

Community report

Queanbeyan-Palerang

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Regional (A)

AREA

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional (A)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Queanbeyan–Palerang Regional (A), accounting for 38.4% (24,271 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 8,209 people and 9.7 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

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	251	0.4%	0.4%	299	0.5%	0.4%	-48	-0.1
Buddhism	556	0.9%	0.8%	474	0.8%	0.8%	+82	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	1,559	2.5%	2.2%	1,317	2.4%	2.2%	+242	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	8,123	12.8%	17.0%	9,169	16.4%	21.9%	-1,046	-3.6
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	451	0.7%	1.2%	444	0.8%	1.3%	+7	-0.1
Brethren	209	0.3%	0.1%	160	0.3%	0.1%	+49	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	15,101	23.9%	21.0%	15,030	26.8%	23.8%	+71	-2.9
Maronite Catholic	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	28	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	40	0.1%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	14	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	112	0.2%	0.4%	120	0.2%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	105	0.2%	0.1%	81	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lutheran	293	0.5%	0.3%	317	0.6%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	26	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	12	0.0%	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%	4	0.0%	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	552	0.9%	0.4%	512	0.9%	
Macedonian Orthodox	600	0.9%	0.3%	600	1.1%	
Romanian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	72	0.1%	0.0%	57	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	319	0.5%	0.1%	257	0.5%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	984	1.6%	2.6%	1,151	2.1%	
Reformed	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	98	0.2%	0.2%	112	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	87	0.1%	0.4%	75	0.1%	
Uniting Church	1,195	1.9%	3.3%	1,458	2.6%	
Pentecostal, nfd	432	0.7%	0.7%	386	0.7%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	16	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	69	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	19	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Church of the Nazarene	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	24	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	68	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Christian Science	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Gnostic Christians	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Liberal Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ratana (Maori)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Religious Science	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Temple Society	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Christian, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hinduism	1,450	2.3%	0.7%	680	1.2%	
Islam	861	1.4%	0.7%	638	1.1%	
Judaism	51	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Baha'i	29	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Confucianism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Taoism	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Druse	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Shinto	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Animism	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Paganism	67	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	28	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Sikhism	732	1.2%	0.3%	431	0.8%	
Spiritualism	20	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	24,271	38.4%	37.4%	16,062	28.7%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	113	0.2%	0.1%	62	0.1%	
Atheism	115	0.2%	0.1%	93	0.2%	
Humanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rationalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
New Age	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	40	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Theism	12	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	24	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Not stated	3,797	6.0%	7.7%	5,271	9.4%	
Total	63,267	100.0%	100.0%	56,000	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.