

# Community report

## Cowra (A)

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

AREA

**Cowra (A)**

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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01

## Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Cowra (A), accounting for 26.7% (3,404 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 1,317 people and 9.9 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

Cowra (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

| Category                     | 2021  |       |                | 2016  |       |                | Change |      |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|----------------|--------|------|
|                              | Count | %     | Regional NSW % | Count | %     | Regional NSW % | Count  | pp   |
| Inadequately described       | 33    | 0.3%  | 0.4%           | 27    | 0.2%  | 0.4%           | +6     | +0.1 |
| Buddhism                     | 60    | 0.5%  | 0.8%           | 62    | 0.5%  | 0.8%           | -2     | 0.0  |
| Christianity, nfd            | 224   | 1.8%  | 2.2%           | 269   | 2.2%  | 2.2%           | -45    | -0.4 |
| Anglican Church of Australia | 2,766 | 21.7% | 17.0%          | 3,257 | 26.2% | 21.9%          | -491   | -4.5 |
| Anglican Catholic Church     | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —      | —    |
| Anglican, nec                | —     | —     | —              | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —      | —    |
| Baptist                      | 160   | 1.3%  | 1.2%           | 172   | 1.4%  | 1.3%           | -12    | -0.1 |
| Brethren                     | 149   | 1.2%  | 0.1%           | 152   | 1.2%  | 0.1%           | -3     | 0.0  |
| Catholic, nfd                | —     | —     | —              | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —      | —    |
| Western Catholic             | 3,288 | 25.8% | 21.0%          | 3,610 | 29.0% | 23.8%          | -322   | -3.2 |
| Maronite Catholic            | —     | —     | 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                           | 7     | 0.1% | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Catholic, nec                                   | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Churches of Christ, nfd                         | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Churches of Christ (Conference)                 | 4     | 0.0% | 0.1%           | —     | —    |          |
| Church of Christ (Non-denominational)           | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| International Church of Christ                  | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Jehovah's Witnesses                             | 118   | 0.9% | 0.4%           | 121   | 1.0% |          |
| The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints | 41    | 0.3% | 0.1%           | 50    | 0.4% |          |
| Community of Christ                             | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Lutheran                                        | 20    | 0.2% | 0.3%           | 25    | 0.2% |          |
| Oriental Orthodox, nfd                          | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Armenian Apostolic                              | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Coptic Orthodox Church                          | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Syrian Orthodox Church                          | 9     | 0.1% | 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                           | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Antiochian Orthodox                             | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |

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|                                                                | Count | %    | Regional NSW % | Count | %    | Regional |
| Greek Orthodox                                                 | 47    | 0.4% | 0.4%           | 30    | 0.2% |          |
| Macedonian Orthodox                                            | —     | —    | 0.3%           | —     | —    |          |
| Romanian Orthodox                                              | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Russian Orthodox                                               | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 6     | 0.0% |          |
| Serbian Orthodox                                               | —     | —    | 0.1%           | —     | —    |          |
| Ukrainian Orthodox                                             | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Eastern Orthodox, nec                                          | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd                                 | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Presbyterian                                                   | 482   | 3.8% | 2.6%           | 624   | 5.0% |          |
| Reformed                                                       | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Free Reformed                                                  | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Salvation Army                                                 | 23    | 0.2% | 0.2%           | 40    | 0.3% |          |
| Seventh-day Adventist                                          | 13    | 0.1% | 0.4%           | 7     | 0.1% |          |
| Uniting Church                                                 | 454   | 3.6% | 3.3%           | 521   | 4.2% |          |
| Pentecostal, nfd                                               | 81    | 0.6% | 0.7%           | 61    | 0.5% |          |
| Apostolic Church (Australia)                                   | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)              | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)                       | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres) | 3     | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |
| CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)                  | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Foursquare Gospel Church                                       | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)           | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |

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|                                           | 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                     | 6     | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 19    | 0.2% |          |
| Aboriginal Evangelical Missions           | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Born Again Christian                      | 6     | 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                   | 16    | 0.1% | 0.1%           | 11    | 0.1% |          |
| United Methodist Church                   | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Other Protestant, nec                     | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Other Christian, nfd                      | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Apostolic Church of Queensland            | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Christadelphians                          | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Christian Science                         | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |

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|                                                         | 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)                                          | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Religious Science                                       | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)                  | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Temple Society                                          | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God) | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Other Christian, nec                                    | 8     | 0.1% | 0.0%           | 11    | 0.1% |          |
| Hinduism                                                | 33    | 0.3% | 0.7%           | 12    | 0.1% |          |
| Islam                                                   | 25    | 0.2% | 0.7%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |
| Judaism                                                 | 6     | 0.0% | 0.1%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |
| Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions             | 13    | 0.1% | 0.0%           | 9     | 0.1% |          |
| Baha'i                                                  | 6     | 0.0% | 0.0%           | 3     | 0.0% |          |
| Confucianism                                            | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Taoism                                                  | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Chinese Religions, nec                                  | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Druse                                                   | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Shinto                                                  | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Sukyo Mahikari                                          | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Nature Religions, nfd                                   | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |
| Animism                                                 | —     | —    | 0.0%           | —     | —    |          |

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| Druidism                                                                      | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —     | —     |          |
| Paganism                                                                      | 6     | 0.0%  | 0.1%           | 9     | 0.1%  |          |
| Wiccan (Witchcraft)                                                           | 7     | 0.1%  | 0.0%           | 7     | 0.1%  |          |
| Nature Religions, nec                                                         | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —     | —     |          |
| Sikhism                                                                       | 7     | 0.1%  | 0.3%           | 10    | 0.1%  |          |
| Spiritualism                                                                  | 4     | 0.0%  | 0.0%           | 5     | 0.0%  |          |
| Mandaeen                                                                      | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —     | —     |          |
| Yezidi                                                                        | —     | —     | 0.1%           | —     | —     |          |
| Caodaism                                                                      | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —     | —     |          |
| Church of Scientology                                                         | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —     | —     |          |
| Eckankar                                                                      | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —     | —     |          |
| Rastafari                                                                     | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —     | —     |          |
| Satanism                                                                      | —     | —     | 0.0%           | 6     | 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 | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —     | —     |          |
| No Religion, so described                                                     | 3,404 | 26.7% | 37.4%          | 2,087 | 16.8% | 2        |
| Secular Beliefs, nfd                                                          | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —     | —     |          |
| Agnosticism                                                                   | 4     | 0.0%  | 0.1%           | 3     | 0.0%  |          |
| Atheism                                                                       | 16    | 0.1%  | 0.1%           | 8     | 0.1%  |          |
| Humanism                                                                      | —     | —     | 0.0%           | —     | —     |          |



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|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                              | Count         | %             | Regional NSW % | Count         | %             | Regional      |
| 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        | 11            | 0.1%          | 0.1%           | 4             | 0.0%          |               |
| Theism                       | —             | —             | 0.0%           | —             | —             |               |
| Unitarian Universalism       | —             | —             | 0.0%           | —             | —             |               |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec | 3             | 0.0%          | 0.0%           | —             | —             |               |
| Not stated                   | 1,160         | 9.1%          | 7.7%           | 1,206         | 9.7%          |               |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>12,736</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>12,453</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.