

Community report

Esperance (S)

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

AREA

Esperance (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

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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 Esperance (S), accounting for 48.9% (6,791 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (45.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 2,080 people and 15.8 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

Esperance (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	44	0.3%	0.4%	63	0.4%	0.5%	-19	-0.1
Buddhism	90	0.6%	0.9%	81	0.6%	1.0%	+9	0.0
Christianity, nfd	663	4.8%	3.2%	784	5.5%	3.3%	-121	-0.7
Anglican Church of Australia	1,502	10.8%	11.3%	2,442	17.2%	16.4%	-940	-6.4
Anglican Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Anglican, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Baptist	203	1.5%	1.6%	213	1.5%	1.8%	-10	0.0
Brethren	4	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
Catholic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Western Catholic	1,604	11.6%	15.7%	2,268	15.9%	19.3%	-664	-4.3
Maronite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Ukrainian Catholic	—	—	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	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	47	0.3%	0.3%	46	0.3%	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	119	0.9%	0.5%	113	0.8%	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	8	0.1%	0.2%	17	0.1%	–
Community of Christ	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lutheran	177	1.3%	0.3%	187	1.3%	–
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syrian Orthodox Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Greek Orthodox	10	0.1%	0.2%	13	0.1%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Presbyterian	184	1.3%	0.9%	235	1.7%	0.9%
Reformed	7	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	0.1%
Free Reformed	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%
Salvation Army	14	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.2%	0.1%
Seventh-day Adventist	65	0.5%	0.4%	110	0.8%	0.4%
Uniting Church	405	2.9%	2.1%	619	4.3%	2.1%
Pentecostal, nfd	83	0.6%	0.5%	146	1.0%	0.5%
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	11	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	0.1%
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Other Protestant, nfd	37	0.3%	0.2%	36	0.3%	0.2%
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%
Born Again Christian	10	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	0.1%
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
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%	4	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	32	0.2%	0.2%	28	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	9	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	15	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.1%	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Hinduism	15	0.1%	0.4%	14	0.1%	–
Islam	18	0.1%	0.7%	6	0.0%	–
Judaism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	9	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Bahai	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	–	–	–	–	–	–
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	5	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.1%	0.1%
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sikhism	5	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.1%	0.1%
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Satanism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
No Religion, so described	6,791	48.9%	45.6%	4,711	33.1%	33.1%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	11	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	0.1%
Atheism	13	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.2%	0.2%
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Age	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Own Spiritual Beliefs	7	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Not stated	1,639	11.8%	12.1%	1,894	13.3%	13.3%
Total	13,880	100.0%	100.0%	14,235	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.