

Community report

Mackay (R)

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

AREA

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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 Mackay (R), accounting for 36.6% (44,532 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (40.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 17,355 people and 13 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

Mackay (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	418	0.3%	0.4%	400	0.3%	0.4%	+18	0.0
Buddhism	724	0.6%	1.0%	757	0.7%	1.1%	-33	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	3,127	2.6%	3.0%	3,067	2.7%	3.0%	+60	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	14,162	11.6%	12.8%	18,754	16.3%	17.1%	-4,592	-4.7
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	1,124	0.9%	1.4%	1,160	1.0%	1.6%	-36	-0.1
Brethren	18	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	0.1%	+8	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	28,684	23.6%	18.7%	32,178	28.0%	22.0%	-3,494	-4.4
Maronite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Melkite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Catholic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	144	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	545	0.4%	0.5%	643	0.6%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	139	0.1%	0.3%	166	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	949	0.8%	1.1%	1,196	1.0%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	19	0.0%	0.0%	17	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	103	0.1%	0.3%	131	0.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	42	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	30	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	2,300	1.9%	2.3%	3,349	2.9%	
Reformed	20	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	126	0.1%	0.2%	223	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	689	0.6%	0.3%	713	0.6%	
Uniting Church	7,248	6.0%	4.0%	9,736	8.5%	
Pentecostal, nfd	1,090	0.9%	1.1%	1,270	1.1%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	136	0.1%	0.1%	179	0.2%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	3	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	37	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	–	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Victory Life Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	25	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	86	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.0%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	61	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	14	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Congregational	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	39	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	86	0.1%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	27	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	152	0.1%	0.1%	204	0.2%	
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	245	0.2%	0.0%	325	0.3%	
Christadelphians	26	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	55	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	18	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	29	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Hinduism	682	0.6%	0.7%	536	0.5%	
Islam	382	0.3%	0.5%	308	0.3%	
Judaism	33	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Baha'i	22	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	9	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Druidism	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paganism	102	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	29	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Sikhism	193	0.2%	0.3%	154	0.1%	
Spiritualism	30	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Satanism	28	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Theosophy	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Religious Groups, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	44,532	36.6%	40.1%	27,177	23.6%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Agnosticism	76	0.1%	0.1%	79	0.1%	
Atheism	161	0.1%	0.1%	188	0.2%	
Humanism	8	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Multi Faith	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	11	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	84	0.1%	0.1%	106	0.1%	
Theism	23	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	27	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Not stated	12,396	10.2%	8.8%	10,835	9.4%	
Total	121,689	100.0%	100.0%	114,978	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.