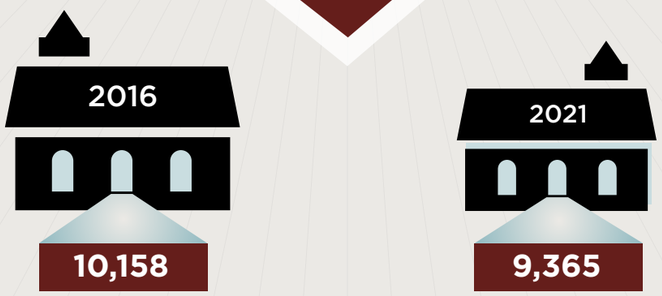
PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA

dropped by 8% in the 5 years from 2016 to 2021

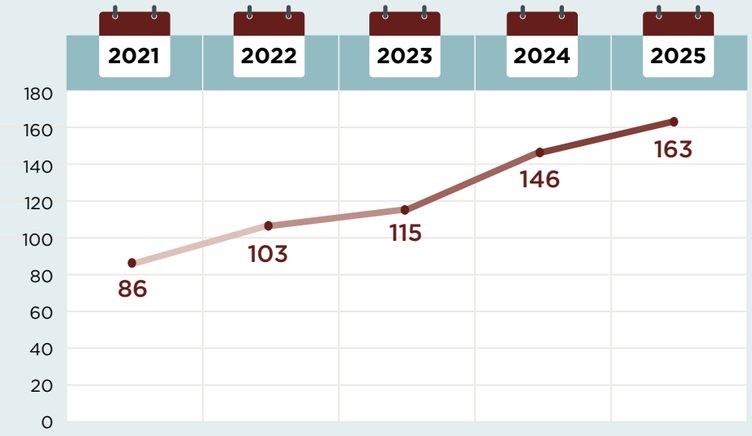


https://shop.ncls.org.au/products/church-pulse-check-2021-to-2024

Number of Churches Planted in Calendar Years By Denomination

DENOMINATION / NETWORK	2023	2024	2025	3 YEAR TOTAL
ACC	38	42	47	127
BAPTIST	24	32	23	79
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST	8	18	23	49
ANGLICAN	5	15	16	36
UNITING	9	5	7	21

Total Churches planted five year trend for calendar year ended



DEC 2024: 146

12% INCREASE

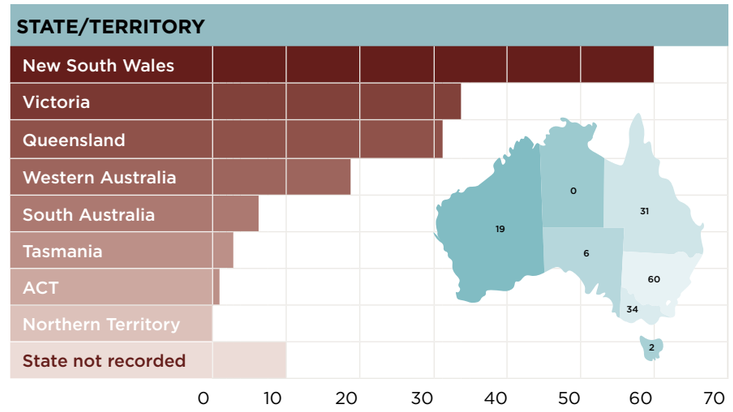
DEC 2025: 163

in churches planted in Australia

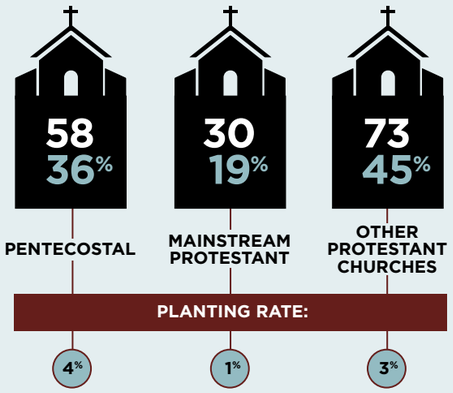
(12 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2025 VS 2024)

Source: Details of Church Plants on New Churches Database as at 31 July 2026.
https://new.churches.org.au

Churches planted by State + Territory in 2025



Churches Planted By Denomination Type in 2025



Source:
https://exponential.org.au/what-kind-of-church-do-we-need/

Australia needs all kinds of churches planted to reach all kinds of people in all kinds of places

- Traditional church
- Digital church
- Network church
- Multi-site church
- Entrepreneurial church
- Micro church
- Affinity church

Churches Planted in 2025 by Denomination by State

DENOMINATION / NETWORK	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	STATE NOT RECORDED	TOTAL
ACC	24	11	7	4	0	0	0	0	1	47
BAPTIST	15	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	23
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST	3	3	10	5	2	0	0	0	0	23
ANGLICAN	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	16
UNITING	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	7

Exponential Australia aspires to see multiplication becoming the norm in every church across our nation where:

DISCIPLES	LEADERS	CHURCHES
will multiply disciples	will multiply leaders	will multiply churches

NETWORKS AND DENOMINATIONS
will become multiplying movements

Our immediate vision goal is to see 10% of churches **planting a new church every year with our ultimate goal being** 16%