

Community report

Central Highlands (R) (Qld)

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AREA

Central Highlands (R) (Qld)

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 Central Highlands (R) (Qld), accounting for 35.9% (9,967 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (40.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 4,120 people and 15 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 Highlands (R) (Qld) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	106	0.4%	0.4%	104	0.4%	0.4%	+2	0.0
Buddhism	187	0.7%	1.0%	178	0.6%	1.1%	+9	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	1,119	4.0%	3.0%	1,018	3.6%	3.0%	+101	+0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	3,577	12.9%	12.8%	5,004	17.9%	17.1%	-1,427	-5.0
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	288	1.0%	1.4%	291	1.0%	1.6%	-3	0.0
Brethren	16	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	0.1%	-4	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	5,683	20.4%	18.7%	7,104	25.4%	22.0%	-1,421	-5.0
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	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	16	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	83	0.3%	0.5%	104	0.4%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	67	0.2%	0.3%	69	0.2%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	242	0.9%	1.1%	307	1.1%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	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	39	0.1%	0.3%	39	0.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	582	2.1%	2.3%	835	3.0%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	56	0.2%	0.2%	93	0.3%	
Seventh-day Adventist	59	0.2%	0.3%	89	0.3%	
Uniting Church	1,344	4.8%	4.0%	1,953	7.0%	
Pentecostal, nfd	264	0.9%	1.1%	395	1.4%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	22	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
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	–	–	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%	10	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	30	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Born Again Christian	30	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	27	0.1%	
Methodist, so described	29	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 Qld %
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	6	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.1%	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Hinduism	139	0.5%	0.7%	118	0.4%	–
Islam	79	0.3%	0.5%	71	0.3%	–
Judaism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Baha'i	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Chinese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	33	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Sikhism	61	0.2%	0.3%	51	0.2%	–
Spiritualism	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Satanism	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	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	9,967	35.9%	40.1%	5,847	20.9%	19.1%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	16	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	–
Atheism	44	0.2%	0.1%	45	0.2%	–
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Multi Faith	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
New Age	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Own Spiritual Beliefs	18	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	–
Theism	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Not stated	3,493	12.6%	8.8%	3,892	13.9%	10.8%
Total	27,799	100.0%	100.0%	28,001	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.