

Community report

Muswellbrook (A)

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

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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 Muswellbrook (A), accounting for 33.5% (5,474 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 1,869 people and 11.1 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

Muswellbrook (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	82	0.5%	0.4%	73	0.5%	0.4%	+9	0.0
Buddhism	117	0.7%	0.8%	74	0.5%	0.8%	+43	+0.2
Christianity, nfd	257	1.6%	2.2%	280	1.7%	2.2%	-23	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	4,172	25.6%	17.0%	4,813	29.9%	21.9%	-641	-4.3
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	198	1.2%	1.2%	197	1.2%	1.3%	+1	0.0
Brethren	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	3,391	20.8%	21.0%	3,944	24.5%	23.8%	-553	-3.7
Maronite Catholic	–	–	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%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	72	0.4%	0.4%	62	0.4%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	11	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	13	0.1%	0.3%	18	0.1%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	9	0.1%	0.0%	3	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	19	0.1%	0.4%	18	0.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	316	1.9%	2.6%	435	2.7%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	13	0.1%	0.2%	29	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	39	0.2%	0.4%	41	0.3%	
Uniting Church	390	2.4%	3.3%	498	3.1%	
Pentecostal, nfd	57	0.3%	0.7%	54	0.3%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	5	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	5	0.0%	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	9	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.1%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	15	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	9	0.1%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	11	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Hinduism	69	0.4%	0.7%	55	0.3%	
Islam	59	0.4%	0.7%	43	0.3%	
Judaism	10	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Paganism	20	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.2%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	42	0.3%	0.3%	16	0.1%	
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	5,474	33.5%	37.4%	3,605	22.4%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	13	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Atheism	18	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	11	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Theism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Not stated	1,374	8.4%	7.7%	1,608	10.0%	
Total	16,327	100.0%	100.0%	16,071	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.