



PARISH SOCIAL PROFILE

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Dear readers,

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is pleased to make available to you this profile of the Catholic population of your parish.

I hope that you will find it to be a valuable tool for your parish's pastoral planning by helping you understand the local Catholic community and assess its needs. Parish pastoral councils in particular will find it a useful resource.

The data in this profile have been sourced from the Australian Census, which is carried out every five years by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Most of the data comes from the 2016 Census, but some comparisons are provided with 2011 and earlier years.

It is important to remember that most of the data in this profile applies to all those people living within the boundaries of your parish who identified themselves as Catholic in the Census. Census data inform us about a population's demographic characteristics, but not about their religious practice.

This social profile, produced for every Catholic parish in Australia, is an outcome of the National Catholic Census Project established by the Bishops Conference at the time of the 1991 Census. This project is managed by the ACBC National Centre for Pastoral Research. The Australian Catholic Council for Pastoral Research is most grateful to the Centre's staff for the work that they do in providing demographic resources for parishes and dioceses, including this social profile.

This profile is provided to you free of charge by the Bishops Conference as part of its commitment to the support of parish life. I trust that you find it informative, useful and thought-provoking.

Yours sincerely,

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Your Parish Social Profile

At a Glance (pages 2 and 3)

Provides a brief glance at some key demographic indicators for your parish.

Parish Overview (pages 4-7)

Provides a clear overview of the Catholic community of your parish and how it is changing – a useful tool for parishes in their pastoral planning.

Parish Details (pages 9-25)

Provides much more detail about the Catholics of your parish, allowing for deeper analysis of the nature of the Catholic community as you plan in particular areas of ministry.

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Your parish community in 2016

Pastoral planning is the process of a Catholic community organising itself to carry out the mission of the Church in its own locality. It is a process built upon a parish's knowledge in three areas:

- Knowing its vision—its aspiration for itself.
- Knowing what sort of people make up the Catholic community and the general community.
- Knowing the resources (strengths, gifts and circumstances) available to the diocese to realise the vision.

This Parish Social Profile has been developed as a resource for pastoral planning, and it focuses on the second two of these three areas of knowledge.

The Church strongly encourages pastoral planning. As Pope John Paul II said:

"I earnestly exhort the Pastors of the particular Churches, with the help of all sectors of God's People, confidently to plan the stages of the journey ahead, harmonising the choices of each diocesan community with those of neighbouring Churches and of the universal Church ... It is not a matter of inventing a 'new program'. The program already exists: it is the plan found in the Gospel and in the living Tradition."

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By giving a clear picture of the parish's demographic reality, this profile helps the parish leaders name its strengths and shortcomings and better understand how it might use the resources it has to pursue the mission of the Church.

A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR PARISH (2016)

Total Population: 38,179

Catholic Population: 8,463

Catholics make up 22.2 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 41 years

Total Catholic families: 3,062

363 Catholics live alone

2,526 Catholics were born overseas

186 Catholics do not speak English well

372 Catholics need assistance with core activities

2,043 Catholics have changed address since 2011



What has changed in your parish since 2011?

This chart will help you identify at a glance changes in some of the key indicators for Catholics in the parish between 2011 and 2016, and may alert you to possible trends that are occurring. The 2011 and 2016 figures are drawn from the Parish Overview tables on pages 4-7. All figures in this table refer to Catholics only. The term 'Catholic' in this report refers to all persons who identified themselves as Catholics in the Census, not only those who have some form of active association with the Church.

	Parish in 2011	Parish in 2016
Catholic population	9,367	8,463
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	21.4	21.2
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	13.1	16.4
Catholics born in NES ¹ (%)	23.5	24.1
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	2.2	2.2
Catholic families	3,326	3,062
Catholics living alone	356	363
Catholic students attending Catholic schools ² (%)	45.6	44.1
Catholics with university degree (%)	31.1	35.5
Catholic males in labour force (%)	73.7	72.2
Catholic females in labour force (%)	61.4	62.5
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	85.8	86.1

Notes:

1. NES¹ = Non-English-Speaking Country as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
2. The percentage of all students who are Catholic attending Catholic schools.

Note on comparability with 2011 figures:

The boundaries of some parishes changed between 2011 and 2016. These boundary changes mean that, in these parishes, figures for 2011 and 2016 may not be comparable.

Where parishes have been amalgamated between 2011 and 2016, the 2016 figures in this profile refer to the overall figures for the parishes involved.



Parish Overview

Table 1: Population (for more details on Population and Religion see page 9).

The Parish Profile begins by looking at the total population living within the parish boundaries, and the percentage who identified as Catholic. The rest of the figures in this overview refer only to these Catholics, except where otherwise indicated.

How has the make-up of the parish population changed over the last five years? Of the changes identified here, which do you think have been particularly significant for the life of the parish?

Table 1: Population¹

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group ²	Australian Group ²
Total population ³	38,179	37,293	942,438	23,401,892	1	1
Catholic population	8,463	9,367	215,449	5,291,834	1	1
Per cent Catholic	22.2	25.1	22.9	22.6	3	3
At same address since previous Census (%)	66.2	65.5	57.8	57.3	1	1
Median age ⁴ (years)	41	38	41	40	3	3
Aged 0-14 (%)	21.2	21.4	21.7	19.8	4	2
Aged 65+ (%)	16.4	13.1	17.6	16.6	3	3
Males per 100 females	90.9	89.9	88.7	90.6	2	3

Table 2: Disability (for more details on Disability and Carers see page 12).

Table 2 shows the percentage of Catholics who are disabled to the extent that they require assistance for some core activities (i.e. they need help or assistance with self-care, communication or mobility). It also shows the percentage of Catholics who provide unpaid assistance to a person with some form of disability.

In what particular ways does the parish support disabled persons and their carers?

Table 2: Disability

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Need assistance with core activities (%)	4.4	4.0	5.0	5.8	3	4
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability ⁵ (% of Catholics aged 15+)	13.5	12.9	12.8	12.5	2	2

Notes:

1. All figures in this report refer to Catholics only, except for Total Population and certain other clearly indicated figures.
2. A Diocesan (or Australian) Group value of 1 signifies that the parish is in the 20% of parishes with the highest value for this item in the diocese (or in Australia); a value of 5 signifies that the parish is in the 20% of parishes with the lowest value for this item in the diocese (or in Australia).
3. The population figures for the parish, diocese and Australia do not include overseas visitors.
4. Median Age: Half the Catholic population are above this age, half are below it. A Diocesan (or Australian) Group value of 1 signifies that the parish is in the 20% of parishes with the highest median age.
5. The Census asked whether a person had provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability in the two weeks prior to the Census.



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Table 3: Employment (for more details on Occupation and Employment see pages 23-25).

The extent to which people are involved in the labour force, and the type of work they are doing, influences and shapes many aspects of the community's life.

How might the changes in the employment status of Catholics over the last five years have affected your parish?

Table 3: Employment	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Managers and Professionals ¹ (% of those recording an occupation)	49.7	47.6	42.1	34.1	2	1
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations ² (% of those recording an occupation)	15.8	16.9	22.1	29.6	4	5
Men, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	72.2	73.7	68.6	69.7	3	2
Women, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	62.5	61.4	59.9	60.6	2	2
Unemployed at time of Census ⁴ (%)	4.1	4.3	4.7	5.8	3	4
Youth unemployed at time of Census ⁵ (%)	9.4	8.6	10.4	12.2	3	4

Table 4: Birthplace and Language (for more details on Birthplace and Language see pages 17-19).

This table begins to explore the ethnic balance of the parish's Catholic community, which in itself may raise issues of communication and inclusiveness.

How does the cultural mix of the parish compare to that of the rest of the diocese and of Australia as a whole?

Table 4: Birthplace, Indigenous Status & Language	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Born overseas in English-speaking country ⁶	5.8	5.9	7.2	5.6	4	2
Born overseas in non-English-speaking country (%)	24.1	23.5	16.6	19.1	1	2
Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	122	130	3,497	106,428	1	2
Catholics of Australian Indigenous origin	26	24	3,556	133,528	3	4
Speak language other than English at home (%)	25.1	23.8	16.4	20.4	1	2
Not proficient in English ⁷ (%)	2.2	2.2	1.5	2.6	2	2

Notes:

1. This group includes, for example, farmers and farm managers, sales, marketing and production managers, education and health service managers, retail managers, school principals and school teachers, medical practitioners, nurses, scientists, arts and media professionals, accountants, engineers and IT professionals.
2. This group includes, for example, toolmakers, technicians, electricians, carpenters, plumbers, bakers and chefs, veterinary nurses, hairdressers, machinery operators, drivers, cleaners and labourers.
3. The percentage of Catholics aged 15+ who are in the labour force (i.e. employed or seeking employment).
4. The percentage of Catholics aged 15+ who are in the labour force and were unemployed at the time of the Census.
5. The percentage of Catholics aged 15-24 who are in the labour force and were unemployed at the time of the Census.
6. New Zealand, United Kingdom, Ireland, United States, Canada and South Africa.
7. Percentage of all Catholics who reported that they spoke English not well, or not at all.



