

Community report

Moira (S)

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

AREA

Moira (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 Moira (S), accounting for 37.4% (11,419 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 3,852 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

Moira (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	58	0.2%	0.4%	77	0.3%	0.5%	-19	-0.1
Buddhism	289	0.9%	0.9%	164	0.6%	0.8%	+125	+0.3
Christianity, nfd	399	1.3%	2.1%	362	1.2%	2.1%	+37	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	3,821	12.5%	9.8%	4,587	15.8%	13.3%	-766	-3.3
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	186	0.6%	1.2%	185	0.6%	1.3%	+1	0.0
Brethren	102	0.3%	0.1%	93	0.3%	0.1%	+9	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	7,699	25.2%	19.7%	8,353	28.7%	22.7%	-654	-3.5
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	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	47	0.2%	0.2%	94	0.3%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	51	0.2%	0.3%	59	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	12	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	70	0.2%	0.7%	88	0.3%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	5	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%	3	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greek Orthodox	75	0.2%	0.5%	74	0.3%	
Macedonian Orthodox	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian Orthodox	8	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	875	2.9%	2.2%	1,177	4.0%	
Reformed	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	51	0.2%	0.2%	61	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	21	0.1%	0.2%	37	0.1%	
Uniting Church	1,871	6.1%	4.7%	2,477	8.5%	
Pentecostal, nfd	157	0.5%	0.7%	159	0.5%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	15	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	21	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Centres	–	–	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%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	23	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	–	–	–	
Born Again Christian	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	–	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	38	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	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)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Hinduism	91	0.3%	0.7%	87	0.3%	
Islam	216	0.7%	0.9%	187	0.6%	
Judaism	10	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	4	0.0%	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	14	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	

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Wiccan (Witchcraft)	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sikhism	144	0.5%	0.4%	122	0.4%	
Spiritualism	13	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	11,419	37.4%	44.9%	7,567	26.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	20	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Atheism	29	0.1%	0.2%	15	0.1%	
Humanism	3	0.0%	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	24	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Theism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	16	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,534	8.3%	7.7%	2,834	9.7%	
Total	30,517	100.0%	100.0%	29,100	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.