

Community report

Toowoomba (R)

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

AREA

Toowoomba (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 Toowoomba (R), accounting for 31.7% (54,911 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (40.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 22,729 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

Toowoomba (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	830	0.5%	0.4%	617	0.4%	0.4%	+213	+0.1
Buddhism	1,527	0.9%	1.0%	1,294	0.8%	1.1%	+233	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	8,636	5.0%	3.0%	7,391	4.6%	3.0%	+1,245	+0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	25,726	14.9%	12.8%	30,605	19.0%	17.1%	-4,879	-4.1
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	2,386	1.4%	1.4%	2,472	1.5%	1.6%	-86	-0.1
Brethren	299	0.2%	0.1%	258	0.2%	0.1%	+41	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	34,597	20.0%	18.7%	37,349	23.2%	22.0%	-2,752	-3.2
Maronite Catholic	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	324	0.2%	0.0%	246	0.2%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	1,037	0.6%	0.1%	1,193	0.7%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	918	0.5%	0.5%	927	0.6%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	318	0.2%	0.3%	425	0.3%	
Community of Christ	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Lutheran	5,445	3.1%	1.1%	6,377	4.0%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	20	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	58	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Greek Orthodox	259	0.1%	0.3%	202	0.1%	0.3%
Macedonian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Romanian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Russian Orthodox	38	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	0.0%
Serbian Orthodox	20	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	0.0%
Ukrainian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Eastern Orthodox, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Presbyterian	4,416	2.5%	2.3%	5,805	3.6%	2.3%
Reformed	132	0.1%	0.0%	130	0.1%	0.0%
Free Reformed	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Salvation Army	326	0.2%	0.2%	501	0.3%	0.2%
Seventh-day Adventist	731	0.4%	0.3%	694	0.4%	0.3%
Uniting Church	7,516	4.3%	4.0%	9,522	5.9%	4.0%
Pentecostal, nfd	2,199	1.3%	1.1%	2,476	1.5%	1.1%
Apostolic Church (Australia)	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	170	0.1%	0.1%	204	0.1%	0.1%
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	135	0.1%	0.1%	132	0.1%	0.1%
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Foursquare Gospel Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

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Revival Centres	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Rhema Family Church	—	—	—	—	—	
United Pentecostal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Acts 2 Alliance	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Christian Church in Australia	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Pentecostal City Life Church	—	—	—	—	—	
Revival Fellowship	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Victory Life Centre	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Worship Centre Network	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pentecostal, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	183	0.1%	0.1%	210	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Born Again Christian	104	0.1%	0.1%	112	0.1%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Church of the Nazarene	21	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Congregational	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	22	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	109	0.1%	0.0%	87	0.1%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	34	0.0%	0.0%	113	0.1%	
Methodist, so described	208	0.1%	0.1%	185	0.1%	
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	91	0.1%	0.0%	75	0.0%	
Christadelphians	55	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Christian Science	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	24	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Christian, nec	49	0.0%	0.0%	76	0.0%	
Hinduism	2,160	1.2%	0.7%	1,224	0.8%	
Islam	1,463	0.8%	0.5%	1,595	1.0%	
Judaism	69	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	23	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Baha'i	128	0.1%	0.0%	98	0.1%	
Chinese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	22	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paganism	205	0.1%	0.1%	163	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	72	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	42	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Sikhism	602	0.3%	0.3%	273	0.2%	
Spiritualism	82	0.0%	0.0%	89	0.1%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	2,070	1.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eckankar	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Satanism	48	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jainism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Religious Groups, nec	25	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
No Religion, so described	54,911	31.7%	40.1%	32,182	20.0%	18.8%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Agnosticism	150	0.1%	0.1%	146	0.1%	0.1%
Atheism	206	0.1%	0.1%	224	0.1%	0.1%
Humanism	12	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	0.0%
Rationalism	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Secular Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Multi Faith	27	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
New Age	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Own Spiritual Beliefs	141	0.1%	0.1%	114	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	36	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%
Not stated	11,453	6.6%	8.8%	14,173	8.8%	10.0%
Total	173,189	100.0%	100.0%	160,769	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.