

RELIGION

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AUSTRALIAN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS since colonial times have generally mirrored those of the immigrants settling in the country, and like all Western cultures the pattern of religious practice in Australia in the twentieth century has been one of decline.

A question has been asked on religion in every census since the first census taken in New South Wales in 1828. The one exception is Tasmania, which omitted the religious question in its 1881 census. The question has been optional in all censuses since 1861, largely in deference to the smaller Protestant denominations which thought that the state should have nothing to do with religion. Until 1921 those opposed to the question were invited to answer 'object'. A higher proportion objected in South Australia than in other colonies/states, although even there most people dutifully answered the question. In 1933, when it was stated clearly for the first time on the form that there was no legal obligation to answer the question, the number not replying increased dramatically. Since then a fairly consistent proportion of people has answered the question. Until recently the overwhelming proportion of Australians has professed to belong to a religious denomination, mainly Christian.

The value of these census statistics on religion, however, has often been questioned. Some scepticism towards them is justified, but they should not be dismissed as of no worth at all. They do not measure the quality of religious belief or the depth of devotion; these things cannot be statistically quantified. At the most superficial level the census statistics tell us to which religious denominations most Australians claim to belong. They also provide a measure of the nominal strength and the growth or decline of the various denominations. As well, they give a rough indication over more than a century of the proportion of Australians professing or consciously disavowing religious allegiance. In the long term these figures may hide more than they reveal, but recent censuses suggest interesting changes in the attitudes of Australians to religious belief and denominational allegiance. To this extent they are of value to the historian and the sociologist studying the place of religion in the life of Australians.

There are other religious statistics which may be used to test or qualify the picture presented by the census statistics. It has not been possible to include them all here, but some should be mentioned. Returns of marriages conducted by clergymen of the various denominations or by official registrars, and more recently by civil celebrants, may be found in commonwealth and state *Year books*. The growing proportion of marriages performed by civil celebrants may be

compared with the increased percentage of persons professing no religion. It must be remembered that the facility for civil marriages, as distinct from marriage in a registry office, did not exist until the 1970s. Even so, comparison of these two sets of figures might seem to suggest that the disavowal of religious belief is to be found more among younger Australians.

Other statistics which should be noted are church attendance figures. All the colonial governments collected returns of church attendance for a time, but only New South Wales and Victoria published them consistently throughout the nineteenth century. Both the governments and most denominations gave up publishing this information early in this century. Where they exist, however, these figures show a substantial gap between religious profession according to the census and religious practice at this level.

Church or communicant membership is a more significant indicator of religious commitment, and it is interesting to compare the number of members or communicants claimed by each denomination with the number that claim affiliation with those denominations at each census. As the membership figures are either estimates made by clergymen or compiled by them from church membership rolls, it may be suspected that they are inflated. Church rolls may include some inactive members, but there is no reason to think that the figures are wildly exaggerated, especially when it is remembered that contributions to denominational funds are based on membership returns. Furthermore, in many cases the figures show falls as well as rises in membership. It is instructive to observe the behaviour of membership figures in similar denominations over a long period and to compare growth and decline with trends revealed in the census statistics on religious affiliation. It should be remembered too that church membership figures largely represent adults while the census statistics include all ages.

Sunday school enrolments give some indication of the number of children connected with each denomination. Children attending Sunday school often provide the closest link between the church and families who may be counted as adherents, as distinct from members of the churches; thus these statistics also reflect something of the broader constituency of the denominations. Questions may also be raised as to their reliability. In this case, there is an independent check; in Victoria and South Australia in 1891 and again in the latter state in 1901 the census schedule included a question as to whether any in the household were Sunday school teachers or scholars. According to the census in both colonies in 1891 considerably fewer attended Sunday school than church returns claimed. The difference was much less in South Australia in 1901. The difference between the Anglican figures in the census and church returns in 1891 was less than other denominations in 1891 and in 1901 the census revealed more Anglican Sunday school scholars than the church claimed. The situation is complicated by children attending a Sunday school of another denomination than that to which they nominally belong. The figures here should be regarded as the optimum number of children enrolled in Sunday schools. Average attendance at Sunday schools ranged between two-thirds and three-quarters of the numbers enrolled. It should be noted too that, like the church membership figures, the Sunday school statistics show growth and decline.

The Sunday school is pre-eminently a Protestant institution, but figures from official sources include a number of children in Roman Catholic Sunday schools. These were catechism classes held principally for Catholic children attending state schools. The Catholic Church looked to its own parochial schools as the main agency of religious instruction and the number of Catholic children in church schools needs to be set alongside the number of Catholic Sunday school enrolments, where they are given.



KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

Ang	Known as the Church of England in Australia until Aug 1981, when it became the Anglican Church of Australia. In earlier censuses a significant minority returned themselves as Anglican, and a few as English Church, Episcopal Church, Anglo-Catholic or High Church of England. The great majority, however, returned Church of England. The few adherents of the Free Church of England are also included under 'Ang' in the following tables.	No relig	No religion. In the tables that follow this includes Freethinkers and Agnostics (listed under 'Indefinite' in commonwealth censuses to 1933), as well as Atheists, Materialists, Rationalists, Sceptics, Secularists, and Socialists. The greatest proportion in this category, however, simply returned 'No religion'. Until 1901 the Tasmanian census included Deists with 'No religion'.
Bapt	Includes a minority described in the censuses as 'Particular', 'Strict', or 'Close Communion Baptists' and other qualifying terms, but the overwhelming number simply called themselves Baptists and may be regarded as adherents of the churches affiliated with the Baptist associations or unions of the colonies and states.	No reply	In every census a small number failed to answer the question on religion, but the number included in 'Unspecified' might, as in the case of NSW to 1901, have embraced 'ill-defined'.
Breth	Includes those described as 'Christian Brethren', 'Plymouth Brethren', 'Open', and 'Exclusive Brethren', who were listed separately in some colonial censuses and in the commonwealth census of 1911. The majority, however, returned themselves as Brethren without qualification.	Object to state	The religion question was optional from 1861, but those opposed to it were asked to write 'Object to state'. Objectors were shown in the Vic census from 1861, in SA from 1866, and in Qld and WA from 1881; they were not listed separately in NSW or Tas until 1891. Before this, they were counted with 'No reply' under 'Unspecified'.
Budd etc	Buddhist, Confucian, etc. Up to 1947 this category included a large proportion returned as 'Chinese religion' and other descriptions such as 'Chinese Joss' or 'Joss House'. The overwhelming number of those returned as Buddhist were until recently of Chinese origin.	Orth	Includes Russian, Serbian, Ukrainian, and members of other Orthodox Churches, in addition to Greek Orthodox, to which the great majority in this category claimed allegiance.
Cath	Most censuses showed those returned as Roman Catholic and as Catholic separately, the latter as 'Catholic undefined', which the Qld census placed under 'Unspecified' (1871) or 'Other Christian sects' (1901). In the earlier censuses the great majority identified themselves as Roman Catholic, but in recent censuses this term is used by the minority.	Other	The category 'Other' under 'Other religions' includes Hindu, Sikh, Shinto, and those returned as 'Pagan'. To 1947 it also included Theosophists and Spiritualists, the latter generally placed under 'Indefinite' in commonwealth censuses at least until 1947 when the various groups embraced by this category were last shown. Spiritualists formed a substantial proportion of those listed under 'Other religions', particularly in Vic.
C of C	Churches of Christ. In colonial censuses, 'Christians', 'Disciples of Christ', and 'Churches of Christ' were generally taken together as members of one denomination. 'Christian undefined' was included with 'Other Christian' in commonwealth censuses and in the Vic census of 1901.	Other Chris	Colonial censuses generally included a category 'Other Protestants' (or 'Other Protestant dissenters' in early censuses), and some listed 'Other Christian sects' or 'Other denominations'. In the tables that follow some groups included under these headings have been reclassified in appropriate categories, but the remainder have been placed under 'Other Chris'. Included are many small denominations, the largest of which are the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons); Jehovah's Witnesses, and Pentecostals (Apostolic Church, Assemblies of God, Full Gospel Churches etc). Also included are 'Christian undefined' (from 1901 in Vic, and 1911 in other states) and many idiosyncratic or imprecise definitions of Christian allegiance.
Cong	Congregational and Independent were synonymous in the nineteenth century. The few returned as Welsh Congregational or Welsh Independent are included in this category in the tables.	Other Prot	Those returned simply as 'Protestant' were counted as members of the Church of England in most colonial censuses to 1851; the majority were most likely nominal Anglicans. In later censuses they are shown separately, and included with them in the following tables are the few returned as Nonconformist or Dissenter, as in the 1911 census.
Indef	Indefinite. This category was not used in colonial censuses, and the early censuses made no distinction between imprecise replies and no reply, grouping them under 'Unspecified'. Where there is sufficient detail, however, it is possible to reclassify some responses to conform to the 'Indefinite' category as used in commonwealth censuses, but excluding Spiritualists, Freethinkers, and Agnostics. From 1891 most colonial censuses showed the number returning 'No denomination' and these form the greater proportion of the 'Indefinite' category shown in the following tables. It also includes Deists, Theists, Pantheists, and a variety of terms which may or may not express a religious belief or philosophy. 'No denomination' is itself an ambiguous term: it may mean no religion or simply indifference to organised religion, without implying any repudiation of religious belief.	Pres	The Presbyterian churches of the various colonies were formed through unions which took place in Vic in 1859, in NSW and SA in 1865, and in Tas in 1897. Before these unions the main division of Presbyterians was between the adherents of the Church of Scotland (Synod of Australia) and supporters of the Free Church of Scotland, formed in 1843 (Synod or Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia). Some United Presbyterians and Reformed Presbyterians, and a few Cameronians or Covenanters were also classified under 'Presbyterian'. A minority of Free Presbyterians stayed out of the unions; by 1901 they formed a very small proportion of Presbyterians (0.2 per cent in NSW, 0.4 per cent in Vic, and 7.5 per cent in Tas where Presbyterian union had taken place most recently). Thus, in the twentieth century almost all Presbyterians may be regarded as adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, formed in 1901 by the Union of the Presbyterian churches of the states.
Jew	Jewish rather than Hebrew seems to be the term preferred by the majority of this group, although more returned themselves as Hebrew than Jewish in NSW in 1911. Very few returned themselves under the term 'Judaism', which might be considered the most precise religious definition.	Salv Army	The Salvation Army was introduced to Australia in the early 1880s and first appeared in census returns in Queensland in 1886, and in other colonies in 1891.
Luth	The two main Lutheran Churches in Australia up to 1966 were the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (later, Church) of Australia, and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. These two united to form the Lutheran Church of Australia. Adherents of the two churches, however, were not clearly identified in the censuses. Those returned as 'Danish Church', 'Church of Sweden', 'Scandinavian Church', and other similar qualifications are also included under 'Luth' in the tables.	7th-day Adv	The Seventh-day Adventist Church came to Australia in 1885.
Meth	There were four main Methodist denominations in Australia in the nineteenth century: the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church, the Bible Christian Methodist Church, and the United Methodist Free Church. They were not clearly distinguished in all the colonial censuses until 1891, the last census before the colonial unions which preceded the formation of the Methodist Church of Australia in 1902. Also included in this category are adherents of the Methodist New Connexion and a few who returned themselves as 'Independent' or 'Lay Methodists'. Welsh Calvinistic Methodists are under 'Other Christ' in the following tables.	Soc of Friends	The Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers. Included under 'Other Chris' in REL 1-200.
Mus	Muslim. Colonial censuses, apart from in Vic, used the broad category 'Mohammedan and pagan' to 1881 (Qld to 1901), while the commonwealth census in 1954-66 used the category 'Other non-Christian religions' for Muslims and others. Muslims (returned as Mohammedan or Mussulman, and a few as Druse) were never numerous and the great majority included under 'Mohammedan and pagan' were, from the 1850s until recently, Chinese 'Buddhists, Confucian etc'.	Unit	Includes those returned as 'Unitarian' and 'Unitarian Christian', a distinction made in some censuses.
		Unit Church	The Uniting Church in Australia was formed on 22 June 1977 by the Methodist Church of Australasia, the Congregational Union of Australia, and a number of congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. Among the substantial number who returned themselves as 'Methodists' in 1981 were probably many who were nominal adherents of the Methodist Church before the union. This may have also been the case with some of those who returned themselves as 'Congregationalists', although there were a few Congregational churches which did not join the Uniting Church, especially in NSW. Presbyterian figures may include a proportion of nominal Presbyterians in addition to loyal adherents of the 'continuing' Presbyterian Church of Australia.

