

Community report

Richmond Valley (A)

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

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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 Richmond Valley (A), accounting for 33.5% (7,892 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 2,611 people and 10.3 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

Richmond Valley (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	70	0.3%	0.4%	80	0.4%	0.4%	-10	-0.1
Buddhism	100	0.4%	0.8%	110	0.5%	0.8%	-10	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	564	2.4%	2.2%	463	2.0%	2.2%	+101	+0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	4,121	17.5%	17.0%	5,072	22.2%	21.9%	-951	-4.7
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	263	1.1%	1.2%	292	1.3%	1.3%	-29	-0.2
Brethren	11	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	0.1%	+1	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	5,063	21.5%	21.0%	5,772	25.3%	23.8%	-709	-3.8
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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	4	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	122	0.5%	0.4%	115	0.5%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	9	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	38	0.2%	0.3%	48	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	29	0.1%	0.4%	23	0.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.3%	9	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian Orthodox	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	1,095	4.6%	2.6%	1,373	6.0%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	72	0.3%	0.2%	97	0.4%	
Seventh-day Adventist	79	0.3%	0.4%	60	0.3%	
Uniting Church	862	3.7%	3.3%	1,145	5.0%	
Pentecostal, nfd	176	0.7%	0.7%	229	1.0%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	25	0.1%	0.1%	33	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%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	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%	5	0.0%	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	13	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	14	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	21	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	80	0.3%	0.0%	125	0.5%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Hinduism	48	0.2%	0.7%	25	0.1%	
Islam	23	0.1%	0.7%	16	0.1%	
Judaism	12	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Baha'i	4	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.1%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	27	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	13	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.1%	
Nature Religions, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sikhism	5	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Spiritualism	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Satanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	7,892	33.5%	37.4%	5,281	23.2%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	14	0.1%	0.1%	21	0.1%	
Atheism	32	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Humanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	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	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	24	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Theism	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Not stated	2,562	10.9%	7.7%	2,198	9.6%	
Total	23,577	100.0%	100.0%	22,811	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.