

Community report

Whitsunday (R)

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

AREA

Whitsunday (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 Whitsunday (R), accounting for 42.1% (15,639 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (40.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 6,104 people and 13.9 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

Whitsunday (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	202	0.5%	0.4%	145	0.4%	0.4%	+57	+0.1
Buddhism	338	0.9%	1.0%	421	1.2%	1.1%	-83	-0.3
Christianity, nfd	744	2.0%	3.0%	801	2.4%	3.0%	-57	-0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	4,424	11.9%	12.8%	5,622	16.7%	17.1%	-1,198	-4.8
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	367	1.0%	1.4%	407	1.2%	1.6%	-40	-0.2
Brethren	-	-	0.1%	-	-	0.1%	-	-
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	6,386	17.2%	18.7%	6,956	20.6%	22.0%	-570	-3.4
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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	15	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	228	0.6%	0.5%	268	0.8%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	56	0.2%	0.3%	60	0.2%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	169	0.5%	1.1%	202	0.6%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	4	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	69	0.2%	0.3%	66	0.2%	0.3%
Macedonian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Russian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
Serbian Orthodox	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
Presbyterian	700	1.9%	2.3%	994	2.9%	2.3%
Reformed	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Salvation Army	73	0.2%	0.2%	83	0.2%	0.2%
Seventh-day Adventist	103	0.3%	0.3%	80	0.2%	0.3%
Uniting Church	1,917	5.2%	4.0%	2,320	6.9%	4.0%
Pentecostal, nfd	230	0.6%	1.1%	262	0.8%	1.1%
Apostolic Church (Australia)	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	47	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.2%	0.1%
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	28	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	0.1%
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Rhema Family Church	—	—	—	—	—	
United Pentecostal	—	—	0.0%	9	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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Protestant, nfd	35	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Born Again Christian	21	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Church of the Nazarene	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Congregational	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Methodist, so described	46	0.1%	0.1%	34	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	16	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.1%	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	5	0.0%	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%	8	0.0%	–
Hinduism	104	0.3%	0.7%	85	0.3%	–
Islam	109	0.3%	0.5%	65	0.2%	–
Judaism	22	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Baha'i	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Chinese Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	4	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	14	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	16	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sikhism	58	0.2%	0.3%	37	0.1%	
Spiritualism	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Satanism	17	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Religious Groups, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	15,639	42.1%	40.1%	9,535	28.2%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Agnosticism	27	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Atheism	55	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.2%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Multi Faith	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	40	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Theism	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Not stated	4,686	12.6%	8.8%	4,882	14.5%	
Total	37,129	100.0%	100.0%	33,754	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.