

# Community report

## Northern Midlands (M)

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

AREA

**Northern Midlands (M)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Tas.**

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

Northern Midlands (M) | Regional Tas. comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Northern Midlands (M), accounting for 46.8% (6,426 people). This share was lower than Regional Tas. (49.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 2,431 people and 15.5 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 Midlands (M) - Total persons (Usual residence)

| Category                     | 2021  |       |                 | 2016  |       |                 | Change |      |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|--------|------|
|                              | Count | %     | Regional Tas. % | Count | %     | Regional Tas. % | Count  | pp   |
| Inadequately described       | 38    | 0.3%  | 0.4%            | 54    | 0.4%  | 0.5%            | -16    | -0.1 |
| Buddhism                     | 41    | 0.3%  | 0.8%            | 46    | 0.4%  | 0.7%            | -5     | -0.1 |
| Christianity, nfd            | 353   | 2.6%  | 2.9%            | 270   | 2.1%  | 3.0%            | +83    | +0.5 |
| Anglican Church of Australia | 2,980 | 21.7% | 14.7%           | 3,841 | 30.1% | 20.8%           | -861   | -8.4 |
| Baptist                      | 290   | 2.1%  | 1.6%            | 312   | 2.4%  | 2.0%            | -22    | -0.3 |
| Brethren                     | 3     | 0.0%  | 0.3%            | —     | —     | 0.4%            | —      | —    |
| Western Catholic             | 1,497 | 10.9% | 11.7%           | 1,663 | 13.0% | 14.5%           | -166   | -2.1 |
| Maronite Catholic            | —     | —     | 0.0%            | —     | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —    |
| Ukrainian Catholic           | —     | —     | 0.0%            | —     | —     | —               | —      | —    |
| Syro Malabar Catholic        | —     | —     | —               | —     | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —    |
| Catholic, nec                | —     | —     | 0.0%            | —     | —     | —               | —      | —    |
| Churches of Christ, nfd      | 8     | 0.1%  | 0.1%            | —     | —     | 0.0%            | —      | —    |

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|---|-------|------|-----------------|-------|------|---------|
|   | Count | %    | Regional Tas. % | Count | %    | Regiona |
| Churches of Christ (Conference)                 | 16    | 0.1% | 0.1%            | 18    | 0.1% |         |
| Church of Christ (Non-denominational)           | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Jehovah's Witnesses                             | 27    | 0.2% | 0.5%            | 34    | 0.3% |         |
| The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints | 15    | 0.1% | 0.3%            | 13    | 0.1% |         |
| Lutheran  | 22    | 0.2% | 0.2%            | 19    | 0.1% |         |
| Coptic Orthodox Church                          | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Syrian Orthodox Church                          | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Ethiopian Orthodox Church                       | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Oriental Orthodox, nec                          | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Assyrian Church of the East                     | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Eastern Orthodox, nfd                           | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Antiochian Orthodox                             | –     | –    | –               | –     | –    |         |
| Greek Orthodox                                  | 14    | 0.1% | 0.1%            | 8     | 0.1% |         |
| Macedonian Orthodox                             | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Romanian Orthodox                               | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Russian Orthodox                                | –     | –    | 0.0%            | 3     | 0.0% |         |
| Serbian Orthodox                                | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Ukrainian Orthodox                              | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Eastern Orthodox, nec                           | –     | –    | –               | –     | –    |         |
| Presbyterian                                    | 211   | 1.5% | 1.5%            | 256   | 2.0% |         |
| Reformed  | 6     | 0.0% | 0.2%            | 9     | 0.1% |         |
| Free Reformed                                   | 14    | 0.1% | 0.1%            | 5     | 0.0% |         |
| Salvation Army                                  | 21    | 0.2% | 0.2%            | 51    | 0.4% |         |

