

Community report

Orange (C)

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

AREA

Orange (C)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

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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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Orange (C), accounting for 32.6% (14,163 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 5,378 people and 10.8 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

Orange (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	159	0.4%	0.4%	162	0.4%	0.4%	-3	0.0
Buddhism	353	0.8%	0.8%	235	0.6%	0.8%	+118	+0.2
Christianity, nfd	1,139	2.6%	2.2%	1,009	2.5%	2.2%	+130	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	6,826	15.7%	17.0%	8,266	20.5%	21.9%	-1,440	-4.8
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	527	1.2%	1.2%	475	1.2%	1.3%	+52	0.0
Brethren	257	0.6%	0.1%	253	0.6%	0.1%	+4	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	11,300	26.0%	21.0%	11,961	29.6%	23.8%	-661	-3.6
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	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	101	0.2%	0.0%	89	0.2%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	38	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	148	0.3%	0.4%	99	0.2%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	53	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	73	0.2%	0.3%	82	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	16	0.0%	0.0%	18	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	150	0.3%	0.4%	124	0.3%	
Macedonian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.3%	12	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	13	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	911	2.1%	2.6%	1,034	2.6%	
Reformed	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	64	0.1%	0.2%	103	0.3%	
Seventh-day Adventist	63	0.1%	0.4%	92	0.2%	
Uniting Church	2,056	4.7%	3.3%	2,584	6.4%	
Pentecostal, nfd	382	0.9%	0.7%	406	1.0%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	8	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	142	0.3%	0.1%	24	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%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	125	0.3%	0.1%	96	0.2%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	316	0.7%	0.1%	254	0.6%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	43	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hinduism	494	1.1%	0.7%	272	0.7%	
Islam	278	0.6%	0.7%	147	0.4%	
Judaism	29	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Baha'i	9	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	4	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	38	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	23	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sikhism	118	0.3%	0.3%	64	0.2%	
Spiritualism	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Satanism	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	14,163	32.6%	37.4%	8,785	21.8%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	51	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	
Atheism	51	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	7	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	29	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Theism	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,798	6.4%	7.7%	3,203	7.9%	
Total	43,481	100.0%	100.0%	40,356	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.