

Community report

Clarence Valley (A)

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Clarence Valley (A), accounting for 38.1% (20,609 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 7,225 people and 11.7 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

Clarence Valley (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	197	0.4%	0.4%	213	0.4%	0.4%	-16	0.0
Buddhism	375	0.7%	0.8%	363	0.7%	0.8%	+12	0.0
Christianity, nfd	1,032	1.9%	2.2%	935	1.8%	2.2%	+97	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	10,533	19.5%	17.0%	13,036	25.7%	21.9%	-2,503	-6.2
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	643	1.2%	1.2%	670	1.3%	1.3%	-27	-0.1
Brethren	–	–	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	9,155	16.9%	21.0%	10,133	20.0%	23.8%	-978	-3.1
Maronite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	13	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	321	0.6%	0.4%	340	0.7%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	52	0.1%	0.1%	71	0.1%	
Community of Christ	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Lutheran	93	0.2%	0.3%	114	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	7	0.0%	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	–	–	–	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	55	0.1%	0.4%	61	0.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	2,474	4.6%	2.6%	3,029	6.0%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	184	0.3%	0.2%	246	0.5%	
Seventh-day Adventist	152	0.3%	0.4%	135	0.3%	
Uniting Church	1,484	2.7%	3.3%	1,853	3.7%	
Pentecostal, nfd	294	0.5%	0.7%	215	0.4%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	14	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	24	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Foursquare Gospel Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	32	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	17	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	58	0.1%	0.1%	69	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Christian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hinduism	101	0.2%	0.7%	68	0.1%	
Islam	87	0.2%	0.7%	43	0.1%	
Judaism	23	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Baha'i	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Paganism	65	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	23	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.1%	
Nature Religions, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sikhism	104	0.2%	0.3%	48	0.1%	
Spiritualism	16	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.1%	
Mandaeen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Yezidi	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Caodaism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Church of Scientology	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Eckankar	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Satanism	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Theosophy	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jainism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Zoroastrianism	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Religious Groups, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
No Religion, so described	20,609	38.1%	37.4%	13,384	26.4%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Agnosticism	48	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Atheism	81	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
Humanism	—	—	0.0%	14	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Multi Faith	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	53	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Theism	16	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Not stated	5,491	10.1%	7.7%	5,064	10.0%	
Total	54,113	100.0%	100.0%	50,653	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.