

Community report

Western Downs (R)

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

AREA

Western Downs (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

31 March 2026

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

Western Downs (R) | Regional Qld comparison | Persons

Community report section 1 of 1

Key takeaway

In 2021, 7.8% (2,640) of people in Western Downs (R) were born overseas, compared with 18.4% in Regional Qld. A further 82% (27,722) 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

Western Downs (R) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	27,722	82.0%	74.3%	27,023	80.8%	74.3%	+699	+1.2
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	458	1.4%	3.7%	460	1.4%	3.9%	-2	0.0
New Caledonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	50	0.1%	0.3%	40	0.1%	0.3%	+10	0.0
Solomon Islands	8	0.0%	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	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Fiji	40	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	–	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
England	406	1.2%	3.7%	375	1.1%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	13	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Scotland	38	0.1%	0.4%	44	0.1%	
Wales	17	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ireland	56	0.2%	0.2%	65	0.2%	
Austria	9	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Belgium	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
France	31	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Germany	49	0.1%	0.4%	62	0.2%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	43	0.1%	0.3%	53	0.2%	
Switzerland	–	–	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sweden	3	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	16	0.0%	0.3%	14	0.0%	
Malta	5	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Portugal	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Spain	16	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Albania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgaria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatia	3	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Cyprus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
North Macedonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greece	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Romania	23	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.1%	
Slovenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Czechia	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Estonia	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hungary	5	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Latvia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Poland	13	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Russian Federation	7	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Slovakia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukraine	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
North Africa and the Middle East, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
North Africa, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Algeria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Egypt	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
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	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Iraq	–	–	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Israel	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jordan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuwait	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lebanon	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Oman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Saudi Arabia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkey	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Cambodia	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Laos	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thailand	25	0.1%	0.2%	16	0.0%	
Vietnam	18	0.1%	0.2%	11	0.0%	
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brunei Darussalam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesia	19	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Malaysia	38	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.0%	
Philippines	508	1.5%	0.9%	434	1.3%	
Singapore	8	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Timor-Leste	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	25	0.1%	0.5%	23	0.1%	
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	7	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taiwan	4	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Japan	4	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Korea, Republic of (South)	18	0.1%	0.2%	18	0.1%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	112	0.3%	0.8%	141	0.4%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	17	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Pakistan	13	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	12	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Afghanistan	–	–	0.0%	5	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	26	0.1%	0.3%	28	0.1%	
United States of America	38	0.1%	0.4%	33	0.1%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	87	0.3%	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	11	0.0%	0.3%	3	0.0%	
Chile	20	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Colombia	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French Guiana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Venezuela	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Central America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nicaragua	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Panama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caribbean, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Anguilla	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	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%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
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	3	0.0%	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%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mauritius	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Namibia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Reunion	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
South Africa	183	0.5%	0.9%	168	0.5%	
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tanzania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uganda	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zambia	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Zimbabwe	40	0.1%	0.2%	39	0.1%	
Not stated	3,448	10.2%	7.3%	4,037	12.1%	
Total	33,810	100.0%	100.0%	33,456	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.