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Table 5: Education (for more details on Education and Qualifications see pages 20-22).

Knowing the proportions of students in your parish and the type of educational institution they are attending can be important even if your parish does not have its own school, for these figures are relevant to the exercise of planning deeper connections with young people and their families. It is also important to be aware of the educational retention rates of your young Catholic adults (aged 15-24).

Has anything changed in these areas over the last five years?

Why do you think this is so?

How does your parish compare to the rest of the diocese?

Table 5: Education¹

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Catholics aged 15+ with bachelor degree or higher qualification (%)	35.5	31.1	27.4	20.6	2	1
Aged 15-17 attending an educational institution ²	97.0	95.5	94.6	92.2	3	2
Aged 18-19 attending an educational institution ²	83.1	79.3	69.0	62.9	2	1
Aged 20-24 attending an educational institution ²	54.0	56.4	46.2	38.2	3	1
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	38.0	44.0	43.2	53.1	4	5
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	51.0	44.1	48.8	41.0	2	2
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	51.0	47.1	53.7	54.5	3	3
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	32.1	36.1	32.1	35.1	3	3
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	14.2	7.0	14.2	28.1	3	5
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	25.1	17.1	26.5	35.7	3	5

Notes:

1. The data in this table relates to the students who live in your parish and not necessarily to the schools in your parish. Students may be attending schools outside your parish.
2. Percentage of all Catholics in each age group.
3. 'Students ... who are not Catholic' includes a small proportion whose religion was not stated in the Census. Some of these may be Catholic.



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Tables 6, 7 and 8: Marital status, Families and Households (for more details see pages 13-16).

In 2016, 82 per cent of Australia's Catholics lived in a family setting, with a further nine per cent living alone. The most common type of Catholic family was a couple family with children (45 per cent of all families where at least one person was a Catholic), followed by couple families without children (35%) and one-parent families (parent Catholic, 12%).

What areas below show significant change over the last five years? What might this mean?

In what areas is the parish quite distinctive compared to the rest of the diocese? The rest of Australia?

What possible opportunities or concerns for the parish do you see here?

Table 6: Marital Status of Catholics aged 15+

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Never married (%)	29.3	31.2	30.3	33.3	3	4
Married (%)	59.1	58.2	52.9	49.7	2	1
Divorced or Separated (%)	6.7	5.7	10.9	11.2	5	5
Widowed (%)	4.9	4.8	5.9	5.8	4	4

Table 7: Families¹
in which at least one person is Catholic

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Families	3,062	3,326	83,820	1,997,833	2	1
One-parent families	249	257	8,667	231,370	2	2
One-parent families (% of all families)	8.1	7.7	10.3	11.6	4	5
Couples of mixed religions ² (%)	48.8	50.1	60.2	55.9	5	5
De facto couples ³ (%)	6.2	5.9	13.8	17.1	5	5
Median annual family income ⁴ (\$)	148,659	127,437	120,140	100,270	2	1

Table 8: Households⁵
in which at least one person is Catholic

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Households	3,395	3,681	102,422	2,548,354	2	1
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	31	38	1,191	53,499	3	3
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	332	318	14,807	407,684	3	2
Persons living alone (total)	363	356	15,998	461,183	3	3
Persons living alone (% of all persons)	4.3	3.8	7.4	8.7	4	5
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	86.1	85.8	74.5	71.2	1	1
Median monthly housing loan repayment ⁶ (\$)	2,784	2,600	2,263	1,873	3	1

Notes:

1. A family is defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household. Family members who live elsewhere are not included in the Census definition.
2. Married or de facto couples where only one partner is Catholic as a percentage of all couples where at least one partner is Catholic.
3. De facto couples as a percentage of all married couples.
4. Fifty per cent of families have a higher income, fifty per cent a lower income. Family income is the sum of the incomes of all family members aged 15 and over.
5. A household can consist of one or more families, non-family groups or persons living alone.
6. Fifty per cent of households with a housing loan pay a higher repayment, fifty per cent a lower figure.



Parish Details

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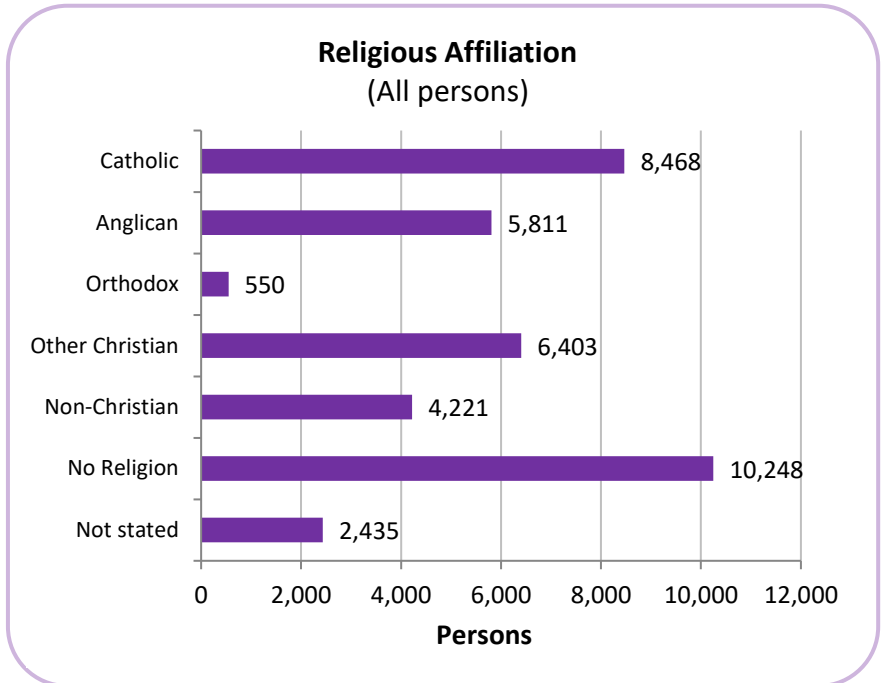
Religious affiliation

The Census question about religion is optional, and just under ten per cent of people across Australia chose not to answer it. Note that the question is about religious identification rather than religious practice or belief. For the 2016 Census, the ABS moved the 'No Religion' response category to be the first response category in the religion question. Prior to 2016, it was the last response category.

How does the number of Catholics in the 0-9 age group compare with the number of children baptised in the parish in the period 2007-2016?

What are the largest non-Catholic religious groups? What involvement does the parish have in ecumenical and interfaith activities and programs?

What challenges to the parish are associated with the increase in the number of people who report that they have no religion?



Notes: No Religion also includes Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation

Not Stated also includes Inadequately Described.

Table 9: Religious affiliation by age

	0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Western (Latin Rite) Catholic	1,038	1,302	830	711	1,147	1,212	933	570	334	8,077
Maronite Catholic	48	73	51	30	56	44	19	21	14	356
Melkite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	6	9
Chaldean Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syro-Malabar Catholic	6	6	-	5	3	6	-	-	-	26
Total Catholic	1,092	1,381	881	746	1,206	1,265	952	591	354	8,468
Per cent Catholic (of total population in age group)	24.4	25.3	21.0	19.6	21.5	22.2	21.4	22.6	19.7	22.2
Anglican	534	754	474	374	842	920	824	602	487	5,811
Orthodox	55	63	54	54	92	90	59	57	26	550
Other Christian	571	823	691	481	805	1,054	887	603	488	6,403
Non-Christian	459	646	407	581	799	644	451	159	75	4,221
No Religion	1,488	1,502	1,403	1,294	1,512	1,392	1,005	436	216	10,248
Not Stated	282	298	291	280	350	340	269	170	155	2,435
Total Population	4,481	5,467	4,201	3,810	5,606	5,705	4,447	2,618	1,801	38,136

Note: Since the 1996 Census, following consultation with the Eastern Catholic Bishops, Eastern Catholics have been counted separately from Western (or Latin Rite) Catholics. Catholics belonging to the Chaldean, Maronite, Melkite, Syro-Malabar or Ukrainian Catholic Churches have been requested by their Bishops NOT to tick the box marked 'Catholic' on the Census form, but rather to write, for example, 'Maronite Catholic' in the space provided. Those Eastern Catholics who were unaware of this request and who ticked the 'Catholic' box are counted as Western Catholics.



