

Table 1.6

Religious Affiliation - Australia: 2001 and 1996 Census

Religion	2001 Census	% of population	1996 Census	Change 1996-2001	% change 1996-2001
Buddhism	357,813	1.9	199,812	158,001	79.1
Christianity (total)	12,764,341	68.0	12,581,342	182,999	1.5
Christian, n.f.d.	249,460	1.3	181,897	67,563	37.1
Apostolic Church, so described	3,826	0.0	4,212	-386	-9.2
Anglican	3,881,162	20.7	3,903,324	-22,162	-0.6
Baptist	309,205	1.6	295,178	14,027	4.8
Brethren	19,353	0.1	22,063	-2,710	-12.3
Catholic (total)	5,001,624	26.6	4,798,945	202,679	4.2
Western Catholic	4,959,280	26.4	4,778,218	181,062	3.8
Maronite Catholic	31,770	0.2	14,150	17,620	124.5
Melkite Catholic	3,082	0.0	702	2,380	339.0
Ukrainian Catholic	4,778	0.0	4,266	512	12.0
Catholic, n.e.c.	2,714	0.0	1,609	1,105	68.7
Churches of Christ:					
Churches of Christ, n.f.d.	999	0.0	2,983	-1,984	-66.5
Churches of Christ (Conference)	59,953	0.3	71,317	-11,364	-15.9
Church of Christ (Non denominational)	223	0.0	578	-355	-61.4
International Church of Christ	161	0.0	145	16	11.0
Jehovah's Witnesses	81,069	0.4	83,414	-2,345	-2.8
Latter Day Saints:					
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, n.f.d.	1,404
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS (Mormons)	48,775	0.3	42,158	6,617	15.7
Reorganised Church of Jesus Christ of LDS	1,142	0.0	1,550	-408	-26.3
Lutheran	250,365	1.3	249,989	376	0.2
Oriental Christian (total)	36,322	0.2	31,341	4,981	15.9
Oriental Christian, n.f.d.	69	0.0
Ancient Church of the East	1,397	0.0	1,126	271	24.1
Armenian Apostolic Church	7,848	0.0	8,292	-444	-5.4
Assyrian Church of the East	5,710	0.0	5,107	603	11.8
Coptic Orthodox Church	17,913	0.1	14,693	3,220	21.9
Syrian (Jacobite) Church	2,533	0.0	1,615	918	56.8
Oriental Christian, n.e.c.	852	0.0	500	352	70.4
Orthodox (total)	529,446	2.8	497,014	32,432	6.5
Orthodox, n.f.d.	37,431	0.2	27,008	10,423	38.6
Albanian Orthodox	156	0.0	68	88	129.4
Antiochian Orthodox	7,524	0.0	3,970	3,554	89.5
Greek Orthodox	364,561	1.9	361,058	3,503	1.0
Macedonian Orthodox	53,244	0.3	53,152	92	0.2
Romanian Orthodox	1,471	0.0	1,056	415	39.3
Russian Orthodox	18,507	0.1	15,262	3,245	21.3
Serbian Orthodox	42,404	0.2	31,569	10,835	34.3
Ukrainian Orthodox	3,136	0.0	3,268	-132	-4.0
Orthodox, n.e.c.	1,012	0.0	603	409	67.8
Presbyterian & Reformed:					
Presbyterian & Reformed, n.f.d.	16	0.0	33	-17	-51.5
Presbyterian	624,892	3.3	662,685	-37,793	-5.7
Reformed	9,942	0.1	9,978	-36	-0.4
Free Reformed	2,681	0.0	2,838	-157	-5.5
Salvation Army	71,421	0.4	74,145	-2,724	-3.7
Seventh-day Adventist	53,844	0.3	52,653	1,191	2.3

