

# Community report

## Noosa (S)

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

AREA

**Noosa (S)**

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 Noosa (S), accounting for 48.2% (27,146 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (40.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 7,898 people and 11.3 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

Noosa (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	251	0.4%	0.4%	298	0.6%	0.4%	-47	-0.2
Buddhism	621	1.1%	1.0%	748	1.4%	1.1%	-127	-0.3
Christianity, nfd	1,301	2.3%	3.0%	1,275	2.4%	3.0%	+26	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	7,636	13.6%	12.8%	9,132	17.5%	17.1%	-1,496	-3.9
Anglican Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Anglican, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Baptist	461	0.8%	1.4%	507	1.0%	1.6%	-46	-0.2
Brethren	4	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.1%	-1	0.0
Catholic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Western Catholic	8,472	15.1%	18.7%	9,146	17.5%	22.0%	-674	-2.4
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	21	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	249	0.4%	0.5%	282	0.5%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	28	0.0%	0.3%	32	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	468	0.8%	1.1%	554	1.1%	
Armenian Apostolic	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Greek Orthodox	186	0.3%	0.3%	157	0.3%	0.3%
Macedonian Orthodox	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Russian Orthodox	22	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%
Serbian Orthodox	25	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Presbyterian	1,195	2.1%	2.3%	1,616	3.1%	2.3%
Reformed	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Salvation Army	56	0.1%	0.2%	98	0.2%	0.2%
Seventh-day Adventist	140	0.2%	0.3%	146	0.3%	0.3%
Uniting Church	1,718	3.1%	4.0%	2,276	4.4%	4.0%
Pentecostal, nfd	384	0.7%	1.1%	447	0.9%	1.1%
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	16	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.1%	0.1%
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	182	0.3%	0.1%	91	0.2%	0.1%
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	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%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Victory Life Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	57	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	18	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	94	0.2%	0.1%	84	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%	3	0.0%	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Christian Science	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hinduism	158	0.3%	0.7%	121	0.2%	
Islam	64	0.1%	0.5%	28	0.1%	
Judaism	104	0.2%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	18	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Taoism	9	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Animism	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	41	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	19	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Sikhism	20	0.0%	0.3%	11	0.0%	
Spiritualism	53	0.1%	0.0%	66	0.1%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Rastafari	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Religious Groups, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	27,146	48.2%	40.1%	19,248	36.9%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Agnosticism	60	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Atheism	95	0.2%	0.1%	119	0.2%	
Humanism	6	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Multi Faith	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
New Age	4	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	151	0.3%	0.1%	121	0.2%	
Theism	25	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	44	0.1%	0.0%	49	0.1%	
Not stated	4,487	8.0%	8.8%	4,853	9.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,277</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>52,148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.