

Community report

Townsville (C)

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

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Townsville (C)

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, 14% (27,019) of people in Townsville (C) were born overseas, compared with 18.4% in Regional Qld. A further 78.7% (151,673) 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

Townsville (C) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	83	0.0%	0.0%	71	0.0%	0.0%	+12	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	151,673	78.7%	74.3%	146,741	78.6%	74.3%	+4,932	+0.1
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	4,121	2.1%	3.7%	4,299	2.3%	3.9%	-178	-0.2
New Caledonia	15	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0
Papua New Guinea	897	0.5%	0.3%	967	0.5%	0.3%	-70	0.0
Solomon Islands	43	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Vanuatu	18	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Kiribati	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nauru	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Mariana Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Palau	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cook Islands	139	0.1%	0.0%	122	0.1%	
Fiji	262	0.1%	0.1%	285	0.2%	
French Polynesia	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Samoa	54	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Samoa, American	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	82	0.0%	0.0%	90	0.0%	
Tonga	14	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Tuvalu	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	–	6	0.0%	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	36	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
England	4,784	2.5%	3.7%	4,877	2.6%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	106	0.1%	0.1%	114	0.1%	
Scotland	671	0.3%	0.4%	666	0.4%	
Wales	137	0.1%	0.1%	145	0.1%	
Guernsey	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Jersey	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ireland	350	0.2%	0.2%	313	0.2%	
Austria	73	0.0%	0.1%	79	0.0%	
Belgium	41	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
France	184	0.1%	0.1%	158	0.1%	
Germany	688	0.4%	0.4%	715	0.4%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	356	0.2%	0.3%	371	0.2%	
Switzerland	86	0.0%	0.1%	82	0.0%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	84	0.0%	0.0%	97	0.1%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	55	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Norway	53	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Sweden	90	0.0%	0.1%	98	0.1%	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	444	0.2%	0.3%	442	0.2%	
Malta	53	0.0%	0.1%	55	0.0%	
Portugal	29	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Spain	88	0.0%	0.1%	72	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	40	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Albania	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Bulgaria	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Croatia	37	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	
Cyprus	34	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
North Macedonia	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Greece	110	0.1%	0.0%	111	0.1%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Romania	35	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Slovenia	10	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	25	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Czechia	31	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Estonia	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Hungary	46	0.0%	0.1%	43	0.0%	
Latvia	10	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Poland	95	0.0%	0.1%	90	0.0%	
Russian Federation	67	0.0%	0.1%	67	0.0%	
Slovakia	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Ukraine	29	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Algeria	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Egypt	77	0.0%	0.1%	58	0.0%	–
Libya	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Morocco	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Sudan	43	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	–
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Sudan	21	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bahrain	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Gaza Strip and West Bank	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Iran	67	0.0%	0.1%	83	0.0%	–
Iraq	40	0.0%	0.1%	69	0.0%	–
Israel	28	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Jordan	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Kuwait	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Lebanon	9	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Oman	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Qatar	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Saudi Arabia	47	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	–
Syria	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkey	22	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–

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United Arab Emirates	29	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Myanmar	98	0.1%	0.0%	112	0.1%	
Cambodia	45	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Laos	18	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Thailand	399	0.2%	0.2%	338	0.2%	
Vietnam	333	0.2%	0.2%	256	0.1%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Indonesia	204	0.1%	0.1%	180	0.1%	
Malaysia	391	0.2%	0.2%	387	0.2%	
Philippines	2,052	1.1%	0.9%	1,668	0.9%	
Singapore	133	0.1%	0.1%	135	0.1%	
Timor-Leste	9	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	435	0.2%	0.5%	454	0.2%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	141	0.1%	0.1%	139	0.1%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mongolia	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Taiwan	63	0.0%	0.1%	57	0.0%	
Japan	147	0.1%	0.3%	136	0.1%	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Korea, Republic of (South)	376	0.2%	0.2%	263	0.1%	
Southern Asia, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	79	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Bhutan	21	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
India	1,761	0.9%	0.8%	1,328	0.7%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nepal	195	0.1%	0.2%	129	0.1%	
Pakistan	112	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	331	0.2%	0.1%	267	0.1%	
Afghanistan	41	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	–	–	–	
Uzbekistan	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	407	0.2%	0.3%	435	0.2%	
United States of America	616	0.3%	0.4%	593	0.3%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	52	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	

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Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Brazil	107	0.1%	0.3%	66	0.0%	
Chile	30	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Colombia	42	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Ecuador	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French Guiana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	38	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Venezuela	29	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Central America, nfd	5	0.0%	–	–	–	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
El Salvador	62	0.0%	0.0%	70	0.0%	
Guatemala	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	21	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Nicaragua	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Anguilla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Aruba	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bahamas	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Barbados	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Cuba	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Martinique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Puerto Rico	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Kitts and Nevis	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
St Lucia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Trinidad and Tobago	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Virgin Islands, British	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Virgin Islands, United States	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Curacao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Central and West Africa, nfd	28	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Benin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burkina Faso	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cameroon	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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Central African Republic	102	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	
Chad	30	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Congo, Republic of	132	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	205	0.1%	0.0%	121	0.1%	
Cote d'Ivoire	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Gambia	—	—	—	—	—	
Ghana	34	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Guinea	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Liberia	18	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Mali	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Niger	—	—	—	—	—	
Nigeria	88	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Senegal	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Sierra Leone	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Togo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Southern and East Africa, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Angola	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Botswana	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Burundi	53	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Djibouti	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eritrea	4	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Ethiopia	20	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Kenya	230	0.1%	0.0%	208	0.1%	
Lesotho	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Malawi	23	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Mauritius	35	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	0.0%
Mozambique	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Namibia	19	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Rwanda	36	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	0.0%
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Seychelles	37	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	0.0%
Somalia	94	0.0%	0.0%	115	0.1%	0.0%
South Africa	1,057	0.5%	0.9%	1,021	0.5%	0.9%
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Tanzania	71	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	0.0%
Uganda	47	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	0.0%
Zambia	53	0.0%	0.0%	76	0.0%	0.0%
Zimbabwe	335	0.2%	0.2%	319	0.2%	0.2%
Not stated	14,024	7.3%	7.3%	14,423	7.7%	7.7%
Total	192,716	100.0%	100.0%	186,765	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.