

Community report

Maitland (C)

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

AREA

Maitland (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 Maitland (C), accounting for 38.1% (34,371 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 15,834 people and 14.1 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

Maitland (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	395	0.4%	0.4%	292	0.4%	0.4%	+103	0.0
Buddhism	496	0.5%	0.8%	480	0.6%	0.8%	+16	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	1,934	2.1%	2.2%	1,683	2.2%	2.2%	+251	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	16,501	18.3%	17.0%	18,656	24.1%	21.9%	-2,155	-5.8
Anglican Catholic Church	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Anglican, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Baptist	1,318	1.5%	1.2%	1,431	1.9%	1.3%	-113	-0.4
Brethren	196	0.2%	0.1%	171	0.2%	0.1%	+25	0.0
Catholic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Western Catholic	20,623	22.9%	21.0%	20,549	26.6%	23.8%	+74	-3.7
Maronite Catholic	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Melkite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	51	0.1%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	62	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	210	0.2%	0.4%	202	0.3%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	165	0.2%	0.1%	207	0.3%	
Community of Christ	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Lutheran	102	0.1%	0.3%	133	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	7	0.0%	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%	6	0.0%	
Antiochian Orthodox	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	191	0.2%	0.4%	148	0.2%	
Macedonian Orthodox	22	0.0%	0.3%	14	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	42	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	26	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	1,976	2.2%	2.6%	2,357	3.0%	
Reformed	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	311	0.3%	0.2%	383	0.5%	
Seventh-day Adventist	200	0.2%	0.4%	211	0.3%	
Uniting Church	3,063	3.4%	3.3%	3,791	4.9%	
Pentecostal, nfd	684	0.8%	0.7%	574	0.7%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	38	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	18	0.0%	0.1%	25	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%	5	0.0%	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	103	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	15	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	26	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	208	0.2%	0.1%	113	0.1%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	21	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	152	0.2%	0.1%	162	0.2%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hinduism	647	0.7%	0.7%	357	0.5%	
Islam	537	0.6%	0.7%	288	0.4%	
Judaism	44	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	19	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Baha'i	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Paganism	106	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	34	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sikhism	295	0.3%	0.3%	116	0.2%	
Spiritualism	31	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	26	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	34,371	38.1%	37.4%	18,537	24.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	96	0.1%	0.1%	79	0.1%	
Atheism	124	0.1%	0.1%	126	0.2%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	20	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Multi Faith	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	90	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Theism	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Not stated	4,406	4.9%	7.7%	5,415	7.0%	
Total	90,231	100.0%	100.0%	77,303	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.