

Australian Dioceses ranked by Total Population

Rank	Diocese	Number of Parishes	Catholics	Average size (Catholics)	Average size (Total)	Total Persons	Per cent Catholic	Total Christian	Per cent Christian
1	Melbourne	225	1,061,560	4,718	16,696	3,756,586	28.26	2,227,447	59.29
2	Brisbane	112	643,371	5,744	24,643	2,760,034	23.31	1,798,410	65.16
3	Sydney	139	592,509	4,263	14,929	2,075,073	28.55	1,221,213	58.85
4	Perth	111	377,849	3,404	13,832	1,535,405	24.61	916,803	59.71
5	Adelaide	65	277,640	4,271	20,755	1,349,082	20.58	806,102	59.75
6	Parramatta	49	319,250	6,515	19,863	973,288	32.80	673,375	69.19
7	Broken Bay	35	213,397	6,097	24,008	840,272	25.40	574,294	68.35
8	Maitland-Newcastle	43	153,637	3,573	14,758	634,601	24.21	470,672	74.17
9	Wollongong	31	179,410	5,787	20,144	624,454	28.73	454,803	72.83
10	Canberra & Goulburn	55	159,742	2,904	10,222	562,216	28.41	371,119	66.01
11	Hobart	25	87,802	3,512	19,059	476,464	18.43	306,058	64.24
12	Lismore	28	108,174	3,863	16,391	458,954	23.57	315,523	68.75
13	Sale	27	103,657	3,839	15,859	428,205	24.21	259,929	60.70
14	Rockhampton	31	97,921	3,159	12,834	397,849	24.61	275,325	69.20
15	Ballarat	52	98,992	1,904	7,622	396,321	24.98	264,943	66.85
16	Sandhurst	42	90,152	2,146	8,180	343,574	26.24	229,745	66.87
17	Bunbury	29	53,743	1,853	9,899	287,068	18.72	170,108	59.26
18	Townsville	30	73,040	2,435	8,472	254,152	28.74	172,211	67.76
19	Toowoomba	40	62,850	1,571	6,095	243,816	25.78	188,739	77.41
20	Cairns	22	57,216	2,601	10,710	235,623	24.28	148,069	62.84
21	Bathurst	21	66,380	3,161	10,136	212,864	31.18	168,629	79.22
22	Wagga Wagga	31	62,927	2,030	6,188	191,829	32.80	149,079	77.71
23	Darwin	18	40,459	2,248	10,633	191,393	21.14	104,490	54.59
24	Armidale	21	44,311	2,110	8,371	175,795	25.21	139,771	79.51
25	Port Pirie	23	27,165	1,181	7,068	162,565	16.71	98,803	60.78
26	Wilcannia-Forbes	21	33,413	1,591	5,278	110,828	30.15	83,913	75.71
27	Geraldton	15	23,060	1,537	6,744	101,166	22.79	55,227	54.59
28	Broome	9	8,332	926	3,331	29,982	27.79	17,041	56.84
29	Military	12	1,938	162	608	7,299	26.55	4,514	61.84

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