Age and sex

**Table 10:
Age by sex**

	Males 2016	Females 2016	Total 2016	Total 2011
Age (years)				
0	34	34	68	83
1	47	30	77	118
2	37	47	84	111
3	48	45	93	129
4	66	55	121	132
5	53	55	108	139
6	83	62	145	129
7	56	47	103	131
8	83	83	166	128
9	67	71	138	132
10	74	73	147	131
11	80	68	148	143
12	68	64	132	163
13	64	66	130	174
14	78	80	158	158
15	60	77	137	183
16	72	60	132	184
17	72	54	126	171
18	78	82	160	167
19	54	65	119	166
20-24	276	274	550	711
25-29	156	169	325	373
30-34	155	146	301	374
35-39	195	242	437	547
40-44	253	318	571	652
45-49	311	334	645	777
50-54	313	368	681	707
55-59	261	314	575	582
60-64	226	283	509	546
65-69	212	229	441	393
70-74	135	198	333	316
75-79	115	145	260	189
80+	146	203	349	328
Total	4,028	4,441	8,469	9,367

NOTE REGARDING THE RANDOMISATION OF CENSUS DATA:

The Catholic population of the parish may be slightly different in different tables in this profile as a result of the randomization procedure used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in carrying out its statutory obligation to protect the confidentiality of individuals. This variation in figures does not impair the value of Census data as the Census is intended to be an instrument that paints a broad picture rather than a precise measurement of a particular locality. Care should always be taken in interpreting small counts in tables.

The table on this page shows the number of Catholics in this parish in 2016, by age and sex, and compares the total number of Catholics in each age group with the figure in 2011.

In 1996, the median age of Catholics in Australia was 33 years; by 2016, this had risen to 40 years.

The age profile of parishioners is important information for parishes to take into account as it plans its activities. It is also important to keep an eye on how the age profile is changing over time—is the parish becoming older, younger or staying about the same? Each of these possibilities may require different pastoral responses.

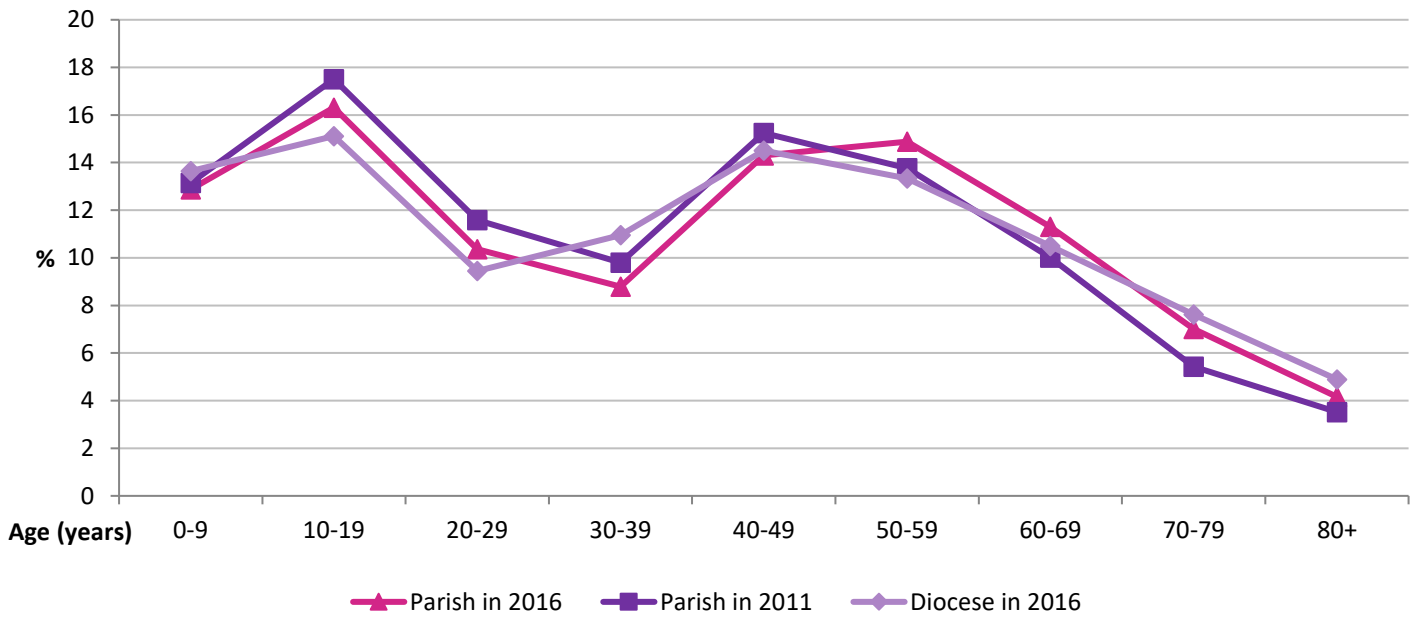
In 2016, among Australian Catholics as a whole, 52 per cent were female and 48 per cent were male. But it is not always like this. Among Catholics aged under 20, males outnumbered females, whereas females accounted for 58 per cent of Catholics aged 75 or more. There are also local factors, such as the presence of particular industries or the different rates of movement to the cities by young men and women, that can affect the proportion of men and women in the Catholic population of the parish. These variations also raise pastoral issues.

Take time to study the table. Are there any surprises in it? Is there anything that calls for a new or modified response from the parish? What are the major changes since 2011? Can you get a sense from the table of what the parish age profile might look like in 2021, the year of the next Census?

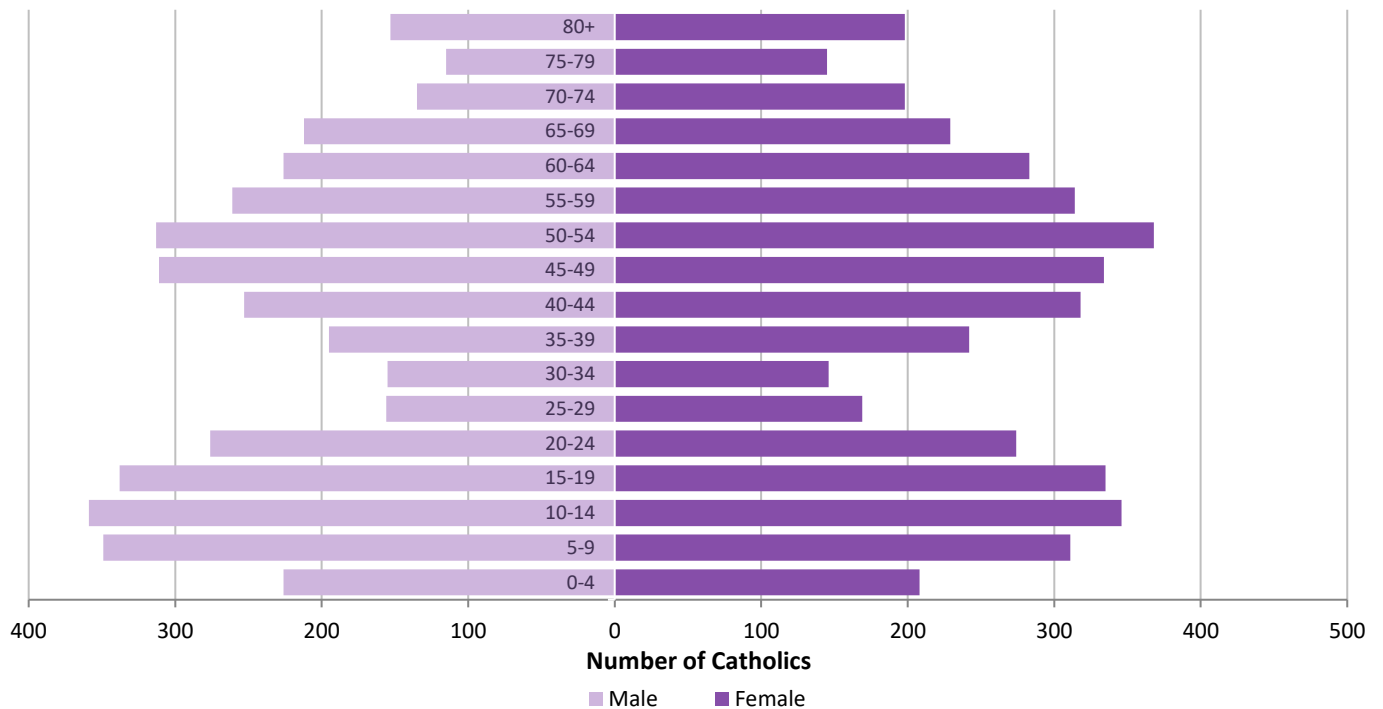


Age and sex

Age profile of the Catholic population, 2011 & 2016



Age-sex profile of the Catholic population, 2016



Disability

The 2006 Census was the first to include the variable Core Activity Need for Assistance. The variable was developed to measure the number of people with a profound or severe disability. ABS defines the profound or severe disability population as: “those people needing help or assistance in one or more of the three core activity areas of self-care, mobility and communication, because of a long-term health condition (lasting six months or more), a disability (lasting six months or more), or old age”.¹ Most people who need assistance with core activities live either in a family or in a place such as a nursing home, where the care they need is provided. But many live alone. Often people with a disability have fewer opportunities for social interaction.²

How many Catholics in your parish require assistance with core activities? How many of these live alone? How many are in the younger age groups? How many of your parishioners provide unpaid assistance to people with a disability?

