

Community report

Wagga Wagga (C)

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

AREA

Wagga Wagga (C)

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 Wagga Wagga (C), accounting for 31.3% (21,186 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 7,365 people and 9.1 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

Wagga Wagga (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	251	0.4%	0.4%	239	0.4%	0.4%	+12	0.0
Buddhism	439	0.6%	0.8%	358	0.6%	0.8%	+81	0.0
Christianity, nfd	1,387	2.1%	2.2%	1,150	1.8%	2.2%	+237	+0.3
Anglican Church of Australia	10,377	15.4%	17.0%	12,137	19.5%	21.9%	-1,760	-4.1
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	801	1.2%	1.2%	800	1.3%	1.3%	+1	-0.1
Brethren	184	0.3%	0.1%	195	0.3%	0.1%	-11	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	18,125	26.8%	21.0%	18,954	30.4%	23.8%	-829	-3.6
Maronite Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Chaldean Catholic	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Syro Malabar Catholic	200	0.3%	0.0%	149	0.2%	
Catholic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Churches of Christ, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	64	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
International Church of Christ	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jehovah's Witnesses	157	0.2%	0.4%	158	0.3%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	67	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.1%	
Community of Christ	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Lutheran	578	0.9%	0.3%	700	1.1%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Armenian Apostolic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Coptic Orthodox Church	165	0.2%	0.0%	123	0.2%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	39	0.1%	0.0%	36	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	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	176	0.3%	0.4%	143	0.2%	
Macedonian Orthodox	6	0.0%	0.3%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	15	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	2,525	3.7%	2.6%	3,076	4.9%	
Reformed	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	98	0.1%	0.2%	147	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	165	0.2%	0.4%	151	0.2%	
Uniting Church	2,298	3.4%	3.3%	2,814	4.5%	
Pentecostal, nfd	583	0.9%	0.7%	587	0.9%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	34	0.1%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	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%	3	0.0%	
Pentecostal, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	101	0.1%	0.1%	92	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	22	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	187	0.3%	0.1%	69	0.1%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	81	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Christian Science	4	0.0%	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%	3	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hinduism	752	1.1%	0.7%	433	0.7%	
Islam	653	1.0%	0.7%	556	0.9%	
Judaism	18	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	14	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Baha'i	11	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	51	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	29	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sikhism	216	0.3%	0.3%	72	0.1%	
Spiritualism	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	838	1.2%	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	16	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	24	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	21,186	31.3%	37.4%	13,821	22.2%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Agnosticism	74	0.1%	0.1%	61	0.1%	
Atheism	74	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.1%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Multi Faith	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	57	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	
Theism	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Not stated	4,299	6.4%	7.7%	4,711	7.6%	
Total	67,600	100.0%	100.0%	62,391	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.