

Community report

Whitsunday (R)

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

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Whitsunday (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

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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, 16.2% (6,014) of people in Whitsunday (R) were born overseas, compared with 18.4% in Regional Qld. A further 72.2% (26,790) 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

Whitsunday (R) - Overseas born (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
At sea	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Australia	26,790	72.2%	74.3%	23,856	70.7%	74.3%	+2,934	+1.5
Norfolk Island	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
New Zealand	1,125	3.0%	3.7%	1,151	3.4%	3.9%	-26	-0.4
New Caledonia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Papua New Guinea	80	0.2%	0.3%	71	0.2%	0.3%	+9	0.0
Solomon Islands	22	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+14	+0.1
Vanuatu	65	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Micronesia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Guam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Kiribati	15	0.0%	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Fiji	20	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
French Polynesia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Niue	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Samoa	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Samoa, American	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tokelau	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tonga	88	0.2%	0.0%	33	0.1%	
Tuvalu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wallis and Futuna	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Antarctic Territory	–	–	–	–	–	
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
England	1,215	3.3%	3.7%	1,074	3.2%	
Isle of Man	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Northern Ireland	18	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Scotland	145	0.4%	0.4%	126	0.4%	
Wales	45	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Guernsey	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jersey	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ireland	76	0.2%	0.2%	55	0.2%	
Austria	12	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Belgium	22	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
France	110	0.3%	0.1%	63	0.2%	
Germany	184	0.5%	0.4%	164	0.5%	
Luxembourg	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Monaco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Netherlands	86	0.2%	0.3%	77	0.2%	
Switzerland	29	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
Northern Europe, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Denmark	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Faroe Islands	–	–	–	–	–	
Finland	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Greenland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Iceland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norway	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Sweden	29	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Andorra	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gibraltar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Italy	76	0.2%	0.3%	76	0.2%	
Malta	18	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Portugal	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Spain	37	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
South Eastern Europe, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Albania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgaria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Croatia	8	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Cyprus	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
North Macedonia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greece	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Moldova	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romania	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Slovenia	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Montenegro	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbia	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Kosovo	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern Europe, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Belarus	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Czechia	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Estonia	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hungary	27	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Latvia	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lithuania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Poland	38	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Russian Federation	11	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Slovakia	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ukraine	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	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	5	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Libya	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Morocco	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sudan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tunisia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Sudan	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Middle East, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Bahrain	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Iran	5	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	–
Iraq	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Israel	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Jordan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Kuwait	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Lebanon	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Oman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Qatar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Saudi Arabia	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Syria	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Turkey	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
United Arab Emirates	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Yemen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Mainland South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Myanmar	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Cambodia	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Laos	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Thailand	139	0.4%	0.2%	102	0.3%	0.2%
Vietnam	92	0.2%	0.2%	58	0.2%	0.2%
Maritime South-East Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Brunei Darussalam	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Indonesia	71	0.2%	0.1%	36	0.1%	0.1%
Malaysia	65	0.2%	0.2%	55	0.2%	0.2%
Philippines	368	1.0%	0.9%	333	1.0%	0.9%
Singapore	20	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	0.1%
Timor-Leste	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	115	0.3%	0.5%	75	0.2%	0.5%
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	31	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.1%	0.1%
Macau (SAR of China)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Mongolia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Taiwan	96	0.3%	0.1%	168	0.5%	0.1%
Japan	39	0.1%	0.3%	81	0.2%	0.3%
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Korea, Republic of (South)	67	0.2%	0.2%	168	0.5%	
Southern Asia, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bangladesh	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Bhutan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
India	127	0.3%	0.8%	97	0.3%	
Maldives	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nepal	23	0.1%	0.2%	25	0.1%	
Pakistan	8	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Sri Lanka	41	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Afghanistan	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Armenia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Azerbaijan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Georgia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kazakhstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kyrgyzstan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tajikistan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Turkmenistan	–	–	–	–	–	
Uzbekistan	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Northern America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bermuda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Canada	103	0.3%	0.3%	85	0.3%	
United States of America	126	0.3%	0.4%	101	0.3%	
South America, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Argentina	128	0.3%	0.1%	9	0.0%	

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Bolivia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Brazil	19	0.1%	0.3%	11	0.0%	
Chile	73	0.2%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Colombia	24	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Ecuador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Falkland Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French Guiana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guyana	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paraguay	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Peru	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Suriname	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Uruguay	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Venezuela	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Central America, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Belize	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Costa Rica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
El Salvador	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Guatemala	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Honduras	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mexico	7	0.0%	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Barbados	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Cayman Islands	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cuba	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Dominica	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Dominican Republic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grenada	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Haiti	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jamaica	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	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	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Lesotho	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Madagascar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Malawi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mauritius	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Mozambique	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Namibia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Reunion	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Rwanda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
St Helena	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Seychelles	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Somalia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
South Africa	234	0.6%	0.9%	188	0.6%	–
Eswatini	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tanzania	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Uganda	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Zambia	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Zimbabwe	58	0.2%	0.2%	55	0.2%	–
Not stated	4,289	11.6%	7.3%	4,733	14.0%	–
Total	37,093	100.0%	100.0%	33,740	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.