

Community report

West Coast (M)

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

AREA

West Coast (M)

COMPARISON

Regional Tas.

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

30 March 2026

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

West Coast (M) | Regional Tas. comparison | Persons

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Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in West Coast (M), accounting for 45% (1,916 people). This share was lower than Regional Tas. (49.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 529 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

West Coast (M) - Total persons (Usual residence)

| Category | 2021 | | | 2016 | | | Change | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|--------|------|
| | Count | % | Regional Tas. % | Count | % | Regional Tas. % | Count | pp |
| Inadequately described | 20 | 0.5% | 0.4% | 23 | 0.6% | 0.5% | -3 | -0.1 |
| Buddhism | 37 | 0.9% | 0.8% | 16 | 0.4% | 0.7% | +21 | +0.5 |
| Christianity, nfd | 94 | 2.2% | 2.9% | 80 | 1.9% | 3.0% | +14 | +0.3 |
| Anglican Church of Australia | 630 | 14.8% | 14.7% | 920 | 22.2% | 20.8% | -290 | -7.4 |
| Baptist | 22 | 0.5% | 1.6% | 38 | 0.9% | 2.0% | -16 | -0.4 |
| Brethren | — | — | 0.3% | — | — | 0.4% | — | — |
| Western Catholic | 705 | 16.6% | 11.7% | 934 | 22.6% | 14.5% | -229 | -6.0 |
| Maronite Catholic | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| Ukrainian Catholic | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | — | — | — |
| Syro Malabar Catholic | — | — | — | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |
| Catholic, nec | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | — | — | — |
| Churches of Christ, nfd | — | — | 0.1% | — | — | 0.0% | — | — |

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| | Count | % | Regional Tas. % | Count | % | Regiona |
| Churches of Christ (Conference) | 4 | 0.1% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Church of Christ (Non-denominational) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Jehovah's Witnesses | 24 | 0.6% | 0.5% | 15 | 0.4% | |
| The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints | 4 | 0.1% | 0.3% | – | – | |
| Lutheran | 10 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 17 | 0.4% | |
| Coptic Orthodox Church | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Syrian Orthodox Church | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ethiopian Orthodox Church | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Oriental Orthodox, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Assyrian Church of the East | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Eastern Orthodox, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Antiochian Orthodox | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Greek Orthodox | 5 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 5 | 0.1% | |
| Macedonian Orthodox | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Romanian Orthodox | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Russian Orthodox | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Serbian Orthodox | 3 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ukrainian Orthodox | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Eastern Orthodox, nec | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Presbyterian | 46 | 1.1% | 1.5% | 62 | 1.5% | |
| Reformed | – | – | 0.2% | 4 | 0.1% | |
| Free Reformed | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Salvation Army | 14 | 0.3% | 0.2% | 23 | 0.6% | |

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| | Count | % | Regional Tas. % | Count | % | Regiona |
| Seventh-day Adventist | 8 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 5 | 0.1% | |
| Uniting Church | 100 | 2.3% | 3.3% | 134 | 3.2% | |
| Pentecostal, nfd | 11 | 0.3% | 0.9% | 3 | 0.1% | |
| Apostolic Church (Australia) | – | – | – | – | – | |
| Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God) | – | – | 0.0% | 5 | 0.1% | |
| C3 Church Global (Christian City Church) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Revival Centres | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| United Pentecostal | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Acts 2 Alliance | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Revival Fellowship | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Pentecostal, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Other Protestant, nfd | 8 | 0.2% | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Born Again Christian | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Congregational | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ethnic Evangelical Churches | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Independent Evangelical Churches | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Wesleyan Methodist Church | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Christian Community Churches of Australia | – | – | 0.2% | – | – | |
| Methodist, so described | 3 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 17 | 0.4% | |
| Other Protestant, nec | 6 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Other Christian, nfd | – | – | – | – | – | |

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| Christadelphians | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Christian Science | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Gnostic Christians | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Liberal Catholic Church | 4 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ratana (Maori) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Religious Science | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Other Christian, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Hinduism | 25 | 0.6% | 1.0% | 8 | 0.2% | |
| Islam | 15 | 0.4% | 0.6% | – | – | |
| Judaism | – | – | 0.1% | – | – | |
| Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions | 6 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.1% | |
| Baha'i | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Ancestor Veneration | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Taoism | 7 | 0.2% | 0.0% | 4 | 0.1% | |
| Shinto | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Nature Religions, nfd | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Animism | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Druidism | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Paganism | 14 | 0.3% | 0.1% | 8 | 0.2% | |
| Wiccan (Witchcraft) | – | – | 0.0% | 4 | 0.1% | |
| Nature Religions, nec | 3 | 0.1% | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Sikhism | 3 | 0.1% | 0.2% | – | – | |

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| Spiritualism | 3 | 0.1% | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Mandaeen | — | — | — | — | — | |
| Church of Scientology | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Eckankar | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Rastafari | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Satanism | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Theosophy | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Jainism | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Zoroastrianism | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Religious Groups, nec | — | — | 0.1% | — | — | |
| Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| No Religion, so described | 1,916 | 45.0% | 49.3% | 1,387 | 33.5% | |
| Secular Beliefs, nfd | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Agnosticism | 3 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 5 | 0.1% | |
| Atheism | 11 | 0.3% | 0.2% | 7 | 0.2% | |
| Humanism | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Rationalism | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Secular Beliefs, nec | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Multi Faith | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| New Age | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |
| Own Spiritual Beliefs | 5 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 7 | 0.2% | |
| Theism | — | — | 0.0% | — | — | |

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| Unitarian Universalism | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec | – | – | 0.0% | – | – | |
| Not stated | 487 | 11.4% | 7.3% | 404 | 9.8% | |
| Total | 4,256 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 4,139 | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.