

# Community report

## Palmerston (C)

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

AREA

**Palmerston (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Darwin**

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 Palmerston (C), accounting for 44.6% (16,599 people). This share was higher than Greater Darwin (41.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 4,645 people and 9.2 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

Palmerston (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	237	0.6%	0.5%	237	0.7%	0.7%	0	-0.1
Buddhism	748	2.0%	3.0%	702	2.1%	2.8%	+46	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	968	2.6%	2.1%	908	2.7%	2.2%	+60	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	2,196	5.9%	5.8%	3,201	9.5%	8.7%	-1,005	-3.6
Baptist	542	1.5%	1.3%	562	1.7%	1.3%	-20	-0.2
Brethren	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Western Catholic	6,932	18.6%	18.1%	7,683	22.7%	21.4%	-751	-4.1
Maronite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Ukrainian Catholic	5	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syro Malabar Catholic	6	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.1%	+1	0.0
Catholic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Churches of Christ, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %
Churches of Christ (Conference)	45	0.1%	0.1%	61	0.2%	
Jehovah's Witnesses	127	0.3%	0.3%	93	0.3%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	111	0.3%	0.2%	113	0.3%	
Lutheran	217	0.6%	0.5%	298	0.9%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Syrian Orthodox Church	11	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Greek Orthodox	577	1.6%	2.9%	420	1.2%	
Macedonian Orthodox	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Romanian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Russian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Presbyterian	307	0.8%	0.9%	433	1.3%	
Reformed	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Salvation Army	39	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	139	0.4%	0.3%	103	0.3%	
Uniting Church	776	2.1%	2.2%	1,058	3.1%	
Pentecostal, nfd	612	1.6%	1.0%	547	1.6%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	46	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	

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C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
United Pentecostal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Revival Fellowship	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pentecostal, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Protestant, nfd	74	0.2%	0.2%	39	0.1%	—
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Born Again Christian	56	0.2%	0.1%	27	0.1%	—
Congregational	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	28	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	—
Independent Evangelical Churches	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wesleyan Methodist Church	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Christian Community Churches of Australia	—	—	—	3	0.0%	—
Methodist, so described	40	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	—
United Methodist Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Protestant, nec	—	—	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Christadelphians	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gnostic Christians	—	—	—	3	0.0%	—
New Apostolic Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Ratana (Maori)	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater D
Other Christian, nec	36	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Hinduism	858	2.3%	3.7%	562	1.7%	
Islam	535	1.4%	2.1%	416	1.2%	
Judaism	19	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	14	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Baha'i	30	0.1%	0.0%	27	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	12	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Shinto	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	–	–	–	
Paganism	44	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sikhism	194	0.5%	0.7%	106	0.3%	
Spiritualism	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Satanism	16	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Jainism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	–	–	–	–	–	–
Religious Groups, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
No Religion, so described	16,599	44.6%	41.7%	11,954	35.4%	31.1%
Agnosticism	29	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	–
Atheism	49	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.2%	–
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
New Age	–	–	–	–	–	–
Own Spiritual Beliefs	44	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	–
Theism	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Not stated	3,776	10.1%	10.5%	3,742	11.1%	11.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,219</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>33,776</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.