

# Community report

## Mid-Coast (A)

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

AREA

**Mid-Coast (A)**

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 Mid-Coast (A), accounting for 36.2% (34,922 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 12,874 people and 11.8 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

Mid-Coast (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	285	0.3%	0.4%	249	0.3%	0.4%	+36	0.0
Buddhism	658	0.7%	0.8%	670	0.7%	0.8%	-12	0.0
Christianity, nfd	2,132	2.2%	2.2%	1,941	2.1%	2.2%	+191	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	21,797	22.6%	17.0%	25,841	28.6%	21.9%	-4,044	-6.0
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	1,628	1.7%	1.2%	1,926	2.1%	1.3%	-298	-0.4
Brethren	4	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	0.1%	-9	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	16,162	16.7%	21.0%	17,209	19.1%	23.8%	-1,047	-2.4
Maronite Catholic	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	+5	0.0
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Chaldean Catholic	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Syro Malabar Catholic	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Churches of Christ, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	84	0.1%	0.1%	152	0.2%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
International Church of Christ	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jehovah's Witnesses	635	0.7%	0.4%	528	0.6%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	107	0.1%	0.1%	138	0.2%	
Community of Christ	63	0.1%	0.0%	80	0.1%	
Lutheran	176	0.2%	0.3%	174	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Armenian Apostolic	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Coptic Orthodox Church	28	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Assyrian Church of the East	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Ancient Church of the East	—	—	—	3	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Antiochian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	194	0.2%	0.4%	166	0.2%	
Macedonian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.3%	4	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	30	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	18	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	2,869	3.0%	2.6%	3,481	3.9%	
Reformed	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	388	0.4%	0.2%	472	0.5%	
Seventh-day Adventist	328	0.3%	0.4%	271	0.3%	
Uniting Church	3,759	3.9%	3.3%	4,883	5.4%	
Pentecostal, nfd	298	0.3%	0.7%	416	0.5%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	36	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	120	0.1%	0.1%	87	0.1%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	4	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	72	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	30	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	147	0.2%	0.1%	111	0.1%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	20	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	137	0.1%	0.1%	147	0.2%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Christian, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	24	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Hinduism	316	0.3%	0.7%	150	0.2%	
Islam	211	0.2%	0.7%	104	0.1%	
Judaism	66	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	68	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Baha'i	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Animism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Paganism	75	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	30	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sikhism	70	0.1%	0.3%	37	0.0%	
Spiritualism	29	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	34,922	36.2%	37.4%	22,048	24.4%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	62	0.1%	0.1%	71	0.1%	
Atheism	128	0.1%	0.1%	106	0.1%	
Humanism	8	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Multi Faith	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
New Age	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	126	0.1%	0.1%	69	0.1%	
Theism	23	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Not stated	7,948	8.2%	7.7%	8,107	9.0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,532</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>90,283</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.