

Table 2.9

Religious Affiliation

- NSW: 2001 and 1996 Census

Religion	2001 Census	% of population	1996 Census	Change 1996-2001	% change 1996-2001
Buddhism	147,839	2.3	81,945	65,894	80.4
Christianity (total)	4,520,334	71.4	4,473,827	46,507	1.0
Christian, n.f.d.	72,171	1.1	53,174	18,997	35.7
Apostolic Church, so described	995	0.0	925	70	7.6
Anglican	1,507,043	23.8	1,526,895	-19,852	-1.3
Baptist	97,010	1.5	96,562	448	0.5
Brethren	5,742	0.1	6,248	-506	-8.1
Catholic (total)	1,826,816	28.9	1,759,871	66,945	3.8
Western Catholic	1,792,541	28.3	1,745,234	47,307	2.7
Maronite Catholic	28,672	0.5	11,611	17,061	146.9
Melkite Catholic	2,085	0.0	313	1,772	566.1
Ukrainian Catholic	1,197	0.0	1,303	-106	-8.1
Catholic, n.e.c.	2,321	0.0	1,410	911	64.6
Churches of Christ:					
Churches of Christ, n.f.d.	157	0.0	..	153	3825.0
Churches of Christ (Conference)	10,600	0.2	13,127	-2,527	-19.3
Church of Christ (Non denominational)	73	0.0	191	-118	-61.8
International Church of Christ	59	0.0	59	0	0.0
Jehovah's Witnesses	23,098	0.4	23,988	-890	-3.7
Latter Day Saints:					
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, n.f.d.	..	..	..	..	..
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS (Mormons)	15,589	0.2	13,511	2,078	15.4
Reorganised Church of Jesus Christ of LDS	624	0.0	898	-274	-30.5
Lutheran	36,048	0.6	37,468	-1,420	-3.8
Oriental Christian (total)	25,103	0.4	22,333	2,770	12.4
Oriental Christian, n.f.d.	41	0.0	..	..	..
Ancient Church of the East	1,190	0.0	1,069	121	11.3
Armenian Apostolic Church	5,698	0.1	6,023	-325	-5.4
Assyrian Church of the East	5,064	0.1	4,465	599	13.4
Coptic Orthodox Church	11,504	0.2	9,620	1,884	19.6
Syrian (Jacobite) Church	1,491	0.0	1,010	481	47.6
Oriental Christian, n.e.c.	115	0.0	141	-26	-18.4
Orthodox (total)	201,064	3.2	189,141	11,923	6.3
Orthodox, n.f.d.	18,084	0.3	12,629	5,455	43.2
Albanian Orthodox	56	0.0	..	48	600.0
Antiochian Orthodox	5,824	0.1	3,073	2,751	89.5
Greek Orthodox	126,413	2.0	127,187	-774	-0.6
Macedonian Orthodox	23,175	0.4	23,807	-632	-2.7
Romanian Orthodox	394	0.0	426	-32	-7.5
Russian Orthodox	8,325	0.1	7,266	1,059	14.6
Serbian Orthodox	17,476	0.3	13,615	3,861	28.4
Ukrainian Orthodox	933	0.0	976	-43	-4.4
Orthodox, n.e.c.	384	0.0	154	230	149.4
Presbyterian & Reformed:					
Presbyterian & Reformed, n.f.d.	..	..	17	-11	-64.7
Presbyterian	235,377	3.7	249,781	-14,404	-5.8
Reformed	2,411	0.0	2,346	65	2.8
Free Reformed	..	..	10	-5	-50.0
Salvation Army	22,699	0.4	23,494	-795	-3.4
Seventh-day Adventist	21,740	0.3	21,544	196	0.9

