

# Community report

## Fraser Coast (R)

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

AREA

**Fraser Coast (R)**

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 Fraser Coast (R), accounting for 41% (45,536 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (40.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 17,295 people and 13.2 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

Fraser Coast (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	389	0.4%	0.4%	384	0.4%	0.4%	+5	0.0
Buddhism	781	0.7%	1.0%	793	0.8%	1.1%	-12	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	3,031	2.7%	3.0%	2,890	2.8%	3.0%	+141	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	17,080	15.4%	12.8%	20,347	20.0%	17.1%	-3,267	-4.6
Anglican Catholic Church	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+9	0.0
Anglican, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Baptist	2,006	1.8%	1.4%	2,118	2.1%	1.6%	-112	-0.3
Brethren	201	0.2%	0.1%	239	0.2%	0.1%	-38	0.0
Catholic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Western Catholic	16,849	15.2%	18.7%	17,915	17.7%	22.0%	-1,066	-2.5
Maronite Catholic	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Melkite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	39	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	172	0.2%	0.1%	187	0.2%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	737	0.7%	0.5%	739	0.7%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	170	0.2%	0.3%	153	0.2%	
Community of Christ	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Lutheran	1,355	1.2%	1.1%	1,638	1.6%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	18	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Greek Orthodox	155	0.1%	0.3%	156	0.2%	0.3%
Macedonian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Russian Orthodox	30	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	0.0%
Serbian Orthodox	17	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	0.0%
Ukrainian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Presbyterian	2,991	2.7%	2.3%	3,849	3.8%	2.3%
Reformed	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Salvation Army	334	0.3%	0.2%	430	0.4%	0.2%
Seventh-day Adventist	217	0.2%	0.3%	243	0.2%	0.3%
Uniting Church	5,476	4.9%	4.0%	6,921	6.8%	4.0%
Pentecostal, nfd	1,121	1.0%	1.1%	1,033	1.0%	1.1%
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	90	0.1%	0.1%	148	0.1%	0.1%
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	62	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.0%	0.1%
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	–	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Victory Life Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	72	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	62	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	44	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.1%	
Congregational	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	209	0.2%	0.0%	263	0.3%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	31	0.0%	0.0%	86	0.1%	
Methodist, so described	238	0.2%	0.1%	276	0.3%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	34	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Christadelphians	27	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Apostolic Church	22	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	4	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%	4	0.0%	
Other Christian, nec	31	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Hinduism	374	0.3%	0.7%	301	0.3%	
Islam	267	0.2%	0.5%	164	0.2%	
Judaism	41	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	11	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Baha'i	22	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Paganism	156	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	61	0.1%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Sikhism	110	0.1%	0.3%	34	0.0%	
Spiritualism	62	0.1%	0.0%	84	0.1%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Eckankar	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Rastafari	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Satanism	28	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Theosophy	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Religious Groups, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	45,536	41.0%	40.1%	28,241	27.8%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	82	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.1%	
Atheism	174	0.2%	0.1%	153	0.2%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Rationalism	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Multi Faith	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Age	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	152	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.1%	
Theism	24	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	27	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Not stated	9,554	8.6%	8.8%	10,600	10.4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,034</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>101,488</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.