

# Community report

## Golden Plains (S)

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

AREA

**Golden Plains (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 Golden Plains (S), accounting for 49.6% (12,382 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 4,298 people and 12.3 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

Golden Plains (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	100	0.4%	0.4%	105	0.5%	0.5%	-5	-0.1
Buddhism	103	0.4%	0.9%	101	0.5%	0.8%	+2	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	622	2.5%	2.1%	574	2.6%	2.1%	+48	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	2,010	8.0%	9.8%	2,569	11.8%	13.3%	-559	-3.8
Anglican Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Anglican, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Baptist	341	1.4%	1.2%	328	1.5%	1.3%	+13	-0.1
Brethren	3	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
Catholic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Western Catholic	5,129	20.5%	19.7%	4,913	22.7%	22.7%	+216	-2.2
Maronite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Melkite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ukrainian Catholic	18	0.1%	0.0%	19	0.1%	
Chaldean Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Syro Malabar Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Catholic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Churches of Christ, nfd	13	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	42	0.2%	0.2%	65	0.3%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jehovah's Witnesses	69	0.3%	0.3%	55	0.3%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	8	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Community of Christ	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Lutheran	182	0.7%	0.7%	191	0.9%	
Armenian Apostolic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Coptic Orthodox Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Syrian Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	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	101	0.4%	0.5%	75	0.3%	
Macedonian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Russian Orthodox	28	0.1%	0.0%	33	0.2%	
Serbian Orthodox	8	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Presbyterian	674	2.7%	2.2%	900	4.2%	
Reformed	30	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.1%	
Salvation Army	39	0.2%	0.2%	62	0.3%	
Seventh-day Adventist	62	0.2%	0.2%	56	0.3%	
Uniting Church	958	3.8%	4.7%	1,227	5.7%	
Pentecostal, nfd	164	0.7%	0.7%	157	0.7%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
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%	6	0.0%	
United Pentecostal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Acts 2 Alliance	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Revival Fellowship	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
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Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	10	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	–	–	–	
Born Again Christian	7	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	12	0.0%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Hinduism	21	0.1%	0.7%	17	0.1%	
Islam	50	0.2%	0.9%	41	0.2%	
Judaism	6	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Baha'i	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	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	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	31	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.2%	

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Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	7	0.0%	0.4%	11	0.1%	
Spiritualism	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Satanism	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	12,382	49.6%	44.9%	8,084	37.3%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	22	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Atheism	32	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.1%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	3	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	17	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Theism	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Not stated	1,599	6.4%	7.7%	1,828	8.4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,977</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>21,681</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.