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Uniting Church	1,248,674	6.7	1,334,917	-86,243	-6.5
Pentecostal (total)	194,585	1.0	174,712	19,873	11.4
Pentecostal, n.f.d.	142,592	0.8	76,217	66,375	87.1
Apostolic Church (Australia)	295	0.0	3,707	-3,412	-92.0
Assemblies of God	30,008	0.2	61,763	-31,755	-51.4
Bethesda Churches	69	0.0	413	-344	-83.3
Christian City Church	1,049	0.0	1,081	-32	-3.0
Christian Life Churches International	494	0.0	1,051	-557	-53.0
Christian Outreach Centres	6,212	0.0	11,024	-4,812	-43.7
Christian Revival Crusade	2,014	0.0	4,444	-2,430	-54.7
Faith Churches	85	0.0	45	40	88.9
Foursquare Gospel Church	782	0.0	1,547	-765	-49.5
Full Gospel Church	1,440	0.0	2,106	-666	-31.6
Revival Centres	3,856	0.0	4,877	-1,021	-20.9
Rhema Family Church	99	0.0	208	-109	-52.4
United Pentecostal	777	0.0	712	65	9.1
Pentecostal, n.e.c.	4,813	0.0	5,517	-704	-12.8
Other Protestant:					
Other Protestant, n.f.d.	17,560	0.1	17,409	151	0.9
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	5,675	0.0	2,828	2,847	100.7
Born Again Christian	11,288	0.1	10,116	1,172	11.6
Christian & Missionary Alliance	1,061	0.0	1,681	-620	-36.9
Church of the Nazarene	1,665	0.0	1,619	46	2.8
Congregational	4,805	0.0	6,186	-1,381	-22.3
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	2,171	0.0	2,607	-436	-16.7
Independent Evangelical Churches	1,438	0.0	1,622	-184	-11.3
Wesleyan Methodist Church	3,405	0.0	3,700	-295	-8.0
Other Protestant, n.e.c.	3,493	0.0	2,448	1,045	42.7
Other Christian:					
Other Christian, n.f.d.	155	0.0	n.a.	-	-
Apostolic Church of Queensland	2,970	0.0	3,271	-301	-9.2
Christadelphians	9,987	0.1	10,210	-223	-2.2
Christian Science	1,666	0.0	1,494	172	11.5
Gnostic Christians	723	0.0	557	166	29.8
Liberal Catholic Church	499	0.0	596	-97	-16.3
New Apostolic Church	2,655	0.0	2,485	170	6.8
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	424	0.0	502	-78	-15.5
Ratana (Maori)	3,044	0.0	2,346	698	29.8
Religious Science	416	0.0	637	-221	-34.7
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	1,782	0.0	1,815	-33	-1.8
Temple Society	701	0.0	679	22	3.2
Unitarian	868	0.0	721	147	20.4
Worldwide Church of God	896	0.0	2,492	-1,596	-64.0
Other Christian, n.e.c.	5,854	0.0	5,252	602	11.5
Hinduism	95,473	0.5	67,279	28,194	41.9
Islam	281,578	1.5	200,885	80,693	40.2
Judaism	83,995	0.4	79,805	4,190	5.3
Other Religions:					
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	5,224	0.0	7,359	-2,135	-29.0
Baha'i	11,037	0.1	8,949	2,088	23.3

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Chinese Religions:					
Chinese Religions, n.f.d.	14	0.0	258	-244	-94.6
Ancestor Veneration	574	0.0	653	-79	-12.1
Confucianism	382	0.0	578	-196	-33.9
Taoism	3,426	0.0	2,980	446	15.0
Druse	2,493	0.0	2,046	447	21.8
Japanese Religions:					
Shinto	630	0.0	524	106	20.2
Sukyo Mahikari	513	0.0	668	-155	-23.2
Tenrikyo	62	0.0	46	16	34.8
Nature Religions:					
Nature Religions, n.f.d.	50	0.0	118	-68	-57.6
Animism	763	0.0	726	37	5.1
Druidism	697	0.0	556	141	25.4
Paganism	10,632	0.1	4,353	6,279	144.2
Pantheism	1,085	0.0	835	250	29.9
Wiccan/Witchcraft	8,755	0.0	1,849	6,906	373.5
Nature Religions, n.e.c.	2,176	0.0	1,620	556	34.3
Sikhism	17,401	0.1	12,017	5,384	44.8
Spiritualism	9,279	0.0	8,143	1,136	14.0
Theism, n.e.c.	2,538	0.0	1,957	581	29.7
Zoroastrianism	1,753	0.0	1,518	235	15.5
Miscellaneous Religions:					
Caodaism	819	0.0	966	-147	-15.2
Church of Scientology	2,032	0.0	1,490	542	36.4
Eckankar	747	0.0	826	-79	-9.6
Rastafarianism	1,066	0.0	1,023	43	4.2
Satanism	1,798	0.0	2,093	-295	-14.1
Theosophy	1,627	0.0	1,423	204	14.3
Religious Groups, n.e.c.	4,795	0.0	3,066	1,729	56.4
No Religion:					
No Religion, n.f.d.	2,857,304	15.2	2,927,139	-69,835	-2.4
Agnosticism	17,568	0.1	8,801	8,767	99.6
Atheism	24,464	0.1	7,496	16,968	226.4
Humanism	5,041	0.0	4,075	966	23.7
Rationalism	1,616	0.0	1,379	237	17.2
Religious belief, n.f.d.	229,442	1.2	35,806	193,636	540.8
Inadequately described	122,657	0.7	18,372	104,285	567.6
Not stated	1,835,598	9.8	1,550,585	285,013	18.4
Total	18,769,258	100.0	17,752,820	1,016,438	5.7