

# Community report

## Merredin (S)

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

AREA

**Merredin (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional WA**

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

Merredin (S) | Regional WA comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Merredin (S), accounting for 43% (1,347 people). This share was lower than Regional WA (45.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Western Catholic, which decreased by 188 people and 4.7 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

Merredin (S) – Total persons (Usual residence)

| Category                     | 2021  |       |               | 2016  |       |               | Change |      |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|---------------|--------|------|
|                              | Count | %     | Regional WA % | Count | %     | Regional WA % | Count  | pp   |
| Inadequately described       | 6     | 0.2%  | 0.4%          | 16    | 0.5%  | 0.5%          | -10    | -0.3 |
| Buddhism                     | 15    | 0.5%  | 0.9%          | 12    | 0.4%  | 1.0%          | +3     | +0.1 |
| Christianity, nfd            | 84    | 2.7%  | 3.2%          | 123   | 3.7%  | 3.3%          | -39    | -1.0 |
| Anglican Church of Australia | 359   | 11.5% | 11.3%         | 543   | 16.3% | 16.4%         | -184   | -4.8 |
| Anglican Catholic Church     | —     | —     | 0.0%          | —     | —     | —             | —      | —    |
| Anglican, nec                | —     | —     | 0.0%          | —     | —     | 0.0%          | —      | —    |
| Baptist                      | 14    | 0.4%  | 1.6%          | 11    | 0.3%  | 1.8%          | +3     | +0.1 |
| Brethren                     | —     | —     | 0.1%          | —     | —     | 0.1%          | —      | —    |
| Catholic, nfd                | —     | —     | —             | —     | —     | 0.0%          | —      | —    |
| Western Catholic             | 490   | 15.6% | 15.7%         | 678   | 20.3% | 19.3%         | -188   | -4.7 |
| 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                         | 3     | 0.1% | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Churches of Christ (Conference)                 | 54    | 1.7% | 0.3%          | 56    | 1.7% | —             |
| Church of Christ (Non-denominational)           | —     | —    | —             | —     | —    | —             |
| Jehovah's Witnesses                             | 28    | 0.9% | 0.5%          | 17    | 0.5% | —             |
| The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints | —     | —    | 0.2%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Community of Christ                             | —     | —    | —             | —     | —    | —             |
| Lutheran                                        | 4     | 0.1% | 0.3%          | 5     | 0.2% | —             |
| Armenian Apostolic                              | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Coptic Orthodox Church                          | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Syrian Orthodox Church                          | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Ethiopian Orthodox Church                       | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Oriental Orthodox, nec                          | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Antiochian Orthodox                             | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Greek Orthodox                                  | —     | —    | 0.2%          | 4     | 0.1% | —             |
| Macedonian Orthodox                             | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Romanian Orthodox                               | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Russian Orthodox                                | 5     | 0.2% | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Serbian Orthodox                                | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Ukrainian Orthodox                              | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Eastern Orthodox, nec                           | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd                  | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |

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|                                                                | Count | %    | Regional WA % | Count | %    | Regional WA % |
| Presbyterian                                                   | 32    | 1.0% | 0.9%          | 43    | 1.3% | 0.9%          |
| Reformed                                                       | —     | —    | 0.1%          | —     | —    | 0.1%          |
| Free Reformed                                                  | —     | —    | 0.1%          | —     | —    | 0.1%          |
| Salvation Army                                                 | 13    | 0.4% | 0.1%          | 10    | 0.3% | 0.1%          |
| Seventh-day Adventist                                          | 78    | 2.5% | 0.4%          | 69    | 2.1% | 0.4%          |
| Uniting Church                                                 | 128   | 4.1% | 2.1%          | 178   | 5.3% | 2.1%          |
| Pentecostal, nfd                                               | 12    | 0.4% | 0.5%          | 19    | 0.6% | 0.5%          |
| Apostolic Church (Australia)                                   | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | 0.0%          |
| Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)              | —     | —    | 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                                          | —     | —    | 0.2%          | 3     | 0.1% | 0.2%          |
| Aboriginal Evangelical Missions                                | —     | —    | 0.1%          | —     | —    | 0.1%          |
| Born Again Christian                                           | —     | —    | 0.1%          | —     | —    | 0.1%          |
| Christian and Missionary Alliance                              | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | 0.0%          |
| Church of the Nazarene                                         | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | 0.0%          |

