

Community report

Cocos Islands

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

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Cocos Islands

COMPARISON

Other Territories

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, Islam was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Cocos Islands, accounting for 66.2% (389 people). This share was higher than Other Territories (16.1%).

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

Cocos Islands - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	–	–	0.3%	–	–	0.4%	–	–
Buddhism	–	–	5.6%	–	–	7.5%	–	–
Christianity, nfd	4	0.7%	1.7%	–	–	1.9%	–	–
Anglican Church of Australia	9	1.5%	12.1%	–	–	15.2%	–	–
Baptist	–	–	0.9%	–	–	0.5%	–	–
Western Catholic	12	2.0%	8.3%	–	–	9.2%	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	–	–	0.2%	–	–	0.3%	–	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	–	–	–	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Lutheran	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.2%	–	–
Greek Orthodox	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Presbyterian	–	–	0.9%	–	–	1.3%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	%	Other Territ
Salvation Army	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Seventh-day Adventist	–	–	0.9%	–	–	
Uniting Church	–	–	3.9%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nfd	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Methodist, so described	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Hinduism	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Islam	389	66.2%	16.1%	–	–	1
Judaism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Baha'i	–	–	–	–	–	
Taoism	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	–	–	–	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Sikhism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	83	14.1%	27.1%	–	–	1
Agnosticism	–	–	–	–	–	
Atheism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Multi Faith	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	–	–	–	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	%	Other Territ
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated	91	15.5%	20.2%	–	–	–
Total	588	100.0%	100.0%	–	–	–

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.