REL 26-50 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS OF THE POPULATION, VICTORIA 1841-1981

Census year	CHRISTIAN										OTHER RELIGIONS										No 'Object to state'	No relig	48	49	50
	Ang	Bapt	Breth	Cath	C of C	Cong	Luth	Meth	Orth	Pres	Sacto Army	7th-day Adv	Unit	Other Prot	Other Chrs ^a	Total	Jew	Mus	Budd etc	Other						Total	Indef^{b}
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
1841	6 190		2 441			650			2 044																
1846	14 921		9 075			1 597			5 856																
1851	37 433		18 014			4 988			11 608																
1854	99 978	4 727	181	45 111	7 791	3 043	15 284	65	42 235			1180	8 024	1 344	228 963	1 547	332	2 677	182	4 738	171	805			
1857	158 036	6 412	116	109 829	12 777	10 043	27 988	127	65 151			1462	15 321	2 028	370 484	2 181	216	27 288	374	30 059	1 406	1 158		2 121	
1861	206 149	9 001		109 829	441 ^c	10 433	46 511	239	87 103			1430	5 919	2 034	491 476	2 903	189	26 223	208	29 523	952	441		11 536	
1867	251 638	16 311	193	170 620	3 540	10 559	94 220	332	112 983			1016	5 997	3 742	689 542	3 571	125	17 650	199	21 545	2 622	2 294		9 965	
1871	299 652	20 373	648	203 480	4 859	11 149	115 053	111	132 591			942	11 639	2 691	823 066	4 330	111	11 159	901	16 501	3 943	3 781		8 598	
1881	401 604	27 883	1069	248 591	9 342	15 529	158 040	247	167 027	13 521	426	1502	15 629 ^f	4 252	1 086 772	6 459	241	6 746	844	14 290	7 949	8 517		13 608	
1891	424 011	32 648	1570	263 710	10 682	17 141	13 935	180 272	367	191 503	8 830	788	9 018	5 738	1 161 299	5 907	474	4 807	1171	12 359	6 404	4 895		10 827	
1901	451 087	31 244	1932	286 433	16 511	16 484	11 682	176 662	516	234 553	7 799	1443	512	24 116	1 267 053	6 270	391	1 273	2234	10 168	2 016	4 523		21 970	
1911	601 809	32 305	2870	322 565	22 250	15 893	8 684	183 829	871	257 072	9 183	2435	426	18 636	1 487 008	7 677	304	1 063	2523	11 567	1 874	8 549		9 329	
1921	626 172	31 427	1821	342 135	26 274	12 458	8 759	193 096	2 352	276 699	8 711	2575	349	25 231	1 567 343	9 500	159	177	1818	10 654	1 952	4 746		235 566	
1933	729 902	32 020	2584	416 873	29 722	11 374	10 002	234 595	2 788	288 383	10 984	3276	1045	27 273	1 813 042	14 910	632	201	603	16 346	4 417	7 958		212 938	
1947	832 473	34 316	3261	563 654	33 608	11 922	22 893	252 802	20 121	327 422	11 391	4468	37 753	14 948	2 171 032	24 016			2 283	26 299	4 818	6 637		243 555	
1954	893 159	38 627	3357	762 735	37 939	12 104	35 368	275 205	54 823	367 346	13 597	5721	817	39 940	2 4073	2 564 811	29 932		2 873	32 805	6 651	10 796		315 050	
1966	923 400	41 435	3347	889 548	39 297	11 820	37 638	279 330	100 388	387 140	14 758	7152	44 462	35 900	2 813 615	31 059			4 191	35 250	9 486	27 966		333 900	
1971	892 568	41 753	3362	1 003 826	32 950	9 252	39 832	256 058	140 600	364 338	17 287	7639	113 351	55 828	2 980 640	30 117	8 963		3 193	42 273	7 792	256 430		215 212	
1976	791 852	38 591	3983	990 457	27 135	6 661	36 743	209 138	155 321	303 498	15 511	7309	98 204	83 664	2 768 066	25 755	17 622		6 688	50 065	14 846	341 932		472 065	
1981	777 551	40 790	3724	1 064 514	26 272	2 042	37 494	90 444	171 131	175 291	17 107	8294	98 667	100 492	2 827 070 ^g	30 017	29 355	9 474	5002	73 848	14 673	465 302		451 510	

NOTE To 1851, Pt Phillip district.

(a) In the 1841-51 censuses includes REL 27 and 31-2; in 1954 and 1966-81, REL 38.

(b) In 1854-61 censuses, Freethinkers and Secularists were included under 'No denomination'; in subsequent censuses they were placed under 'No religion' (REL 48).

(c) Includes REL 45, 47, 49 and 50.

(d) Of those who did not reply to the question on religion in 1857, 3305 were European; the remainder were presumably Aboriginal or Chinese.

(e) Includes REL 28; no distinction was made in 1861 between Plymouth Brethren, Disciples of Christ, or Christians.

(f) This figure includes the few adherents to the Free Church of England, who were included in REL 26 in previous years.

(g) Includes 213 257 members of the Uniting Church.

