

Australian Dioceses ranked by number of parishes

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

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Australian Dioceses ranked by Catholic 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	Parramatta	49	319,250	6,515	19,863	973,288	32.80	673,375	69.19
6	Adelaide	65	277,640	4,271	20,755	1,349,082	20.58	806,102	59.75
7	Broken Bay	35	213,397	6,097	24,008	840,272	25.40	574,294	68.35
8	Wollongong	31	179,410	5,787	20,144	624,454	28.73	454,803	72.83
9	Canberra & Goulburn	55	159,742	2,904	10,222	562,216	28.41	371,119	66.01
10	Maitland-Newcastle	43	153,637	3,573	14,758	634,601	24.21	470,672	74.17
11	Lismore	28	108,174	3,863	16,391	458,954	23.57	315,523	68.75
12	Sale	27	103,657	3,839	15,859	428,205	24.21	259,929	60.70
13	Ballarat	52	98,992	1,904	7,622	396,321	24.98	264,943	66.85
14	Rockhampton	31	97,921	3,159	12,834	397,849	24.61	275,325	69.20
15	Sandhurst	42	90,152	2,146	8,180	343,574	26.24	229,745	66.87
16	Hobart	25	87,802	3,512	19,059	476,464	18.43	306,058	64.24
17	Townsville	30	73,040	2,435	8,472	254,152	28.74	172,211	67.76
18	Bathurst	21	66,380	3,161	10,136	212,864	31.18	168,629	79.22
19	Wagga Wagga	31	62,927	2,030	6,188	191,829	32.80	149,079	77.71
20	Toowoomba	40	62,850	1,571	6,095	243,816	25.78	188,739	77.41
21	Cairns	22	57,216	2,601	10,710	235,623	24.28	148,069	62.84
22	Bunbury	29	53,743	1,853	9,899	287,068	18.72	170,108	59.26
23	Armidale	21	44,311	2,110	8,371	175,795	25.21	139,771	79.51
24	Darwin	18	40,459	2,248	10,633	191,393	21.14	104,490	54.59
25	Wilcannia-Forbes	21	33,413	1,591	5,278	110,828	30.15	83,913	75.71
26	Port Pirie	23	27,165	1,181	7,068	162,565	16.71	98,803	60.78
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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Australian Dioceses ranked by Average Parish size (Catholic Population)

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

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1	Wagga Wagga	31	62,927	2,030	6,188	191,829	32.804	149,079	77.71
2	Parramatta	49	319,250	6,515	19,863	973,288	32.801	673,375	69.19
3	Bathurst	21	66,380	3,161	10,136	212,864	31.184	168,629	79.22
4	Wilcannia-Forbes	21	33,413	1,591	5,278	110,828	30.149	83,913	75.71
5	Townsville	30	73,040	2,435	8,472	254,152	28.739	172,211	67.76
6	Wollongong	31	179,410	5,787	20,144	624,454	28.731	454,803	72.83
7	Sydney	139	592,509	4,263	14,929	2,075,073	28.554	1,221,213	58.85
8	Canberra & Goulburn	55	159,742	2,904	10,222	562,216	28.413	371,119	66.01
9	Melbourne	225	1,061,560	4,718	16,696	3,756,586	28.259	2,227,447	59.29
10	Broome	9	8,332	926	3,331	29,982	27.790	17,041	56.84
11	Military	12	1,938	162	608	7,299	26.552	4,514	61.84
12	Sandhurst	42	90,152	2,146	8,180	343,574	26.239	229,745	66.87
13	Toowoomba	40	62,850	1,571	6,095	243,816	25.778	188,739	77.41
14	Broken Bay	35	213,397	6,097	24,008	840,272	25.396	574,294	68.35
15	Armidale	21	44,311	2,110	8,371	175,795	25.206	139,771	79.51
16	Ballarat	52	98,992	1,904	7,622	396,321	24.978	264,943	66.85
17	Rockhampton	31	97,921	3,159	12,834	397,849	24.613	275,325	69.20
18	Perth	111	377,849	3,404	13,832	1,535,405	24.609	916,803	59.71
19	Cairns	22	57,216	2,601	10,710	235,623	24.283	148,069	62.84
20	Maitland-Newcastle	43	153,637	3,573	14,758	634,601	24.210	470,672	74.17
21	Sale	27	103,657	3,839	15,859	428,205	24.207	259,929	60.70
22	Lismore	28	108,174	3,863	16,391	458,954	23.570	315,523	68.75
23	Brisbane	112	643,371	5,744	24,643	2,760,034	23.310	1,798,410	65.16
24	Geraldton	15	23,060	1,537	6,744	101,166	22.794	55,227	54.59
25	Darwin	18	40,459	2,248	10,633	191,393	21.139	104,490	54.59
26	Adelaide	65	277,640	4,271	20,755	1,349,082	20.580	806,102	59.75
27	Bunbury	29	53,743	1,853	9,899	287,068	18.721	170,108	59.26
28	Hobart	25	87,802	3,512	19,059	476,464	18.428	306,058	64.24
29	Port Pirie	23	27,165	1,181	7,068	162,565	16.710	98,803	60.78

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Australian Dioceses ranked by per cent Christian

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

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