

# Community report

## Coober Pedy (DC)

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

AREA

**Coober Pedy (DC)**

COMPARISON

**Regional SA**

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 Cooper Pedy (DC), accounting for 30.2% (479 people). This share was lower than Regional SA (47.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which decreased by 63 people and 0.7 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

Coober Pedy (DC) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	5	0.3%	0.3%	14	0.8%	0.4%	-9	-0.5
Buddhism	78	4.9%	0.6%	48	2.7%	0.6%	+30	+2.2
Christianity, nfd	42	2.6%	2.5%	46	2.6%	2.7%	-4	0.0
Anglican Church of Australia	83	5.2%	7.8%	114	6.5%	10.7%	-31	-1.3
Baptist	13	0.8%	1.1%	11	0.6%	1.2%	+2	+0.2
Brethren	19	1.2%	0.0%	21	1.2%	0.1%	-2	0.0
Western Catholic	253	16.0%	11.7%	297	16.9%	14.5%	-44	-0.9
Maronite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Syro Malabar Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Catholic, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Churches of Christ, nfd	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Churches of Christ (Conference)	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	6	0.4%	0.4%	5	0.3%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	3	0.2%	0.1%	3	0.2%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	34	2.1%	5.3%	44	2.5%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greek Orthodox	89	5.6%	0.6%	111	6.3%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian Orthodox	19	1.2%	0.0%	16	0.9%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	7	0.4%	1.1%	13	0.7%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	–	–	0.2%	3	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	6	0.4%	0.2%	19	1.1%	
Uniting Church	30	1.9%	7.7%	48	2.7%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Pentecostal, nfd	10	0.6%	1.0%	10	0.6%	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	13	0.8%	0.1%	12	0.7%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	10	0.6%	0.1%	6	0.3%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	3	0.2%	0.0%	4	0.2%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hinduism	–	–	0.3%	11	0.6%	
Islam	17	1.1%	0.4%	26	1.5%	
Judaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	10	0.6%	0.1%	–	–	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nec	3	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	7	0.4%	0.3%	9	0.5%	
Spiritualism	3	0.2%	0.0%	3	0.2%	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	–	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
No Religion, so described	479	30.2%	47.5%	542	30.9%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Atheism	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	3	0.2%	0.1%	4	0.2%	
Theism	3	0.2%	0.0%	–	–	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	337	21.3%	8.9%	314	17.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,754</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.