

# Community report

## Townsville (C)

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

AREA

**Townsville (C)**

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 Townsville (C), accounting for 39.9% (76,979 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (40.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 23,921 people and 11.5 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

Townsville (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	899	0.5%	0.4%	1,039	0.6%	0.4%	-140	-0.1
Buddhism	1,538	0.8%	1.0%	1,583	0.8%	1.1%	-45	0.0
Christianity, nfd	4,747	2.5%	3.0%	4,383	2.3%	3.0%	+364	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	21,716	11.3%	12.8%	28,440	15.2%	17.1%	-6,724	-3.9
Anglican Catholic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	2,428	1.3%	1.4%	2,381	1.3%	1.6%	+47	0.0
Brethren	28	0.0%	0.1%	43	0.0%	0.1%	-15	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	43,301	22.5%	18.7%	49,326	26.4%	22.0%	-6,025	-3.9
Maronite Catholic	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	+4	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	226	0.1%	0.0%	178	0.1%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	77	0.0%	0.1%	102	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	591	0.3%	0.5%	644	0.3%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	274	0.1%	0.3%	362	0.2%	
Community of Christ	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lutheran	881	0.5%	1.1%	1,162	0.6%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	70	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	68	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	999	0.5%	0.3%	952	0.5%	
Macedonian Orthodox	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	55	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	29	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	4,265	2.2%	2.3%	5,843	3.1%	
Reformed	21	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	457	0.2%	0.2%	782	0.4%	
Seventh-day Adventist	567	0.3%	0.3%	663	0.4%	
Uniting Church	7,001	3.6%	4.0%	9,507	5.1%	
Pentecostal, nfd	2,009	1.0%	1.1%	2,272	1.2%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	47	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	276	0.1%	0.1%	414	0.2%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	39	0.0%	0.1%	55	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	29	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	24	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	–	–	–	
United Pentecostal	7	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
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	32	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	169	0.1%	0.1%	159	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Born Again Christian	110	0.1%	0.1%	108	0.1%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Congregational	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	66	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	119	0.1%	0.0%	127	0.1%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	313	0.2%	0.1%	336	0.2%	
United Methodist Church	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	39	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Christadelphians	94	0.0%	0.0%	84	0.0%	
Christian Science	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Apostolic Church	24	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	19	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	28	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Hinduism	1,355	0.7%	0.7%	1,017	0.5%	
Islam	1,044	0.5%	0.5%	965	0.5%	
Judaism	94	0.0%	0.1%	83	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	51	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Baha'i	80	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	28	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Druidism	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paganism	285	0.1%	0.1%	165	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	93	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	77	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Sikhism	383	0.2%	0.3%	256	0.1%	
Spiritualism	57	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Church of Scientology	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Eckankar	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Satanism	71	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Theosophy	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jainism	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Religious Groups, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	76,979	39.9%	40.1%	53,058	28.4%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	226	0.1%	0.1%	209	0.1%	
Atheism	324	0.2%	0.1%	374	0.2%	
Humanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Multi Faith	11	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
New Age	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	141	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.1%	
Theism	26	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	47	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Not stated	17,435	9.0%	8.8%	18,231	9.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>192,690</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>186,763</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.