How might the parish respond pastorally to this information?

Table 11a: Need for assistance with core activities by age

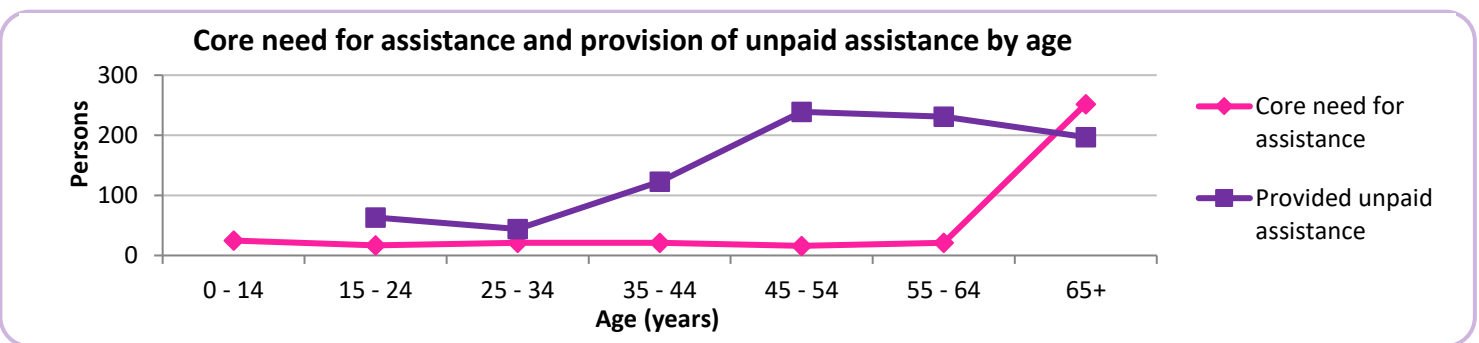
	0-14	15-44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85 and over	Total
Catholics who have need for assistance with core activities							
Family members:							
Males	14	36	15	25	23	13	126
Females	10	22	19	26	36	30	143
Lone Persons:							
Males	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Females	-	-	4	9	9	12	34
Other non-family members or persons not present in a household on Census night³							
Males	-	-	5	-	7	12	24
Females	-	-	5	6	13	32	56
Total							
Males	14	36	20	25	30	25	150
Females	10	22	28	41	58	74	233

Table 11b: Provision of unpaid assistance by age

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
Catholics who provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability⁴							
Males	35	16	39	66	83	83	322
Females	29	30	82	165	146	117	569

Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. *Census Dictionary Australia 2016. Catalogue No. 2901.0.*
2. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2004. *Australian Social Trends 2004. Catalogue No. 4102.0.*
3. Among people aged 75 and over, being in hospital or a nursing home is a major reason for not being in a household on Census night.
4. The Census question asked whether the respondent had provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability in the two weeks prior to the Census. The question is not applicable to persons aged 0-14.



Marital Status

The marital status patterns of Australian Catholics have changed quite dramatically over the last two decades. At the time of the 1991 Census, 31.4 per cent of Australian Catholics aged 15 and over had never been married, 55.4 per cent were married, 7.4 per cent were separated or divorced and 5.8 per cent were widowed. By the 2016 Census, these figures were respectively 33.3 per cent, 49.7 per cent, 11.2 per cent and 5.8 per cent. Since 1991, there has been a substantial fall in the percentage of married Catholics and a rise in the percentage of the never married and separated and divorced.

How might changes in marital status patterns affect the life of the Church in this parish? Do they result in the need for new pastoral services and programs?

The graph shows the percentage of Catholic men and women aged 15 years and older who lived in the parish at the time of the 2016 Census and who had changed address in the previous five years. Across Australia in 2016, 36.6 per cent of Catholics aged 15 and over had changed address since the previous Census.

Table 12: Registered marital status by sex and age

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15 and over								
Males								
Never married	603	229	67	69	33	3	3	1,007
Married	8	81	359	509	411	301	206	1,875
Separated/Divorced	-	7	16	48	41	22	16	150
Widowed	-	-	-	5	6	14	37	62
Total	611	317	442	631	491	340	262	3,094
Females								
Never married	605	181	67	31	28	22	11	945
Married	12	120	446	581	458	301	142	2,060
Separated/Divorced	-	8	50	79	81	57	25	300
Widowed	-	-	3	-	28	53	173	257
Total	617	309	566	691	595	433	351	3,562

Change of address since 2011 by marital status (Catholics aged 15+)

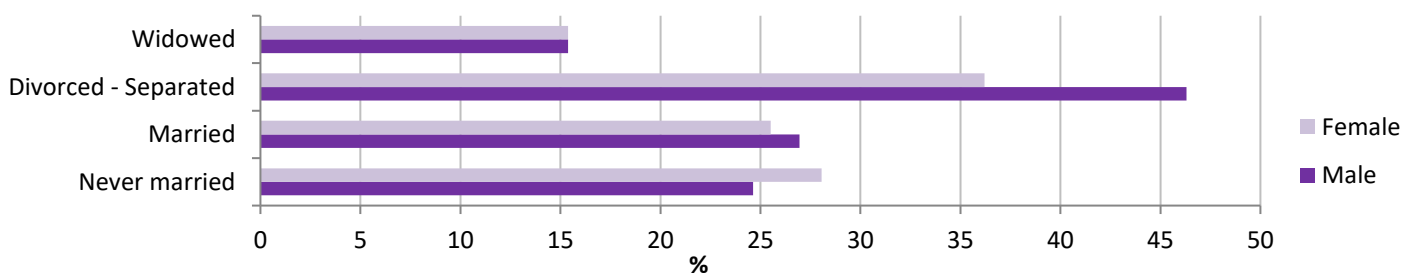


Table 13: Religious affiliation of couple by social marital status

	In a registered marriage	In a de facto marriage	Total couples	% couples in de facto marriages
Both persons Catholic	1,247	34	1,281	2.7
One person Catholic, the other non-Catholic Christian	702	59	761	7.8
One Catholic, the other not Christian or Not stated	463	67	530	12.6
Total	2,412	160	2,572	6.2



Families

The table on this page shows family composition by weekly family income, with the median weekly family income for each type of family shown in the last column. Couple families are divided into three categories: both partners Catholic, Catholics with non-Catholic Christian partners, and Catholics with partners identifying with other religious traditions or none. The table includes partners in registered and de facto marriages.

Couples without children include those who have never had children as well as those whose children no longer live at home.

Take time to study the table. Does it suggest that Catholic families in the parish are mostly well off, OK or struggling financially?

How do the incomes of families with children living at home compare with those with no children living at home? How well does the parish connect with one-parent families? Note that the income of one-parent families is likely to be much lower than that of two-parent families.

Are families with both parents Catholic a majority or a minority of Catholic families in your parish? What implications might this have for the way the parish connects to families?

Table 14: Family composition¹ by weekly family income

	Less than \$500	\$500 - \$799	\$800 - \$1,249	\$1,250 - \$1,999	\$2,000 - \$2,999	\$3,000 - \$3,999	\$4,000 or more	Income not fully stated	Total families	Median Weekly Family Income ² (\$)
Two-parent families with children at home:										
Both parents Catholic	8	10	26	83	184	165	298	88	862	3,460
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	3	8	13	39	92	100	219	52	526	3,820
One parent Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	3	7	8	45	66	67	149	20	365	3,649
Couple with no children living at home:										
Both persons Catholic	47	53	72	79	72	37	42	11	413	1,525
One person Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	9	24	43	38	70	24	42	8	258	2,157
One person Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	9	10	16	25	36	20	37	5	158	2,458
One-parent families:										
Parent is Catholic	18	17	46	50	40	23	10	45	249	1,565
Other families where at least one person is Catholic										
Other: Reference person Catholic but spouse temporarily absent ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94	94	-
Total	100	139	241	380	594	458	819	331	3,062	2,851

Notes:

1. A family is defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household. Family members who live elsewhere are not included in the Census definition. For Census purposes, a Catholic family is defined as a family in which at least one person is Catholic.
2. Median weekly family income: fifty percent of families have a higher income, fifty percent a lower income. Family income is the sum of the incomes of all family members aged 15 and over.
3. The religious affiliation of a temporarily absent spouse is not recorded, hence families in this category could belong to any one of the first six categories above.



