

Community report

Bass Coast (S)

Prepared from Community Explorer topic selections for briefing, planning and reporting use.

AREA

Bass Coast (S)

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.

Religion

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Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Bass Coast (S), accounting for 49.5% (20,182 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 7,385 people and 10.5 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

Bass Coast (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	157	0.4%	0.4%	155	0.5%	0.5%	+2	-0.1
Buddhism	390	1.0%	0.9%	344	1.0%	0.8%	+46	0.0
Christianity, nfd	765	1.9%	2.1%	649	2.0%	2.1%	+116	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	4,577	11.2%	9.8%	5,002	15.2%	13.3%	-425	-4.0
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	707	1.7%	1.2%	641	2.0%	1.3%	+66	-0.3
Brethren	5	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.1%	+1	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	6,693	16.4%	19.7%	6,248	19.0%	22.7%	+445	-2.6
Maronite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-	-
Melkite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	19	0.0%	0.2%	37	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	109	0.3%	0.3%	106	0.3%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	34	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	95	0.2%	0.7%	96	0.3%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Greek Orthodox	288	0.7%	0.5%	183	0.6%	
Macedonian Orthodox	14	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	7	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	748	1.8%	2.2%	892	2.7%	
Reformed	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Salvation Army	80	0.2%	0.2%	118	0.4%	
Seventh-day Adventist	54	0.1%	0.2%	25	0.1%	
Uniting Church	1,408	3.5%	4.7%	1,488	4.5%	
Pentecostal, nfd	186	0.5%	0.7%	156	0.5%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	24	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	–	–	–	
Born Again Christian	19	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
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	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	39	0.1%	0.1%	48	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Christian Science	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ratana (Maori)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Hinduism	162	0.4%	0.7%	97	0.3%	
Islam	72	0.2%	0.9%	45	0.1%	
Judaism	33	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	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%	3	0.0%	
Animism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	34	0.1%	0.1%	34	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	26	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sikhism	79	0.2%	0.4%	33	0.1%	
Spiritualism	18	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.1%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Theosophy	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	20,182	49.5%	44.9%	12,797	39.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	45	0.1%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Atheism	84	0.2%	0.2%	42	0.1%	
Humanism	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
New Age	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	69	0.2%	0.1%	53	0.2%	
Theism	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	31	0.1%	0.0%	18	0.1%	
Not stated	3,331	8.2%	7.7%	3,187	9.7%	
Total	40,772	100.0%	100.0%	32,830	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.