

Community report

Greater Shepparton (C)

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

AREA

Greater Shepparton (C)

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 Greater Shepparton (C), accounting for 34.6% (23,633 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 6,336 people and 7.5 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

Greater Shepparton (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	211	0.3%	0.4%	267	0.4%	0.5%	-56	-0.1
Buddhism	674	1.0%	0.9%	496	0.8%	0.8%	+178	+0.2
Christianity, nfd	1,637	2.4%	2.1%	1,282	2.0%	2.1%	+355	+0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	5,907	8.6%	9.8%	7,330	11.5%	13.3%	-1,423	-2.9
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	550	0.8%	1.2%	387	0.6%	1.3%	+163	+0.2
Brethren	120	0.2%	0.1%	91	0.1%	0.1%	+29	+0.1
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	15,165	22.2%	19.7%	15,691	24.6%	22.7%	-526	-2.4
Maronite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	5	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	154	0.2%	0.0%	88	0.1%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	109	0.2%	0.2%	140	0.2%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	266	0.4%	0.3%	216	0.3%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	129	0.2%	0.1%	129	0.2%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	153	0.2%	0.7%	198	0.3%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	64	0.1%	0.0%	41	0.1%	
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	657	1.0%	0.5%	623	1.0%	
Macedonian Orthodox	99	0.1%	0.1%	97	0.2%	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	30	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	1,523	2.2%	2.2%	2,186	3.4%	
Reformed	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Salvation Army	85	0.1%	0.2%	116	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	79	0.1%	0.2%	83	0.1%	
Uniting Church	3,140	4.6%	4.7%	3,923	6.1%	
Pentecostal, nfd	593	0.9%	0.7%	783	1.2%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	67	0.1%	0.0%	52	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Centres	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
United Pentecostal	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Worship Centre Network	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Pentecostal, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	89	0.1%	0.1%	46	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	—	—	—	—	—	
Born Again Christian	35	0.1%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	—	—	—	—	—	
Church of the Nazarene	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Congregational	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Independent Evangelical Churches	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	57	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	—	—	—	—	—	
Other Protestant, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Christian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	—	—	—	—	—	
Christadelphians	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Christian Science	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Gnostic Christians	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Liberal Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
New Apostolic Church	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Hinduism	973	1.4%	0.7%	505	0.8%	
Islam	4,350	6.4%	0.9%	3,522	5.5%	
Judaism	24	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Baha'i	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	48	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.0%	

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Wiccan (Witchcraft)	22	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	1,445	2.1%	0.4%	809	1.3%	
Spiritualism	23	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.1%	
Mandaeen	66	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rastafari	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Satanism	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	23,633	34.6%	44.9%	17,297	27.1%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	39	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Atheism	71	0.1%	0.2%	80	0.1%	
Humanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Multi Faith	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	56	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Theism	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Not stated	5,811	8.5%	7.7%	6,822	10.7%	
Total	68,398	100.0%	100.0%	63,809	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.