

Community report

Bega Valley (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

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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 Bega Valley (A), accounting for 46.9% (16,846 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (37.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 5,176 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

Bega Valley (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	160	0.4%	0.4%	145	0.4%	0.4%	+15	0.0
Buddhism	345	1.0%	0.8%	345	1.0%	0.8%	0	0.0
Christianity, nfd	698	1.9%	2.2%	647	1.9%	2.2%	+51	0.0
Anglican Church of Australia	5,881	16.4%	17.0%	7,275	21.9%	21.9%	-1,394	-5.5
Anglican Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Anglican, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Baptist	293	0.8%	1.2%	361	1.1%	1.3%	-68	-0.3
Brethren	—	—	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.1%	—	—
Catholic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Western Catholic	5,437	15.1%	21.0%	5,949	17.9%	23.8%	-512	-2.8
Maronite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Melkite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	14	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	266	0.7%	0.4%	215	0.6%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	50	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.2%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	89	0.2%	0.3%	110	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	–	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Greek Orthodox	87	0.2%	0.4%	71	0.2%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.3%	6	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	18	0.1%	0.0%	22	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	676	1.9%	2.6%	949	2.9%	
Reformed	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	58	0.2%	0.2%	78	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	100	0.3%	0.4%	113	0.3%	
Uniting Church	981	2.7%	3.3%	1,245	3.7%	
Pentecostal, nfd	143	0.4%	0.7%	72	0.2%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	39	0.1%	0.1%	18	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	99	0.3%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	35	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Science	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	17	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.1%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Hinduism	116	0.3%	0.7%	56	0.2%	
Islam	56	0.2%	0.7%	26	0.1%	
Judaism	32	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Animism	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	37	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	16	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sikhism	13	0.0%	0.3%	4	0.0%	
Spiritualism	20	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.1%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Theosophy	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	16,846	46.9%	37.4%	11,670	35.1%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	29	0.1%	0.1%	43	0.1%	
Atheism	71	0.2%	0.1%	54	0.2%	
Humanism	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	57	0.2%	0.1%	49	0.1%	
Theism	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Not stated	2,976	8.3%	7.7%	3,309	10.0%	
Total	35,908	100.0%	100.0%	33,203	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.