

# Community report

## Macedon Ranges (S)

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

AREA

**Macedon Ranges (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 Macedon Ranges (S), accounting for 48.9% (25,182 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 8,129 people and 11.9 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

Macedon Ranges (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	260	0.5%	0.4%	210	0.5%	0.5%	+50	0.0
Buddhism	300	0.6%	0.9%	293	0.6%	0.8%	+7	0.0
Christianity, nfd	840	1.6%	2.1%	796	1.7%	2.1%	+44	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	4,980	9.7%	9.8%	6,132	13.3%	13.3%	-1,152	-3.6
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	386	0.8%	1.2%	456	1.0%	1.3%	-70	-0.2
Brethren	134	0.3%	0.1%	111	0.2%	0.1%	+23	+0.1
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	11,463	22.3%	19.7%	11,734	25.5%	22.7%	-271	-3.2
Maronite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ukrainian Catholic	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	86	0.2%	0.2%	93	0.2%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	79	0.2%	0.3%	82	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	48	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	177	0.3%	0.7%	186	0.4%	
Armenian Apostolic	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	4	0.0%	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	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Greek Orthodox	301	0.6%	0.5%	255	0.6%	
Macedonian Orthodox	44	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	23	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	811	1.6%	2.2%	1,064	2.3%	
Reformed	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Salvation Army	44	0.1%	0.2%	53	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	44	0.1%	0.2%	58	0.1%	
Uniting Church	1,743	3.4%	4.7%	2,154	4.7%	
Pentecostal, nfd	242	0.5%	0.7%	233	0.5%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Centres	4	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	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	35	0.1%	0.1%	44	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	–	–	–	
Born Again Christian	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	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%	5	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	28	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Science	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	5	0.0%	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%	6	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hinduism	108	0.2%	0.7%	67	0.1%	
Islam	170	0.3%	0.9%	82	0.2%	
Judaism	55	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paganism	36	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	68	0.1%	0.4%	32	0.1%	
Spiritualism	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	25,182	48.9%	44.9%	17,053	37.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	58	0.1%	0.1%	69	0.1%	
Atheism	114	0.2%	0.2%	77	0.2%	
Humanism	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Multi Faith	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	64	0.1%	0.1%	57	0.1%	
Theism	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Not stated	3,304	6.4%	7.7%	4,253	9.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,460</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>46,087</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.