

Community report

Ararat (RC)

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AREA

Ararat (RC)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Religion

Sources and method

- Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 and, where available, 2016 comparison data.
- Percentages are calculated from the denominator supplied for each topic. Change (pp) is the 2021 percentage minus the 2016 percentage when the topic is comparable across years.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Ararat (RC), accounting for 44.4% (5,263 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 1,489 people and 11.8 percentage points.

About this topic

Religion records a person's stated religious affiliation, including no religion and not stated responses. It is a measure of cultural identity and belief rather than practice or participation.

This topic helps show the religious diversity of an area and can support planning for community facilities, faith-based services, and inclusive engagement. It is best interpreted with ancestry, birthplace, and language, which together provide a broader picture of cultural composition.

Interpretation notes

- This records stated religious affiliation, not attendance or level of religious practice.
- No religion and not stated are part of the overall picture, so interpretation should consider both affiliation and non-response.

Religion - Ranked by size

Ararat (RC) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	41	0.3%	0.4%	40	0.3%	0.5%	+1	0.0
Buddhism	55	0.5%	0.9%	45	0.4%	0.8%	+10	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	157	1.3%	2.1%	164	1.4%	2.1%	-7	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	1,015	8.6%	9.8%	1,364	11.8%	13.3%	-349	-3.2
Anglican Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Anglican, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Baptist	63	0.5%	1.2%	56	0.5%	1.3%	+7	0.0
Brethren	—	—	0.1%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
Catholic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Western Catholic	1,860	15.7%	19.7%	2,267	19.6%	22.7%	-407	-3.9
Maronite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Melkite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Ukrainian Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chaldean Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Syro Malabar Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Catholic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Churches of Christ, nfd	12	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.1%	—
Churches of Christ (Conference)	57	0.5%	0.2%	50	0.4%	—
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jehovah's Witnesses	62	0.5%	0.3%	62	0.5%	—
Latter-day Saints, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	8	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.1%	—
Community of Christ	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Lutheran	87	0.7%	0.7%	121	1.0%	—
Armenian Apostolic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Coptic Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Syrian Orthodox Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Assyrian Church of the East	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Albanian Orthodox	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Antiochian Orthodox	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Greek Orthodox	23	0.2%	0.5%	11	0.1%	—
Macedonian Orthodox	—	—	0.1%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Romanian Orthodox	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Russian Orthodox	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Serbian Orthodox	7	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	—
Ukrainian Orthodox	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eastern Orthodox, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
Presbyterian	282	2.4%	2.2%	481	4.2%	—
Reformed	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Salvation Army	41	0.3%	0.2%	55	0.5%	—
Seventh-day Adventist	27	0.2%	0.2%	32	0.3%	—
Uniting Church	808	6.8%	4.7%	1,041	9.0%	—
Pentecostal, nfd	32	0.3%	0.7%	48	0.4%	—
Apostolic Church (Australia)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	—	—	—	—	—	—
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Revival Centres	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
United Pentecostal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Acts 2 Alliance	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Revival Fellowship	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Worship Centre Network	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pentecostal, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Protestant, nfd	4	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	—
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	—	—	—	—	—	—
Born Again Christian	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.1%	—
Christian and Missionary Alliance	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church of the Nazarene	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Congregational	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Independent Evangelical Churches	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Wesleyan Methodist Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Christian Community Churches of Australia	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Methodist, so described	4	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.1%	—
United Methodist Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Protestant, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Christian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Apostolic Church of Queensland	—	—	—	—	—	—
Christadelphians	—	—	0.0%	6	0.1%	—
Christian Science	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gnostic Christians	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Liberal Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Apostolic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Ratana (Maori)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Religious Science	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Temple Society	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Christian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.1%	—
Hinduism	84	0.7%	0.7%	37	0.3%	—
Islam	79	0.7%	0.9%	50	0.4%	—
Judaism	11	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	—
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Baha'i	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ancestor Veneration	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Confucianism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Taoism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Chinese Religions, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Druse	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Shinto	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sukyo Mahikari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Japanese Religions, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Nature Religions, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Animism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Druidism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Paganism	12	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	—

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Wiccan (Witchcraft)	7	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Nature Religions, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Sikhism	32	0.3%	0.4%	29	0.3%	0.3%
Spiritualism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Mandaeen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Caodaism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Church of Scientology	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Eckankar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Rastafari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Satanism	6	0.1%	0.0%	—	—	—
Theosophy	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jainism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Zoroastrianism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Religious Groups, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
No Religion, so described	5,263	44.4%	44.9%	3,774	32.6%	32.6%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Agnosticism	11	0.1%	0.1%	—	—	—
Atheism	7	0.1%	0.2%	—	—	—
Humanism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Rationalism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Secular Beliefs, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %
Multi Faith	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Age	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Own Spiritual Beliefs	8	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	—
Theism	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Unitarian Universalism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Not stated	1,678	14.1%	7.7%	1,774	15.3%	—
Total	11,860	100.0%	100.0%	11,588	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.