

# Community report

## Torres Strait Island (R)

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

AREA

**Torres Strait Island (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, Anglican Church of Australia was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Torres Strait Island (R), accounting for 32.9% (1,353 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (12.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Pentecostal, nfd, which increased by 439 people and 10.9 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

Torres Strait Island (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	18	0.4%	0.4%	32	0.7%	0.4%	-14	-0.3
Buddhism	–	–	1.0%	3	0.1%	1.1%	–	–
Christianity, nfd	301	7.3%	3.0%	558	12.3%	3.0%	-257	-5.0
Anglican Church of Australia	1,353	32.9%	12.8%	1,464	32.4%	17.1%	-111	+0.5
Anglican Catholic Church	157	3.8%	0.0%	299	6.6%	0.0%	-142	-2.8
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	3	0.1%	1.4%	–	–	1.6%	–	–
Brethren	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	343	8.3%	18.7%	384	8.5%	22.0%	-41	-0.2
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%	–	–	–
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	13	0.3%	0.5%	21	0.5%	–
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	20	0.5%	0.3%	21	0.5%	–
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lutheran	–	–	1.1%	4	0.1%	–
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	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	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Presbyterian	5	0.1%	2.3%	12	0.3%	–
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Salvation Army	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Seventh-day Adventist	46	1.1%	0.3%	38	0.8%	–
Uniting Church	41	1.0%	4.0%	58	1.3%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	535	13.0%	1.1%	96	2.1%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	3	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	120	2.9%	0.1%	165	3.7%	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	3	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	7	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	–
Foursquare Gospel Church	21	0.5%	0.0%	37	0.8%	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	13	0.3%	0.0%	25	0.6%	–

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	–	–	–	
United Pentecostal	158	3.8%	0.0%	228	5.0%	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Victory Life Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	19	0.4%	
Other Protestant, nfd	19	0.5%	0.1%	–	–	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	14	0.3%	0.0%	60	1.3%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	–	–	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%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hinduism	–	–	0.7%	–	–	–
Islam	–	–	0.5%	–	–	–
Judaism	–	–	0.1%	9	0.2%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	10	0.2%	0.0%	205	4.5%	–
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	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%	–	–	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sikhism	–	–	0.3%	–	–	–
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Satanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	–
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	484	11.8%	40.1%	310	6.9%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Atheism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.1%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	9	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	8	0.2%	0.1%	15	0.3%	
Theism	11	0.3%	0.0%	6	0.1%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	
Not stated	396	9.6%	8.8%	433	9.6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,519</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.