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| 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%          | 6     | 0.2% | —             |
| United Methodist Church                                 | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Other Protestant, nec                                   | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Other Christian, nfd                                    | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Christadelphians                                        | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Christian Science                                       | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Gnostic Christians                                      | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Liberal Catholic Church                                 | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| New Apostolic Church                                    | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Ratana (Maori)                                          | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)                  | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God) | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Other Christian, nec                                    | —     | —    | 0.0%          | 3     | 0.1% | —             |
| Hinduism                                                | 6     | 0.2% | 0.4%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Islam                                                   | 11    | 0.4% | 0.7%          | 6     | 0.2% | —             |
| Judaism                                                 | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions             | —     | —    | 0.2%          | —     | —    | —             |

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|                       | Count | %    | Regional WA % | Count | %    | Regional WA % |
| Baha'i                | 3     | 0.1% | 0.0%          | 5     | 0.2% | 0.0%          |
| Taoism                | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Druse                 | —     | —    | —             | —     | —    | —             |
| Shinto                | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Sukyo Mahikari        | —     | —    | —             | —     | —    | —             |
| Nature Religions, nfd | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Animism               | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Druidism              | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Paganism              | —     | —    | 0.1%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Wiccan (Witchcraft)   | 4     | 0.1% | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Nature Religions, nec | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Sikhism               | 4     | 0.1% | 0.1%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Spiritualism          | 5     | 0.2% | 0.0%          | 3     | 0.1% | —             |
| Mandaeen              | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Caodaism              | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Church of Scientology | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Eckankar              | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Rastafari             | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Satanism              | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Theosophy             | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Jainism               | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Zoroastrianism        | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |
| Religious Groups, nec | —     | —    | 0.0%          | —     | —    | —             |

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|                                                                               | Count        | %             | Regional WA % | Count        | %             | Regional WA % |
| Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd | —            | —             | 0.0%          | —            | —             | —             |
| No Religion, so described                                                     | 1,347        | 43.0%         | 45.6%         | 1,177        | 35.3%         | 35.3%         |
| Secular Beliefs, nfd                                                          | —            | —             | 0.0%          | —            | —             | —             |
| Agnosticism                                                                   | 7            | 0.2%          | 0.1%          | —            | —             | —             |
| Atheism                                                                       | 6            | 0.2%          | 0.1%          | 8            | 0.2%          | 0.2%          |
| Humanism                                                                      | —            | —             | 0.0%          | —            | —             | —             |
| Rationalism                                                                   | —            | —             | 0.0%          | —            | —             | —             |
| Secular Beliefs, nec                                                          | —            | —             | 0.0%          | —            | —             | —             |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd                                                  | —            | —             | 0.0%          | —            | —             | —             |
| Multi Faith                                                                   | 3            | 0.1%          | 0.0%          | —            | —             | —             |
| New Age                                                                       | —            | —             | 0.0%          | —            | —             | —             |
| Own Spiritual Beliefs                                                         | 7            | 0.2%          | 0.1%          | 4            | 0.1%          | 0.1%          |
| Theism                                                                        | —            | —             | 0.0%          | —            | —             | —             |
| Unitarian Universalism                                                        | —            | —             | 0.0%          | —            | —             | —             |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec                                                  | —            | —             | 0.0%          | —            | —             | —             |
| Not stated                                                                    | 403          | 12.9%         | 12.1%         | 333          | 10.0%         | 10.0%         |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                  | <b>3,131</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>3,332</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.