

Community report

Meander Valley (M)

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

AREA

Meander 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 Meander Valley (M), accounting for 45.2% (9,339 people). This share was lower than Regional Tas. (49.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 3,066 people and 12.7 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	48	0.2%	0.4%	70	0.4%	0.5%	-22	-0.2
Buddhism	106	0.5%	0.8%	102	0.5%	0.7%	+4	0.0
Christianity, nfd	599	2.9%	2.9%	466	2.4%	3.0%	+133	+0.5
Anglican Church of Australia	3,486	16.9%	14.7%	4,451	23.1%	20.8%	-965	-6.2
Baptist	406	2.0%	1.6%	479	2.5%	2.0%	-73	-0.5
Brethren	144	0.7%	0.3%	141	0.7%	0.4%	+3	0.0
Western Catholic	2,948	14.3%	11.7%	3,126	16.2%	14.5%	-178	-1.9
Maronite Catholic	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.1%	0.0%	-4	-0.1
Ukrainian Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Syro Malabar Catholic	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Catholic, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Churches of Christ, nfd	19	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	0.0%	+9	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Churches of Christ (Conference)	30	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.2%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	119	0.6%	0.5%	104	0.5%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	134	0.6%	0.3%	124	0.6%	
Lutheran	32	0.2%	0.2%	35	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	16	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	11	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	394	1.9%	1.5%	425	2.2%	
Reformed	18	0.1%	0.2%	27	0.1%	
Free Reformed	24	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Salvation Army	38	0.2%	0.2%	52	0.3%	

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Seventh-day Adventist	62	0.3%	0.2%	43	0.2%	
Uniting Church	806	3.9%	3.3%	1,125	5.8%	
Pentecostal, nfd	71	0.3%	0.9%	80	0.4%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	12	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
Born Again Christian	11	0.1%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	23	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.1%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	31	0.1%	0.2%	37	0.2%	
Methodist, so described	26	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Other Protestant, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	

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Christadelphians	55	0.3%	0.0%	66	0.3%	
Christian Science	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Christian, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.1%	
Hinduism	86	0.4%	1.0%	37	0.2%	
Islam	63	0.3%	0.6%	27	0.1%	
Judaism	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	34	0.2%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sikhism	21	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	

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Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	–	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	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	9,339	45.2%	49.3%	6,273	32.5%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	16	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	
Atheism	42	0.2%	0.2%	18	0.1%	
Humanism	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	15	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Theism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	12	0.1%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Not stated	1,306	6.3%	7.3%	1,705	8.8%	
Total	20,680	100.0%	100.0%	19,288	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.