REL 76-100 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS OF THE POPULATION, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1844-1981

Census year	CHRISTIAN													OTHER RELIGIONS							Total	Indef	No relig. to state'	No reply	
	Avg	Bapt	Breth	Cath	C of C ^a	Cong	Luth	Meth	Orth	Pres	Sabto Army	7th-day Adop ^b	Unit	Other Prot.	Other Chris ^c	Total	Jew	Mus	Budd etc						
76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	
1844	9 418	1 055	1 666	1 666	1 666	1 666	1 666	1 666	1 691	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246
1846	11 961	1 649	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	1 958	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246	2 246
1855	33 812	8 335	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	7 120	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178	11 178
1860	43 587	3 424	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	10 530	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d	5 355 ^d
1866	49 295	5 464	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	11 986	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268	6 268
1871	50 849	8 731	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	13 371	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381	7 381
1876	56 100	10 460	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	14 651	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969	7 969
1881	75 812	13 979	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	17 917	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726	8 726
1881	89 271	17 547	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	17 917	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908	9 908
1891	106 987	21 765	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	18 206	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338	13 338
1901	113 781	21 863	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	22 567	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238	15 238
1911	165 968	23 033	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	38 103	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867
1921	165 968	23 033	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	38 103	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867	17 867
1933	164 531	19 081	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	24 659	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836	13 836
1947	188 151	18 431	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	24 304	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916	13 916
1954	223 319	18 797	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	30 778	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650	15 650
1971	286 754	22 010	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	38 103	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916
1961	255 053	20 840	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	38 103	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035	18 035
1966	286 323	22 243	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	42 778	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316
1971	286 754	22 010	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	38 103	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916	17 916
1976	275 337	22 004	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	42 778	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316	18 316
1981	260 919	22 287	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	42 778	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657	18 657

NOTE In 1871-1901 includes Northern Territory.

(a) In the 1866-81 censuses, 'Churches of Christ' were not clearly distinguished but were included under that imprecise term, which also included Plymouth Brethren; there were few of the latter, however, and the greater number of Christian Brethren were presumably Churches of Christ, also known as Christians or Disciples of Christ. In the 1891 census REL 80 included 308 'Christians' listed under 'Other religions' (REL 92-95) in the 1891 census.

(b) The absence of any figures for REL 87 in 1901 is surprising. During the 1890s they were campaigning against the recognition of God in the commonwealth constitution. As a result, they might have entered an objection to the religious question in the census or not replied at all, although this was not the case in other states.

(c) In the 1844 census includes REL 77, 81-2, and 89; in 1855-60, REL 89; in 1954 and 1966-81, REL 86. In the 1860 census this category included 1685 'Christians', some of whom would have been Churches of Christ, a few may have been Brethren.

(d) Includes Baptists (REL 77).

(e) REL 100. In 1855 census, includes REL 97, 99; in 1860-81 includes REL 97, 98.

(f) Probably includes some smaller Christian sects, as in 1891, but no details of the groups in this category were given in 1881.

(g) 'Unspecified' was included with 'No denomination' in 1901.

(h) Includes 108 857 members of the Uniting Church.

REL 101-125 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS OF THE POPULATION, TASMANIA 1837-1981

Census year	CHRISTIAN													OTHER RELIGIONS							No 'Object relig. to state'	No reply			
	Ang	Bapt	Breth	Cath	C of C	Cong	Luth	Meth	Orth	Pres	Salo Army	7th-day Aids	Unit	Other Prot	Other Chris. ^a	Total	Jew	Mus	Budd etc	Other			Total	Indef	
	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125
1837	15 228	91		1 833		553		1 399		2 352					69	21 525	124								
1838	16 094	175		2 288		635		1 289		2 551					80	23 112	132								
1841	32 560			3 931				1 944		3 619					1650	43 704	259			319					
1842	34 861 ^b			4 492				2 263		3 797					1920	47 333	297			328					
1847	44 490 ^b			9 904				2 566		4 552					2186	63 698	452			481					
1851	45 073 ^b			12 444				3 772		4 485					2379	68 153	435			456					
1857	47 714			16 852				4 721		7 220					3820	80 327	429			475					
1861	49 233	828		19 454		3 246		6 169		8 994					1710 ^c	89 634	343								
1870	53 047	931		22 091		3 931		7 187		9 064					2841	99 092	232			236					
1879	73 169	3084		25 800		4501		7 187		9 064					269	139 742	84			201					
1891	83 815	4330	293	30 314		907		17 155	5	15 607	1216	202	51	2913	421	167 610	107	142	826	41	1093	201	456	4486	688
1901	88 158	4757	645	32 661		1070		17 523	38	15 735	1454	386	88	2624	421	183 840	130	27	353	82	569	518	398	2900	480
1911	112 222	5332	1424	35 465		1138		24 975	38	15 735	1419	514	73	7173	1139	183 840	130	10	169	42	351	250	371	4929	1 470
1921	112 222	5332	1424	35 465		1138		24 975	38	15 735	1419	514	73	7173	1139	183 840	130	10	169	42	351	250	371	4929	1 470
1933	105 228	4666	1242	33 189		1935		26 470	41	14 796	1357	687	33	2271	1301	208 689	121	17	70	61	269	335	560	2287	1 640
1947	123 158	5374	1859	39 844		3963		33 358	43	12 644	1612	960	34	1661	1585	228 215	123	33	9	36	201	867	506	27 387	27 387
1954	147 407	6293	2347	53 042		4425		38 236	593	15 607	1815	1280	2157	2972	279 487	158	98	256	796	516	256	796	516	27 697	27 697
1961	159 115	7227	2008	63 993		4193		42 236	1009	16 757	2316	1567	33	1975	5057	311 548	136	118	254	1766	775	254	1766	775	35 997
1966	166 028	7759	3062	71 089		4530		43 084	1514	17 498	2661	1497	1924	5243	330 332	207	278	485	2 275	2 020	485	2 275	2 020	36 324	36 324
1971	169 089	8039	3929	77 250		4134		42 173	1918	17 281	3176	1560	4243	7266	344 395	98	133	561	993	20 221	561	993	20 221	24 243	24 243
1976	158 748	7940	3986	73 092		3266		37 107	1743	14 899	2880	1294	3455	9932	324 242	121	135	779	2 223	27 624	779	2 223	27 624	47 998	47 998
1981	151 207	7965	3947	78 143		1790		19 906	1855	11 575	3202	1464	5217	9734	317 414 ^d	145	569	1263	11 162	36 222	1263	11 162	36 222	58 896	58 896

NOTE To 1856, Van Diemen's Land. In 1837-57, figures are exclusive of convicts, and military personnel and their families. There was no question on religion in the 1881 census.

(a) In the 1837-38 and 1861-70 censuses includes REL 107 and 114; in 1841-57 REL 102, 106-7, and 1954 and 1966-81, REL 113.

(b) Includes 'every person whose religion is not otherwise stated'; in 1847 also included 38 Aborigines.

(c) In 1861, 'Other sects' included 'Mohammedans and pagans'; previous and subsequent censuses suggest that the latter were very few. They were included in Other Christians (REL 115) that year.

(d) Includes 17 668 members of the Uniting Church.

'Australia is not a very religious country. Less than a third of the population goes to church each week and over half the population never goes to church at all. Women go to church more often than men, and Catholics more often than Protestants. In general the Australian attitude towards religion is one of apathy: most people think of themselves as Christian, but they don't bother to do anything about it.' Craig McGregor, 1966.

REL 126-150 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS OF THE POPULATION, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1848-1981

Census year	CHRISTIAN											OTHER RELIGIONS						Total	Indef	No relig	'Object to state'	No reply				
	Ang	Bapt	Breth	Cath	C of C	Cong	Luth	Meth	Orth	Pres	Sato Army	7th-day Adv	Unit	Other Prot	Other Chris ^a	Total	Jew						Mus	Budd etc		
1848	3 063			337	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	
1854	6 656			2 034		298		589						311	188	4 362										169
1859	9 942			3 354		385		1 374		207				63	495	10 072										
1870	14 619			7 118		882		1 718		529				55	51	14 786										
1881 ^c	16 263			8 413		1 262		2 084		1 004						4 362										
1891	24 768	283	9	12 602	98	1 573	216	4 615	11	1 997	4	2	39	250	42	46 509	130	427	1 089	301 ^d	1 947	194	536	148	205	
1901	75 669	2 914	1 466	41 893	1 064	4 405	1 702	24 520	175	14 707	1690	211	150	1 867	398	171 511	1 259	1 191	844	456	3 750	1925	2 859	3053	118	
1911	109 435	4 801	3 611	61 962	2 819	6 203	2 491	34 348	472	26 678	2 890	885	144	9 971	1 300	263 760	1 790	1 517	2 265	389	5 961	603	2 101	6145	3 544	
1921	153 285	5 541	4 119	66 536	3 861	6 557	3 159	39 116	630	28 377	2 331	1 433	95	5 739	1 697	316 896	1 919	826	1 667	326	4 738	577	2 513	2 861	5 147	
1933	188 457	5 601	3 151	78 488	5 614	5 961	1 088	44 521	1 749	32 694	2 633	1 652	68	5 697	2 626	377 164	2 105	333	354	380	3 172	671	1 059	5 678	48 408	
1947	222 457	6 097	612	96 222	7 043	5 950	841	59 194	2 267	31 809	3 200	2 072	64	4 757	4 277	446 862	2 294	525	90	265	3 174	1 697	2 339	48 408		
1954	268 135	7 236	734	143 489	7 801	6 844	3871	68 489	7 213	37 659	3 732	2 932	40	6 166	5 492	569 793	2 555	374			2 929	1 746	2 160	63 143		
1961	289 863	8 961	857	180 173	10 261	8 026	4 460	76 465	9 057	40 583	4 545	3 790	40	5 234	8 716	651 031	2 782	836			3 618	2 028	3 156	76 796		
1966	317 212	10 921	845	215 981	12 070	8 375	5 155	80 965	11 836	44 310	4 924	4 430		6 748	13 065	736 837	2 996	1 261			4 257	2 849	8 203	95 954		
1971	362 759	13 345	1 264	267 990	13 436	8 258	6 998	85 283	13 491	48 367	6 070	4 819		15 851	21 947	869 878	3 102	1 027	1 735		5 864	3 002	90 361	61 364		
1976	360 336	14 450	1 313	283 240	12 551	6 538	7 123	77 010	14 187	42 630	5 922	4 599		13 728	31 599	875 225	2 885	1 894	3 294		8 073	5 453	119 507	136 597		
1981	375 848	15 859	1 369	316 337	14 163	3 368	7 516	51 225	14 778	32 033	6 848	5 089		17 586	42 489	937 100 ^e	3 156	3 581	2 971	1 891	11 599	7 967	172 116	144 842		

