

Community report

Northern Areas (DC)

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Northern Areas (DC)

COMPARISON

Regional SA

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 Northern Areas (DC), accounting for 41% (1,858 people). This share was lower than Regional SA (47.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 593 people and 13 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

Northern Areas (DC) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	12	0.3%	0.3%	20	0.4%	0.4%	-8	-0.1
Buddhism	17	0.4%	0.6%	17	0.4%	0.6%	0	0.0
Christianity, nfd	97	2.1%	2.5%	95	2.1%	2.7%	+2	0.0
Anglican Church of Australia	392	8.6%	7.8%	518	11.5%	10.7%	-126	-2.9
Baptist	69	1.5%	1.1%	66	1.5%	1.2%	+3	0.0
Brethren	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
Western Catholic	832	18.3%	11.7%	964	21.4%	14.5%	-132	-3.1
Maronite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Ukrainian Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Syro Malabar Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Catholic, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Churches of Christ, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Churches of Christ (Conference)	–	–	0.3%	6	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	3	0.1%	0.4%	4	0.1%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	13	0.3%	0.1%	12	0.3%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	182	4.0%	5.3%	227	5.0%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greek Orthodox	6	0.1%	0.6%	–	–	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	35	0.8%	1.1%	36	0.8%	
Reformed	3	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.1%	
Salvation Army	10	0.2%	0.2%	7	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Uniting Church	557	12.3%	7.7%	787	17.4%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Pentecostal, nfd	25	0.6%	1.0%	43	1.0%	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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	5	0.1%	0.2%	4	0.1%	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	5	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.1%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	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%	–	–	
Hinduism	9	0.2%	0.3%	7	0.2%	
Islam	7	0.2%	0.4%	3	0.1%	
Judaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	3	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	4	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.1%	

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Wiccan (Witchcraft)	4	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	3	0.1%	0.3%	–	–	
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	–	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	–	–	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	–	–	–	–	–	
No Religion, so described	1,858	41.0%	47.5%	1,265	28.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	–	–	0.1%	9	0.2%	
Atheism	14	0.3%	0.2%	3	0.1%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
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New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Theism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	368	8.1%	8.9%	403	8.9%	
Total	4,537	100.0%	100.0%	4,511	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.