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|   | Count | %    | Regional Tas. % | Count | %    | Regiona |
| Seventh-day Adventist                             | 30    | 0.2% | 0.2%            | 17    | 0.1% |         |
| Uniting Church                                    | 458   | 3.3% | 3.3%            | 619   | 4.8% |         |
| Pentecostal, nfd                                  | 62    | 0.5% | 0.9%            | 112   | 0.9% |         |
| Apostolic Church (Australia)                      | –     | –    | –               | –     | –    |         |
| Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God) | –     | –    | 0.0%            | 4     | 0.0% |         |
| C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)          | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)     | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Revival Centres                                   | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| United Pentecostal                                | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Acts 2 Alliance                                   | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Revival Fellowship                                | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Pentecostal, nec                                  | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Other Protestant, nfd                             | –     | –    | 0.1%            | 5     | 0.0% |         |
| Born Again Christian                              | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Congregational                                    | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Ethnic Evangelical Churches                       | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Independent Evangelical Churches                  | 11    | 0.1% | 0.1%            | 4     | 0.0% |         |
| Wesleyan Methodist Church                         | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Christian Community Churches of Australia         | 5     | 0.0% | 0.2%            | –     | –    |         |
| Methodist, so described                           | 30    | 0.2% | 0.1%            | 15    | 0.1% |         |
| Other Protestant, nec                             | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Other Christian, nfd                              | –     | –    | –               | –     | –    |         |

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|   | Count | %    | Regional Tas. % | Count | %    | Regiona |
| Christadelphians                            | 7     | 0.1% | 0.0%            | 3     | 0.0% |         |
| Christian Science                           | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Gnostic Christians                          | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Liberal Catholic Church                     | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Ratana (Maori)                              | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Religious Science                           | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)      | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Other Christian, nec                        | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Hinduism                                    | 28    | 0.2% | 1.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Islam                                       | 21    | 0.2% | 0.6%            | 15    | 0.1% |         |
| Judaism                                     | 3     | 0.0% | 0.1%            | 3     | 0.0% |         |
| Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Baha'i                                      | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Ancestor Veneration                         | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Taoism                                      | 6     | 0.0% | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Shinto                                      | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Nature Religions, nfd                       | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Animism                                     | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Druidism                                    | –     | –    | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Paganism                                    | 16    | 0.1% | 0.1%            | 10    | 0.1% |         |
| Wiccan (Witchcraft)                         | 8     | 0.1% | 0.0%            | –     | –    |         |
| Nature Religions, nec                       | –     | –    | 0.0%            | 4     | 0.0% |         |
| Sikhism                                     | 8     | 0.1% | 0.2%            | –     | –    |         |

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| Spiritualism  | 3     | 0.0%  | 0.0%            | 4     | 0.0%  |         |
| Mandaeen  | –     | –     | –               | –     | –     |         |
| Church of Scientology   | –     | –     | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |
| Eckankar  | –     | –     | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |
| Rastafari   | –     | –     | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |
| Satanism  | 4     | 0.0%  | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |
| Theosophy   | –     | –     | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |
| Jainism   | –     | –     | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |
| Zoroastrianism  | –     | –     | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |
| Religious Groups, nec   | –     | –     | 0.1%            | –     | –     |         |
| Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd | –     | –     | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |
| No Religion, so described   | 6,426 | 46.8% | 49.3%           | 3,995 | 31.3% |         |
| Secular Beliefs, nfd  | –     | –     | 0.0%            | 6     | 0.0%  |         |
| Agnosticism   | 5     | 0.0%  | 0.1%            | 10    | 0.1%  |         |
| Atheism   | 14    | 0.1%  | 0.2%            | 11    | 0.1%  |         |
| Humanism  | 6     | 0.0%  | 0.0%            | 3     | 0.0%  |         |
| Rationalism   | –     | –     | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |
| Secular Beliefs, nec  | –     | –     | 0.0%            | 4     | 0.0%  |         |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd  | 5     | 0.0%  | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |
| Multi Faith   | –     | –     | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |
| New Age   | –     | –     | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |
| Own Spiritual Beliefs   | 7     | 0.1%  | 0.1%            | 13    | 0.1%  |         |
| Theism  | –     | –     | 0.0%            | –     | –     |         |

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| Unitarian Universalism       | –             | –             | 0.0%            | –             | –             |               |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec | –             | –             | 0.0%            | –             | –             |               |
| Not stated                   | 991           | 7.2%          | 7.3%            | 1,322         | 10.3%         |               |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>13,727</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>   | <b>12,781</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.