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ustralia is a society of people from a rich variety of cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious backgrounds - a multicultural country. Most Australians are immigrants or the descendants of immigrants who arrived during the past two centuries from more than 200 countries, each having a different background, languages, culture, skin colour, beliefs and religion. Australia has a religious freedom, it has no official state religion and people are free to practise any religion they choose, as long they obey the law. Australians are also free not to have a religion. So no matter what religious or cultural background you come from – you’ll always feel welcome and respected in Perth.

Perth predominantly consists of Christians 63.6% of it being as Christians, 4.7% as Non Christian, 19.2% as No Religion, 2.4% as Inadequately Described, 10.1% Not Stated, 26% as Catholics, 21.9% as Anglican, 4% as Uniting Church, 2.1% as Buddhism, 2% as Other Christian, 2.5% as Presbyterian and Reformed, 1.3% as Muslim, 1.6% as Baptist, 1.7% as Orthodox and 0.4% as Hinduism according to the Australian Bureau of Statistic , Census of Population and Housing, 2006.

Because Perth is a multicultural society, you’ll find that there are many places of worship like churches, temples, mosques, synagogues and other centres of worship in Western Australia that cater for most religions and a wide range of venues that cater for specific dietary requirements (e.g. *Halal, Kosher,* etc).

There are many places of worship scattered around the Perth metropolitan suburb. A central mosque named Perth Mosque is located at 427 William St Perth 6000 and can be contacted at 9328 8535‎. An old church is located at 38 St Georges Terrace Perth City and can be contacted at 9325 5766. The Buddhist Society of Western Australia gives information and resources about the *Dhamma*, they are located at 18-20 Nanson Way, Nollamara 6061 and can be contacted at 9345 1711. The Perth Hebrew Congregation is available for **Judaists and is located at** Freedman Rd, Menora 6050 and can be contacted at 9271 0539.

Further information can be found at the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) located at City Central, 411 Wellington Street Perth 6003 and can be contacted at 9415 9000.

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