

Community report

MacDonnell (R)

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COMPARISON

Regional NT

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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Lutheran was the most common religious affiliation among residents in MacDonnell (R), accounting for 38.5% (2,217 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (5.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 430 people and 7.9 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

MacDonnell (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	–	–	0.5%	19	0.3%	0.4%	–	–
Buddhism	7	0.1%	0.8%	3	0.0%	0.9%	+4	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	67	1.2%	4.9%	154	2.6%	2.3%	-87	-1.4
Anglican Church of Australia	61	1.1%	6.3%	96	1.6%	8.0%	-35	-0.5
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Baptist	61	1.1%	4.1%	31	0.5%	3.7%	+30	+0.6
Brethren	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Catholic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Western Catholic	861	15.0%	14.9%	949	15.8%	17.7%	-88	-0.8
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	–	–	0.1%	7	0.1%	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Jehovah's Witnesses	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	4	0.1%	0.3%	–	–	
Lutheran	2,217	38.5%	5.1%	2,169	36.1%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greek Orthodox	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	5	0.1%	0.6%	14	0.2%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Seventh-day Adventist	78	1.4%	0.5%	45	0.7%	
Uniting Church	61	1.1%	6.1%	81	1.3%	
Pentecostal, nfd	6	0.1%	0.9%	7	0.1%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	15	0.3%	0.6%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	–	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Other Protestant, nfd	5	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	1.2%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	–	–	–	
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%	–	–	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hinduism	11	0.2%	1.1%	3	0.0%	
Islam	4	0.1%	0.5%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Judaism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	111	1.9%	3.7%	75	1.2%	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Confucianism	–	–	–	–	–	
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Shinto	–	–	–	–	–	
Animism	–	–	–	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	–	–	0.5%	–	–	
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaean	–	–	–	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	–	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	954	16.6%	32.6%	524	8.7%	
Agnosticism	3	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Atheism	3	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Humanism	–	–	–	–	–	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	7	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Theism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	3	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	1,207	21.0%	12.9%	1,813	30.2%	
Total	5,751	100.0%	100.0%	6,002	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.