

Community report

Southern Downs (R)

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

AREA

Southern Downs (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 Southern Downs (R), accounting for 31.4% (11,398 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (40.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 3,584 people and 9.2 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

Southern Downs (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	115	0.3%	0.4%	107	0.3%	0.4%	+8	0.0
Buddhism	175	0.5%	1.0%	170	0.5%	1.1%	+5	0.0
Christianity, nfd	1,079	3.0%	3.0%	1,058	3.0%	3.0%	+21	0.0
Anglican Church of Australia	6,276	17.3%	12.8%	7,417	21.1%	17.1%	-1,141	-3.8
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	550	1.5%	1.4%	631	1.8%	1.6%	-81	-0.3
Brethren	180	0.5%	0.1%	166	0.5%	0.1%	+14	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	7,891	21.7%	18.7%	8,775	25.0%	22.0%	-884	-3.3
Maronite Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-2	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%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	52	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.2%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jehovah's Witnesses	232	0.6%	0.5%	220	0.6%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	113	0.3%	0.3%	137	0.4%	
Community of Christ	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	272	0.7%	1.1%	312	0.9%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	3	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%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Greek Orthodox	33	0.1%	0.3%	42	0.1%	0.3%
Macedonian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian Orthodox	19	0.1%	0.0%	20	0.1%	0.0%
Serbian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Presbyterian	1,041	2.9%	2.3%	1,281	3.6%	2.3%
Reformed	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Salvation Army	87	0.2%	0.2%	153	0.4%	0.2%
Seventh-day Adventist	211	0.6%	0.3%	224	0.6%	0.3%
Uniting Church	2,058	5.7%	4.0%	2,446	7.0%	4.0%
Pentecostal, nfd	319	0.9%	1.1%	338	1.0%	1.1%
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	28	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	0.1%
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

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	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Victory Life Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	17	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	22	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	15	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.1%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	36	0.1%	0.1%	55	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%	5	0.0%	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Christadelphians	19	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Christian Science	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Christian, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Hinduism	106	0.3%	0.7%	85	0.2%	
Islam	51	0.1%	0.5%	49	0.1%	
Judaism	17	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Baha'i	22	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
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Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Druidism	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Paganism	54	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	16	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Nature Religions, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Sikhism	38	0.1%	0.3%	22	0.1%	
Spiritualism	7	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.1%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Theosophy	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Religious Groups, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
No Religion, so described	11,398	31.4%	40.1%	7,814	22.2%	22.2%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	27	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	0.1%
Atheism	48	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	0.1%
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Rationalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Multi Faith	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Own Spiritual Beliefs	48	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	8	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Not stated	3,474	9.6%	8.8%	3,032	8.6%	8.6%
Total	36,290	100.0%	100.0%	35,140	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.