

Interesting facts about Queensland

- With an area of 1,727,000 square kilometers (667,000 SQ. Miles) and 4,828 km (3,000Miles) of coastline. Queensland is the second largest state in Australia. The biggest is Western Australia. Queensland is nearly five times the size of Japan, seven times the size of Great Britain, and two and a half times the size of Texas.
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- Queensland has [five of Australia's eleven World Natural Heritage areas](#). These include the Scenic Rim National Parks, Fraser Island, Riversleigh Fossil Fields, the Wet Tropics (including Daintree National Park), and one of the Wonders of the World - the Great Barrier Reef.
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- More than half of Queensland's population lives outside the greater metropolitan area of Brisbane - a large proportion compared with the rest of highly urbanised Australia.
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- About one third of Queenslanders are migrants or the children of migrants. Most settlers in Queensland during the 19th century were from Britain and Europe. In recent years there has been an increasing number of new settlers from South-East Asia.
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- Queensland is home to [more than 4 million people](#).
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- The average maximum and minimum temperatures for Brisbane are 25.3C and 15.7C. Variations in other centres include: Stanthorpe 21.6C and 8.8C; Mount Isa 32.4C and 18.3C; and Cairns 31.8C and 22.7C.
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- The vast majority of Queensland receives an average of between eight and nine hours of sunshine every day.
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- The international airline Qantas (Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services) was established in Longreach, Queensland, in 1920.
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- 2008 was the 20th anniversary of World Expo 88—a landmark event in the history of Brisbane that launched an exciting period of growth and development.
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- 4 Queenslanders have been Prime Minister of Australia: Andrew Fisher (three times: 1908–1909, 1910–1913 and 1914–1915); Arthur Fadden (1941); Francis Forde (1945); and Kevin Rudd (2007–2010).
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- XXXX beer is one of Queensland's well-known products and was established back in 1877.
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- On 18 May 1907, women voted for the first time in a Queensland state election.
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- Brisbane-born pioneer aviator Charles Kingsford Smith and his colleagues completed the first air crossing of the Pacific, from San Francisco to Brisbane, in 1928.
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- Australian poet Banjo Patterson's verse Waltzing Matilda was first sung publicly at the North Gregory Hotel in Winton, Queensland, on 6 April 1895.
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- Queensland has the only State Parliament in Australia with one House, the Legislative Assembly. The Legislative Council (Upper House) was abolished in 1922.
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- The [Royal Flying Doctor Service](#) started operating on 17 May 1928 when pilot Arthur Affleck flew the first flying doctor, Dr Kenyon St Vincent Welch, on the first official flight from Cloncurry to Julia Creek in response to an emergency call.