

Community report

Torres Strait Island (R)

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

AREA

Torres Strait Island (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

26 March 2026

Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Ancestry

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.

Ancestry

Torres Strait Island (R) | Regional Qld comparison | Persons
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SECTION

01

Key takeaway

In 2021, the largest ancestry groups among residents in Torres Strait Island (R) were Torres Strait Islander, Australian Aboriginal and Papua New Guinean.

About this topic

Ancestry describes a person's cultural association and ethnic background, and Census respondents can report more than one ancestry. It is a broader cultural measure than country of birth because it can reflect family heritage across generations.

This topic helps show the size and diversity of cultural groups in an area, including groups whose members were born in Australia. Because multiple ancestries can be reported, ancestry totals can exceed the total population, so it is best read with birthplace, language used at home, and religion.

Interpretation notes

- People can report up to two ancestries, so category totals represent responses rather than a single unduplicated person count.
- ABS advises that ancestry is best used with birthplace and language, because ancestry alone is a broad measure of ethnicity and cultural background.
- The 2021 form added separate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mark boxes, so those categories need caution in over-time comparison.

Ancestry - Ranked by size

Torres Strait Island (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | | Change | |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|------|----------------|--------|------|
| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | pp |
| Inadequately described | – | – | 0.1% | 5 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – |
| Eurasian, so described | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Asian, so described | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| African, so described | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| European, so described | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – |
| Caucasian, so described | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Creole, so described | – | – | 0.0% | 6 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – |
| Oceanian, nfd | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 8 | 0.1% | 0.0% | -5 | -0.1 |
| Australian Peoples, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | 0.0% | – | – |
| Australian | 93 | 1.1% | 17.7% | 203 | 2.2% | 18.8% | -110 | -1.1 |
| Australian Aboriginal | 697 | 8.5% | 2.6% | 462 | 5.1% | 0.6% | +235 | +3.4 |
| Australian South Sea Islander | 15 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 78 | 0.9% | 0.1% | -63 | -0.7 |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|----------|
| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional |
| Torres Strait Islander | 3,577 | 43.6% | 0.6% | 3,628 | 40.2% | |
| Norfolk Islander | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| New Zealand Peoples, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Maori | 5 | 0.1% | 0.5% | 11 | 0.1% | |
| New Zealander | 5 | 0.1% | 0.6% | 18 | 0.2% | |
| Melanesian and Papuan, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| New Caledonian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ni-Vanuatu | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 28 | 0.3% | |
| Papua New Guinean | 271 | 3.3% | 0.1% | 365 | 4.0% | |
| Solomon Islander | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Melanesian and Papuan, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Micronesian, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| I-Kiribati | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nauruan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Micronesian, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Polynesian, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cook Islander | – | – | 0.1% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Fijian | 8 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 7 | 0.1% | |
| Niuean | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Samoan | 16 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 38 | 0.4% | |
| Tongan | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Hawaiian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tahitian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tokelauan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional |
| Tuvaluan | – | – | 0.0% | 8 | 0.1% | |
| Pitcairn | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Polynesian, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| North-West European, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| British, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | 5 | 0.1% | |
| English | 74 | 0.9% | 19.8% | 67 | 0.7% | 1 |
| Scottish | 34 | 0.4% | 5.2% | 50 | 0.6% | |
| Welsh | – | – | 0.3% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Channel Islander | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Manx | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| British, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Irish | 18 | 0.2% | 5.5% | 28 | 0.3% | |
| Western European, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Austrian | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Dutch | 8 | 0.1% | 0.8% | 8 | 0.1% | |
| Flemish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| French | 5 | 0.1% | 0.3% | 20 | 0.2% | |
| German | 15 | 0.2% | 3.2% | 9 | 0.1% | |
| Swiss | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Belgian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Frisian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Luxembourg | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Western European, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Northern European, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional |
| Danish | – | – | 0.2% | – | – | |
| Finnish | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Icelandic | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Norwegian | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Swedish | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Northern European, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Southern and Eastern European, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Southern European, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Basque | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Catalan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Italian | – | – | 1.6% | 5 | 0.1% | |
| Maltese | – | – | 0.3% | – | – | |
| Portuguese | – | – | 0.1% | 3 | 0.0% | |
| Spanish | – | – | 0.2% | – | – | |
| Gibraltarian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Southern European, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| South Eastern European, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Albanian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bosnian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bulgarian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Croatian | – | – | 0.2% | – | – | |
| Greek | – | – | 0.2% | – | – | |
| Macedonian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Moldovan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regiona |
| Montenegrin | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Romanian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Roma Gypsy | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Serbian | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Slovene | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cypriot | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Vlach | – | – | – | – | – | |
| South Eastern European, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Eastern European, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Belarusan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Czech | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Estonian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Hungarian | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Latvian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Lithuanian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Polish | – | – | 0.3% | – | – | |
| Russian | – | – | 0.1% | 5 | 0.1% | |
| Slovak | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ukrainian | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Sorb/Wend | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Eastern European, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| North African and Middle Eastern, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Arab, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional |
| Algerian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Egyptian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Iraqi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Jordanian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Kuwaiti | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Lebanese | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | – |
| Libyan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Moroccan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Palestinian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Saudi Arabian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Syrian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Tunisian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Yemeni | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Emirati | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Omani | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Arab, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Jewish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Peoples of the Sudan, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Dinka | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Nuer | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| South Sudanese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Sudanese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Other North African and Middle Eastern, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |

