

Community report

Gold Coast (C)

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

AREA

Gold Coast (C)

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 Gold Coast (C), accounting for 43.2% (269,910 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (40.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 93,310 people and 11.4 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

Gold Coast (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	2,491	0.4%	0.4%	2,742	0.5%	0.4%	-251	-0.1
Buddhism	9,061	1.4%	1.0%	8,793	1.6%	1.1%	+268	-0.2
Christianity, nfd	19,586	3.1%	3.0%	17,173	3.1%	3.0%	+2,413	0.0
Anglican Church of Australia	74,210	11.9%	12.8%	89,703	16.1%	17.1%	-15,493	-4.2
Anglican Catholic Church	14	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	6,893	1.1%	1.4%	6,823	1.2%	1.6%	+70	-0.1
Brethren	42	0.0%	0.1%	46	0.0%	0.1%	-4	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	113,685	18.2%	18.7%	115,331	20.8%	22.0%	-1,646	-2.6
Maronite Catholic	61	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	0.0%	+27	0.0
Melkite Catholic	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	121	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	107	0.0%	0.0%	103	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	682	0.1%	0.1%	745	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	2,882	0.5%	0.5%	2,798	0.5%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	2,715	0.4%	0.3%	2,927	0.5%	
Community of Christ	17	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Lutheran	3,583	0.6%	1.1%	4,206	0.8%	
Armenian Apostolic	50	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	392	0.1%	0.0%	329	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	121	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	42	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	47	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	20	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	35	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Antiochian Orthodox	72	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	

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Greek Orthodox	4,245	0.7%	0.3%	3,747	0.7%	
Macedonian Orthodox	304	0.0%	0.0%	209	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	73	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	582	0.1%	0.0%	538	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	847	0.1%	0.0%	691	0.1%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	40	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	11,963	1.9%	2.3%	15,337	2.8%	
Reformed	167	0.0%	0.0%	183	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	637	0.1%	0.2%	868	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	1,337	0.2%	0.3%	1,279	0.2%	
Uniting Church	17,890	2.9%	4.0%	21,772	3.9%	
Pentecostal, nfd	7,531	1.2%	1.1%	7,577	1.4%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	310	0.0%	0.1%	495	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	4	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	262	0.0%	0.1%	395	0.1%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	27	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Foursquare Gospel Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
United Pentecostal	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Acts 2 Alliance	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	66	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Victory Life Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	30	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	717	0.1%	0.1%	497	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	411	0.1%	0.1%	362	0.1%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Church of the Nazarene	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Congregational	41	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	75	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	110	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	14	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	858	0.1%	0.1%	857	0.2%	
United Methodist Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	39	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Apostolic Church of Queensland	163	0.0%	0.0%	148	0.0%	0.0%
Christadelphians	62	0.0%	0.0%	95	0.0%	0.0%
Christian Science	29	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	0.0%
Gnostic Christians	23	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	0.0%
Liberal Catholic Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
New Apostolic Church	87	0.0%	0.0%	105	0.0%	0.0%
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Ratana (Maori)	243	0.0%	0.0%	313	0.1%	0.0%
Religious Science	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Other Christian, nec	156	0.0%	0.0%	145	0.0%	0.0%
Hinduism	6,670	1.1%	0.7%	4,011	0.7%	0.7%
Islam	6,088	1.0%	0.5%	4,401	0.8%	0.5%
Judaism	1,401	0.2%	0.1%	1,203	0.2%	0.1%
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	48	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	0.0%
Baha'i	478	0.1%	0.0%	382	0.1%	0.0%
Chinese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Taoism	166	0.0%	0.0%	116	0.0%	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Druse	48	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Japanese Religions, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Shinto	93	0.0%	0.0%	99	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tenrikyo	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nfd	21	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Animism	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Druidism	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Paganism	376	0.1%	0.1%	317	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	168	0.0%	0.0%	130	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	78	0.0%	0.0%	77	0.0%	
Sikhism	2,673	0.4%	0.3%	1,469	0.3%	
Spiritualism	432	0.1%	0.0%	387	0.1%	
Mandaeen	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	30	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Eckankar	9	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Rastafari	35	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Satanism	116	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Theosophy	19	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Jainism	27	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	31	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	

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Religious Groups, nec	117	0.0%	0.0%	99	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
No Religion, so described	269,910	43.2%	40.1%	176,600	31.8%	31.8%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Agnosticism	712	0.1%	0.1%	541	0.1%	0.1%
Atheism	856	0.1%	0.1%	784	0.1%	0.1%
Humanism	36	0.0%	0.0%	151	0.0%	0.0%
Rationalism	18	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs, nec	34	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	73	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	0.0%
Multi Faith	109	0.0%	0.0%	75	0.0%	0.0%
New Age	37	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	0.0%
Own Spiritual Beliefs	1,095	0.2%	0.1%	804	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	154	0.0%	0.0%	135	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	224	0.0%	0.0%	219	0.0%	0.0%
Not stated	46,184	7.4%	8.8%	54,962	9.9%	9.9%
Total	625,123	100.0%	100.0%	555,729	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.