

Community report

Cassowary Coast (R)

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

AREA

Cassowary Coast (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Religion

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.

Religion

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Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Cassowary Coast (R), accounting for 33.4% (9,719 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (40.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 2,886 people and 9.6 percentage points.

About this topic

Religion records a person's stated religious affiliation, including no religion and not stated responses. It is a measure of cultural identity and belief rather than practice or participation.

This topic helps show the religious diversity of an area and can support planning for community facilities, faith-based services, and inclusive engagement. It is best interpreted with ancestry, birthplace, and language, which together provide a broader picture of cultural composition.

Interpretation notes

- This records stated religious affiliation, not attendance or level of religious practice.
- No religion and not stated are part of the overall picture, so interpretation should consider both affiliation and non-response.

Religion - Ranked by size

Cassowary Coast (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	109	0.4%	0.4%	82	0.3%	0.4%	+27	+0.1
Buddhism	207	0.7%	1.0%	244	0.8%	1.1%	-37	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	605	2.1%	3.0%	653	2.3%	3.0%	-48	-0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	3,287	11.3%	12.8%	4,057	14.1%	17.1%	-770	-2.8
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	267	0.9%	1.4%	263	0.9%	1.6%	+4	0.0
Brethren	3	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.1%	0.1%	-12	-0.1
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	7,227	24.8%	18.7%	8,336	29.0%	22.0%	-1,109	-4.2
Maronite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	8	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	226	0.8%	0.5%	291	1.0%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	49	0.2%	0.3%	76	0.3%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	128	0.4%	1.1%	143	0.5%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	202	0.7%	0.3%	244	0.8%	
Macedonian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	608	2.1%	2.3%	743	2.6%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	35	0.1%	0.2%	41	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	151	0.5%	0.3%	156	0.5%	
Uniting Church	1,109	3.8%	4.0%	1,391	4.8%	
Pentecostal, nfd	239	0.8%	1.1%	341	1.2%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	201	0.7%	0.1%	250	0.9%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	87	0.3%	0.1%	44	0.2%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	–	–	–	
United Pentecostal	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Victory Life Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	14	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	13	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	7	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.1%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	35	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Christian Science	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Hinduism	124	0.4%	0.7%	88	0.3%	
Islam	37	0.1%	0.5%	23	0.1%	
Judaism	4	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Baha'i	10	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Chinese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancestor Veneration	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Animism	51	0.2%	0.0%	32	0.1%	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	32	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	75	0.3%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Sikhism	795	2.7%	0.3%	698	2.4%	
Spiritualism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Satanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
No Religion, so described	9,719	33.4%	40.1%	6,833	23.8%	10.0%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	17	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	–
Atheism	43	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	–
Humanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Own Spiritual Beliefs	27	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Theism	6	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Not stated	3,292	11.3%	8.8%	3,363	11.7%	10.0%
Total	29,140	100.0%	100.0%	28,732	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.