

# Community report

## Armidale Regional

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

AREA

**Armidale Regional**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

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 Armidale Regional, accounting for 35% (10,192 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (37.4%).

## 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

Armidale Regional - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	117	0.4%	0.4%	–	–	0.4%	–	–
Buddhism	308	1.1%	0.8%	–	–	0.8%	–	–
Christianity, nfd	568	2.0%	2.2%	–	–	2.2%	–	–
Anglican Church of Australia	5,147	17.7%	17.0%	–	–	21.9%	–	–
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	248	0.9%	1.2%	–	–	1.3%	–	–
Brethren	162	0.6%	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	4,925	16.9%	21.0%	–	–	23.8%	–	–
Maronite Catholic	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	14	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	72	0.2%	0.4%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	35	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Community of Christ	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	45	0.2%	0.3%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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	–	–	–	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	58	0.2%	0.4%	–	–	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	996	3.4%	2.6%	–	–	
Reformed	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	76	0.3%	0.2%	–	–	
Seventh-day Adventist	149	0.5%	0.4%	–	–	
Uniting Church	697	2.4%	3.3%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nfd	177	0.6%	0.7%	–	–	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	14	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	45	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	23	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hinduism	435	1.5%	0.7%	–	–	
Islam	370	1.3%	0.7%	–	–	
Judaism	23	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	17	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	17	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Religions, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	47	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	15	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	97	0.3%	0.3%	–	–	
Spiritualism	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaeian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	528	1.8%	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	10,192	35.0%	37.4%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	41	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Atheism	55	0.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	29	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Theism	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Unitarian Universalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	3,189	11.0%	7.7%	–	–	
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,103</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.