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INFORMATION BRIEF

2001 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

PLACE OF BIRTH

Main Features

Proportion of Population Born Overseas

	1991	1996	2001
Queensland	16.8%	17.4%	18.1%
Australia	22.5%	22.8%	23.1%

Top 10 Countries of Birth (Queensland)

	Number	Percent
Australia	2,786,359	81.9%
United Kingdom	183,722	5.4%
New Zealand	127,597	3.8%
Germany	19,818	0.6%
Netherlands	16,161	0.5%
Italy	15,932	0.5%
Phillipines	15,405	0.5%
South Africa	14,552	0.4%
Vietnam	11,758	0.3%
United States of America	10,155	0.3%

Commentary

- These counts are based on the results of the September 2001 Census of Population and Housing conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Data presented are based on the place of enumeration counts, not place of usual residence. Place of usual residence data will be available in April 2003.
- An estimated 3,655,139 people were in Queensland on Census night. This includes 69,500 (1.9%) overseas visitors and 183,112 (5.0%) people who did not specify their place of birth. These people are not included in any of the data discussed in this information brief.
- 616,168 (18.1%) people who were in Queensland on Census night were born outside Australia. This has increased from 556,801 (17.4%) in 1996. Across all of Australia, 4,105,444 (23.1%) people counted in the 2001 Census were born overseas, an increase from 3,907,109 (22.8%) in 1996 (see figure 1).
- Brisbane and Moreton Statistical Divisions had the highest proportions of overseas born people (21.0% and 20.4% respectively), while the South-West and Central-West Statistical Divisions had the lowest (4.4% and 5.9% respectively) (see table 1).
- The largest increase in the proportion of people born overseas occurred in the Northern Statistical Division (up 1.5% from 11.4% in 1996), while the largest decrease occurred in the North-West Statistical Division (down 1.1% from 10.4%).

- Of the people born outside of Australia and enumerated in Queensland, 29.8% were born in the United Kingdom. They were the largest group, 1.4 times higher than the next highest (New Zealand). Similarly, people born in the UK made up the highest proportion (25.2%) of people in Australia who were born overseas.
- The proportion of people born in New Zealand has shown the largest increase since the 1996 census, increasing from 3.2% to 3.8%. For the whole of Australia, the largest increase has also been in people born in New Zealand, increasing from 1.7% to 2.0% since the 1996 census.
- The proportion of people born in the United Kingdom has shown the largest decline for both Queensland and Australia, falling from 5.7% to 5.4% for Queensland and from 6.3% to 5.8% for Australia.

Figure 1: Proportion of people born overseas, Queensland and Australia, 1986 – 2001.

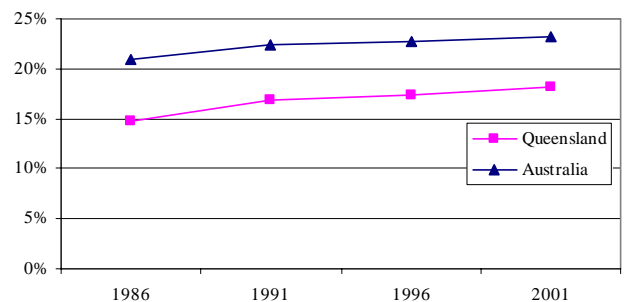


Table 1: People born overseas by Statistical Divisions, Queensland, 2001.

Statistical Division	Number	Percentage
Brisbane	338,082	21.0%
Moreton	147,879	20.4%
Wide Bay-Burnett	24,332	10.4%
Darling Downs	15,244	6.6%
South West	1,175	4.4%
Fitzroy	14,727	8.2%
Central West	802	5.9%
Mackay	13,882	9.9%
Northern	20,406	12.9%
Far North	35,772	15.7%
North West	3,614	9.3%
Queensland	616,168	18.1%