

Community report

Barkly (R)

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Barkly (R)

COMPARISON

Regional NT

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 Barkly (R), accounting for 30.1% (1,907 people). This share was lower than Regional NT (32.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions, which decreased by 369 people and 5.5 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

Barkly (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	44	0.7%	0.5%	12	0.2%	0.4%	+32	+0.5
Buddhism	34	0.5%	0.8%	36	0.5%	0.9%	-2	0.0
Christianity, nfd	310	4.9%	4.9%	141	2.1%	2.3%	+169	+2.8
Anglican Church of Australia	215	3.4%	6.3%	302	4.5%	8.0%	-87	-1.1
Anglican Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Baptist	1,283	20.3%	4.1%	1,084	16.3%	3.7%	+199	+4.0
Brethren	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Catholic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Western Catholic	601	9.5%	14.9%	637	9.6%	17.7%	-36	-0.1
Syro Malabar Catholic	4	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Catholic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Churches of Christ (Conference)	4	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Jehovah's Witnesses	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	5	0.1%	0.3%	32	0.5%	
Lutheran	318	5.0%	5.1%	600	9.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	5	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greek Orthodox	25	0.4%	0.2%	29	0.4%	
Russian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	32	0.5%	0.6%	38	0.6%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	4	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	82	1.3%	0.5%	24	0.4%	
Uniting Church	81	1.3%	6.1%	147	2.2%	
Pentecostal, nfd	39	0.6%	0.9%	22	0.3%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	11	0.2%	0.6%	42	0.6%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	–	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Other Protestant, nfd	6	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	341	5.4%	1.2%	461	6.9%	
Born Again Christian	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	–	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	3	0.0%	0.2%	13	0.2%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.1%	
Hinduism	64	1.0%	1.1%	28	0.4%	
Islam	36	0.6%	0.5%	16	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Judaism	5	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	47	0.7%	3.7%	416	6.2%	
Baha'i	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Confucianism	—	—	—	—	—	
Taoism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Shinto	—	—	—	—	—	
Animism	—	—	—	—	—	
Druidism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Paganism	4	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nature Religions, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sikhism	13	0.2%	0.5%	4	0.1%	
Spiritualism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mandaean	—	—	—	—	—	
Church of Scientology	—	—	—	—	—	
Rastafari	6	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	
Satanism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Theosophy	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jainism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Religious Groups, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
No Religion, so described	1,907	30.1%	32.6%	1,686	25.3%	
Agnosticism	4	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	
Atheism	—	—	0.1%	9	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Humanism	–	–	–	–	–	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Theism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	798	12.6%	12.9%	855	12.8%	
Total	6,331	100.0%	100.0%	6,657	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.