

Facts on faith

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"Diane Opie suggests that "if 30% of Australians are Non-Christians then 70% are". Ms Opie is missing a significant group in her conflation of the statistical data.

According to the 2016 Census data (the most recent) only three fifths of the Australian population or 61% are affiliated with a religion at all. 39% are not associated with ANY religion. Approximately 86% of this religious adherent group is Christian in its broadest sense including all the various denominations (Catholic, Anglican Baptist, Pentecostal etc). So, at best 52% (86% of 61%) are Christian and 48% are not.

Yes it is still a majority but a significantly smaller group than Ms Opie would have us believe.

The fastest growing group in the Australian "religious/non-religious" community is in fact the group that do not identify with any religion. Between 2011 and 2016 this group grew by around 50%.

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