

# Community report

## Derwent Valley (M)

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

AREA

**Derwent Valley (M)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Tas.**

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 Derwent Valley (M), accounting for 48.5% (5,301 people). This share was lower than Regional Tas. (49.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 1,845 people and 14 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

Derwent Valley (M) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	30	0.3%	0.4%	47	0.5%	0.5%	-17	-0.2
Buddhism	50	0.5%	0.8%	42	0.4%	0.7%	+8	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	139	1.3%	2.9%	95	0.9%	3.0%	+44	+0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	2,187	20.0%	14.7%	2,744	27.4%	20.8%	-557	-7.4
Baptist	21	0.2%	1.6%	36	0.4%	2.0%	-15	-0.2
Brethren	—	—	0.3%	—	—	0.4%	—	—
Western Catholic	1,654	15.1%	11.7%	1,861	18.6%	14.5%	-207	-3.5
Maronite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Ukrainian Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Syro Malabar Catholic	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Catholic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Churches of Christ, nfd	—	—	0.1%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Churches of Christ (Conference)	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	109	1.0%	0.5%	121	1.2%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	11	0.1%	0.3%	26	0.3%	
Lutheran	10	0.1%	0.2%	19	0.2%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	–	–	–	
Greek Orthodox	15	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	57	0.5%	1.5%	68	0.7%	
Reformed	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Salvation Army	49	0.4%	0.2%	67	0.7%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Seventh-day Adventist	24	0.2%	0.2%	15	0.1%	
Uniting Church	211	1.9%	3.3%	312	3.1%	
Pentecostal, nfd	20	0.2%	0.9%	31	0.3%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	8	0.1%	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Born Again Christian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	14	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hinduism	13	0.1%	1.0%	12	0.1%	
Islam	23	0.2%	0.6%	14	0.1%	
Judaism	10	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	7	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	10	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	7	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.1%	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Sikhism	11	0.1%	0.2%	—	—	
Spiritualism	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Mandaeen	—	—	—	—	—	
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	—	—	0.1%	—	—	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
No Religion, so described	5,301	48.5%	49.3%	3,456	34.5%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Agnosticism	14	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Atheism	17	0.2%	0.2%	7	0.1%	
Humanism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Rationalism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Secular Beliefs, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Multi Faith	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
New Age	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	11	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Theism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	857	7.8%	7.3%	931	9.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,925</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>10,020</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.