central America, nfd	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Belize	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
El Salvador	27	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Guatemala	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Honduras	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mexico	72	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Nicaragua	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Caribbean, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Anguilla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Bahamas	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Barbados	12	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Cayman Islands	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Cuba	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Grenada	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	27	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Martinique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rico	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	–	–	–	
St Lucia	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	26	0.0%	0.0%	14	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	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chad	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congo, Republic of	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cote d'Ivoire	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gambia	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghana	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Guinea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberia	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	–	–	–	
Nigeria	71	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Angola	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Botswana	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	22	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Kenya	175	0.1%	0.0%	149	0.1%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawi	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Mauritius	132	0.0%	0.0%	102	0.0%	–
Mozambique	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Namibia	41	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Reunion	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
St Helena	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles	63	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	–
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Africa	4,157	1.2%	0.9%	2,866	1.0%	–
Eswatini	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Tanzania	44	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	–
Uganda	20	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Zambia	126	0.0%	0.0%	100	0.0%	–
Zimbabwe	810	0.2%	0.2%	673	0.2%	–
Not stated	17,306	5.1%	7.3%	18,698	6.4%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>342,535</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>294,345</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.