(a) In the 1848-59 censuses includes REL 127 and 139 as 'Other Protestant dissenters', and in 1870 as 'Baptists and Protestants'; in 1881 includes REL 139, in 1954 and 1966-81, REL 138.
 (b) Includes Jews, Mohammedans, and others not specified; among the latter were 'ticket-of-leave' men on public works, and 'prisoners'.
 (c) It is not possible to calculate the total number of Christians (REL 141) or Other religions (REL 146) in 1881, as 'Baptists and other Protestants' were grouped with 'Jews, Mohammedans, etc' under 'Other religions'.
 (d) In 1891 the category 'Other sects' included 288 'half-caste Aborigines' listed as 'Pagans', whom the census tabulators considered belonged there because 'they believe in an Evil, even if not a Good Spirit'.
 (e) Includes 32 592 members of the Uniting Church.

REL 151-175 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS OF THE POPULATION, NORTHERN TERRITORY 1911-1981

Census year	CHRISTIAN											OTHER RELIGIONS						Total	Indef	No relig	'Object to state'	No reply			
	Ang	Bapt	Breth	Cath	C of C	Cong	Luth	Meth	Orth	Pres	Sato Army	7th-day Adv	Unit	Other Prot	Other Chris ^a	Total	Jew						Mus	Budd etc	
1911	613	15	2	432	1	21	22	107	0	144	0	0	1	38	3	1 399	0	38	1 317	9	1 364	4	53	98	392
1921	1 142	26	0	711	5	9	33	177	113	266	2	2	0	4	8	2 498	1	26	672	33	732	17	218	85	317
1933	1 480	13	0	870	3	7	45	328	114	234	0	1	0	46	8	3 149	0	46	55	1	102	4	82	1 513	
1947	3 688	86	8	2 499	55	47	101	1 211	74	686	15	6	7	74	78	8 635	7	26	62	5	100	15	149	1 969	
1954	5 271	108	6	4 279	100	60	236	1 721	250	1 200	72	34		163	296	13 796	8	109		117	54	152	2 350		
1961	8 165	227	17	7 268	120	157	589	2 504	859	1 597	134	17	9	620	480	22 763	23	206	229	326	229	86	259	3 758	
1966	11 052	451	16	11 660	164	180	2 259	5 000	1 678	2 052	120	54		423	1 845	37 054	18	344	393	344	393	1 986	1 672		
1971	17 088	1 307	53	18 493	379	232	3 341	6 857	2 393	3 287	342	166		1 386	3 583	58 907	46	224	1 349	1 619	573	14 767	10 524		
1976	17 365	1 510	48	19 688	317	199	3 332	4 770	2 236	2 898	406	238		1 157	5 832	59 997	54	193	3 516	3 763	737	14 107	18 486		
1981	21 099	2 314	74	25 177	450	93	3 643	3 233	2 850	2 526	599	305		1 434	3 999	73 648 ^b	67	317	499	935	1 818	758	21 473	25 627	

(a) In the 1954 and 1966-81 censuses includes REL 163.
 (b) Includes 3852 members of the Uniting Church.

REL 176-200 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS OF THE POPULATION, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY 1911-1981

Census year	CHRISTIAN													OTHER RELIGIONS										No 'Object relig to state'	No Reply	
	Ang	Bapt	Breth	Cath	C of C	Cong	Luth	Meth	Orth	Pres	Sale Army	7th-day Adv	Unit	Other Prot	Other Chrs ^a	Total	Jew	Mus	Budd etc	Other	Total	Indef	197			198	199	200
176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200		
1911	667	0	0	667	2	1	0	118	0	188	0	0	0	22	1	1 666	0	0	0	1	1	4	22	20		
1921	1 373	9	3	700	2	11	4	159	0	262	2	0	3	1	2 529	1	0	6	1	8	2	9	21	3		
1933	3 785	114	1	2 200	31	34	7	678	13	1 013	32	1	0	68	49	8 026	4	0	5	0	9	25	878			
1947	7 091	185	18	4 355	49	72	18	1 356	51	1 944	26	2	2	69	82	15 318	26	0	0	1	27	39	143	1 378		
1954	11 579	298	14	9 337	108	185	430	1 807	426	3 006	56	17	190	160	27 613	54	34	88	33	221	376	13 763	2 360			
1961	20 307	687	43	18 647	393	270	1 606	3 380	903	5 384	121	77	5	343	388	52 554	111	192	303	77	556	5 358				
1966	31 172	1 146	64	31 296	654	431	2 414	5 233	1 824	8 604	236	167	577	912	84 730	203	186	389	258	3 066	7 589					
1971	41 198	1 645	158	46 456	807	516	3 194	7 577	2 862	11 202	428	239	1 622	2 512	120 416	252	177	735	376	13 763	8 773					
1976	48 926	1 873	243	58 084	799	588	3 545	8 167	4 148	11 974	486	400	1 930	5 091	146 256	323	408	705	1 437	869	23 318	25 742				
1981	52 934	2 058	261	67 591	735	161	3 519	4 284	4 863	9 418	807	496	2 563	6 395	164 297 ^b	430	730	1 062	590	2812	904	30 681	22 915			

(a) In the 1954 and 1966-81 censuses includes REL 188.
 (b) Includes 8214 members of the Uniting Church.

REL 201-224 JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, LATTER-DAY SAINTS, AND PENTECOSTALISTS, STATES AND TERRITORIES 1961-1981

Census year	NSW		VIC		QLD		SA		WA		TAS		NT		ACT								
	Yeh Wit	Pent	Yeh Wit	Pent	Yeh Wit	Pent	Yeh Wit	Pent	Yeh Wit	Pent	Yeh Wit	Pent	Yeh Wit	Pent	Yeh Wit	Pent							
201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224
1961	4 496	2 240	2 808	1 809	3 017	3 096	1 484	8 194	1 386	770	1 424	544	517	229	2 294	602	894	54	32	4	26	34	2
1971	10 630	..	7 196	..	7 196	..	3845	..	1 193	..	4834	..	..	..	150	..	..	283	..	..	..	..	..
1976	11 637	..	7 086	..	7 033	..	9 403	..	4 824	..	6 103	1 377	..	811	5 570	..	2839	230	..	236	..	367	..
1981	15 239	10 186	14 281	9 916	6 043	13 677	12 189	6 433	24 043	5 461	3 617	11 232	1 281	1 357	6 775	3 928	5 760	285	377	776	440	579	1 022

'I found the Colony barely emerging from infantile imbecility, and suffering from various privations and disabilities; the Country impenetrable beyond 40 miles from Sydney; Agriculture in a yet languishing state; commerce in its early dawn; Revenue unknown; threatened by famine; distracted by faction; the public buildings in a state of dilapidation and mouldering to decay; the few Roads and Bridges, formerly constructed, rendered almost impassable; the population in general depressed by poverty; no public credit nor private confidence; the morals of the great mass of the population in the lowest state of debasement, and religious worship almost totally neglected.' Governor Macquarie, 1822.