Families

Table 15: Weekly family income by number of dependent children

	0 dependent children	1 dependent child	2 dependent children	3 dependent children	4 or more	Total
Less than \$500	77	14	6	3	-	100
\$500-\$799	103	22	16	3	-	144
\$800-\$1,249	173	10	35	8	3	229
\$1,250-\$1,999	206	56	76	29	13	380
\$2,000-\$2,999	282	85	150	52	22	591
\$3,000-\$3,999	185	72	142	53	14	466
\$4,000 or more	268	147	265	114	31	825
Income not fully stated	182	56	61	36	8	343
Total Families	1,476	462	751	298	91	3,078
Median Weekly Family Income (\$)	2,312	3,222	3,436	3,679	3,250	2,870

Note: Table population is Catholic families. Dependent children include all children aged 0-14 and dependent students aged 15-24. Some figures may differ from figures in other similar tables (i.e. Table 14) due to the randomisation process used by the ABS – see note at the bottom of page 10.

**Weekly Family Income
(Catholic families)**

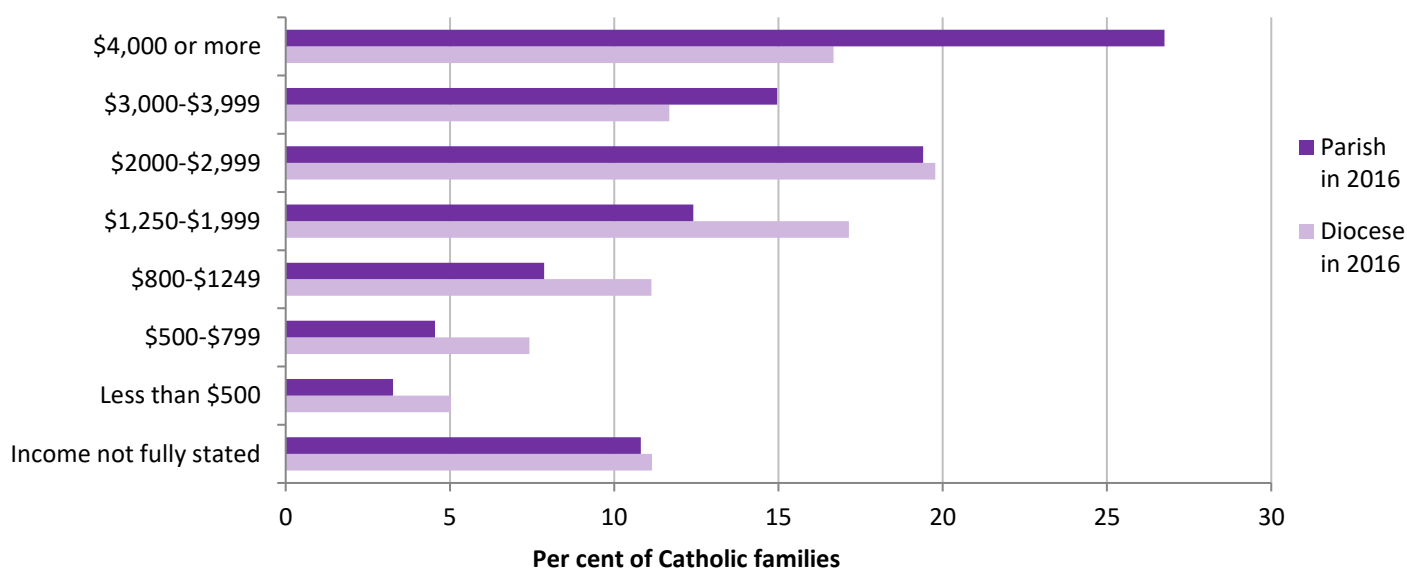


Table 16: Social marital status by number of dependent children

	0 dependent children	1 dependent child	2 dependent children	3 dependent children	4 or more	Total
Family Composition:						
Married couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	1,169	360	627	267	89	2,512
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	85	38	35	15	3	176
One parent family, parent Catholic	125	50	44	9	5	233
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	73	9	40	7	4	133
Total families	1,452	457	746	298	101	3,054



Households

The Australian Bureau of Statistics defines a household as one or more persons, at least one of whom is at least 15 years of age, usually resident in the same private dwelling.¹ Non-private dwellings such as motels, guest houses, prisons, religious institutions and nursing homes are not included in household statistics. A household can consist of one or more families, non-family groups or persons living alone.

The figures on this page refer to households in which at least one person is Catholic.²

There were 8,861,600 households in Australia in 2016. At least one Catholic person lived in 2,548,400 households, or 29 per cent of all households. Seventy-eight per cent of these Catholic households were family households and, of the Catholic family households, 75 per cent were occupied dwellings that were owned or being purchased.

What is the current housing situation in this parish? For example, is there a sufficient stock of rental properties available? Are there areas with large numbers of new houses? Are families under stress to pay rent or meet mortgage repayments? What aspects of the parish's pastoral strategies relate to housing issues?

	Fully owned or being purchased	Rented from State or Territory Housing Authority	Rented from other landlord, or landlord not stated	Other households	Total households	Per cent owned or being purchased
Family households	2,620	6	325	56	3,007	87.1
Lone person aged under 35 years	13	-	4	3	20	65.0
Lone person aged 35 years or over	263	6	29	27	325	80.9
Group households	26	-	17	-	43	60.5
Total households	2,922	12	375	86	3,395	86.1

	\$1-\$599	\$600-\$999	\$1,000-1,599	\$1,600-\$2,199	\$2,200-\$2,799	\$2,800 or more	Median monthly household loan repayment (\$)
Family households	53	59	136	209	164	647	2,836
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	-	-	-	4	-	2,500
Lone person aged 35 years or over	5	6	5	12	6	14	2,000
Group households	-	4	-	4	3	-	1,825
Total households	58	69	141	225	177	661	2,784

Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. *Census Dictionary Australia 2016. Catalogue No. 2901.0.*
2. For Census purposes, a Catholic household is any household in which at least one person is Catholic.



Birthplace

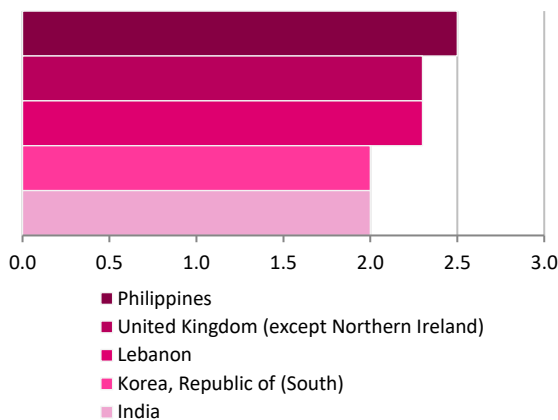
Catholics born overseas, especially those born in non-English-speaking countries, are likely to have different approaches to faith and spirituality, and different experiences and expectations of Church life, from those of Catholics born in Australia.

What are the major groups of overseas-born Catholics in your parish?

What difference does their presence make to the parish?

How might the parish better connect with those who have only recently arrived?

