

# Community report

## Buloke (S)

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

AREA

**Buloke (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 Buloke (S), accounting for 35.5% (2,192 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 722 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

Buloke (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	14	0.2%	0.4%	27	0.4%	0.5%	-13	-0.2
Buddhism	37	0.6%	0.9%	29	0.5%	0.8%	+8	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	119	1.9%	2.1%	105	1.7%	2.1%	+14	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	539	8.7%	9.8%	705	11.4%	13.3%	-166	-2.7
Anglican Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Anglican, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Baptist	79	1.3%	1.2%	77	1.2%	1.3%	+2	+0.1
Brethren	—	—	0.1%	4	0.1%	0.1%	—	—
Catholic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Western Catholic	1,448	23.4%	19.7%	1,626	26.3%	22.7%	-178	-2.9
Maronite Catholic	—	—	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	5	0.1%	0.2%	5	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	7	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	30	0.5%	0.7%	31	0.5%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	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	10	0.2%	0.5%	7	0.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	164	2.7%	2.2%	204	3.3%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	7	0.1%	0.2%	11	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	8	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Uniting Church	814	13.2%	4.7%	1,135	18.3%	
Pentecostal, nfd	16	0.3%	0.7%	19	0.3%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.1%	
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	%	Regiona
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	–	–	–	
Born Again Christian	–	–	0.0%	3	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	9	0.1%	0.0%	7	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	%	Regiona
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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hinduism	26	0.4%	0.7%	12	0.2%	
Islam	11	0.2%	0.9%	–	–	
Judaism	–	–	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	8	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	5	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.1%	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	–	–	0.4%	–	–	
Spiritualism	6	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	–	–	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	2,192	35.5%	44.9%	1,470	23.7%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	–	–	0.1%	9	0.1%	
Atheism	12	0.2%	0.2%	8	0.1%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	10	0.2%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Theism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	591	9.6%	7.7%	659	10.6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,176</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6,190</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.