

# Community report

## Tiwi Islands (R)

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

AREA

**Tiwi Islands (R)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NT**

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

Tiwi Islands (R) | Regional NT comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, Western Catholic was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Tiwi Islands (R), accounting for 77.9% (1,827 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (14.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Western Catholic, which decreased by 256 people and 7.1 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

Tiwi Islands (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

| Category                        | 2021  |       |               | 2016  |       |               | Change |      |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|---------------|--------|------|
|                                 | Count | %     | Regional NT % | Count | %     | Regional NT % | Count  | pp   |
| Inadequately described          | –     | –     | 0.5%          | –     | –     | 0.4%          | –      | –    |
| Buddhism                        | –     | –     | 0.8%          | 3     | 0.1%  | 0.9%          | –      | –    |
| Christianity, nfd               | 25    | 1.1%  | 4.9%          | 26    | 1.1%  | 2.3%          | -1     | 0.0  |
| Anglican Church of Australia    | 19    | 0.8%  | 6.3%          | 12    | 0.5%  | 8.0%          | +7     | +0.3 |
| Anglican Catholic Church        | –     | –     | 0.0%          | –     | –     | –             | –      | –    |
| Baptist                         | 4     | 0.2%  | 4.1%          | 3     | 0.1%  | 3.7%          | +1     | +0.1 |
| Brethren                        | –     | –     | 0.0%          | –     | –     | 0.0%          | –      | –    |
| Catholic, nfd                   | 7     | 0.3%  | 0.0%          | –     | –     | –             | –      | –    |
| Western Catholic                | 1,827 | 77.9% | 14.9%         | 2,083 | 85.0% | 17.7%         | -256   | -7.1 |
| Syro Malabar Catholic           | –     | –     | 0.1%          | –     | –     | 0.0%          | –      | –    |
| Catholic, nec                   | 8     | 0.3%  | 0.0%          | –     | –     | 0.0%          | –      | –    |
| Churches of Christ (Conference) | –     | –     | 0.1%          | –     | –     | 0.0%          | –      | –    |

| Category   | 2021  |      |               | 2016  |      |        |
|--|-------|------|---------------|-------|------|--------|
|  | Count | %    | Regional NT % | Count | %    | Region |
| Jehovah's Witnesses  | –     | –    | 0.1%          | –     | –    |        |
| The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints                | –     | –    | 0.3%          | –     | –    |        |
| Lutheran   | 3     | 0.1% | 5.1%          | –     | –    |        |
| Coptic Orthodox Church   | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Syrian Orthodox Church   | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Ethiopian Orthodox Church                                      | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Greek Orthodox   | –     | –    | 0.2%          | –     | –    |        |
| Russian Orthodox   | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Serbian Orthodox   | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Ukrainian Orthodox   | –     | –    | –             | –     | –    |        |
| Presbyterian   | 4     | 0.2% | 0.6%          | –     | –    |        |
| Reformed   | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Salvation Army   | –     | –    | 0.1%          | 4     | 0.2% |        |
| Seventh-day Adventist  | –     | –    | 0.5%          | 4     | 0.2% |        |
| Uniting Church   | 5     | 0.2% | 6.1%          | 18    | 0.7% |        |
| Pentecostal, nfd   | –     | –    | 0.9%          | –     | –    |        |
| Apostolic Church (Australia)                                   | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)              | 3     | 0.1% | 0.6%          | 4     | 0.2% |        |
| International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres) | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Foursquare Gospel Church                                       | –     | –    | –             | –     | –    |        |
| United Pentecostal   | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Revival Fellowship   | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Pentecostal, nec   | –     | –    | 0.1%          | –     | –    |        |

| Category  | 2021  |      |               | 2016  |      |        |
|---|-------|------|---------------|-------|------|--------|
|   | Count | %    | Regional NT % | Count | %    | Region |
| Other Protestant, nfd                                   | –     | –    | 0.1%          | 6     | 0.2% |        |
| Aboriginal Evangelical Missions                         | –     | –    | 1.2%          | –     | –    |        |
| Born Again Christian                                    | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Church of the Nazarene                                  | –     | –    | –             | –     | –    |        |
| Congregational  | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Ethnic Evangelical Churches                             | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Independent Evangelical Churches                        | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Wesleyan Methodist Church                               | 4     | 0.2% | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Christian Community Churches of Australia               | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Methodist, so described                                 | –     | –    | 0.2%          | 3     | 0.1% |        |
| United Methodist Church                                 | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Other Protestant, nec                                   | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Christadelphians  | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Christian Science                                       | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Gnostic Christians                                      | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| New Apostolic Church                                    | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Ratana (Maori)  | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Religious Science                                       | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)                  | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God) | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Other Christian, nec                                    | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Hinduism  | –     | –    | 1.1%          | –     | –    |        |
| Islam   | 3     | 0.1% | 0.5%          | –     | –    |        |

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|---|-------|------|---------------|-------|------|--------|
|   | Count | %    | Regional NT % | Count | %    | Region |
| Judaism                                     | –     | –    | 0.1%          | –     | –    |        |
| Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions | 40    | 1.7% | 3.7%          | 6     | 0.2% |        |
| Baha'i                                      | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Confucianism                                | –     | –    | –             | –     | –    |        |
| Taoism                                      | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Shinto                                      | –     | –    | –             | –     | –    |        |
| Animism                                     | –     | –    | –             | –     | –    |        |
| Druidism                                    | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Paganism                                    | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Wiccan (Witchcraft)                         | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Nature Religions, nec                       | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Sikhism                                     | –     | –    | 0.5%          | –     | –    |        |
| Spiritualism                                | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Mandaean                                    | –     | –    | –             | –     | –    |        |
| Church of Scientology                       | –     | –    | –             | –     | –    |        |
| Rastafari                                   | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Satanism                                    | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Theosophy                                   | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Jainism                                     | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| Religious Groups, nec                       | –     | –    | 0.0%          | –     | –    |        |
| No Religion, so described                   | 185   | 7.9% | 32.6%         | 136   | 5.5% |        |
| Agnosticism                                 | 3     | 0.1% | 0.1%          | –     | –    |        |
| Atheism                                     | –     | –    | 0.1%          | –     | –    |        |

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|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|                              | Count        | %             | Regional NT % | Count        | %             | Region        |
| Humanism                     | –            | –             | –             | –            | –             |               |
| Rationalism                  | –            | –             | 0.0%          | –            | –             |               |
| Secular Beliefs, nec         | –            | –             | –             | –            | –             |               |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd | –            | –             | 0.1%          | –            | –             |               |
| Multi Faith                  | –            | –             | 0.0%          | –            | –             |               |
| Own Spiritual Beliefs        | 52           | 2.2%          | 0.1%          | –            | –             |               |
| Theism                       | –            | –             | 0.0%          | –            | –             |               |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec | –            | –             | 0.0%          | –            | –             |               |
| Not stated                   | 152          | 6.5%          | 12.9%         | 144          | 5.9%          |               |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>2,344</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>2,452</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.