Top 5 birthplaces of Catholics born overseas
(% of all Catholics)



Top 5 birthplaces with highest proportions of recent arrivals
(% of all Catholics from that birthplace)

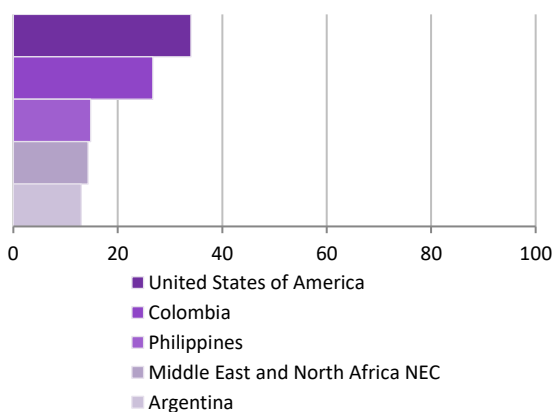


Table 19: Birthplace

	All Catholics	% of Catholics	% recent arrivals ¹
Australia	5,864	69.3	-
New Zealand	58	0.7	-
Other Oceania	22	0.3	-
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	198	2.3	4.0
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	104	1.2	-
Italy	154	1.8	5.3
Malta	27	0.3	-
Spain and Portugal	9	0.1	-
France	11	0.1	-
Netherlands	23	0.3	-
Germany	48	0.6	-
Austria	3	0.0	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	50	0.6	-
Poland	58	0.7	-
Hungary	26	0.3	-
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Baltic States	37	0.4	-
Other Europe NEC	21	0.2	-
Vietnam	27	0.3	-
Philippines	212	2.5	14.8
Indonesia	75	0.9	-
Malaysia	71	0.8	3.9
Singapore	60	0.7	5.3
South East Asia NEC	14	0.2	-
India	167	2.0	12.4
Sri Lanka	95	1.1	4.3
China (except Hong Kong and Taiwan)	64	0.8	11.3
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	151	1.8	6.8
Korea, Republic of (South)	170	2.0	3.4
Egypt	25	0.3	-
Lebanon	192	2.3	-
Iraq	5	0.1	-
Sudan (including South Sudan)	-	-	-
Middle East and North Africa NEC	28	0.3	14.3
South Africa	80	0.9	7.0
Mauritius	24	0.3	-
United States of America	50	0.6	34.0
Canada	16	0.2	-
Argentina	21	0.2	13.0
Brazil	13	0.2	-
Colombia	11	0.1	26.7
Chile	25	0.3	-
Central America and South America NEC	51	0.6	-
Other countries	53	0.6	14.5
Inadequately described/Not stated	54	0.6	-
Total	8,467	100.0	1.8

Notes:

1. % recent arrivals = the percentage of Catholics who were born in the named country and who arrived in Australia between 2013 and 2016 inclusive.

NEC = Not Elsewhere Classified



Language

In 2016, 20 per cent of Australia's Catholics spoke a language other than English at home, and three per cent were not proficient in English. People who do not speak English well can face practical problems in education, employment and access to services. On the other hand, it is important to many people from a non-English-speaking background to maintain and promote, for reasons of cultural continuity and identity, the use of their home language.¹

How many Catholics in this parish speak a language other than English at home? How many have difficulty with English? Difficulty in speaking English can affect how well a person can participate in parish life.

Does this parish need to review the pastoral support it offers to parishioners who do not speak English well in relation to, for example, prayer and liturgy, inclusiveness in parish events, translation of written material, and access to priests and other pastoral ministers who speak their language?

Table 20: Language spoken at home by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic (or not stated)	All persons	% Catholics among speakers ²
English only	6,271	18,204	24,475	25.6
Italian	239	39	278	86.0
Maltese	15	3	18	83.3
Spanish	129	103	232	55.6
Croatian	61	7	68	89.7
Polish	68	18	86	79.1
Dutch	18	53	71	25.4
French	38	74	112	33.9
German	31	88	119	26.1
Portuguese	18	16	34	52.9
Hungarian	29	18	47	61.7
Ukrainian	8	15	23	34.8
Vietnamese	33	121	154	21.4
Filipino languages	153	46	199	76.9
Chinese languages	353	4,779	5,132	6.9
Malayalam	45	94	139	32.4
Sinhalese	35	459	494	7.1
Korean	208	629	837	24.9
Indonesian and Malay	76	79	155	49.0
Arabic	385	152	537	71.7
Assyrian and Chaldean	10	-	10	100.0
Oceanic and Papuan languages	6	21	27	22.2
Australian Indigenous languages	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	54	712	766	7.0
Other Asian languages NEC	90	2,219	2,309	3.9
Other languages NEC	20	597	617	3.2
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	68	1,180	1,248	5.4
Total	8,461	29,726	38,187	22.2

Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999. *Australian Social Trends 1999. Catalogue No. 4102.0, p.11.*

2. *The percentage of Catholics among the speakers of these languages in Australia.*

NEC = Not Elsewhere Classified



Language

Why does the proportion of people not speaking English well vary for different languages spoken at home? Part of the explanation lies in differences in average period of residence of the various language groups. Another factor is 'cultural distance': the more people from a particular culture share the customs, beliefs and lifestyles with the majority Australian culture, the easier it will be for them to overcome language barriers. A third factor is the size of the language group and the pattern of settlement. The concentration of large numbers of speakers in a region tends to reinforce the use of that language.¹

What are the most commonly spoken languages other than English among the Catholics of this parish? Are speakers of some languages more likely than others to have difficulty with English? Can you see the influence of the three factors outlined above reflected in the figures on this page?

Table 21: Language spoken at home by age

	0-4	5-11	12-19	20-29	30-49	50-64	65 and over	Total	% who do not speak English well
English	367	824	916	708	1,338	1,224	899	6,276	-
Italian	3	3	5	7	53	73	89	233	7.1
Maltese	-	-	-	4	-	5	8	17	-
Spanish	3	12	6	11	38	30	24	124	3.9
Croatian	-	-	11	4	19	16	15	65	6.1
Polish	3	-	3	3	12	18	17	56	9.9
Dutch	-	-	3	-	8	7	4	22	-
French	3	-	-	-	10	15	5	33	-
German	-	-	6	5	8	8	6	33	-
Portuguese	-	-	4	-	12	-	-	16	-
Hungarian	-	3	4	-	3	8	9	27	-
Ukrainian	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	10	-
Vietnamese	-	3	6	3	15	7	-	34	8.8
Filipino languages	-	-	7	9	61	46	24	147	3.4
Chinese languages	17	31	30	35	71	101	66	351	9.9
Malayalam	4	6	-	-	23	5	-	38	-
Sinhalese	-	-	-	-	12	16	6	34	-
Korean	9	22	24	25	67	39	25	211	21.5
Indonesian and Malay	-	3	8	4	33	20	7	75	-
Arabic	5	5	30	35	116	88	95	374	11.2
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	-	-	-	6	-	3	9	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	7	-
Australian Indigenous Languages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	-	5	4	-	8	18	15	50	-
Other Asian languages NEC	-	4	12	9	39	16	8	88	6.6
Other languages NEC	-	-	-	-	8	6	-	14	-
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	7	3	7	-	3	4	42	66	5.9
Total	421	924	1,086	866	1,966	1,773	1,374	8,410	2.2

Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999. *Australian Social Trends 1999. Catalogue No. 4102.0, p.12-13.*

NEC = Not Elsewhere Classified



Attendance at Educational Institutions

According to the 2016 Census, more than 719,000 Australians attended Catholic schools, accounting for almost 21 per cent of all school students in Australia.

In 2016, there were 915,100 Catholic students—almost one in six of all Catholics—attending Government, Catholic, and other non-Government schools. They constitute a very large sub-group of Australian Catholics, considerably larger than the 623,400 or so who attend Mass every Sunday. A further 317,600 Catholics were involved in some form of post-secondary education. The Church of today, not just of tomorrow, is being shaped by the attitudes, beliefs and lifestyles of these young people.

How does the parish connect with Catholic students at primary, secondary and tertiary levels, especially those not attending Catholic schools?

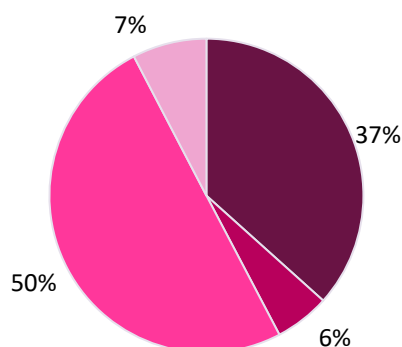
Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary – Government	479	2,253	2,732	17.5
Infants/Primary – Catholic	357	59	416	85.8
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	103	294	397	25.9
Secondary – Government	260	1,695	1,955	13.3
Secondary – Catholic	414	139	553	74.9
Secondary – Other Non-Government	137	512	649	21.1
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	109	420	529	20.6
University or other Tertiary Institutions	568	2,142	2,710	21.0
Other (including pre-school)	208	681	889	23.4
Not stated/Not applicable ¹	5,832	21,526	27,358	21.3
Total	8,467	29,721	38,188	22.2

Note:

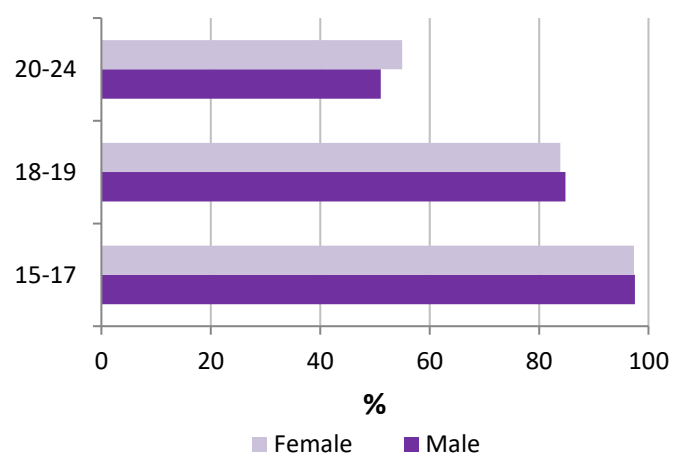
- This table includes the total population of the parish and so there are high numbers for categories where the question about type of educational institutions being attended is not applicable.