REL 225-238 CHURCH MEMBERS, NEW SOUTH WALES 1851-1981

Year	Ang ^a	Bapt	Cath	C of C	Cong	ELCA ^b	UELCA ^b	Wes Meth ^c	Other Meth ^c	Pres	Salv Army	7th-day Adv	Soc of Friends	Unit Church
	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238
1851								2 209						
1856								2 875						
1861								4 170						
1866	3 836							5 065						
1871	4 867			150				5 562		2 873				
1876	5 496			..				5 472	1073	3 699				
1881	6 933			..	2768			5 760	1300	5 399				
1886	8 034			683	..			7 708 ^d	1883	7 673				
1891	23 046	1 860		829	3665			8 383	2070	9 378				
1896	26 517	2 155	100 358 ^e	1286	3873			10 486	2033	10 699	4978			
1901	36 294	3 104	..	1684	4420	880	716	11 759	2231	13 071	5423			
1906	46 784	4 223	130 906 ^f	2666	4697	830 ^f	795	18 287		16 824	5705			
1911	52 000	4 909	..	3883	5102	813	..	21 775		19 526	..			
1916	63 000	5 669	..	3947	5071	876	..	26 465		22 179	..			
1921	65 000	5 918	..	3434	5250	841	..	29 854		24 997	5150		122	
1926	40 500	6 703	..	4148	5213	1111	1237	33 221		26 837	5709	2 997	157	
1931	45 000	9 105	..	5210	5250	1312	1480	37 792		34 412	6710	3 516	162	
1936	54 000	9 606	..	5191	5350	1478	1742	40 053		29 187	7217	4 570	141	
1941	56 000	10 469	..	6205	5230	1459	1468	41 831		31 334	7149	5 505	124	
1946	..	10 955	..	6413	4825	1500	1570	43 904		34 686	6867	6 295	146	
1951	..	11 343	..	6339	4441	1708	3526	46 260		29 954	7004	7 305	146	
1956	135 000	12 709	..	6009	4572	2109	4880	48 564		33 296	7237	8 517	187	
1961	..	15 618	..	6506	4680	2256	6038	51 507		44 219	7503	10 019	193	
1966	..	18 095	..	6453	4298	2837	5267	51 816		53 668	7771	11 579	135	
1971	..	18 378	..	6659	3590	7905		49 438		45 265	8011	13 546	163	
1976	..	18 054	..	5999	3537	7458		48 419		48 722	7699	15 319	..	
1981	..	19 441	..	4452		7651				23 016	7657	17 172	227	65 321

NOTE See general note to REL 225-314. Excludes, in the ACT from 1931, Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, members of the Salvation Army; in the ACT from 1941, Congregationalists; from 1951, Lutherans; from 1956, members of the Churches of Christ.

- (a) 1866-86 (Diocese of Sydney), 1891-1921 (NSW), 1926-41 (rural dioceses of NSW), 1956 NSW.
- (b) REL 230, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. REL 231, United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.
- (c) REL 232, Wesleyan Methodists. REL 233, Other Methodists (Primitive Methodists only 1876-96).
- (d) 1886 onwards excludes Broken Hill (in SA).
- (e) 1893.
- (f) 1904.

REL 239-252 CHURCH MEMBERS, VICTORIA 1851-1981

Year	Ang	Bapt	Cath	C of C	Cong	ELCA ^a	UELCA ^a	Wes Meth ^b	Other Meth ^b	Pres	Salv Army	7th-day Adv	Soc of Friends	Unit Church
	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252
1851								748						
1856								2 621	26					
1861		1 186	50 566 ^c					5 909	187					
1886		1 988	..					8 804	414					
1871		1 703	..	1 400				11 538	937	9 500				
1876		2 348	..	1 467				10 327	1042	..				
1881	13 161	3 893	174 913	2 500	3538			11 122	1207	..				
1886	18 092	4 446	..	3 660	..			16 540	2797	15 876				
1891	24 643	5 380	..	4 925	..			17 193	2595	21 386				
1896	29 273	5 815	..	5 150	..			18 160	..	22 415				
1901	31 933	6 296	..	5 537	3494			19 490	7759	24 749				
1906	36 737	7 028	..	7 894	3957	2095		30 258		26 995				181
1911	43 903	7 655	..	7 836	4215	2347		33 924		30 805				174
1916	51 007	7 509	..	9 916	4336	2518		36 709		34 255				207
1921	58 000	7 492	..	10 293	4783	2655		37 452		35 223				184
1926	63 560	7 509	..	12 764	4582	3043	1279	38 994		37 262		1565		182
1931	71 000	7 873	..	13 122	4171	3463	1397	41 304		41 700	7480	1714		164
1936	74 000	8 279	..	12 604	4064	3845	1490	42 874		44 144	6745	2203		158
1941	76 860	7 877	..	12 681	3809	4189	1355	42 799		43 100	5747	2581		154
1946	77 250	8 025	..	12 069	3836	4543	1364	43 973		44 500	5483	2874		147
1951	89 200	7 915	..	11 196	3721	5422	1773	43 554		45 781	5413	3323		150
1956	95 200	8 775	..	12 583	3599	6570	3623	45 032		49 727	6246	3839		145
1961	125 700	10 246	..	13 346	3044	7344	4317	48 250		60 293	6889	4734		161
1966	133 500	11 360	..	13 161	2889	8568	2797	51 284		64 984	6046	5705		152
1971	134 250	12 548	..	11 813	2477	14 446		47 815		59 920	5044	6595		160
1976	116 500	12 888	..	10 385	1929	13 830		42 800		55 246	3748	7179		..
1981	135 000	14 275	..	10 029	..	13 990		..		9 500	3288	7667	177	80 066

NOTE See general note to REL 225-314.

- (a) REL 244, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. REL 245, United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.
- (b) REL 246, Wesleyan Methodists. REL 247, Other Methodists (Bible Christians only 1856-91).
- (c) Excludes Geelong.

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REL 253-265 CHURCH MEMBERS, QUEENSLAND 1871-1981

Year	Ang	Bapt	C of C	Cong	ELCA ^a	UELCA ^a	Wes Meth ^b	Other Meth ^b	Pres	Salvo Army	7th-day Adv	Soc of Friends	Unit Church
	253	254	255	256	257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264	265
1871	1 000							26					
1876	..							49					
1881	1 000 ^c			963			953	39					
1886	3 500		376	..			1179	..					
1891	4 000		379	..			1848	..	3 809				
1896	4 500		806	1531			2742	2335 ^d	4 842				
1901	10 000		744	1559			5 228		5 053				36
1906	11 618	2797	..	2209	130		6 983		6 277				40
1911	15 000	3151	1094	2326	530		9 391		7 530				17
1916	20 750	3481	1125	2356	912		10 550		9 031				74
1921	24 250	3466	1665	2287	952		11 249		9 666	2310			75
1926	29 050	3705	2633	2215	1837	6 229	12 200		10 322	2564			74
1931	32 500	4112	3357	2316	2134	6 534	13 041		11 724	3002	1208	..	..
1936	35 500	4126	3351	2322	2345	7 501	13 563		13 033	3154	1498	55	..
1941	45 000	4189	3024	2114	2761	7 271	14 456		14 478	2955	1639	70	..
1946	40 000	4398	2342	1995	3155	7 165	15 089		14 919	2895	1943	77	..
1951	42 500	4541	2957	1661	3348	7 465	16 265		15 770	3010	2588	76	..
1956	45 000	5179	3078	1577	4170	7 832	17 794		17 147	3380	3632	98	..
1961	48 000	6033	3753	1869	4405	8 933	20 641		21 190	3642	4589	107	..
1966	54 000	6908	3960	1759	4625	10 033	21 460		24 651	3468	5527	91	..
1971	51 500	7400	4589	..	18 136		20 043		23 984	3587	6316	106	..
1976	49 000	7890	3802	..	17 376		19 553		21 577	3716	7077	..	..
1981	49 500	9341	4593	..	19 228		21 460		7 844	3545	7670	87	30 498

NOTE See general note to REL 225-314.

(a) REL 257, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. REL 258, United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.

(b) REL 259, Wesleyan Methodists. REL 260, Other Methodists (Bible Christians only 1871-81).

(c) Average attendance at communion.

(d) Primitive Methodists only.

REL 266-279 CHURCH MEMBERS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1851-1981

Year	Ang	Bapt	Cath ^a	C of C	Cong	ELCA ^b	UELCA ^b	Wes Meth ^c	Other Meth ^c	Pres	Salvo Army	7th-day Adv	Soc of Friends	Unit Church
	266	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279
1851								1215	412					
1856	843							2102	960					
1861	1 248							3129	2166					
1866	1 439	778			1417			4502	3124	1077				
1871	2 030	1629		..	..			5220	3636	746				
1876	2 707	2137		1204	..			4951	4192	1280				
1881	3 182	2661		1270	2165			5231	4758	1283				
1886	5 273	3838		1590	2500			7741	5755	1930				
1891	6 425	3914		2025	2900			7445	5826	1855				
1896	7 875	4161		2641	..			8672	7166	1983				
1901	10 158	4413		3230	3160			14 769		2060				82
1906	12 694	4836		4296	..	4 787		16 329		2429		319		79
1911	15 589	5331		5395	4000	5 413		19 262		2600		..		49 ^d
1916	17 492	5884		7064	4469	5 824		22 791		3274		537		76 ^d
1921	18 124	5446		6961	4243	6 053		23 020		3240		..		60
1926	18 889	5281		7803	4014	6 518	8 177	24 509		3632		726		100
1931	21 337	5280	8 980	8201	4317	7 556	9 445	26 692		3693	2718	871		125
1936	22 400	5066	11 127	7747	4380	8 544	9 693	27 450		3638	2866	926		100
1941	23 819	5053	..	6752	4001	9 105	10 214	27 569		3210	2556	1050		96
1946	19 926	4939	11 652	6391	3618	9 668	10 546	27 883		3436	2416	1215		91
1951	19 861	4479	14 316	5291	3153	10 308	12 143	27 623		3507	2424	1537		89
1956	20 416	4331	14 500	6097	3381	11 366	13 389	27 888		3711	2450	1744		101
1961	29 490	4823	..	7618	4127	12 590	14 707	30 748		5202	2740	2244		135
1966	31 540	5381	..	7271	3895	13 827	15 889	35 328		5304	2741	2634		124
1971	28 466 ^e	5625	..	6559	3125	31 031		34054		4642	2871	2790		155
1976	25 299 ^f	5584	..	5672	2750 ^f	31 983		31 360		4360	2943	3070		..
1981	22 200	5864	..	5758	..	32 623		..		683	2618	3224	166	33 294

NOTE See general note to REL 225-314.

