

Community report

Central Coast (M) (Tas.)

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

AREA

Central Coast (M) (Tas.)

COMPARISON

Regional Tas.

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

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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 Central Coast (M) (Tas.), accounting for 50.3% (11,432 people). This share was higher than Regional Tas. (49.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 3,731 people and 14.3 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

Central Coast (M) (Tas.) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	103	0.5%	0.4%	90	0.4%	0.5%	+13	+0.1
Buddhism	99	0.4%	0.8%	98	0.5%	0.7%	+1	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	711	3.1%	2.9%	732	3.4%	3.0%	-21	-0.3
Anglican Church of Australia	2,925	12.9%	14.7%	3,929	18.4%	20.8%	-1,004	-5.5
Baptist	504	2.2%	1.6%	623	2.9%	2.0%	-119	-0.7
Brethren	35	0.2%	0.3%	33	0.2%	0.4%	+2	0.0
Western Catholic	2,588	11.4%	11.7%	3,022	14.1%	14.5%	-434	-2.7
Maronite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Ukrainian Catholic	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Syro Malabar Catholic	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Catholic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Churches of Christ, nfd	11	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Churches of Christ (Conference)	42	0.2%	0.1%	51	0.2%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	105	0.5%	0.5%	97	0.5%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	22	0.1%	0.3%	24	0.1%	
Lutheran	38	0.2%	0.2%	66	0.3%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	–	–	–	
Greek Orthodox	13	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	359	1.6%	1.5%	434	2.0%	
Reformed	129	0.6%	0.2%	118	0.6%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Salvation Army	72	0.3%	0.2%	73	0.3%	

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Seventh-day Adventist	129	0.6%	0.2%	111	0.5%	
Uniting Church	1,109	4.9%	3.3%	1,582	7.4%	
Pentecostal, nfd	374	1.6%	0.9%	390	1.8%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	5	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Centres	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	17	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Born Again Christian	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	29	0.1%	0.2%	18	0.1%	
Methodist, so described	25	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Christadelphians	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hinduism	80	0.4%	1.0%	23	0.1%	
Islam	34	0.1%	0.6%	6	0.0%	
Judaism	3	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	24	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sikhism	21	0.1%	0.2%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	–	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	11,432	50.3%	49.3%	7,701	36.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	22	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Atheism	32	0.1%	0.2%	47	0.2%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	18	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
Theism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Not stated	1,565	6.9%	7.3%	1,878	8.8%	
Total	22,750	100.0%	100.0%	21,366	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.