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| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional |
| Berber | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Coptic | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Iranian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kurdish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Turkish | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Assyrian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Chaldean | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nubian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Yezidi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Other North African and Middle Eastern, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| South-East Asian, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mainland South-East Asian, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Anglo-Burmese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Burmese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Hmong | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Khmer (Cambodian) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Lao | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Thai | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Vietnamese | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Karen | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mon | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Chin | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Rohingya | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional |
| Mainland South-East Asian, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Filipino | 8 | 0.1% | 0.6% | 16 | 0.2% | |
| Indonesian | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Javanese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Malay | 6 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 11 | 0.1% | |
| Sundanese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Timorese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Balinese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bruneian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kadazan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Singaporean | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Maritime South-East Asian, nec | – | – | 0.0% | 145 | 1.6% | |
| Chinese | – | – | 0.8% | 9 | 0.1% | |
| Taiwanese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Chinese Asian, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Japanese | – | – | 0.2% | 4 | 0.0% | |
| Korean | – | – | 0.2% | – | – | |
| Mongolian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tibetan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Other North-East Asian, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Southern Asian, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Anglo-Indian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bengali | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Burgher | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional |
| Gujarati | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Indian | – | – | 0.5% | – | – | |
| Malayali | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nepalese | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Pakistani | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Punjabi | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Sikh | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Sinhalese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Maldivian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bangladeshi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Bhutanese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Fijian Indian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kashmiri | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Parsi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Sindhi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Sri Lankan | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Sri Lankan Tamil | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Indian Tamil | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tamil, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Telugu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Southern Asian, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Central Asian, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Afghan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Armenian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

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| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional |
| Georgian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Kazakh | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Pathan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Uzbek | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Azeri | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Hazara | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Tajik | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Tatar | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Turkmen | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Uighur | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Kyrgyz | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Central Asian, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Peoples of the Americas, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| North American, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| African American | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| American | 19 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 4 | 0.0% | – |
| Canadian | – | – | 0.1% | 3 | 0.0% | – |
| French Canadian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Hispanic North American | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Native North American Indian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Bermudan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| North American, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| South American, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |
| Argentinian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | – |

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| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional |
| Bolivian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Brazilian | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Chilean | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Colombian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ecuadorian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Guyanese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Peruvian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Uruguayan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Venezuelan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Paraguayan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| South American, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Central American, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mexican | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nicaraguan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Salvadoran | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Costa Rican | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Guatemalan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mayan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Central American, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Caribbean Islander, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cuban | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Jamaican | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Trinidadian Tobagonian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Barbadian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional |
| Puerto Rican | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Caribbean Islander, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Sub-Saharan African, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Central and West African, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Akan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Fulani | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Ghanaian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nigerian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Yoruba | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ivorean | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Liberian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Sierra Leonean | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Acholi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Cameroonian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Congolese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Igbo | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Krahn | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mandinka | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Senegalese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Themne | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Togolese | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Central and West African, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Southern and East African, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Afrikaner | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regional |
| Angolan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Eritrean | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ethiopian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Kenyan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Malawian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mauritian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Mozambican | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Namibian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Oromo | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Seychellois | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Somali | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| South African | – | – | 0.3% | – | – | |
| Tanzanian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ugandan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Zambian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Zimbabwean | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Amhara | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Batswana | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Masai | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Tigrayan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Tigre | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Zulu | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Burundian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Madi | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | |
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| | Count | % | Regional Qld % | Count | % | Regiona |
| Ogaden | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Rwandan | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Shona | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Swahili | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Swazilander | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Southern and East African, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Total | 8,209 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 9,026 | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Excludes ancestries with fewer than 10 responses (multi-response).

Data basis: usual residence.