

# Community report

## Unincorporated ACT

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

AREA

**Unincorporated ACT**

COMPARISON

**Australian Capital Territory**

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 Unincorporated ACT, accounting for 43.5% (197,367 people). This share was similar to Australian Capital Territory (43.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 53,816 people and 7.3 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

Unincorporated ACT - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Australian Capital Territory %	Count	%	Australian Capital Territory %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	2,099	0.5%	0.5%	2,411	0.6%	0.6%	-312	-0.1
Buddhism	12,685	2.8%	2.8%	9,908	2.5%	2.5%	+2,777	+0.3
Christianity, nfd	10,618	2.3%	2.3%	8,929	2.2%	2.2%	+1,689	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	37,108	8.2%	8.2%	42,684	10.8%	10.8%	-5,576	-2.6
Anglican Catholic Church	—	—	—	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Baptist	3,904	0.9%	0.9%	4,097	1.0%	1.0%	-193	-0.1
Brethren	36	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	0.0%	-22	0.0
Catholic, nfd	—	—	—	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Western Catholic	86,744	19.1%	19.1%	87,686	22.1%	22.1%	-942	-3.0
Maronite Catholic	53	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	0.0%	+25	0.0
Melkite Catholic	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	+10	0.0
Ukrainian Catholic	68	0.0%	0.0%	89	0.0%	0.0%	-21	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Australian Capital Territory %	Count	%	Australian Territory %
Chaldean Catholic	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	565	0.1%	0.1%	709	0.2%	
Catholic, nec	36	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	38	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	190	0.0%	0.0%	226	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Jehovah's Witnesses	750	0.2%	0.2%	675	0.2%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	690	0.2%	0.2%	766	0.2%	
Community of Christ	—	—	—	7	0.0%	
Lutheran	1,997	0.4%	0.4%	2,251	0.6%	
Armenian Apostolic	33	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	356	0.1%	0.1%	229	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	414	0.1%	0.1%	319	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	62	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	11	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	33	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Antiochian Orthodox	18	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Greek Orthodox	4,484	1.0%	1.0%	4,234	1.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	606	0.1%	0.1%	439	0.1%	
Romanian Orthodox	24	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	453	0.1%	0.1%	400	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	1,067	0.2%	0.2%	882	0.2%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Australian Capital Territory %	Count	%	Australian Territory %
Ukrainian Orthodox	83	0.0%	0.0%	80	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Presbyterian	6,061	1.3%	1.3%	7,153	1.8%	
Reformed	177	0.0%	0.0%	193	0.0%	
Salvation Army	508	0.1%	0.1%	664	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	752	0.2%	0.2%	686	0.2%	
Uniting Church	7,995	1.8%	1.8%	9,597	2.4%	
Pentecostal, nfd	4,013	0.9%	0.9%	3,512	0.9%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	108	0.0%	0.0%	358	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	18	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	–	8	0.0%	
United Pentecostal	11	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Revival Fellowship	38	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Pentecostal, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	809	0.2%	0.2%	650	0.2%	
Born Again Christian	135	0.0%	0.0%	117	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	111	0.0%	0.0%	205	0.1%	
Church of the Nazarene	18	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Australian Capital Territory %	Count	%	Australian Territory %
Congregational	16	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	41	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	868	0.2%	0.2%	767	0.2%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	36	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	18	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	432	0.1%	0.1%	409	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	25	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	–	8	0.0%	
Christadelphians	26	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Christian Science	34	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	23	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	13	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
New Apostolic Church	13	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	7	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Ratana (Maori)	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	114	0.0%	0.0%	136	0.0%	
Temple Society	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	69	0.0%	0.0%	119	0.0%	
Hinduism	20,498	4.5%	4.5%	10,208	2.6%	
Islam	14,602	3.2%	3.2%	9,864	2.5%	
Judaism	886	0.2%	0.2%	643	0.2%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Australian Capital Territory %	Count	%	Australian Territory %
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	54	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Baha'i	228	0.1%	0.1%	219	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	6	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Confucianism	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Taoism	123	0.0%	0.0%	105	0.0%	
Druse	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	36	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	71	0.0%	0.0%	70	0.0%	
Tenrikyo	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Animism	29	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Druidism	17	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Paganism	351	0.1%	0.1%	310	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	145	0.0%	0.0%	110	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	85	0.0%	0.0%	76	0.0%	
Sikhism	4,323	1.0%	1.0%	2,140	0.5%	
Spiritualism	157	0.0%	0.0%	168	0.0%	
Mandaeen	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Yezidi	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Caodaism	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Church of Scientology	30	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Eckankar	18	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Rastafari	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Australian Capital Territory %	Count	%	Australian Territory %
Satanism	107	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Theosophy	21	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Jainism	114	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	42	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Religious Groups, nec	64	0.0%	0.0%	76	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	197,367	43.5%	43.5%	143,551	36.2%	36.2%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Agnosticism	1,041	0.2%	0.2%	852	0.2%	
Atheism	1,081	0.2%	0.2%	726	0.2%	
Humanism	73	0.0%	0.0%	195	0.0%	
Rationalism	29	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	31	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Multi Faith	80	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.0%	
New Age	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	466	0.1%	0.1%	355	0.1%	
Theism	104	0.0%	0.0%	121	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	21	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	102	0.0%	0.0%	110	0.0%	
Not stated	23,557	5.2%	5.2%	33,883	8.5%	8.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>453,879</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>396,863</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.