

# 14C Come and Share

## Census Data 2021

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### Total Population is 25.4m

Religions	Number	Percent (of total population)		
		2021	2016	2011
Catholics	5m	20 (19.97%)	22.6%	25.3%
Anglicans	2.48	9.8	13.3	17.1
Uniting		2.65	3.7	5
Eastern Orthodox		2	2.1	2.2
Presbyterian		1.6	2.3	2.8
Baptists		1.4	1.5	1.6
Pentecostal		1	1.1	1.1
<b>Total Christian</b>	<b>11.14m</b>	<b>43.85</b>	<b>52.1%</b>	
<b>Other religions</b>				
Islam		3.2	2.6	2.2
Hinduism		2.7	1.9	1.3
Buddhism		2.4	2.4	2.5
All other (incl Judaism)		1.7	1.3	
<b>No religion</b>		<b>38.4%</b>	<i>(up from 30.1% in 2016 and 22.3% in 2011)</i>	

In 1966, Christians made up 88.2% of the Australian population. In 1991 it was 74%.

**Today and always, we are called to be disciples of Jesus – to go before him and announce the breaking in of the kingdom of God. The need to announce the Gospel is becoming clearer. We cannot continue the way that we have been.**

“To be a disciple is to be a *learner*. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to be engaged in a lifelong process of learning from and about Jesus the master, Jesus the teacher.” James Mallon, *Divine Renovation*.

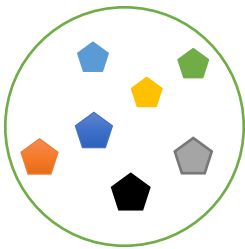
**There is a spectrum of belief** (Sherry Weddell, *Forming Intentional Disciples*)

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1. I don't believe in God – atheist
2. I don't know if there is a God – agnostic
3. I believe in a higher-power or impersonal force – deist
4. I believe in a personal God but have no relationship with God – census Christian?
5. I believe in a personal God and have a relationship with God – believer

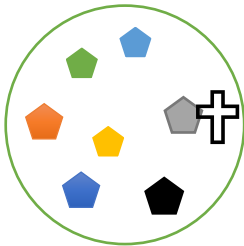
*Come and see the works of God; come and hear – for I will tell what he did in me. (Psalm 66)*

**3 circles** (from census Christian to practicing Catholic to intentional disciple of Jesus)



1. God and church are not part of a person's life.

2. Jesus is now part of the person's life, but only one thing among many.



3. Jesus is now central to the person; some things have now been excluded and all of life is arranged around Jesus.

