

**Table 1.9****Religious Affiliation -Australia: 2001 and 2006 Census**

Religion	2006 Census	% of population	% of responses	2001 Census	% change 2001-2006
<b>Buddhism</b>	418,758	2.1	2.4	357,813	17.0
<b>Christianity (total):</b>	12,685,861	63.9	72.0	12,764,341	-0.6
Christianity, nfd (total) <sup>1</sup> :	313,186	1.6	1.8	253,286	23.6
Christian, nfd	305,480	1.5	1.7	249,460	22.5
Apostolic Church, so described	5,231	0.0	0.0	3,826	36.7
Church of God, so described <sup>1</sup>	895	0.0	0.0	..	..
Australian Christian Churches, so described <sub>1</sub>	1,580	0.0	0.0	..	..
Anglican (total) <sup>2</sup> :	3,718,231	18.7	21.1	3,881,162	-4.2
Anglican Church of Australia <sup>2</sup>	3,716,367	18.7	21.1	..	..
Anglican Catholic Church <sup>2</sup>	1,864	0.0	0.0	..	..
Baptist	316,740	1.6	1.8	309,205	2.4
Brethren	24,234	0.1	0.1	19,353	25.2
Catholic (total):	5,126,895	25.8	29.1	5,001,624	2.5
Western Catholic	5,087,118	25.6	28.9	4,959,280	2.6
Maronite Catholic	29,076	0.1	0.2	31,770	-8.5
Melkite Catholic	1,987	0.0	0.0	3,082	-35.5
Ukrainian Catholic	3,605	0.0	0.0	4,778	-24.6
Chaldean Catholic <sup>3</sup>	4,496	0.0	0.0	..	..
Catholic, nec <sup>3</sup>	613	0.0	0.0	2,714	n.c.
Churches of Christ (total):	54,814	0.3	0.3	61,336	-10.6
Churches of Christ, nfd	6,642	0.0	0.0	999	564.9
Churches of Christ (Conference)	47,766	0.2	0.3	59,953	-20.3
Church of Christ (Nondenominational)	363	0.0	0.0	223	62.8
International Church of Christ	43	0.0	0.0	161	-73.3
Jehovah's Witnesses	80,915	0.4	0.5	81,069	-0.2
Latter Day Saints (total):	53,208	0.3	0.3	49,917	6.6
Latter Day Saints, nfd	13	0.0	0.0	..	..
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS (Mormons)	52,150	0.3	0.3	48,775	6.9
Community of Christ	1,045	0.0	0.0	1,142	-8.5
Lutheran	251,112	1.3	1.4	250,365	0.3
Oriental Orthodox (total):	32,705	0.2	0.2	29,215	11.9
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	79	0.0	0.0	69	14.5
Armenian Apostolic	8,050	0.0	0.0	7,848	2.6
Coptic Orthodox Church	19,921	0.1	0.1	17,913	11.2
Syrian Orthodox Church	2,880	0.0	0.0	2,533	13.7
Ethiopian Orthodox Church <sup>4</sup>	1,707	0.0	0.0	..	..
Oriental Orthodox, nec <sup>4</sup>	68	0.0	0.0	852	n.c.
Assyrian Apostolic (total):	8,192	0.0	0.0	7,107	15.3
Assyrian Church of The East	5,957	0.0	0.0	5,710	4.3
Ancient Church of The East	2,229	0.0	0.0	1,397	59.6
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	6	0.0	0.0	..	..
Eastern Orthodox (total):	544,155	2.7	3.1	529,446	2.8
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	48,156	0.2	0.3	37,431	28.7
Albanian Orthodox	74	0.0	0.0	156	-52.6
Antiochian Orthodox	7,830	0.0	0.0	7,524	4.1
Greek Orthodox	374,573	1.9	2.1	364,561	2.7
Macedonian Orthodox	48,083	0.2	0.3	53,244	-9.7
Romanian Orthodox	1,610	0.0	0.0	1,471	9.4
Russian Orthodox	19,968	0.1	0.1	18,507	7.9
Serbian Orthodox	39,967	0.2	0.2	42,404	-5.7