(a) Diocese of Port Augusta (now Port Pirie) only.

(b) REL 271, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. REL 272, United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.

(c) REL 273, Wesleyan Methodists. REL 274, Other Methodists.

(d) Includes WA.

(e) 1970.

(f) 1975.

AUSTRALIANS HISTORICAL STATISTICS

REL 280-292 CHURCH MEMBERS, TASMANIA 1891-1981

Year	Ang	Bapt	C of C	Cong	ELCA ^a	UELCA ^a	Wes Meth ^b	Other Meth ^b	Pres	Salv Army	7th-day Adv	Soc of Friends	Unit Church
	280	281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292
1891	5 000		250	900 ^c			2093	620					
1896	5 500		..	..			2582	..					
1901	6 000		459	902			2661	622	1670			133	
1906	7 500	920	578	998			4134		1691			136	
1911	8 500	1119	544	904			4767		1700			141	
1916	9 500	1247	776	1008			5197		1715			148	
1921	10 000	1394	898	1019			5301		1961			151	
1926	..	1447	1212	1139			5340		2038		337	160	
1931	..	..	857	1086			5616		1983	863	432	152	
1936	..	1572	834	1050			5539		..	934	616	145	
1941	..	1534	851	1022			5459		2230	884	745	151	
1946	..	1450	900	1001			5430		2113	790	787	152	
1951	..	1450	918	952	86		5545		2000	919	866	193	
1956	..	1488	834	..	250	45	5735		2368	1010	1071	192	
1961	..	1821	886	691	256	46	5991		2500	1060	1270	201	
1966	..	1876	771	..	268	..	5914		2878	1050	1248	185	
1971	..	1995	743	682	233		5599		2565	1761	1216	184	
1976	..	1978	804	778	252		4310		..	1793	1406	..	
1981	..	2147	790		286				786	1851	1486	196	5878

NOTE See general note to REL 225-314.

(a) REL 284, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. REL 285, United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.

(b) REL 286, Wesleyan Methodists. REL 287, Other Methodists (Primitive Methodists only, 1887).

(c) 1883.

REL 293-304 CHURCH MEMBERS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1901-1981

Year	Ang ^a	Bapt	Cath	C of C	Cong	Luth ^b	Meth	Pres	Salv	7th-day Adv	Soc of Friends	Unit Church
	293	294	295	296	297	298	299	300	301	302	303	304
1901	5 617	578	15 125	620	1162	72	2176	1023		154		
1906	6 000	1066	..	1502	1348	209	3462	1039		..		
1911	7 000	1034	..	1251	1408	170	4557	1500		..	c	
1916	9 000	1245	..	1729	1352	161	5502	2296		..	c	
1921	10 000	..	..	1847	1586	149	5246	2186		..	38	
1926	13 000	..	..	2214	1583	156	6080	2385		783	10	
1931	15 500	..	..	2692	1493	157	6420	3882	1443	960	..	
1936	13 500	1535	..	2669	1469	163	6449	3371	1662	1230	..	
1941	14 000	1435	..	2466	1218	232	6314	3116	1426	1396	63	
1946	13 750	1500	..	2454	1202	228	6551	2892	1415	1394	67	
1951	16 000	1547	..	2919	1192	888	6616	2371	1469	1827	80	
1956	19 500	1742	..	4164	..	996	6684	2641	1697	2315	85	
1961	25 000	2302	..	5773	..	1001	7201	3532	1822	3001	70	
1966	34 500	2741	..	5355	1191	1085	7694	4157	1823	3332	71	
1971	34 000	3141	..	5459	978	1257	7459	3606	1761	3637	74	
1976	26 000	3432	..	5517	983	1501	7109	4714	1793	3955	..	
1981	27 000	3702	..	5868		1464		256 ^d	1851	4320	98	9942

NOTE See general note to REL 225-314.

(a) From 1906 includes estimates for dioceses of Kalgoorlie and North West Australia, and occasionally Bunbury.

(b) Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia to 1966.

(c) Included in SA.

(d) 1979, from Berthelsen.

RELIGION

REL 305-314 CHURCH MEMBERS, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY 1931-1981

Year	Ang ^d	Bapt	C of C	Cong	ELCA ^b	UELCA ^b	Meth	Pres	Salv	Soc of Friends
	305	306	307	308	309	310	311	312	313	314
1931	737	40					97	71	8	
1936	845	57					114	142	14	
1941	1000	70		28			225	270	13	
1946	1200	74		20			336	305	25	
1951	1500	75		18	15		284	337	16	
1956	2000	91	81	49	55	94 ^c	605	494	27	
1961	2397	178	214	65	84	349	789	882	51	
1966	2929	334	295	55	142	479	1188	1468	84	53
1971	3158	439	372	58	593		1254	1848	161	70
1976	..	509	362	90	614		1430	1544	225	..
1981	..	624	345		665			815	301	107

NOTE See general note to REL 225-314. Uniting Church figures are included in NSW.

(a) 1961 Christmas communicants; 1966, 71 Easter communicants.

(b) REL 309, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. REL 310, United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.

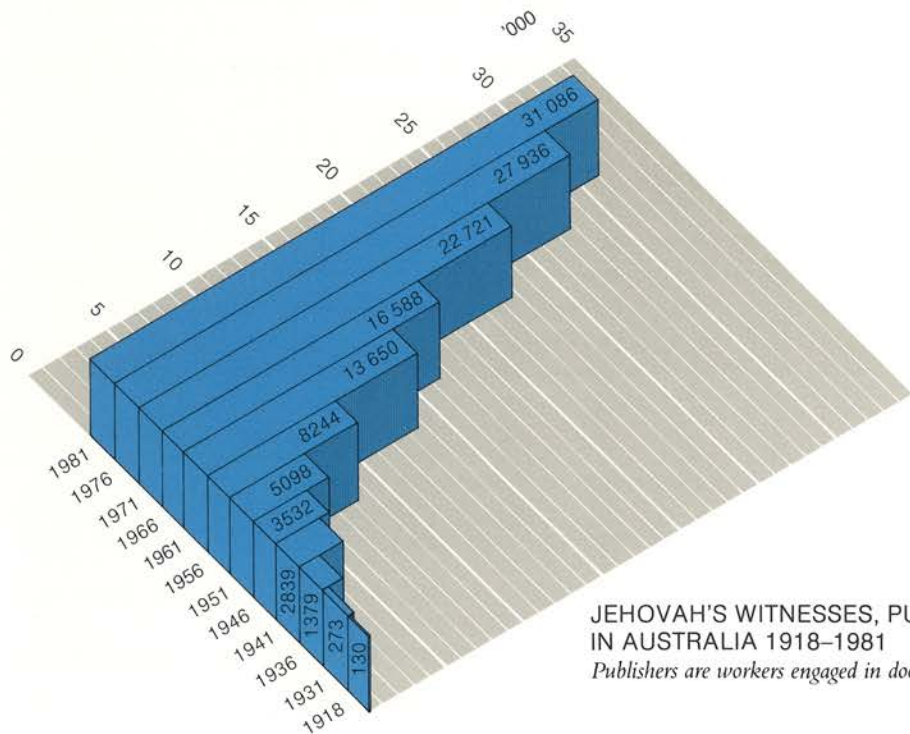
(c) Excludes Latvian Congregation (99 in 1961).

REL 315-324 ASSEMBLIES OF GOD IN AUSTRALIA, MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS 1970-1982

Year	NSW		VIC		QLD		SA	TAS		WA
	Members	Adherents	Members	Adherents	Members	Adherents	Members	Members	Adherents	Members
	315	316	317	318	319	320	321	322	323	324
1970			757	491	1484	963	707	86		
1972			900	594	1488	1018	..	95		
1974			959	730	1297	1319	..	65		
1976			1005	674	1769	1645	..	60		
1978			1080	862	2394	2872	2106	75	49	
1980	2014	2965	1550	1692	3486	4062	3335	80	159	1370 ^a
1982	3225	3675	1872	2772	4286	6235	4426	99	153	1681

NOTE No published adherent information available for SA or WA.

(a) 1981.



