

# Community report

## Tamworth Regional (A)

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

AREA

**Tamworth Regional (A)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

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 Tamworth Regional (A), accounting for 31.1% (19,634 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 8,088 people and 11.7 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

Tamworth Regional (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	166	0.3%	0.4%	171	0.3%	0.4%	-5	0.0
Buddhism	398	0.6%	0.8%	308	0.5%	0.8%	+90	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	1,374	2.2%	2.2%	1,093	1.8%	2.2%	+281	+0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	15,156	24.0%	17.0%	17,909	30.0%	21.9%	-2,753	-6.0
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	569	0.9%	1.2%	649	1.1%	1.3%	-80	-0.2
Brethren	181	0.3%	0.1%	158	0.3%	0.1%	+23	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	13,724	21.8%	21.0%	14,568	24.4%	23.8%	-844	-2.6
Maronite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Melkite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	21	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	200	0.3%	0.4%	246	0.4%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	63	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	87	0.1%	0.3%	92	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	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	–	–	–	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	67	0.1%	0.4%	61	0.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	1,753	2.8%	2.6%	2,307	3.9%	
Reformed	63	0.1%	0.0%	175	0.3%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	149	0.2%	0.2%	237	0.4%	
Seventh-day Adventist	124	0.2%	0.4%	139	0.2%	
Uniting Church	2,153	3.4%	3.3%	2,611	4.4%	
Pentecostal, nfd	477	0.8%	0.7%	634	1.1%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	56	0.1%	0.0%	47	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	9	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	53	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	27	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	86	0.1%	0.1%	86	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hinduism	526	0.8%	0.7%	230	0.4%	
Islam	323	0.5%	0.7%	162	0.3%	
Judaism	12	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	30	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.1%	
Baha'i	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	56	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	31	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Sikhism	172	0.3%	0.3%	58	0.1%	
Spiritualism	28	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.1%	
Mandaeen	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	19,634	31.1%	37.4%	11,546	19.4%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	41	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Atheism	63	0.1%	0.1%	71	0.1%	
Humanism	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	36	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Theism	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Not stated	4,936	7.8%	7.7%	5,532	9.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,049</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>59,645</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.