

# Religious Diversity Centre

*Aotearoa New Zealand*

Religious Diversity in New Zealand (2013 Census):

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:	2006 Census		2013 Census		Percent change 2006-2013
	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	
<b>Bahá'í</b>	2,772	0.07	2,634	0.06	-5.0%
<b>Buddhism</b>	52,362	1.30	58,404	1.38	11.5%
<b>Christianity</b>	2,027,418	50.33	1,858,977	43.82	-8.3%
<b>Māori Christianity</b>	65,550	1.63	52,947	1.25	-19.2%
<b>Hinduism</b>	64,392	1.60	89,919	2.12	39.6%
<b>Islam</b>	36,072	0.90	46,149	1.09	27.9%
<b>Jainism</b>	111	0.00	207	0.00	86.5%
<b>Judaism</b>	6,858	0.17	6,867	0.16	0.1%
<b>Sikhism</b>	9,507	0.24	19,191	0.45	101.9%
<b>Zoroastrianism</b>	1,071	0.03	972	0.02	-9.2%
<b>Spiritualism / New Age</b>	19,800	0.49	18,285	0.43	-7.7%
<b>Indigenous Māori</b>	2,412	0.06	2,595	0.06	7.6%
<b>Chinese religions</b>	912	0.02	906	0.02	-0.7%
<b>Japanese religions</b>	384	0.01	423	0.01	10.2%
<b>Other <i>nfd</i></b>	7,290	0.18	7,317	0.17	0.4%
<b>No Religion</b>	1,297,104	32.20	1,635,345	38.55	26.1%
<b>Object to answering</b>	242,607	6.02	173,034	4.08	-28.7%
<b>Total People Stated</b>	3,743,655	92.94	3,901,167	91.96	4.2%
<b>Not Elsewhere Included*</b>	292,974	7.27	347,301	8.19	18.5%
<b>Total Population:</b>	<b>4,027,947</b>		<b>4,242,048</b>		<b>5.3%</b>

*nfd* = not further defined; \*includes: 'don't know,' 'religion unidentifiable,' 'response outside scope,' and 'not stated'  
 Note: All percentages are based on the *Total Population* of New Zealand, not on the *Total Stated* (those answering Question 18 on Religious Affiliation).

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