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REL 325-338 SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS, NEW SOUTH WALES 1861-1981

Year	Ang ^a	Bapt	Cath	C of C	Cong	ELCA ^b	UELCA ^b	Wes Meth	Other Meth	Pres	Salv	7th-day Adv	Other Chris	Jew
	325	326	327	328	329	330	331	332	333	334	335	336	337	338
1861	7 436 ^c	276 ^c	4 523 ^c		2045 ^c			8 194	684	1 631 ^c			55 ^c	
1866	12 137 ^c	958 ^c	5 428		3025			10 103	1 625	3 660			80 ^c	71 ^c
1871	22 874	1 000	15 089	196	4 000		34	12 613	2 012	5 727			344	163
1876	28 036	1 074	18 156	..	5113		120	14 091	3 320	7 054			273	225
1881	37 164	1 221	22 516	191	6173		48	18 130	6 129	9 357			52	186
1885 ^d	39 899	1 735	24 419	295	6983		40	23 234	6 584	11 141	500 ^c		328 ^c	220
1891	38 433 ^c	2 672 ^c	25 677 ^c	537	7424 ^c		43 ^c	27 976	8 412 ^c	14 091	3 530 ^c		252 ^c	225 ^c
1897 ^e	56 375	4 544	32 933	944	9006		172	30 083	10 024	18 327	8875	374	618	231
1900 ^c	65 550	4 442	36 580	1480	9807		147	32 866	8 126	19 894	4310	741	831	171
1904 ^c	61 306	5 212	37 124	1740	8519	219		41 700		21 480	5500	868	742	185
1911	60 000	5 885	..	2440	7525	45		36 823		21 133	..	..	..	..
1916	62 000	6 811	..	2750	7501	32		44 509		22 472	..	..	..	..
1921	66 000	8 200	..	3036	9074	46		45 326		24 007	..	..	..	..
1926	26 000	9 150	..	3655	9123	145	313	45 551		28 338	5829 ^c	3 734	..	..
1931	27 000	12 550	..	4172	9315	331	466	48 446		29 456	7719 ^c	4 578	..	..
1936	25 500	13 620	..	4766	8020	401	384	42 712		19 136	6072 ^c	5 494	..	..
1941	22 700	13 449	..	4136	6798	472	292	36 036		15 562	4651 ^c	5 874	..	..
1946	..	12 064	..	4678	6024	483	270	35 684		16 204	4904 ^c	6 167	..	..
1951	..	14 517	..	5400	7298	571	546	42 477		20 346	5275 ^c	7 116	..	..
1956	90 000 ^f	15 123	..	6240	8889	960	1134	52 018		32 131	5214 ^c	9 217	..	..
1961	..	28 666 ^g	..	6556	8 065	1 082	1178	56 098		36 895	5946 ^c	11 223	..	..
1966	..	26 667	..	6236	6949	1149	1274	53 410		42 030	6374 ^c	11 908	..	..
1971	..	28 403	..	4649	4531	1783		41 451		26 603	5376 ^c	13 470	..	..
1976	..	27 000	..	4150	3165	1517		30 896		20 000	4699 ^c	14 938	..	..
1981	..	11 500	..	3596		1387				8 890	4485	16 927	..	..

NOTE See general notes to REL 325-414. Excludes, in the ACT: from 1931, Anglicans and Presbyterians; 1931-66, Methodists; from 1941, Congregationalists; 1956, Churches of Christ; 1966-76, Baptists.

- (a) 1926-41 excludes Diocese of Sydney.
- (b) REL 330, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. REL 331, United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.
- (c) Average attendance only.
- (d) 1885 returns listed average attendance only.
- (e) NSW *Statistical register* only published returns after 1894 in these years.
- (f) Estimate of whole of NSW.
- (g) Includes many all-age Sunday schools.

'I was forced to go to Sunday School every Sunday until I was 13. My grand-mother insisted, and my mother must have been under her influence sufficiently to pass the pressure on to me. I did, however, have my revenge. Although Grandma was a dedicated Anglican, I went to the Methodist Sunday School, solely because that was where my friends went. This gave me something of a guilt complex when the Anglican Minister gave us religious instruction at school during the week. I was always sure he knew of my defection.' Unice Atwell, 1983.

RELIGION

REL 339-352 SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS, VICTORIA 1861-1981

Year	Ang	Bapt	Cath	C of C	Cong	ELCA ^a	UELCA ^a	Wes Meth	Other Meth	Pres	Salv	7th-day Adv	Other Chris	Jew
	339	340	341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	350	351	352
1861	9 070	2033	5 000	79	3849	66		13 631	3 259	5 326			723	
1866	12 504	3 369	9 066	417	4810	200		21 799	5 909	9 210			740	
1871	19 120	4 741	10 796	1 056	5802	390		30 653	10 016	22 850			615	152
1876	24 441	4 606	17 892	1 210	6286	570		33 548	10 305	25 450			1 046 ^b	315
1881	33 036	5 343	24 609	1 560	7200	810		39 691	12 138	30 000			1 666	386
1886	39 976	6 431	22 118	2 878	8 000	691		41 026	16 216	32 044			2 385	268
1891	44 491	7 680	21 912	3 883	8235	710		48 337	15 648	35 190	3200	343	2 434	347
1891 census	41 072	4 602	10 153	1 755	3935	557		26 082	4 965	18 731	1302	..	1 978	142
1896	50 750	9 574	34 693	4 433	7500	945		51 456	17 605	36 619	2639	504	1 060	385
1901	53 448	11 290	29 813	4 951	7690	781		54 122	17 093	39 874	4093	527	772	278
1906	52 072	10 578	25 782	6 700	7825	982		64 499		37 744	4281	679	1 203	307
1911	49 030	11 072	28 447	7 276	7400	266		61 141		37 000	4469	836	928	342
1916	51 326	10 467	46 389	9 119	7303	206		56 069		38 985	5217	1212	889	415
1921	49 000	10 508	c	8 988	7402	106		52 452		33 878	c	c	58 213 ^d	c
1926	49 066	11 114	c	11 357	6175	169	289	52 928		34 212	c	2290	61 559 ^d	c
1931	49 500	12 655	c	12 848	6096	291	326	56 669		38 117	7840	2591	60 999 ^d	c
1936	43 000	11 052	..	11 264	4945	717	412	51 973		36 443	6785	3035	..	..
1941	36 500	9 053	..	9 711	4063	880	304	42 688		30 000	5747	2799	..	..
1946	37 300	8 376	..	9 518	3782	893	299	41 131		28 292	5483	2986	..	..
1951	47 750	9 350	..	10 170	3956	1269	434	44 975		31 817	5413	3406	..	..
1956	62 500	12 852	..	13 040	3968	1564	796	56 129		49 400	6246	4302	..	..
1961	72 500	15 145	..	13 930	3774	2374	914	64 044		55 000	6889	5545	..	..
1966	66 000	15 431	..	12 470	2691	3080	828	62 383		57 500	6046	6597	..	..
1971	39 000	12 659	..	8 478	1364	3617		45 456		37 219	5044	6784	..	..
1976	22 250	8 725	..	5 564	478	3521		29 554		25 000	3748	6655	..	..
1981	18 000	8 782	..	3 949		2752				3 000	3288	6758	..	..

NOTE See general notes to REL 325-414.

(a) REL 344, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. REL 345, United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.

(b) Includes Spiritualist Sunday Schools from 1876.

(c) Included in 'Other Chris'.

(d) Includes Catholic Sunday schools, and presumably Jewish Sabbath schools.

REL 353-362 SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS, QUEENSLAND 1862-1981

Year	Ang	Bapt	C of C	Cong	ELCA ^a	UELCA ^a	Meth ^b	Pres	Salv	7th-day Adv
	353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360	361	362
1862	558 ^c	482 ^c		169 ^c			320 ^c	377 ^c		
1866	1 050 ^c	..		..			1 406	..		
1871	1 487 ^c	..		..			2 007	..		
1876	3 348 ^c	..		..			3 265	..		
1881	..	..		2784			3 970	..		
1886	9 000	..	275	..			5 306	..		
1891	11 500	..	402	..			7 159	4 447		
1896	14 000	..	480	2418			9 537	7 565		
1901	17 000	3 545	535	4278			17 760	8 021		
1906	19 250	3 917	..	4590	31		19 778	8 594		
1911	20 000	4 309	789	4061	35		19 863	11 073		
1916	22 000	4 788	1167	3863	117		18 545	9 231		
1921	23 500	4 988	1278	3475	279		18 594	9 648	2440 ^c	
1926	21 500	4 878	1755	3062	485	1645	19 065	11 917	2759 ^c	
1931	23 000	5 042	2000	3159	511	1813	20 180	12 934	2912 ^c	1579
1936	22 000	5 056	1635	2336	678	1837	17 134	11 353	2420 ^c	1701
1941	19 000	4 631	1597	1860	854	1734	15 784	11 518	1997 ^c	2191
1946	20 000	4 935	1596	1890	1061	1919	16 229	11 185	2331 ^c	2357
1951	23 000	6 624	1868	2153	1009	2436	22 646	14 238	2503 ^c	2789
1956	30 500	8 390	3603	2402	1102	3430	28 176	22 431	2421 ^c	4079
1961	35 000	11 074	3540	2246	1520	4651	32 359 ^d	25 042	2673 ^c	5120
1966	32 750	10 463	3565	1946	1846	5354	32 936	22 645	2476 ^c	5430
1971	22 000	10 541	3620	..	6796		25 571	17 379	2437 ^c	6214
1976	14 250	10 000	3109	..	6050		20 008	12 403	2264 ^c	7128
1981	11 000	11 248	3484		5457		4 169	2309 ^c	7245	

NOTE See general notes to REL 325-414.

(a) REL 357, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. REL 358, United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.

(b) Wesleyan Methodists only 1862-1896.

(c) Average attendance only.

(d) All-age Sunday school from 1961.

