

# 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

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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, 3.1% (128) of people in Torres Strait Island (R) were born overseas, compared with 18.4% in Regional Qld. A further 91% (3,744) 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

Torres Strait Island (R) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	3,744	91.0%	74.3%	4,233	94.0%	74.3%	-489	-3.0
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	10	0.2%	3.7%	11	0.2%	3.9%	-1	0.0
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	105	2.6%	0.3%	145	3.2%	0.3%	-40	-0.6
Solomon Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Vanuatu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Fiji	–	–	0.1%	4	0.1%	–
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tonga	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	–	–	–	–
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	–	–	–	–
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
England	7	0.2%	3.7%	–	–	–
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Northern Ireland	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Scotland	–	–	0.4%	–	–	–
Wales	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ireland	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Austria	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Belgium	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
France	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Germany	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	6	0.1%	0.3%	9	0.2%	
Switzerland	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sweden	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Malta	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Portugal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Spain	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Albania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgaria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatia	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Cyprus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Macedonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greece	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Slovenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Estonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungary	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Latvia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Poland	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Russian Federation	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Slovakia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukraine	–	–	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	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
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	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Iraq	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Israel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jordan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuwait	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lebanon	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Saudi Arabia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
United Arab Emirates	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Myanmar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cambodia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Laos	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thailand	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Vietnam	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesia	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Malaysia	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Philippines	–	–	0.9%	–	–	
Singapore	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Japan	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Korea, Republic of (South)	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	–	–	0.8%	–	–	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Pakistan	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Sri Lanka	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Afghanistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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	–	–	0.3%	4	0.1%	
United States of America	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

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Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Chile	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Colombia	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French Guiana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuela	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regiona
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%	–	–	
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Senegal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sierra Leone	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Togo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Angola	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Botswana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burundi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Djibouti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eritrea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kenya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritius	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Africa	–	–	0.9%	–	–	–
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tanzania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zimbabwe	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Not stated	243	5.9%	7.3%	98	2.2%	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,115</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,504</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.