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Ukrainian Orthodox	2,977	0.0	0.0	3,136	-5.1
Eastern Orthodox, nec	917	0.0	0.0	1,012	-9.4
Presbyterian and Reformed (total):	596,668	3.0	3.4	637,531	-6.4
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	7	0.0	0.0	16	-56.3
Presbyterian	583,402	2.9	3.3	624,892	-6.6
Reformed	10,610	0.1	0.1	9,942	6.7
Free Reformed	2,649	0.0	0.0	2,681	-1.2
Salvation Army	64,199	0.3	0.4	71,421	-10.1
Seventh-Day Adventist	55,261	0.3	0.3	53,844	2.6
Uniting Church	1,135,423	5.7	6.4	1,248,674	-9.1
Pentecostal (total):	219,718	1.1	1.2	194,585	12.9
Pentecostal, nfd	88,535	0.4	0.5	142,592	-37.9
Apostolic Church (Australia)	2,412	0.0	0.0	295	717.6
Assemblies of God	94,893	0.5	0.5	30,008	216.2
Bethesda Churches	92	0.0	0.0	69	33.3
Christian City Church	5,120	0.0	0.0	1,049	388.1
Christian Life Churches International	478	0.0	0.0	494	-3.2
Christian Outreach Centres	11,046	0.1	0.1	6,212	77.8
Christian Revival Crusade	5,316	0.0	0.0	2,014	164.0
Faith Churches	98	0.0	0.0	85	15.3
Foursquare Gospel Church	747	0.0	0.0	782	-4.5
Full Gospel Church	1,363	0.0	0.0	1,440	-5.3
Revival Centres	2,972	0.0	0.0	3,856	-22.9
Rhema Family Church	117	0.0	0.0	99	18.2
United Pentecostal	799	0.0	0.0	777	2.8
Pentecostal, nec	5,730	0.0	0.0	4,813	19.1
Other Protestant (total):	56,095	0.3	0.3	52,561	6.7
Other Protestant, nfd	18,806	0.1	0.1	17,560	7.1
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	3,817	0.0	0.0	5,675	-32.7
Born Again Christian	11,775	0.1	0.1	11,288	4.3
Christian and Missionary Alliance	2,221	0.0	0.0	1,061	109.3
Church of The Nazarene	1,406	0.0	0.0	1,665	-15.6
Congregational	4,688	0.0	0.0	4,805	-2.4
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	2,744	0.0	0.0	2,171	26.4
Independent Evangelical Churches	1,880	0.0	0.0	1,438	30.7
Wesleyan Methodist Church	3,407	0.0	0.0	3,405	0.1
Other Protestant, nec	5,351	0.0	0.0	3,493	53.2
Other Christian (total):	34,110	0.2	0.2	32,640	4.5
Other Christian, nfd	673	0.0	0.0	155	334.2
Apostolic Church of Queensland	3,106	0.0	0.0	2,970	4.6
Christadelphians	10,201	0.1	0.1	9,987	2.1
Christian Science	1,470	0.0	0.0	1,666	-11.8
Gnostic Christians	1,098	0.0	0.0	723	51.9
Liberal Catholic Church	391	0.0	0.0	499	-21.6
New Apostolic Church	2,728	0.0	0.0	2,655	2.7
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	365	0.0	0.0	424	-13.9
Ratana (Maori)	3,305	0.0	0.0	3,044	8.6
Religious Science	341	0.0	0.0	416	-18.0
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	1,984	0.0	0.0	1,782	11.3
Temple Society	604	0.0	0.0	701	-13.8

