

Concluded parish incumbencies: number and average tenure from 1992

In this report a 'concluded incumbency' refers to a ministry by one priest in charge of one parish that finished in the relevant period. The term of office has been calculated by deducting the first year of the incumbency from the last. Where a cleric has had more than one status during the incumbency (e.g. by moving from priest in charge to rector) it is the total period that has been used to calculate average terms. Periods of locum and intentional interim ministry are not included in the calculation of incumbency terms. Parish turnover rates are the number of concluded incumbencies during the period divided by the number of parishes at the mid year for the period. A rate of 100% would indicate that, on average, every parish had an incumbency conclude during the period.

The data herein is reasonably complete for the period 1992 to 2014; for more recent years the information here is incomplete and so average periods and numbers for 2012-2016 cannot be relied upon.

Diocese	Number of concluded incumbencies during period					Avg duration of concluded incumbencies (yrs)					Mid-period number of parishes					Parish turnover during period								
	1992-96	1997-01	2002-06	2007-11	2012-16	1992-96	1997-01	2002-06	2007-11	2012-16	1994	1999	2004	2009	2014	1992-96	1997-01	2002-06	2007-11					
Metropolitan																								
Adelaide	37	52	36	28	31	8	7	7	6	8	78	69	78	64	65	47%	75%	54%	44%					
Brisbane	94	106	89	93	64	5	6	6	7	7	145	149	145	139	138	65%	71%	63%	67%					
Melbourne	144	150	142	126	103	7	7	8	7	8	240	228	240	209	208	60%	66%	63%	60%					
Perth	69	76	81	58	64	5	5	6	7	6	104	113	104	111	105	66%	67%	71%	52%					
Sydney	98	124	141	127	59	9	10	10	9	10	270	267	270	268	271	36%	46%	53%	47%					
Summary for Metropolitan (5 dioceses)																								
Sum	442	508	489	432	321						837	826	814	791	787	53%	62%	60%	55%					
Average of diocesan averages						7	7	7	7	8														
Propn of Australia						47%	51%	52%	51%	54%	57%	58%	58%	57%	57%									
Rural																								
Armidale	24	29	23	19	21	4	5	5	7	6	34	33	34	34	34	71%	88%	68%	56%					
Ballarat	45	36	34	28	13	6	4	3	3	5	39	30	39	25	25	115%	120%	131%	112%					
Bathurst	26	34	25	29	14	7	5	4	5	5	37	34	37	33	33	70%	100%	74%	88%					
Bendigo	23	31	23	25	29	5	5	6	5	4	36	33	36	36	36	64%	94%	72%	69%					
Bunbury	22	24	19	19	21	4	4	5	5	6	30	31	30	32	33	73%	77%	63%	59%					
Carpentaria	34	1				3	1				20		20			170%								
Gippsland	20	22	21	28	11	5	4	6	5	6	31	31	31	31	31	65%	71%	68%	90%					
Grafton	19	24	23	23	11	6	5	6	6	4	27	29	27	28	28	70%	83%	82%	82%					
North Queensland	17	38	31	20	16	5	4	4	6	6	31	58	31	55	53	55%	66%	56%	36%					
North West Australia	17	19	15	11	6	5	7	5	4	5	22	21	22	18	18	77%	90%	75%	61%					
Riverina	27	14	20	18	7	5	4	5	4	5	26	25	26	25	22	104%	56%	80%	72%					
Rockhampton	12	17	7	6	4	4	5	6	14	6	22	21	22	22	21	55%	81%	33%	27%					
The Murray	15	25	21	9	10	4	6	4	4	8	31	25	31	26	22	48%	100%	84%	35%					
Wangaratta	30	25	25	21	17	5	4	5	4	4	34	26	34	25	26	88%	96%	96%	84%					
Willochra	25	15	21	15	9	6	4	5	3	5	23	21	23	21	20	109%	71%	105%	71%					

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Summary for Rural (15 dioceses)																			
Sum	356	354	308	271	189						443	418	407	411	402	80%	85%	76%	66%
Average of diocesan averages						5	4	5	5	5									
Propn of Australia	38%	36%	33%	32%	32%						30%	29%	29%	29%	29%				
Urban & rural																			
Canberra & Goulburn	41	51	47	56	27	5	6	5	5	5	60	61	60	63	64	68%	84%	75%	89%
Newcastle	45	39	47	49	34	6	7	7	7	5	65	63	65	62	62	69%	62%	73%	79%
Northern Territory	16	9	7	9	6	4	8	5	10	6	15	15	15	16	15	107%	60%	47%	56%
Tasmania	46	36	44	27	17	5	5	7	4	6	58	53	58	51	49	79%	68%	90%	53%
Summary for Urban & rural (4 dioceses)																			
Sum	148	135	145	141	84						198	192	191	192	190	75%	70%	76%	73%
Average of diocesan averages						5	7	6	7	6									
Propn of Australia	16%	14%	15%	17%	14%						13%	13%	14%	14%	14%				
AUSTRALIA	946	997	942	844	594	5	5	6	6	6	1,478	1,436	1,412	1,394	1,379	64%	69%	67%	61%