Language background of all students attending Catholic schools



- Primary school students who speak English only at home
- Primary school students who speak a language other than English at home
- Secondary school students who speak English only at home
- Secondary school students who speak a language other than English at home

Education participation rate (Catholics aged 15-24)



Attendance at Educational Institutions

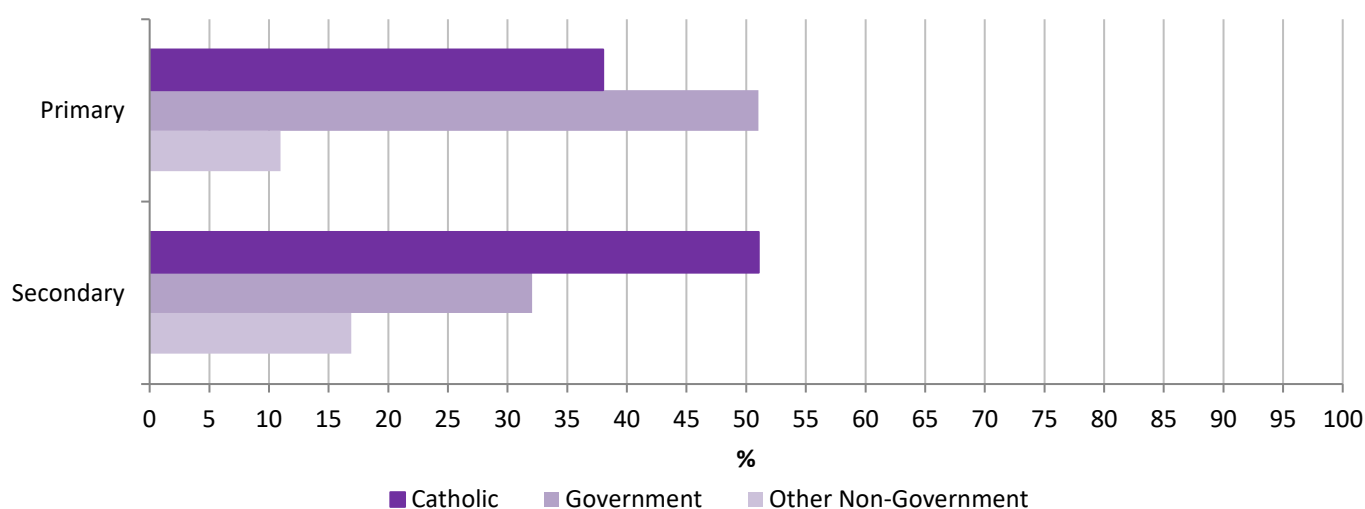
Table 23: Type of educational institution attending by weekly income of student's family¹

	Less than \$500	\$500-\$799	\$800-\$1,249	\$1,250-\$1,999	\$2,000-\$2,999	\$3,000-\$3,999	\$4,000 or more	Total ²	Median annual family income ³ (\$)
Infants/Primary - Government	10	18	27	65	96	89	127	466	156,403
Infants/Primary – Catholic	4	5	12	36	77	67	124	351	178,583
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	-	3	-	9	11	16	46	97	212,513
Secondary – Government	5	11	11	43	54	43	62	254	147,229
Secondary – Catholic	3	7	20	40	68	68	146	405	185,541
Secondary – Other Non-Government	-	-	-	5	15	17	64	125	219,544
TAFE, University or other tertiary institution	3	4	13	38	33	48	149	343	210,295
Other (including pre-school)	-	-	3	5	5	5	8	26	156,403
Not stated/Not applicable	3	3	-	8	9	14	6	46	147,712
Total	28	51	86	249	368	367	732	2,113	178,922

Notes:

1. Because the population of this table is dependent children aged 5-14 and dependent students aged 15-24, the figures in the table refer to individuals, not families. The table shows, for example, the number of Catholic students attending Catholic primary schools whose families have a weekly income in the range \$1,250-\$1,999. A brother and sister at the same school would account for TWO of the cases in this category.
2. A column of figures for "Family income not fully stated, or not stated at all" has been omitted from the table, but the missing figures are included in the Total column.
3. Family income is the sum of the incomes of all family members aged 15 and over (refer to the definition of family on page 7).

Type of school being attended by Catholic students



Educational Qualifications

Both the percentage of Catholics with university degrees and the gender balance of Catholics with degrees have changed dramatically in recent decades due to the upsurge in young people, especially women, undertaking tertiary study and the upgrading of courses such as nursing to degree status. In 1991, less than seven per cent of Australian Catholics aged 15 or over had a degree; by 2016, that figure had reached 21 per cent. Among Catholics aged 15 to 34 years in 2016, 25.8 per cent of women had a degree compared to 15.6 per cent of men. In contrast, among Catholics aged 55 and over, 13.8 per cent of men and 13.6 per cent of women had degrees.

To what extent has participation in higher education in theology and related fields kept pace in this parish with participation in higher education in general? What new challenges and opportunities are presented to the parish as a result of the increase in the number of Catholics with a university education?

The increased level of participation in higher education by women is a reflection of significant changes in women's roles and responsibilities in society.¹ How have women's roles and responsibilities in the parish changed in the last two decades?

Note: 1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999. Australian Social Trends 1999. Catalogue No. 4102.0, p.83.

Table 24: Highest qualification attained by age and sex

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15+							
Males							
Postgraduate degree	3	17	71	102	59	55	307
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	56	117	158	187	152	117	787
Advanced diploma or diploma level	13	33	61	71	64	69	311
Certificate level	47	80	76	135	112	110	560
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	498	64	86	119	105	245	1,117
Total	617	311	452	614	492	596	3,082
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>43.1</i>	<i>50.7</i>	<i>47.1</i>	<i>42.9</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>35.5</i>
Females							
Postgraduate degree	4	41	74	73	45	26	263
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	82	143	260	220	189	110	1,004
Advanced diploma or diploma level	22	40	92	110	99	82	445
Certificate level	22	31	55	106	69	64	347
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	475	56	83	189	205	483	1,491
Total	605	311	564	698	607	765	3,550
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>59.2</i>	<i>59.2</i>	<i>42.0</i>	<i>38.6</i>	<i>17.8</i>	<i>35.7</i>
All Catholics							
Postgraduate degree	7	58	145	175	104	81	570
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	138	260	418	407	341	227	1,791
Advanced diploma or diploma level	35	73	153	181	163	151	756
Certificate level	69	111	131	241	181	174	907
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	973	120	169	308	310	728	2,608
Total	1,222	622	1,016	1,312	1,099	1,361	6,632
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>51.1</i>	<i>55.4</i>	<i>44.4</i>	<i>40.5</i>	<i>22.6</i>	<i>35.6</i>



Employment

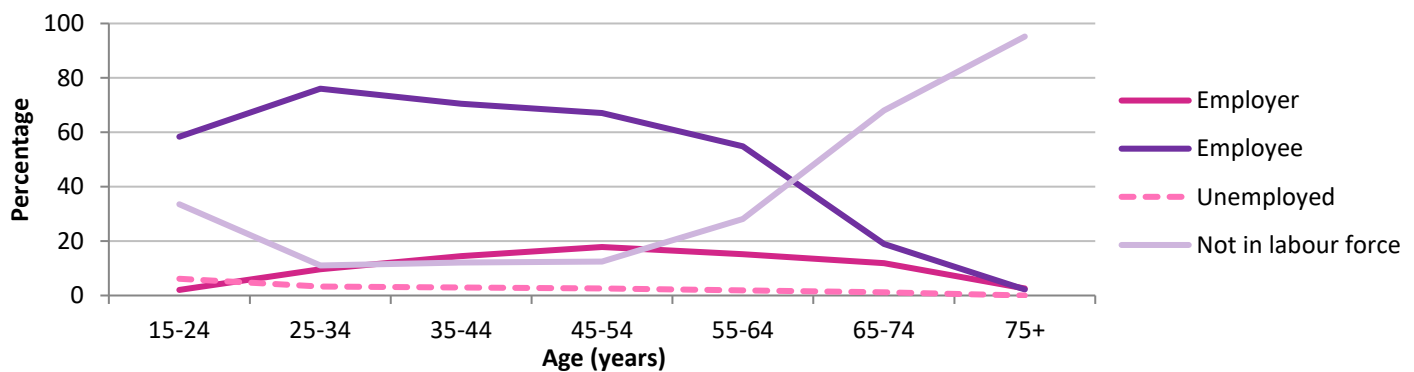
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentages of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by women. A third major change has been the rise in participation in the labour force by older workers, following the removal of incentives to early retirement and resulting in the continuing availability of their skills, experience and maturity in the workplace.¹ Changes in labour force participation also influence the availability and size of the volunteer workforce, and can both reduce and change the pattern of workers' leisure time.

