



Settlement Reports

Top 25 Religions by Migration Stream

This table covers the Settlement Date¹ range from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2015.

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)	4,265	16,834	23	1,129	22,251
Shia	124	16,697	0	7	16,828
Islam	3,055	10,345	9	266	13,675
No Religion (NFD)	7,283	413	0	3,785	11,481
Buddhism	3,485	2,392	6	407	6,290
Hinduism	1,274	4,238	<5	411	5,927
Western Catholic/Catholic	4,508	32	<5	749	5,290
Chaldean Catholic	24	4,056	0	0	4,080
Sunni	186	3,643	<5	12	3,842
Catholic(NEC)	464	2,032	<5	120	2,621
Sabean Mandeian/Sabian	19	1,987	0	9	2,015
Orthodox (NFD)	1,250	417	<5	23	1,693
Assyrian Church of the East	7	1,458	0	0	1,465
Baha I World Faith	33	1,000	0	<5	1,034
Coptic Orthodox Church	18	729	0	7	754
Pentecostal (NFD)	53	681	0	6	740
Anglican	379	95	0	203	677
Ahmadi	<5	579	0	<5	586
Religious Belief (NFD)	49	422	0	7	478
Other Protestant (NFD)	297	150	0	27	474
Sikhism	223	89	0	96	408
Animism	0	381	0	0	381
Fa Lun Gong	146	195	<5	<5	345
Seventh-Day Adventist	107	202	0	34	343
Other Christian (NEC)	49	235	0	28	312

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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