

# Community report

## Toowoomba (R)

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

AREA

**Toowoomba (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, 13.9% (24,072) of people in Toowoomba (R) were born overseas, compared with 18.4% in Regional Qld. A further 80.7% (139,719) 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

Toowoomba (R) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	59	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	0.0%	+27	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	139,719	80.7%	74.3%	130,233	81.0%	74.3%	+9,486	-0.3
Norfolk Island	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
New Zealand	2,493	1.4%	3.7%	2,342	1.5%	3.9%	+151	-0.1
New Caledonia	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0
Papua New Guinea	348	0.2%	0.3%	371	0.2%	0.3%	-23	0.0
Solomon Islands	56	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	0.0%	+17	0.0
Vanuatu	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Palau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cook Islands	33	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Fiji	204	0.1%	0.1%	191	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	36	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	40	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	–	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
England	3,239	1.9%	3.7%	3,179	2.0%	
Isle of Man	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Northern Ireland	81	0.0%	0.1%	96	0.1%	
Scotland	418	0.2%	0.4%	404	0.3%	
Wales	90	0.1%	0.1%	76	0.0%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jersey	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ireland	216	0.1%	0.2%	191	0.1%	
Austria	30	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Belgium	30	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
France	75	0.0%	0.1%	61	0.0%	
Germany	414	0.2%	0.4%	406	0.3%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	383	0.2%	0.3%	377	0.2%	
Switzerland	40	0.0%	0.1%	46	0.0%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	64	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	41	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	20	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Sweden	39	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Italy	132	0.1%	0.3%	126	0.1%	
Malta	23	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Portugal	7	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Spain	26	0.0%	0.1%	65	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Albania	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Bosnia and Herzegovina	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	—
Bulgaria	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Croatia	39	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	—
Cyprus	20	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	—
North Macedonia	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Greece	30	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	—
Moldova	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Romania	23	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	—
Slovenia	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Montenegro	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Serbia	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	—
Kosovo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern Europe, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Belarus	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Czechia	17	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	—
Estonia	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Hungary	44	0.0%	0.1%	46	0.0%	—
Latvia	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Lithuania	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Poland	53	0.0%	0.1%	50	0.0%	—
Russian Federation	27	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	—
Slovakia	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Ukraine	30	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Algeria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Egypt	75	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.0%	
Libya	39	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Morocco	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sudan	167	0.1%	0.0%	229	0.1%	
Tunisia	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
South Sudan	241	0.1%	0.0%	255	0.2%	
Middle East, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bahrain	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gaza Strip and West Bank	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Iran	151	0.1%	0.1%	128	0.1%	
Iraq	2,200	1.3%	0.1%	346	0.2%	
Israel	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Jordan	20	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Kuwait	22	0.0%	0.0%	87	0.1%	
Lebanon	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Oman	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Qatar	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Saudi Arabia	25	0.0%	0.0%	75	0.0%	
Syria	303	0.2%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Turkey	52	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	

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United Arab Emirates	28	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Myanmar	39	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Cambodia	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Laos	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Thailand	198	0.1%	0.2%	127	0.1%	
Vietnam	158	0.1%	0.2%	102	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Indonesia	115	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.0%	
Malaysia	305	0.2%	0.2%	275	0.2%	
Philippines	1,630	0.9%	0.9%	1,155	0.7%	
Singapore	239	0.1%	0.1%	155	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	622	0.4%	0.5%	572	0.4%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	111	0.1%	0.1%	95	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mongolia	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	278	0.2%	0.1%	174	0.1%	
Japan	110	0.1%	0.3%	94	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Korea, Republic of (South)	253	0.1%	0.2%	211	0.1%	
Southern Asia, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bangladesh	120	0.1%	0.0%	119	0.1%	
Bhutan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
India	1,987	1.1%	0.8%	1,261	0.8%	
Maldives	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	726	0.4%	0.2%	266	0.2%	
Pakistan	165	0.1%	0.1%	187	0.1%	
Sri Lanka	441	0.3%	0.1%	312	0.2%	
Afghanistan	125	0.1%	0.0%	182	0.1%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	–	–	–	
Uzbekistan	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Canada	290	0.2%	0.3%	245	0.2%	
United States of America	472	0.3%	0.4%	417	0.3%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	38	0.0%	0.1%	41	0.0%	

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Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	310	0.2%	0.3%	242	0.2%	
Chile	50	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	
Colombia	73	0.0%	0.1%	34	0.0%	
Ecuador	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French Guiana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	17	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Venezuela	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Central America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	18	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Martinique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rico	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	–	–	–	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, British	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Virgin Islands, United States	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Central African Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chad	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Congo, Republic of	103	0.1%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	205	0.1%	0.0%	179	0.1%	
Cote d'Ivoire	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Gambia	–	–	–	–	–	
Ghana	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Guinea	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Liberia	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Mali	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niger	–	–	–	–	–	
Nigeria	66	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	18	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Burundi	25	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	28	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Ethiopia	30	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Kenya	155	0.1%	0.0%	145	0.1%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regiona
Madagascar	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Malawi	31	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Mauritius	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Mozambique	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Namibia	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Reunion	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Rwanda	41	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
St Helena	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Seychelles	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Somalia	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
South Africa	1,089	0.6%	0.9%	873	0.5%	
Eswatini	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tanzania	30	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Uganda	50	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Zambia	55	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	536	0.3%	0.2%	524	0.3%	
Not stated	9,423	5.4%	7.3%	11,739	7.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,214</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>160,731</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.