

# Community report

## Lismore (C)

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

AREA

**Lismore (C)**

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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## Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Lismore (C), accounting for 43.1% (19,112 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 5,014 people and 10.4 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

Lismore (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	256	0.6%	0.4%	374	0.9%	0.4%	-118	-0.3
Buddhism	535	1.2%	0.8%	564	1.3%	0.8%	-29	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	1,138	2.6%	2.2%	1,034	2.4%	2.2%	+104	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	5,085	11.5%	17.0%	6,304	14.6%	21.9%	-1,219	-3.1
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	316	0.7%	1.2%	385	0.9%	1.3%	-69	-0.2
Brethren	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	8,110	18.3%	21.0%	9,079	21.1%	23.8%	-969	-2.8
Maronite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	7	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	27	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	165	0.4%	0.4%	198	0.5%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	53	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.2%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	57	0.1%	0.3%	86	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	56	0.1%	0.4%	61	0.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	1,565	3.5%	2.6%	2,016	4.7%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	80	0.2%	0.2%	110	0.3%	
Seventh-day Adventist	295	0.7%	0.4%	295	0.7%	
Uniting Church	1,561	3.5%	3.3%	2,043	4.7%	
Pentecostal, nfd	359	0.8%	0.7%	341	0.8%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	21	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	14	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	51	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	19	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	24	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	136	0.3%	0.0%	171	0.4%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	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)	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Hinduism	159	0.4%	0.7%	107	0.2%	
Islam	141	0.3%	0.7%	116	0.3%	
Judaism	45	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	19	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.1%	
Baha'i	21	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.1%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	25	0.1%	0.0%	22	0.1%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Animism	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paganism	77	0.2%	0.1%	114	0.3%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	40	0.1%	0.0%	40	0.1%	
Nature Religions, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Sikhism	128	0.3%	0.3%	49	0.1%	
Spiritualism	19	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.1%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Satanism	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Religious Groups, nec	153	0.3%	0.0%	126	0.3%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	19,112	43.1%	37.4%	14,098	32.7%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	76	0.2%	0.1%	76	0.2%	
Atheism	96	0.2%	0.1%	81	0.2%	
Humanism	5	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rationalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Secular Beliefs, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Multi Faith	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
New Age	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	57	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.2%	
Theism	23	0.1%	0.0%	33	0.1%	
Unitarian Universalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	40	0.1%	0.0%	45	0.1%	
Not stated	3,955	8.9%	7.7%	4,528	10.5%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,298</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>43,125</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.