

Community report

Ashburton (S)

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AREA

Ashburton (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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 Ashburton (S), accounting for 46.5% (3,430 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (45.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Western Catholic, which decreased by 1,608 people and 6 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

Ashburton (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	54	0.7%	0.4%	104	0.8%	0.5%	-50	-0.1
Buddhism	99	1.3%	0.9%	230	1.8%	1.0%	-131	-0.5
Christianity, nfd	156	2.1%	3.2%	327	2.5%	3.3%	-171	-0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	463	6.3%	11.3%	1,509	11.6%	16.4%	-1,046	-5.3
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	87	1.2%	1.6%	159	1.2%	1.8%	-72	0.0
Brethren	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	1,086	14.7%	15.7%	2,694	20.7%	19.3%	-1,608	-6.0
Maronite Catholic	8	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	5	0.1%	0.3%	12	0.1%	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	4	0.0%	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	17	0.2%	0.5%	34	0.3%	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	25	0.3%	0.2%	32	0.2%	–
Community of Christ	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lutheran	16	0.2%	0.3%	46	0.4%	–
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Greek Orthodox	9	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.2%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	4	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian Orthodox	5	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Serbian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Presbyterian	58	0.8%	0.9%	223	1.7%	1.7%
Reformed	–	–	0.1%	7	0.1%	0.1%
Free Reformed	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Salvation Army	3	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.1%	0.1%
Seventh-day Adventist	22	0.3%	0.4%	23	0.2%	0.2%
Uniting Church	79	1.1%	2.1%	259	2.0%	2.0%
Pentecostal, nfd	20	0.3%	0.5%	55	0.4%	0.4%
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	7	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.0%
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	6	0.1%	0.2%	15	0.1%	0.1%
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	–	–	0.1%	9	0.1%	0.1%
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Methodist, so described	8	0.1%	0.2%	22	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ratana (Maori)	10	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.1%	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hinduism	31	0.4%	0.4%	110	0.8%	–
Islam	56	0.8%	0.7%	103	0.8%	–
Judaism	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.1%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	89	1.2%	0.2%	101	0.8%	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Bahai	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Druse	–	–	–	–	–	–
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	–	3	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	4	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Sikhism	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Satanism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
No Religion, so described	3,430	46.5%	45.6%	4,391	33.7%	33.7%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	–	–	0.1%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Atheism	6	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	0.1%
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	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	4	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	1,502	20.4%	12.1%	2,385	18.3%	18.3%
Total	7,378	100.0%	100.0%	13,012	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.