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Uniting Church	335,217	5.3	361,791	-26,574	-7.3
Pentecostal (total)	57,017	0.9	46,582	10,435	22.4
Pentecostal, n.f.d.	44,034	0.7	19,841	24,193	121.9
Apostolic Church (Australia)	62	0.0	607	-545	-89.8
Assemblies of God	6,915	0.1	17,019	-10,104	-59.4
Bethesda Churches	10	0.0	20	-10	-50.0
Christian City Church	414	0.0	715	-301	-42.1
Christian Life Churches International	325	0.0	508	-183	-36.0
Christian Outreach Centres	1,868	0.0	3,549	-1,681	-47.4
Christian Revival Crusade	253	0.0	352	-99	-28.1
Faith Churches	25	0.0	..	17	212.5
Foursquare Gospel Church	538	0.0	1,061	-523	-49.3
Full Gospel Church	441	0.0	711	-270	-38.0
Revival Centres	668	0.0	878	-210	-23.9
Rhema Family Church	22	0.0	..	22	0.0
United Pentecostal	146	0.0	125	21	16.8
Pentecostal, n.e.c.	1,296	0.0	1,188	108	9.1
Other Protestant:					
Other Protestant, n.f.d.	5,437	0.1	4,836	601	12.4
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	238	0.0	239	-1	-0.4
Born Again Christian	3,139	0.0	2,698	441	16.3
Christian & Missionary Alliance	401	0.0	691	-290	-42.0
Church of the Nazarene	209	0.0	199	10	5.0
Congregational	2,663	0.0	3,502	-839	-24.0
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	1,072	0.0	1,430	-358	-25.0
Independent Evangelical Churches	243	0.0	237	6	2.5
Wesleyan Methodist Church	470	0.0	541	-71	-13.1
Other Protestant, n.e.c.	1,152	0.0	711	441	62.0
Other Christian:					
Other Christian, n.f.d.	48	0.0	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Apostolic Church of Queensland	..	..	..	-5	-55.6
Christadelphians	2,851	0.0	3,078	-227	-7.4
Christian Science	528	0.0	502	26	5.2
Gnostic Christians	270	0.0	294	-24	-8.2
Liberal Catholic Church	142	0.0	191	-49	-25.7
New Apostolic Church	571	0.0	495	76	15.4
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	139	0.0	180	-41	-22.8
Ratana (Maori)	1,189	0.0	861	328	38.1
Religious Science	92	0.0	127	-35	-27.6
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	455	0.0	454	1	0.2
Temple Society	83	0.0	61	22	36.1
Unitarian	212	0.0	206	6	2.9
Worldwide Church of God	176	0.0	582	-406	-69.8
Other Christian, n.e.c.	1,886	0.0	1,743	143	8.2
Hinduism	51,463	0.8	35,606	15,857	44.5
Islam	140,938	2.2	102,296	38,642	37.8
Judaism	34,597	0.5	32,850	1,747	5.3
Other Religions:					
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	516	0.0	353	163	46.2
Baha'i	3,827	0.1	2,881	946	32.8

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Chinese Religions:					
Chinese Religions, n.f.d.	101	-101	-100.0
Ancestor Veneration	117	0.0	211	-94	-44.5
Confucianism	115	0.0	140	-25	-17.9
Taoism	1,113	0.0	1,005	108	10.7
Druse	854	0.0	748	106	14.2
Japanese Religions:					
Shinto	228	0.0	219	9	4.1
Sukyo Mahikari	160	0.0	167	-7	-4.2
Tenrikyo	..	..	13	-4	-30.8
Nature Religions:					
Nature Religions, n.f.d.	17	0.0	18	-1	-5.6
Animism	175	0.0	139	36	25.9
Druidism	190	0.0	173	17	9.8
Paganism	3,183	0.1	1,467	1,716	117.0
Pantheism	349	0.0	274	75	27.4
Wiccan/Witchcraft	2,413	0.0	531	1,882	354.4
Nature Religions, n.e.c.	687	0.0	535	152	28.4
Sikhism	8,604	0.1	5,901	2,703	45.8
Spiritualism	2,348	0.0	2,046	302	14.8
Theism, n.e.c.	805	0.0	679	126	18.6
Zoroastrianism	901	0.0	847	54	6.4
Miscellaneous Religions:					
Caodaism	375	0.0	407	-32	-7.9
Church of Scientology	1,050	0.0	656	394	60.1
Eckankar	167	0.0	184	-17	-9.2
Rastafarianism	360	0.0	343	17	5.0
Satanism	483	0.0	582	-99	-17.0
Theosophy	467	0.0	396	71	17.9
Religious Groups, n.e.c.	1,928	0.0	1,030	898	87.2
No Religion:					
No Religion, n.f.d.	722,753	11.4	763,345	-40,592	-5.3
Agnosticism	6,058	0.1	3,042	3,016	99.1
Atheism	7,822	0.1	2,457	5,365	218.4
Humanism	1,622	0.0	2,412	-790	-32.8
Rationalism	475	0.0	385	90	23.4
Religious belief, n.f.d.	60,632	1.0	11,960	48,672	407.0
Inadequately described	35,192	0.6	5,899	29,293	496.6
Not stated	565,415	8.9	468,126	97,289	20.8
Total	6,326,581	100.0	6,006,205	320,376	5.3