

# Community report

## Busselton (C)

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

AREA

**Busselton (C)**

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 Busselton (C), accounting for 49.5% (20,091 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (45.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 6,771 people and 13.2 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

Busselton (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	190	0.5%	0.4%	203	0.6%	0.5%	-13	-0.1
Buddhism	386	1.0%	0.9%	406	1.1%	1.0%	-20	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	1,110	2.7%	3.2%	1,134	3.1%	3.3%	-24	-0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	5,981	14.7%	11.3%	7,550	20.6%	16.4%	-1,569	-5.9
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	520	1.3%	1.6%	564	1.5%	1.8%	-44	-0.2
Brethren	–	–	0.1%	8	0.0%	0.1%	–	–
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	5,916	14.6%	15.7%	6,176	16.8%	19.3%	-260	-2.2
Maronite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.1%	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	196	0.5%	0.3%	166	0.5%	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	300	0.7%	0.5%	231	0.6%	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	49	0.1%	0.2%	62	0.2%	–
Community of Christ	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lutheran	100	0.2%	0.3%	125	0.3%	–
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	70	0.2%	0.2%	51	0.1%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	4	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	380	0.9%	0.9%	522	1.4%	1.4%
Reformed	29	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	0.1%
Free Reformed	36	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	0.1%
Salvation Army	42	0.1%	0.1%	88	0.2%	0.2%
Seventh-day Adventist	129	0.3%	0.4%	136	0.4%	0.4%
Uniting Church	1,063	2.6%	2.1%	1,222	3.3%	3.3%
Pentecostal, nfd	194	0.5%	0.5%	195	0.5%	0.5%
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.0%
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	4	0.0%	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%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Other Protestant, nfd	29	0.1%	0.2%	16	0.0%	0.0%
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	37	0.1%	0.1%	19	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Independent Evangelical Churches	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wesleyan Methodist Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Christian Community Churches of Australia	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
Methodist, so described	59	0.1%	0.2%	64	0.2%	—
United Methodist Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Protestant, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Other Christian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Christadelphians	17	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.1%	—
Christian Science	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gnostic Christians	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Liberal Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Apostolic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ratana (Maori)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Christian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Hinduism	126	0.3%	0.4%	94	0.3%	—
Islam	191	0.5%	0.7%	158	0.4%	—
Judaism	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	—
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	8	0.0%	0.2%	6	0.0%	—

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Bahai	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Taoism	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Druse	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shinto	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Sukyo Mahikari	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nature Religions, nfd	—	—	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Animism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Druidism	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Paganism	25	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	0.1%
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Nature Religions, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Sikhism	74	0.2%	0.1%	38	0.1%	0.1%
Spiritualism	24	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.1%	0.1%
Mandaeen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Caodaism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Church of Scientology	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Eckankar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Rastafari	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Satanism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Theosophy	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jainism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Zoroastrianism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Religious Groups, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
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Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
No Religion, so described	20,091	49.5%	45.6%	13,320	36.3%	36.3%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	34	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	0.1%
Atheism	52	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.2%	0.2%
Humanism	6	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Multi Faith	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
New Age	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Own Spiritual Beliefs	45	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.1%	0.1%
Not stated	2,954	7.3%	12.1%	3,622	9.9%	12.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,597</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>36,661</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.