

Community report

Shark Bay (S)

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

AREA

Shark Bay (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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 Shark Bay (S), accounting for 47% (486 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (45.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 127 people and 8.8 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

Shark Bay (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	5	0.5%	0.4%	6	0.6%	0.5%	-1	-0.1
Buddhism	19	1.8%	0.9%	9	1.0%	1.0%	+10	+0.8
Christianity, nfd	17	1.6%	3.2%	28	3.0%	3.3%	-11	-1.4
Anglican Church of Australia	139	13.5%	11.3%	188	20.0%	16.4%	-49	-6.5
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	6	0.6%	1.6%	8	0.9%	1.8%	-2	-0.3
Brethren	-	-	0.1%	-	-	0.1%	-	-
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	135	13.1%	15.7%	192	20.4%	19.3%	-57	-7.3
Maronite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	3	0.3%	0.3%	–	–	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	5	0.5%	0.5%	–	–	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Community of Christ	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lutheran	–	–	0.3%	9	1.0%	–
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Greek Orthodox	6	0.6%	0.2%	5	0.5%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	4	0.4%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Presbyterian	6	0.6%	0.9%	16	1.7%	1.7%
Reformed	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Free Reformed	3	0.3%	0.1%	–	–	–
Salvation Army	3	0.3%	0.1%	–	–	–
Seventh-day Adventist	5	0.5%	0.4%	–	–	–
Uniting Church	7	0.7%	2.1%	11	1.2%	1.2%
Pentecostal, nfd	5	0.5%	0.5%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Methodist, so described	3	0.3%	0.2%	3	0.3%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hinduism	–	–	0.4%	4	0.4%	–
Islam	–	–	0.7%	3	0.3%	–
Judaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Bahai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	–	–	–	–	–	–
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sikhism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Satanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
No Religion, so described	486	47.0%	45.6%	359	38.2%	38.2%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Atheism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Own Spiritual Beliefs	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Theism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Not stated	180	17.4%	12.1%	96	10.2%	10.2%
Total	1,033	100.0%	100.0%	941	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.