

# Community report

## East Gippsland (S)

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

AREA

**East Gippsland (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 East Gippsland (S), accounting for 47.9% (23,329 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 6,890 people and 11.4 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

East Gippsland (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	183	0.4%	0.4%	192	0.4%	0.5%	-9	0.0
Buddhism	334	0.7%	0.9%	284	0.6%	0.8%	+50	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	916	1.9%	2.1%	895	2.0%	2.1%	+21	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	6,336	13.0%	9.8%	7,816	17.4%	13.3%	-1,480	-4.4
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	570	1.2%	1.2%	573	1.3%	1.3%	-3	-0.1
Brethren	153	0.3%	0.1%	131	0.3%	0.1%	+22	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	7,118	14.6%	19.7%	7,706	17.1%	22.7%	-588	-2.5
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)	32	0.1%	0.2%	29	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jehovah's Witnesses	309	0.6%	0.3%	287	0.6%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	44	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	119	0.2%	0.7%	162	0.4%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	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	132	0.3%	0.5%	116	0.3%	
Macedonian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	1,128	2.3%	2.2%	1,529	3.4%	
Reformed	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Salvation Army	90	0.2%	0.2%	142	0.3%	
Seventh-day Adventist	121	0.2%	0.2%	123	0.3%	
Uniting Church	1,933	4.0%	4.7%	2,415	5.4%	
Pentecostal, nfd	463	1.0%	0.7%	380	0.8%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	18	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Centres	3	0.0%	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	31	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.0%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	–	–	–	
Born Again Christian	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	–	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	20	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	34	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Christian Science	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ratana (Maori)	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Hinduism	142	0.3%	0.7%	98	0.2%	
Islam	114	0.2%	0.9%	40	0.1%	
Judaism	25	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Baha'i	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Druidism	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Paganism	66	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	

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Wiccan (Witchcraft)	18	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.1%	
Nature Religions, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sikhism	85	0.2%	0.4%	30	0.1%	
Spiritualism	28	0.1%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	23,329	47.9%	44.9%	16,439	36.5%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	47	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.1%	
Atheism	76	0.2%	0.2%	77	0.2%	
Humanism	6	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Rationalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Multi Faith	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	48	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
Theism	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Not stated	4,431	9.1%	7.7%	5,064	11.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,713</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>45,015</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.