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Unitarian	1,014	0.0	0.0	868	16.8
Worldwide Church of God	586	0.0	0.0	896	-34.6
Other Christian, nec	6,244	0.0	0.0	5,854	6.7
<b>Hinduism</b>	148,117	0.7	0.8	95,473	55.1
<b>Islam</b>	340,401	1.7	1.9	281,578	20.9
<b>Judaism</b>	88,827	0.4	0.5	83,995	5.8
<b>Other Religions (total):</b>	109,008	0.5	0.6	89,839	21.3
<b>Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions</b>	5,377	0.0	0.0	5,224	2.9
<b>Baha'i</b>	12,333	0.1	0.1	11,037	11.7
<b>Chinese Religions (total):</b>	4,377	0.0	0.0	4,396	-0.4
Chinese Religions, nfd	8	0.0	0.0	14	-42.9
Ancestor Veneration	506	0.0	0.0	574	-11.8
Confucianism	253	0.0	0.0	382	-33.8
Taoism	3,574	0.0	0.0	3,426	4.3
Chinese Religions, nec	36	0.0	0.0	..	..
<b>Druse</b>	2,975	0.0	0.0	2,493	19.3
<b>Japanese Religions (total):</b>	1,306	0.0	0.0	1,214	7.6
Japanese Religions, nfd	12	0.0	0.0	9	33.3
Shinto	737	0.0	0.0	630	17.0
Sukyo Mahikari	470	0.0	0.0	513	-8.4
Tenrikyo	81	0.0	0.0	62	30.6
Japanese Religions, nec	6	0.0	0.0	..	..
<b>Nature Religions (total):</b>	29,379	0.1	0.2	24,158	21.6
Nature Religions, nfd	76	0.0	0.0	50	52.0
Animism	873	0.0	0.0	763	14.4
Druidism	1,018	0.0	0.0	697	46.1
Paganism	15,507	0.1	0.1	10,632	45.9
Pantheism	1,030	0.0	0.0	1,085	-5.1
Wiccan/Witchcraft	8,204	0.0	0.0	8,755	-6.3
Nature Religions, nec	2,671	0.0	0.0	2,176	22.7
<b>Sikhism</b>	26,428	0.1	0.1	17,401	51.9
<b>Spiritualism</b>	9,838	0.0	0.1	9,279	6.0
<b>Miscellaneous Religions (total):</b>	16,995	0.1	0.1	14,637	16.1
Caodaism	650	0.0	0.0	819	-20.6
Church of Scientology	2,514	0.0	0.0	2,032	23.7
Eckankar	687	0.0	0.0	747	-8.0
Rastafarianism	980	0.0	0.0	1,066	-8.1
Satanism	2,240	0.0	0.0	1,798	24.6
Theosophy	1,631	0.0	0.0	1,627	0.2
Jainism <sub>5</sub>	1,257	0.0	0.0	..	..
Zoroastrianism	2,115	0.0	0.0	1,753	20.7
Religious Groups, nec <sup>5</sup>	4,921	0.0	0.0	4,795	n.c.
<b>No Religion (total):</b>	3,706,540	18.7	21.0	2,905,993	27.5
No Religion, nfd	3,643,814	18.4	20.7	2,857,304	27.5
Agnosticism	22,131	0.1	0.1	17,568	26.0
Atheism	31,311	0.2	0.2	24,464	28.0
Humanism	7,623	0.0	0.0	5,041	51.2
Rationalism	1,661	0.0	0.0	1,616	2.8
Religious Belief, nfd <sup>1</sup>	20,539	0.1	0.1	229,433	n.c.
Not defined	108,657	0.5	0.6	122,657	-11.4

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New Age, so described	2,015	0.0	0.0	..	..
Theism	2,617	0.0	0.0	2,538	3.1
Not stated	2,223,947	11.2		1,835,598	21.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,855,287</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>18,769,258</b>	<b>5.8</b>

1. In 2001 Census Religious Belief, nfd included Church of God, so described and Australian Christian Churches, so described

2. The Anglican sub group has been split into Anglican Church of Australia and Anglican Catholic Church for 2006 Census.

3. In 2001 Census Catholic, nec included Chaldean Catholic

4. In 2001 Census Oriental Orthodox, nec included Ethiopian Orthodox Church

5. In 2001 Census Religious groups, nec included Jainism