

# Community report

## Northam (S)

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

AREA

**Northam (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

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Northam (S), accounting for 41.6% (4,720 people). This share was lower than Regional WA (45.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 1,477 people and 12.4 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

Northam (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	42	0.4%	0.4%	53	0.5%	0.5%	-11	-0.1
Buddhism	58	0.5%	0.9%	65	0.6%	1.0%	-7	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	326	2.9%	3.2%	293	2.6%	3.3%	+33	+0.3
Anglican Church of Australia	1,420	12.5%	11.3%	2,004	18.0%	16.4%	-584	-5.5
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	130	1.1%	1.6%	156	1.4%	1.8%	-26	-0.3
Brethren	140	1.2%	0.1%	148	1.3%	0.1%	-8	-0.1
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	1,939	17.1%	15.7%	2,247	20.2%	19.3%	-308	-3.1
Maronite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Ukrainian Catholic	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Syro Malabar Catholic	8	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Churches of Christ, nfd	11	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.1%	0.0%
Churches of Christ (Conference)	79	0.7%	0.3%	72	0.6%	0.3%
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	112	1.0%	0.5%	133	1.2%	0.5%
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	19	0.2%	0.2%	17	0.2%	0.2%
Community of Christ	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lutheran	37	0.3%	0.3%	46	0.4%	0.3%
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Coptic Orthodox Church	6	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.1%	0.0%
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Greek Orthodox	16	0.1%	0.2%	30	0.3%	0.2%
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Russian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Serbian Orthodox	6	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.1%	0.0%
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Presbyterian	105	0.9%	0.9%	151	1.4%	1.4%
Reformed	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Free Reformed	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Salvation Army	38	0.3%	0.1%	75	0.7%	0.7%
Seventh-day Adventist	57	0.5%	0.4%	31	0.3%	0.3%
Uniting Church	226	2.0%	2.1%	330	3.0%	3.0%
Pentecostal, nfd	29	0.3%	0.5%	67	0.6%	0.6%
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	16	0.1%	0.2%	9	0.1%	0.1%
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	12	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.2%	0.2%
Christian and Missionary Alliance	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
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%	3	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	17	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	9	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.1%	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Hinduism	37	0.3%	0.4%	32	0.3%	–
Islam	61	0.5%	0.7%	34	0.3%	–
Judaism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	3	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Bahai	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Taoism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Druse	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shinto	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Sukyo Mahikari	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nature Religions, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Animism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Druidism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Paganism	24	0.2%	0.1%	18	0.2%	0.1%
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	10	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.1%	0.0%
Nature Religions, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Sikhism	3	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.1%	0.1%
Spiritualism	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Mandaeen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Caodaism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Church of Scientology	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Eckankar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Rastafari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Satanism	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Theosophy	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Jainism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Zoroastrianism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%
Religious Groups, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
No Religion, so described	4,720	41.6%	45.6%	3,243	29.2%	30.1%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	12	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	0.1%
Atheism	15	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	7	0.1%	0.1%
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Own Spiritual Beliefs	25	0.2%	0.1%	9	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	7	0.1%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Not stated	1,539	13.6%	12.1%	1,667	15.0%	15.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,345</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11,110</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.