

Community report

Western Plains Regional (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

Detailed insight for Religion in Western Plains Regional (A) is not yet available for the current filters.

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

Western Plains Regional (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	–	–	0.4%	150	0.3%	0.4%	–	–
Buddhism	–	–	0.8%	317	0.6%	0.8%	–	–
Christianity, nfd	–	–	2.2%	991	2.0%	2.2%	–	–
Anglican Church of Australia	–	–	17.0%	11,772	23.5%	21.9%	–	–
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	–	–	1.2%	922	1.8%	1.3%	–	–
Brethren	–	–	0.1%	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	–	–	21.0%	14,504	29.0%	23.8%	–	–
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%	12	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	–	–	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	–	–	0.4%	107	0.2%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	–	–	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lutheran	–	–	0.3%	185	0.4%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	3	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	–	–	0.4%	131	0.3%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.3%	3	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	–	–	2.6%	1,949	3.9%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	–	–	0.2%	206	0.4%	
Seventh-day Adventist	–	–	0.4%	131	0.3%	
Uniting Church	–	–	3.3%	2,598	5.2%	
Pentecostal, nfd	–	–	0.7%	337	0.7%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	0.0%	23	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.1%	93	0.2%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	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%	25	0.0%	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	–	–	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Born Again Christian	–	–	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	–	–	0.1%	41	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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%	4	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hinduism	–	–	0.7%	456	0.9%	
Islam	–	–	0.7%	244	0.5%	
Judaism	–	–	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	51	0.1%	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Paganism	–	–	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sikhism	–	–	0.3%	82	0.2%	
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	–	–	37.4%	8,856	17.7%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	–	–	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Atheism	–	–	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	–	–	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Theism	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Not stated	–	–	7.7%	5,414	10.8%	
Total	–	–	100.0%	50,073	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.