

Classification of Pentecostal Religious Affiliation in the 2001 Census

The 2001 Census included an optional question on each person's Religious Affiliation. Answers to this question are classified according to the Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups (ASCRG).

As a result of an oversight in 2001 Census processing, 75,220 responses to the question on Religious Affiliation have been included in the category '2000 Christian, n.f.d.' in the Religious Affiliation classification. These responses should correctly be included in the category '2400 Pentecostal, n.f.d.'. The 'Christian n.f.d.' category forms part of the group 'Other Christian' which appears in the Basic Community Profile (BCP), while 'Pentecostal n.f.d.' forms part of the 'Pentecostal' group in the BCP.

This misclassified data appears in the first release of the *BCP* (cat. no. 2001.0), the publication *Selected Social and Housing Characteristics, Australia, 2001* (cat. no. 2015.0), the Classification Counts, as well as the first release of CDATA and Census Basics. The corrected data will be included in the second release of the BCP, Classification Counts, CDATA and Census Basics.

The table below shows the number of people in each State and Territory whose responses were coded to Christian, n.f.d. instead of Pentecostal, n.f.d., and the corrected totals for the Christian, n.f.d. and Pentecostal, n.f.d. categories, and the Pentecostal and Other Christian groups. Tables showing these counts for Statistical Local Areas and Collection Districts are available from the ABS on request, or from the ABS website at www.abs.gov.au/census.

NUMBER OF AFFECTED RESPONSES, PUBLISHED AND CORRECTED TOTALS FOR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS

	Number of persons incorrectly coded to Religious Group 2000 Christian, n.f.d.	Corrected total for 2000 Christian n.f.d.	Corrected total for 2400 Pentecostal n.f.d.	Corrected total for Other Christian(a)	Corrected total for Narrow Group 24 Pentecostal
New South Wales	24 130	72 074	44 036	81 768	57 006
Victoria	14 871	52 384	28 883	58 619	36 342
Queensland	19 427	56 620	35 305	67 948	56 266
South Australia	5 880	22 721	12 984	26 853	18 305
Western Australia	7 324	30 813	14 361	34 181	17 514
Tasmania	2 286	7 331	3 692	8 240	4 523
Northern Territory	552	2 103	1 221	2 343	1 948
Australian Capital Territory	750	5 377	2 105	5 937	2 683
Other Territories	—	37	5	37	5
Australia	75 220	249 460	142 592	285 926	194 592

(a) Comprises Narrow Group 200 Christian, n.f.d. and Narrow Group 29 Other Christian.