

Community report

Wellington (S)

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AREA

Wellington (S)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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 Wellington (S), accounting for 45.4% (20,722 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 6,598 people and 12.5 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

Wellington (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	178	0.4%	0.4%	207	0.5%	0.5%	-29	-0.1
Buddhism	295	0.6%	0.9%	308	0.7%	0.8%	-13	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	901	2.0%	2.1%	798	1.9%	2.1%	+103	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	6,402	14.0%	9.8%	8,210	19.1%	13.3%	-1,808	-5.1
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	550	1.2%	1.2%	527	1.2%	1.3%	+23	0.0
Brethren	63	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	0.1%	+8	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	7,669	16.8%	19.7%	8,539	19.9%	22.7%	-870	-3.1
Maronite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	25	0.1%	0.2%	24	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	114	0.2%	0.3%	119	0.3%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	64	0.1%	0.1%	61	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	106	0.2%	0.7%	134	0.3%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greek Orthodox	115	0.3%	0.5%	100	0.2%	
Macedonian Orthodox	6	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	23	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	865	1.9%	2.2%	1,255	2.9%	
Reformed	19	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	35	0.1%	0.2%	69	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	79	0.2%	0.2%	75	0.2%	
Uniting Church	1,763	3.9%	4.7%	2,396	5.6%	
Pentecostal, nfd	123	0.3%	0.7%	159	0.4%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Centres	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	25	0.1%	0.1%	30	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	–	–	–	
Born Again Christian	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	–	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	30	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	32	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	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	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Hinduism	181	0.4%	0.7%	136	0.3%	
Islam	143	0.3%	0.9%	85	0.2%	
Judaism	18	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	76	0.2%	0.1%	48	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	24	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	85	0.2%	0.4%	57	0.1%	
Spiritualism	8	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	20,722	45.4%	44.9%	14,124	32.9%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	47	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Atheism	65	0.1%	0.2%	82	0.2%	
Humanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	39	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Theism	14	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Not stated	4,592	10.1%	7.7%	5,007	11.7%	
Total	45,630	100.0%	100.0%	42,960	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.