REL 363-376 SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1851-1981

Year	Ang	Bapt	Cath	C of C	Cong	ELCA ^a	UELCA ^a	Wes Meth	Other Meth	Pres	Salv	7th-day Adv	Other Chris	Jew	
	363	364	365	366	367	368	369	370	371	372	373	374	375	376	
1851								1 735	70					1549	
1856	1 900							4 275	936					511	
1861	2 668				2153			5 952	4 222					3332	
1866	3 711	1266			2832			8 747	6 665	1278				1415	
1871	4 399	2160			3 000			11 828	8 144	1390				2440	
1876	4 991	2761			3701			13 728	8 757	1907				2093	
1881	5 566	3919		1094	4390			16 506	5 417	2287				6826	
1886	9 764	5269		1018	3876			18 838	12 330	3029				..	
1891	11 221	5882		1745	4974			21 005	12 621	2986				..	
1891 census	10 920	3990	2 397	930	2646		980	11 330	6 232	2486	562			1532	53
1896	12 563	6901	..	2072	..		..	22 980	15 113	2645	..			8166	..
1901	12 670	6800	..	2485	5156		..	36 500		2600	..			1714	..
1901 census	16 740	6238	4 133	1799	3423		1519	25 545		2935	847			1615	78
1906	12 087	6904	..	2726	5817	209		34 740		2659	..			1652	..
1911	10 911	7302	..	3802	5710	132		32 756		2699	..			2984	..
1916	12 462	7636	..	5497	5868	934		33 869		2732	2851 ^b	715		481	40
1921	12 868	8059	7 838	5589	5615	2582		33 631		2735	2779 ^b	873		519	33
1926	12 567	7982	8 513	6521	5950	1902	1915	34 207		2632	3101 ^b	958		303	28
1931	14 418	8126	9 410	6611	6138	2252	2361	38 452		2770	3200 ^b	1102		430	23
1941	10 513	5196	9 149	5018	3693	2100	1849	26 588		1732	2171 ^b	1141		190	11
1936	12 772	6846	9 016	5941	4670	2728	2149	32 217		2615	2780 ^b	1144		410	12
1946	10 885	4973	10 426	4758	3581	1772	1913	25 846		2026	2266 ^b	1184		641	11
1951	13 963	5303	14 389	5353	4464	2859	2661	28 895		2974	2682 ^b	1589		847	..
1956	18 011	6972	20 794	7387	4534	3450	3739	37 276		4309	3238 ^b	1818		1450	..
1961	15 948	7758	..	9801	5151	4206	4809	43 552		5251	3353 ^b	2245		..	..
1966	12 474	7427	..	8547	3604	4662	5027	41 304		4094	..	2659		..	..
1971	..	6391	..	6343	1897	9415		28 553		2988	..	2442		..	..
1976	..	4501	..	3774	1899	7958		18 804		1990	..	2912		..	..
1981	..	3752	..	1628		7416				201	1520 ^b	2645		..	..

NOTE See general notes to REL 325-414.

(a) REL 368, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. REL 369, United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.
 (b) Average attendance only.

REL 377-387 SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS, TASMANIA 1891-1981

Year	Ang	Bapt	C of C	Cong	ELCA ^a	UELCA ^a	Wes Meth	Other Meth	Pres	Salv	7th-day Adv
	377	378	379	380	381	382	383	384	385	386	387
1891	6 379			2250			5711	750 ^b	1117		
1896	8 014						6478	..	1465		
1901	7 925		203	2319			7028	1205	1955		
1906	7 695	1507	328	1939			8426		1880		
1911	7 960	1614	286	1664			8556		1370		
1916	8 235	1677	624	1742			8228		1768		
1921	..	1930	590	1521			7681		1761		
1926	..	1924	650	1541			7500		1930		552
1931	9 000	..	607	1263			7478		2007	620 ^c	661
1936	7 500	1798	770	1100			6625		2000	543 ^c	728
1941	6 000	..	669	802			5897		1500	501 ^c	868
1946	6 600	..	646	715			5676		1403	516 ^c	868
1951	7 250	1676	542	700	23		6211		1575	609 ^c	1004
1956	11 500	2453	793	..	152	11	8175		1900	669 ^c	1200
1961	..	2704	738	831	163	..	8305		1900	664 ^c	1230
1966	..	2809	621	800	115	..	7727		2060	601 ^c	1350
1971	..	2447	519	762	86		5253		1769	568 ^c	1186
1976	..	1906	298	500	70		3281		815	373 ^c	1234
1981	..	1240	282		64				445	291 ^c	1180

NOTE See general notes to REL 325-414.

(a) REL 381 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. REL 382 United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.
 (b) Primitive Methodists only.
 (c) Average attendance only.

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REL 388-398 SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1901-1981

Year	Ang	Bapt	Cath	C of C	Cong	Luth ^a	Meth	Pres	Salv	7th-day Adv	Jew
	388	389	390	391	392	393	394	395	396	397	398
1901	6 424	837	4153	598	1861	20	6 304	1937	773	180	158
1906	7 500	1394	..	1182	2229	30	8 655	2065	..	..	..
1911	9 500	1500	..	1167	2373	23	8 642	2143	..	..	..
1916	10 200	1918	..	1420	2774	41	10 200	3260	..	..	..
1921	8 500	2100	..	1622	3250	23	8 767	3000	..	..	..
1926	9 000	..	..	2208	3120	45	8 362	2772	..	1211	..
1931	8 250	..	..	2298	1872	64	8 557	2508	976 ^b	1405	..
1936	8 000	1974	..	2650	1823	48	7 214	2431	977 ^b	1464	..
1941	8 000	..	..	2328	1345	26	6 360	2403	1442 ^b	1556	..
1946	7 250	..	..	2615	1356	48	7 031	2431	1036 ^b	1410	..
1951	12 000	..	..	2646	1590	247	8 382	2350	936 ^b	1194	..
1956	15 000	..	..	3258	..	408	10 915	2125	1033 ^b	2754	..
1961	15 500	..	..	3923	..	307	10 838	3131	1070 ^b	3641	..
1966	11 750	..	..	4132	1465	412	10 270	3533	936 ^b	3164	..
1971	7 500	..	..	3841	1019	537	7 273	2900	849 ^b	3788	..
1976	6 000	..	..	2733	750	462	5 296	2000	741 ^b	3901	..
1981	4 000	..	..	2515	..	406	..	..	527 ^b	4189	..

NOTE See general notes to 325-414.

(a) Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia only, 1901-1906.

(b) Average attendance only.

REL 399-406 SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY 1931-1981

Year	Ang	Bapt	C of C	Cong	ELCA ^a	UELCA ^a	Meth	Pres
	399	400	401	402	403	404	405	406
1931	197	..	..	..	..	..	224	64
1936	195	..	..	..	..	..	265	157
1941	300	..	..	20	..	..	206	190
1946	250	..	..	23	..	..	182	98
1951	620	..	..	45	..	..	213	163
1956	1160	..	152	90	22	63 ^b	537	327
1961	1677	..	294	80	70	30	771	776
1966	2233	587	248	75	120	140	977	1216
1971	1466	702 ^c	194	52	..	133	d	1509
1976	1250	526 ^c	163	40	..	144	d	691
1981	1100	..	198	..	..	198	d	170

(a) REL 403, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia. REL 404, United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.

(b) Includes 36 Latvian congregation, not listed after 1958.

(c) 1970.

(d) Canberra figures not listed.

(e) 1974.

REL 407-414 CHILDREN IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, COLONIES AND STATES 1887-1981

Year	NSW ^a	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust
	407	408	409	410	411	412	413	414
1887	32 156	23 500	7 250	4 500	1 600	1 535	..	70 541
1891	30 699	27 457	8 545	5 385	2 200	1 574	20	75 880
1896	36 337	31 089	9 623	4 804	2 200	2 100	20	86 173
1901	42 606	34 257	10 959	5 284	3 331	3 529	30	99 996
1906	43 281	35 398	12 055	5 101	3 280	6 711	40	105 866
1911	47 069	38 729	12 413	5 453	3 159	8 020	50	114 893
1916	52 831	45 231	16 250	5 956	3 510	9 783	50	133 611
1921	65 093	47 391	20 564	7 539	3 596	11 219	50	155 452
1926	73 592	53 695	23 554	8 251	3 513	9 775	120	172 500
1931	78 797	58 355	25 174	8 745	3 547	9 222	125	183 965
1936	82 274	54 582	27 506	8 710	3 395	11 454	260	188 181
1941	87 717	55 275	29 393	8 173	4 037	14 245	350	199 190
1946	93 863	59 918	31 885	9 509	4 732	14 424	550	214 881
1951	104 391	61 279	36 952	12 020	4 956	16 875	812	237 285
1956	137 254	87 545	49 752	18 158	6 975	21 456	1057	322 197
1961	168 537	132 083	61 092	24 460	9 381	27 409	1385	424 347
1966	192 311	147 889	70 896	26 602	10 495	30 672	1622	480 487
1971	196 614	152 066	74 715	25 817	10 387	33 214	1998	494 811
1975 ^b	195 017	152 110	75 333	26 776	9 807	33 131	2115	494 289
1981	199 700	159 431	79 398	27 517	10 285	33 119	3201	512 651

(a) Includes ACT.

(b) No figures published 1976, so those for 1975 substituted.