Have any of the changes described above had a noticeable impact on Catholic life in this parish?

Table 25: Labour force status by age and sex

	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15+					
Males					
Employer	9	123	256	79	467
Employee	332	576	688	68	1,664
Unemployed	38	9	31	9	87
Not in the labour force	225	44	135	415	819
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	3	7	9	33	52
Total	607	759	1,119	604	3,089
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>62.4</i>	<i>93.3</i>	<i>87.1</i>	<i>25.8</i>	<i>71.8</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>3.9</i>
Females					
Employer	13	80	149	27	269
Employee	381	616	787	85	1,869
Unemployed	35	31	23	-	89
Not in the labour force	184	149	331	609	1,273
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	-	-	9	54	63
Total	613	876	1,299	775	3,564
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>70.0</i>	<i>83.0</i>	<i>73.8</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>62.5</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4.0</i>

Labour force status by age (percentage of all Catholics aged 15+)



Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2004. *Australian Social Trends 2004*. Catalogue No. 4102.0, p.115.
2. The percentage of Catholics in each age group who are in the labour force (i.e. employed or seeking employment).
3. The percentage of Catholics in each age group who were in the labour force and were unemployed at the time of the Census.



Occupation

Catholic women are more likely to be employed as managers or professionals; 35 per cent of Catholic women and 33 per cent of Catholic men who reported their occupation in the 2016 Census worked as managers or professionals. But men were much more likely than women—47 per cent compared to 12 per cent—to have a 'blue collar' occupation. The largest occupational category for Catholic men in Australia is Technicians and Trades Workers. For women, it is Professionals.

Table 26: Occupation by age and sex

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15+							
Males							
Managers	20	44	139	207	102	38	550
Professionals	44	87	139	158	120	52	600
Technicians & Trade Workers	70	67	47	76	67	16	343
Community & Personal Service Workers	49	17	10	15	10	3	104
Clerical & Administrative Workers	36	15	34	35	38	7	165
Sales Workers	76	19	20	30	18	7	170
Machinery operators & Drivers	13	14	16	22	13	7	85
Labourers	55	15	7	22	16	11	126
ID / NS / NA ¹	269	44	34	69	106	456	978
Total	632	322	446	634	490	597	3,121
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>47.1</i>	<i>67.5</i>	<i>64.6</i>	<i>57.8</i>	<i>63.8</i>	<i>53.7</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>38.0</i>	<i>34.5</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>21.2</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>24.1</i>	<i>25.9</i>
Females							
Managers	15	30	68	83	34	9	239
Professionals	63	119	193	178	133	28	714
Technicians & Trade Workers	10	6	11	28	12	-	67
Community & Personal Service Workers	83	26	25	40	35	17	226
Clerical & Administrative Workers	71	54	100	165	128	41	559
Sales Workers	128	19	23	40	26	9	245
Machinery operators & Drivers	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
Labourers	12	3	8	16	8	6	53
ID / NS / NA ¹	222	57	129	147	222	658	1,435
Total	604	314	560	697	598	768	3,541
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>20.4</i>	<i>58.0</i>	<i>60.6</i>	<i>47.5</i>	<i>44.4</i>	<i>33.6</i>	<i>45.3</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>5.8</i>
All Catholics							
Managers	35	74	207	290	136	47	789
Professionals	107	206	332	336	253	80	1,314
Technicians & Trade Workers	80	73	58	104	79	16	410
Community & Personal Service Workers	132	43	35	55	45	20	330
Clerical & Administrative Workers	107	69	134	200	166	48	724
Sales Workers	204	38	43	70	44	16	415
Machinery operators & Drivers	13	14	19	22	13	7	88
Labourers	67	18	15	38	24	17	179
ID / NS / NA ¹	491	101	163	216	328	1,114	2,413
Total	1,236	636	1,006	1,331	1,088	1,365	6,662
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>19.1</i>	<i>52.3</i>	<i>63.9</i>	<i>56.1</i>	<i>51.2</i>	<i>50.6</i>	<i>49.5</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>19.6</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>15.9</i>

Notes:

1. ID = Inadequately described; NS = Not stated; NA = Not applicable.

2. See Notes 1 and 2 on page 5 for the type of occupations covered by the terms 'Managers & Professionals' and 'blue collar'.



Occupation

Occupation, like qualifications, is an indicator of socioeconomic status. It can also indicate the types of skills and interests that parishioners have.

What are the major occupations for male and female Catholics in this parish? What do you think accounts for differences in occupation between the sexes?

What are the major occupations of younger people? Middle-aged people? Older people? What do you think accounts for differences in occupation between the different age groups?

Are there any figures that strike you as being unexpectedly large or small? How can this information help the parish connect more effectively with parishioners?

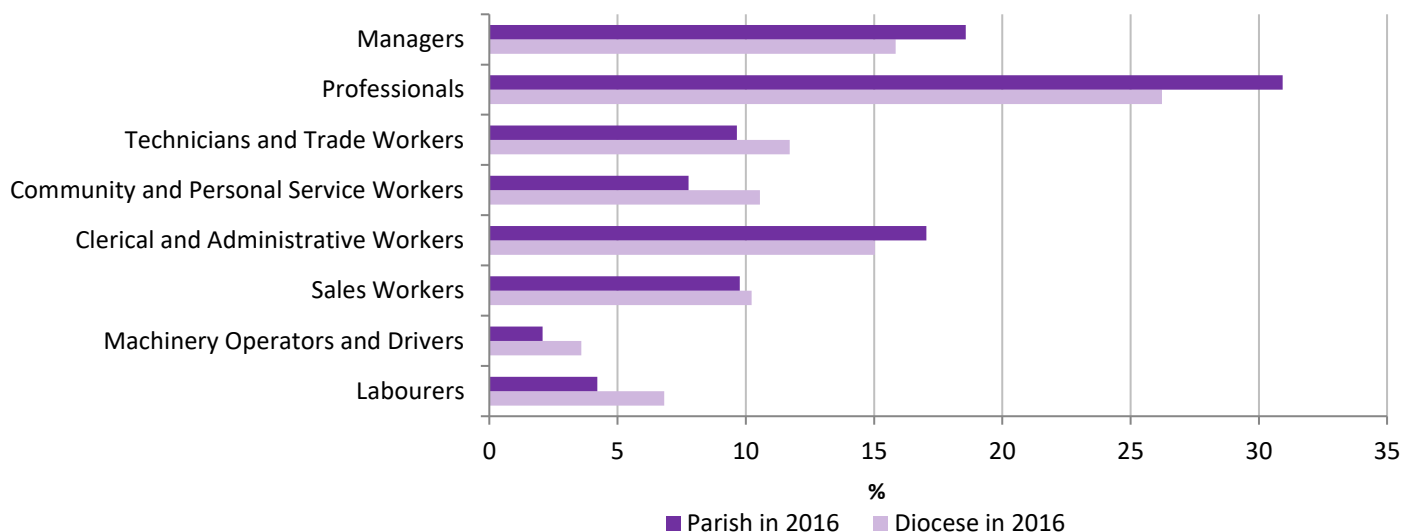
Table 27: Occupation of parents of students attending Catholic schools

	Primary School	Secondary School
Both parents in professional occupation	36	50
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	170	188
Both parents in 'white collar' occupation ¹	88	115
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	65	121
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation	-	3
One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	16	17
Not applicable and not stated	37	56
Total	412	550
% with professional parent(s)	50.0	43.3
% with blue collar parent(s)	3.9	3.6

Note:

1. 'White collar' includes occupations such as managers, community and personal service workers, clerical and administrative workers and sales workers.

Occupation
(Catholics aged 15+ with an occupation)



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