



Settlement Reports

Top 25 Religions by Migration Stream

This table covers the Settlement Date¹ range from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2014.

You should note and take into account the matters identified as caveats to this data (refer to separate page).

Religion	Migration Stream				Grand Total
	Family	Humanitarian	Other/Unknown	Skilled	
Christian (NFD)	5,615	17,666	23	1,641	24,945
Shia	149	17,482	0	6	17,637
No Religion (NFD)	10,031	443	0	4,941	15,415
Islam	3,719	10,433	10	345	14,507
Western Catholic/Catholic	6,292	67	<5	1,165	7,525
Buddhism	4,710	2,203	5	564	7,482
Hinduism	1,757	5,009	<5	657	7,427
Chaldean Catholic	31	4,027	0	0	4,058
Sunni	223	3,053	<5	15	3,292
Catholic(NEC)	556	2,136	10	132	2,834
Orthodox (NFD)	1,578	419	<5	25	2,025
Sabeian Mandaean/Sabian	25	1,868	0	9	1,902
Assyrian Church of the East	9	1,249	0	0	1,258
Baha I World Faith	43	967	0	<5	1,011
Anglican	594	92	0	315	1,001
Pentecostal (NFD)	73	736	0	15	824
Coptic Orthodox Church	26	678	0	10	714
Other Protestant (NFD)	407	173	0	40	620
Ahmadi	<5	565	0	<5	573
Sikhism	271	73	0	127	471
Religious Belief (NFD)	63	394	0	8	465
Seventh-Day Adventist	146	232	0	41	419
Fa Lun Gong	163	236	<5	<5	406
Baptist	120	224	5	36	385
Atheism	234	77	0	32	343
Other Christian (NEC)	64	230	0	38	332

¹ Settlement Date is 'date of visa grant' for settlers who were in Australia when their visa was granted, and 'date of arrival in Australia' for settlers who were overseas when their visa was granted.

Caveats

The Settlement Reporting Facility (SRF) reports on data sourced from the Settlement Database (SDB). There are limitations in the data capture, the actual data and the reporting system.

Data Capture

- SDB collects data concerning settlers who have been granted a permanent (or provisional) visa.
- SDB data is compiled from a number of sources including Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP), other Commonwealth agencies and service providers.
- A subset of SDB data is copied to the SRF on the 5th day of each month.

Data Limitations

- SRF includes settlers who were:
 - granted a permanent (or provisional) visa after 1/1/1991 and arrived in Australia within 25 months of visa grant, (or are yet to arrive and it has been less than 25 months since their visa was granted), or
 - who arrived in Australia after 1/1/1991 having been granted a permanent (or provisional) visa prior to 1/1/1991.
- SRF has not been adjusted to reflect settlers who are deceased.
- SRF has not been adjusted to reflect settlers who have permanently departed Australia.
- SRF has not been adjusted to reflect settlers who have had their grants cancelled.
- SRF includes some duplicate settler records.
- SRF includes many data items that are not mandatory.
- SRF includes only the settler's **latest** known residential (or intended residential) address. Address information is only updated if the department is notified. Some settlers have no address details recorded.
- SRF location data is based on the 2011 Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC).
- SRF includes only the latest permanent (or provisional) visa for a settler.

Reporting Limitations

- Reports cannot provide numbers of settlers in specified locations for past years. Nor can reports show settlement patterns or trends for specified locations.
- Reports including numbers of settlers in specified locations may be inaccurate due to limitations in address data. This is particularly problematic for regional/rural locations.
- Settlers with an existing permanent (or provisional) visa may appear in different reporting categories over time if they are granted a subsequent permanent (or provisional) visa.
- Reports including numbers of settlers of 5 or fewer have been suppressed (indicated by <5) for client confidentiality.
- Reports including 'not stated', 'invalid' or 'not recorded' labels indicate that the data is unavailable.

Report Usage

- Please attribute Australian Government as the data source when using SRF reports.

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