

Community report

Coffs Harbour (C)

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

AREA

Coffs Harbour (C)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Coffs Harbour (C), accounting for 41.6% (32,705 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 10,088 people and 10.6 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

Coffs Harbour (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	389	0.5%	0.4%	361	0.5%	0.4%	+28	0.0
Buddhism	827	1.1%	0.8%	768	1.1%	0.8%	+59	0.0
Christianity, nfd	1,914	2.4%	2.2%	1,867	2.6%	2.2%	+47	-0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	11,302	14.4%	17.0%	14,151	19.4%	21.9%	-2,849	-5.0
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	1,331	1.7%	1.2%	1,245	1.7%	1.3%	+86	0.0
Brethren	13	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	0.1%	+5	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	13,482	17.1%	21.0%	14,133	19.4%	23.8%	-651	-2.3
Maronite Catholic	4	0.0%	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	42	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	540	0.7%	0.4%	471	0.6%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	62	0.1%	0.1%	95	0.1%	
Community of Christ	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Lutheran	189	0.2%	0.3%	197	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	6	0.0%	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	135	0.2%	0.4%	137	0.2%	
Macedonian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.3%	6	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	22	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	7	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	2,173	2.8%	2.6%	2,700	3.7%	
Reformed	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	153	0.2%	0.2%	195	0.3%	
Seventh-day Adventist	253	0.3%	0.4%	222	0.3%	
Uniting Church	1,817	2.3%	3.3%	2,364	3.2%	
Pentecostal, nfd	1,145	1.5%	0.7%	895	1.2%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	25	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	108	0.1%	0.1%	191	0.3%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	56	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	30	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	68	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	33	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	116	0.1%	0.1%	147	0.2%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	19	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ratana (Maori)	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.1%	
Hinduism	335	0.4%	0.7%	226	0.3%	
Islam	428	0.5%	0.7%	466	0.6%	
Judaism	65	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	38	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Baha'i	25	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	17	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	81	0.1%	0.1%	77	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	55	0.1%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	28	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Sikhism	1,845	2.3%	0.3%	1,306	1.8%	
Spiritualism	29	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.1%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	449	0.6%	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	32,705	41.6%	37.4%	22,617	31.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	79	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.1%	
Atheism	156	0.2%	0.1%	116	0.2%	
Humanism	5	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rationalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Multi Faith	21	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
New Age	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	101	0.1%	0.1%	103	0.1%	
Theism	24	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	33	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.1%	
Not stated	5,724	7.3%	7.7%	7,034	9.6%	
Total	78,709	100.0%	100.0%	72,955	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.