

# Community report

## Rockhampton (R)

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

AREA

**Rockhampton (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 Rockhampton (R), accounting for 37% (30,344 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (40.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 12,267 people and 14.3 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

Rockhampton (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	253	0.3%	0.4%	308	0.4%	0.4%	-55	-0.1
Buddhism	650	0.8%	1.0%	677	0.8%	1.1%	-27	0.0
Christianity, nfd	2,073	2.5%	3.0%	2,178	2.7%	3.0%	-105	-0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	10,288	12.6%	12.8%	13,922	17.5%	17.1%	-3,634	-4.9
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	1,639	2.0%	1.4%	1,874	2.4%	1.6%	-235	-0.4
Brethren	15	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.0%	0.1%	-5	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	17,992	22.0%	18.7%	20,995	26.3%	22.0%	-3,003	-4.3
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%	4	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	46	0.1%	0.1%	71	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	361	0.4%	0.5%	406	0.5%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	167	0.2%	0.3%	261	0.3%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	466	0.6%	1.1%	564	0.7%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	10	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	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%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	85	0.1%	0.3%	86	0.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	20	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	2,290	2.8%	2.3%	3,239	4.1%	
Reformed	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	375	0.5%	0.2%	531	0.7%	
Seventh-day Adventist	182	0.2%	0.3%	184	0.2%	
Uniting Church	4,115	5.0%	4.0%	5,486	6.9%	
Pentecostal, nfd	982	1.2%	1.1%	1,026	1.3%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	104	0.1%	0.1%	150	0.2%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	17	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Foursquare Gospel Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	–	–	–	
United Pentecostal	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Victory Life Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	35	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Born Again Christian	35	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	32	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	120	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.2%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	19	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.1%	–
Christian Science	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Hinduism	857	1.0%	0.7%	605	0.8%	–
Islam	423	0.5%	0.5%	476	0.6%	–
Judaism	17	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	9	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.1%	–
Baha'i	51	0.1%	0.0%	69	0.1%	–
Chinese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	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	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Animism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Druidism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	92	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	39	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Sikhism	181	0.2%	0.3%	142	0.2%	
Spiritualism	13	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Church of Scientology	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Satanism	27	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Religious Groups, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
No Religion, so described	30,344	37.0%	40.1%	18,077	22.7%	22.7%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Agnosticism	72	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.1%	0.1%
Atheism	96	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.2%	0.2%
Humanism	4	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Multi Faith	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
New Age	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Own Spiritual Beliefs	46	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	15	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Not stated	7,083	8.6%	8.8%	7,292	9.1%	9.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,936</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>79,714</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.